

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE



Twisted Tom | Sarah Andrew

The Week In Review by Bill Finley

Tired of the constant drumbeat of bad news, negativity and scandal? So am I. All the problems the sport is dealing with are not going to go away and they need to be dealt with and reported on. But I thought I'd give you and I a break in this week's edition of "The Week in Review." So here are some stories we can all feel good about.

Schosberg Claims, Retires Twisted Tom

In his role as the president of Take The Lead, a retirement program for Thoroughbreds based at the NYRA tracks, Rick Schosberg's message has always been that it's better to retire a horse too early than too late. In other words, don't take any unnecessary chances.

So when Schosberg saw that a one-time New York-bred champion, the 8-year-old **Twisted Tom** (**Creative Cause**), was entered in a \$10,000 claiming race Saturday at Aqueduct, he decided to act. Schosberg, who had never trained the horse, reached in and claimed Twisted Tom for the \$10,000, immediately retired him and sent him off to start the retraining process at ReRun in East Greenbush, New York.

"I like to practice what I preach," Schosberg said.

Twisted Tom won nine of 42 career starts and earned \$939,135. He finished second Saturday, losing by just a half-length. *Cont. p3*

HIGHGATE SALES HOPES FOR 'BRILLIANT' DEBUT

by Christie DeBernardis

Jill Gordon and Jacob West's new venture Highgate Sales looks to get off to a strong start with its first consignment at the upcoming Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale. They have a very good chance to do so thanks to the 10-horse consignment's star, GI La Brea S. runner-up **Brilliant Cut** (**Speightstown**) (**Hip 541**).

"We couldn't be more excited to be offering her on behalf of this ownership group [Boom Racing, ERJ Racing, Dave Kenney and William Strauss]," Gordon said. "They are a fun group of guys and I have had some luck in the past selling some fillies off the track for them. They don't breed, so we thought we would cash in while the iron's hot. On the buyer's perspective, you have limitless possibilities. You can run her for the rest of the year or you can take her directly to the breeding shed. She is by a leading broodmare sire in **Speightstown**. You combine her looks, her pedigree and her race record and she is the complete package for buyers." *Cont. p5*

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Chub Wagon, a stakes-winning daughter of Hey Chub, plays in the snow during downtime last week at Hogan Equine in Cream Ridge, NJ. | Dr. Patty Hogan

BAFFERT SOPHOMORES DOMINATE

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*Trainer Bob Baffert and jockey John Velazquez swept the pair of graded races at Santa Anita Sunday, with Adare Manor (**Uncle Mo**) romping in the GIII Las Virgenes S. and Messier (**Empire Maker**) dazzling in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S.*

WHITE ABARRIO TO TARGET FLORIDA DERBY

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*White Abarrio (Race Day), winner of Saturday's GIII Holy Bull S., will now be aimed at the Apr. 2 GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. confirmed Sunday.*



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The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

Twisted Tom's story was a typical one. He debuted in 2016 for trainer George Weaver and broke his maiden in his second start but, in time and after age set in, found himself racing on the bottom.

After his maiden win he moved over to the Chad Brown barn and went on to win five stakes in 2017. The list includes wins in open company in the Private Terms S. and the Federico Tesio S. His 2017 campaign, which included a sixth-place finish in the GI Belmont S., ended with his being named champion 3-year-old male New York-bred.

After a pair of losses in 2018 and after he was moved to the Bill Mott barn on June 19, 2019, he made his first ever start in a claiming race. He was taken that day by trainer David Cannizzo and, in the short-term, proved to be competitive in New York-bred allowance/optional claiming races while bouncing around from the barns of A.C. Avila, Mike Maker, Bruce Levine and Mertkan Kantarmaci.

But in November, after finishing off the board in four straight races, he was dropped in for \$10,000. He managed to finish a distant second that day, but followed that up with a 16 1/4-length defeat in a starter allowance at Parx. Kantarmaci then dropped him back in for \$10,000 for Saturday's race.

"He's 8 years' old and it looked like it was time for him to retire," Schosberg said. "He had been a voided claim a couple starts back. There were a lot of people who agreed that this was the right thing to do. People came by the barn this morning to say goodbye. He's a real popular horse. I got a lot of messages from prior trainers and connections thanking me for doing this."

There was a time when there would have been little chance that a horse like Twisted Tom would have been retired when he was. Not that long ago, if a horse couldn't make it on the bottom in New York, they would be sent to a Penn National or a Mountaineer Park. With each race, the risk of injury would grow greater. If a horse couldn't compete on the bottom at the lower tier tracks a trip to the slaughterhouse could be next.

With initiatives like Take The Lead leading the way, the industry ushered in meaningful change. Created by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the program sees to it that all horses racing in New York can enjoy a safe and happy retirement, with many of them going to second careers.

"It's not just me," Schosberg said. "I have a great team of people helping out. The owners and the trainers, NYRA, everybody in the racing office, the Gaming Commission, veterinarians, van companies, everybody volunteers their time and their efforts to make sure this initiative is at the forefront of the aftercare industry."

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At ReRun, Twisted Tom will be prepared for his second career. “There are so many things for these retired race horses to do,” Schosberg said. “In his case, 60 to 70% of his life is still ahead of him. There are so many activities now for these retired horses. They don’t need to spend the rest of their years standing out in a field somewhere. These are horses that are used to having a job.”

Schosberg said that Twisted Tom was in good order after Saturday’s race. He is sound, healthy and is guaranteed a great retirement. It’s the perfect ending to his story.

Smith Not Done Helping Learning Center

Brook Smith’s heart was in the right place when he wagered \$10,000 on **Tiz the Bomb** (Hit It a Bomb) in the second round of the Derby Future Wager. If Tiz the Bomb went on to win the GI Kentucky Derby, Smith would have donated the proceeds from his winnings, \$114,000, to the backside center.

The Backside Learning Center serves as a resource center for the equine backstretch community, providing educational programs and services and promoting community amongst the backstretch workers and their families.

After Saturday’s Gill Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream, it doesn’t look like Smith made what will be a winning wager. Tiz the Bomb was trying the dirt after three straight tries on the turf and didn’t fare well, finishing seventh. Though trainer Ken McPeck said afterward that he hasn’t given up on getting the colt to the Derby, it looks like Tiz the Bomb’s future will be on the grass.

But Smith isn’t done. Still hoping to find a way to raise awareness and funds for the Backside Learning Center, he said Sunday that he is looking to buy into a Derby contender. If he can make that happen, he will donate a share of the horse’s earnings to the “Purses for a Purpose” program. Started by Smith, Purses for a Purpose involves owners pledging to donate a portion of their earnings to the backside center.

“Why won’t or why don’t more owners allocate a small percentage of their earnings to similar programs?” Smith said.

Eighteen Months Later, Montanez Is Back

Jockey Rosario Montanez finished sixth in the fifth race Jan. 30 at Laurel, but there was plenty of reason to celebrate. It was his first mount since a July 17, 2020 spill, also at Laurel, that left his career in doubt.

One day after the spill, Montanez, 31, underwent surgery at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. He had multiple back fractures and was diagnosed with a brain injury. He was told that these were injuries that could prevent him from making a comeback.

“After so many obstacles, I’m very blessed that I was able to overcome all of them,” Montanez said after his return mount. “I’m very thankful to all the doctors and nurses and all the staff that helped me make it back.”

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Rosario Montanez | MJC Photo

His determination and perseverance are admirable. A capable rider, it shouldn’t be long until he returns to the winner’s circle.

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Highgate Sales Hopes for Brilliant Debut

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Brilliant Cut was claimed by these connections and trainer Doug O'Neill for \$50,000 out of a winning effort at fourth asking at Del Mar in the fall of 2020. Third to La Brea winner Kalypso (Brody's Cause) in the GII Santa Ynez S. last winter, she was fourth next out in the GIII La Virgenes S., after which she was switched to the turf, finishing second in a local optional claimer last March.

Given a brief freshening, Brilliant Cut returned in the grassy Unzip Me S. in Arcadia Oct. 3, finishing fourth. Getting back on dirt, she returned to winning ways in an Oct. 30 starter optional claimer. Dispatched at 20-1 in the La Brea, she tracked from second most of the way and stayed on to complete the exacta.



Brilliant Cut | Thorostride/Matt Goins

"We toyed with the idea [of selling her] a little bit before the La Brea and after that effort, it was clear [selling in a breeding stock sale] made the most sense for those guys and what their goals are," Gordon said. "She shipped to Kentucky the very first week of January and she has been sales prepping at Nick Drion's farm since then. I am really appreciative for all of the hard work that he puts in. He does a wonderful job and she couldn't be in better hands."

Brilliant Cut has a pedigree to match her ever-improving race record and lovely physical. Her year-younger half-sister Lemieux (Nyquist) captured a stake at Gulfstream last term and is gearing up for her 3-year-old season. Their dam Polish a Diamond (The Factor) is a half to SW & MGISP Bonnie Blue Flag (Mineshaft), who is the dam of one of the most exciting horses in training, GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner and recent GI Pegasus World Cup romper Life is Good (Into Mischief). Polish a Diamond is also a half to MGISW Diamondrella, who is the dam of GSW Spectroscope (Medaglia d'Oro), and to SW Highest Honors (Tapit).

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“It is a family that is just exploding top to bottom,” Gordon said. “Life is Good obviously gave us a really good update over the weekend. Her 3-year-old half-sister Lemieux was a stakes winner last year and is back on the worktab for [Mark] Casse. It is a family that seems to have a new update every week.”

Gordon and West announced the launch of their new sales and bloodstock agency just before Christmas and this February consignment will be their first under the Highgate banner. Gordon brings plenty of experience to the consignment from her previous roles at Claiborne Farm and Warrendale Sales.

When asked about what led to this new venture, Gordon said, “It was something I thought about for quite a while. I sat down with Jacob West, who is obviously a very successful agent and a very good friend of mine. We decided to just jump in and do it. We have skill sets that are very complimentary and we work well together. I have sold horses for him in the past. We decided to just take the leap of faith. I have a good group of clients who are going to support me and Jacob brings a lot to the table.”



Brilliant Cut | Thorostride

The Highgate banner will make an appearance at the major yearling, racehorse and breeding stock sales this season.

“We will do breeding stock, racehorses and yearlings,” Gordon said. “We will do the April sale at Keeneland, [Fasig] July, hopefully a [Fasig] Saratoga consignment and then we will roll right into September at Keeneland.”

While Brilliant Cut may be the star of Highgate's shedrow, the remaining nine mares also have plenty to offer potential clients.

“We have a really exciting consignment top to bottom,” Gordon said. “We feel like every horse we are bringing over has something to offer in terms of appeal. We have **Vacay (Not This Time) (Hip 501)**. She is an exciting filly. She was a stakes winner at two and a multiple stakes-placed at three. She is by **Not This Time**, who couldn't be having a better couple of months.”

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She added, “We have mares in foal to red-hot covering sires, like **Munnings**, **Maclean's Music** and **Connect**. We also have an Into Mischief broodmare prospect [**Speeding (Hip 502)**] with a lot of appeal. She was a winner herself and her recently turned 3-year-old brother was stakes-placed as a 2-year-old and is back on the worktab for Arnaud Delacour.”

As to be expected when starting a new business, Gordon heads into her first sale with Highgate with a mix of nerves and excitement.



Jill Gordon | Highgate Sales

“I think anytime you start something new there are a certain amount of nerves associated with that,” she said. “We have a great team around us. I have a guy Jose Vaquera who is going to run the barn with me. He has come with me from place to place, so having him there with me is a big comfort. We are excited to get started. This is something we have been brainstorming and working on for a while. We are excited to bring what we think is a really quality group of horses over for our first sale.”

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Adare Manor dominated the four-horse GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Sunday, strolling home to an effortless 13-length victory and giving trainer Bob Baffert his sixth win in the race. Second and fourth in two sprint tries to kick off her career, the \$375,000 OBS June acquisition put it all together and then some when airing by a dozen lengths over this track and trip Jan. 7, good for a 92 Beyer Speed Figure. Her odds dropped even further with the scratch of GISW stablemate Eda (**Munnings**), and the dark bay was off at prohibitive 2-5 odds.

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“Today I engaged her right from the gate and she got a little bit strong at the first turn, so I had to grab her a little bit, try to slow her down a bit the first part of the race,” said winning jockey John Velazquez. “Once we got to the half-mile pole, I kind of put my hands down on her and her long stride just kept going just like that. I just left her alone and let her get into her rhythm, and she just showed up today. Obviously, she stepped it up from one race to another one and she did it very nicely today.

Velazquez continued, “I looked back a couple of times and I slowed it down, I looked up saw they were pretty far [back] and I backed up thinking, I should save something here although she was breathing fire up front, I didn’t want to ask her down the lane then Bob would get mad at me. I definitely wanted to save something.”



Adare Manor | Benoit

The dazzling victory would normally make Adare Manor a major GI Longines Kentucky Oaks contender, but Baffert’s current Churchill ban made the filly ineligible to earn the Las Virgenes’ 10 qualifying points to that Classic.

Baffert’s sixth Las Virgenes tally broke a tie with fellow Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas. The trainer’s most recent previous Las Virgenes winner (in 2018) was also a pricey 2-year-old sales grad by **Uncle Mo** in Dream Tree.

Adare Manor, bred by Town and Country Horse Farms and Gary Broad, was purchased by Broad for \$180,000 as a short yearling at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton February sale. She RNA’d for \$190,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase that September before selling for \$375,000 following a :10 1/5 work at last year’s OBS June sale.

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“She duplicated her last race, you know, she’s got that big, long stride on her,” said Baffert. “I sprinted her twice and I thought she’d win each of those times and then I thought, well she wants to go long...She’s like an amazon, she’s got that big, powerful [way of moving]. She’s got that big frame, but she’s quick. She relaxed nicely today...I think that time [1:37.11] is pretty serious on this track. Just gotta keep ‘em healthy. I’ve run her twice now, I don’t want to come back too quick with her.”



Adare Manor dominates the Las Virgenes | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

Adare Manor is the first foal out of multiple stakes winner Brooklynsway, who was four times graded placed. Town and Country Horse Farms purchased the mare, in foal to Into Mischief, for \$95,000 at the same 2020 Fasig-Tipton February sale at which Adare Manor sold. That in-utero Into Mischief foal died, but the 10-year-old mare has a yearling filly by the Spendthrift stallion and she was bred back to **Ghostzapper**.

Adare Manor is the 42nd graded winner for **Uncle Mo**. In addition to Dream Tree, other daughters of the stallion who have found graded success at Santa Anita include multiple Grade I winner Bast, Harvest Moon, Mopotism, and Donna Veloce.

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ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GIII, \$200,000, Santa Anita, 2-6, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42.89, ft.

1--**MESSIER, 120, c, 3, by Empire Maker**



1st Dam: Checkered Past (MSW, \$334,284), by Smart Strike

2nd Dam: Catch the Flag, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Catch the Ring, by Seeking the Gold

'**TDN Rising Star**' (\$470,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine M. Donovan, Golconda Stable & Siena Farm LLC; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Bob Baffert; J-John R. Velazquez. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$285,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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Dam purchased by Warrendale for Silesia Farm

2--**Cabo Spirit**, 124, c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Fancy Day (Ire), by Shamardal. (\$145,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$575,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Kretz Racing LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-George Papaprodromou. \$40,000.

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3--**Wharton**, 120, c, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Her Smile, by Include.

1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (\$475,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine M. Donovan, Golconda Stable & Siena Farm LLC; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$24,000.

Margins: 15, 7, 4HF. Odds: 0.60, 18.20, 4.40.

Also Ran: Sir London, Happy Jack. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

Messier gave trainer Bob Baffert and jockey John Velazquez their second dominant graded winner of the afternoon when he flew home an unchallenged victor of the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita Sunday. Shedding the blinkers after getting outkicked in the Dec. 11 GII Los Alamitos Futurity last time out, the 3-5 favorite tugged his way to the fore with little encouragement from Velazquez. Second choice Sir London (Malibu Moon) chased the pace with longshot Cabo Spirit latched on the top two while racing three deep. Sir London was first to blink as Cabo Spirit did his best to keep pace rounding the home bend, but there was no running down Messier, who galloped home by 15 lengths as nobody from the back made any impact.



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Messier is the fourth straight Lewis winner for Baffert, but like his stablemate Adare Manor who won the GIII Las Virgenes S. earlier on Sunday's card, the colt was ineligible to collect the race's qualifying Kentucky Derby points due to the trainer's current ban at Churchill Downs.

"[Assistant trainer] Jim [Barnes] had Johnny work him for me once and he gave me some good input on him," Baffert said. "He's maturing, I could tell today that he's growing, he's getting bigger. You could tell when I put the saddle on him. He looked incredible, he looked the part. There were some good horses in there, they were legitimate horses."

Second in his five-furlong debut at Los Alamitos last June, Messier returned four months later and was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following his 6 1/2-length romp going six furlongs at Santa Anita Oct. 22. He followed up with a win in the Nov. 14 GIII Bob Hope S. at Del Mar, but was second as the 1-5 favorite behind Slow Down Andy (Nyquist) in the Dec. 11 GII Los Alamitos Futurity last time out.



Messier | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

Checked Past, a two-time stakes winner for breeder Sam-Son Farm, produced a filly by Candy Ride (Arg) in 2021 and was bred back to GI Kentucky Derby winner Authentic. The 12-year-old mare sold to Silesia Farm for \$290,000 as part of the Sam-Son dispersal at last year's Keeneland January sale.

Messier's second dam is the unraced Catch the Flag (A.P. Indy), a full-sister to Canadian champion Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy).

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GAMINE TO VISIT QUALITY ROAD IN 2022

by Jessica Martini

Michael Lund Petersen's **Gamine** (Into Mischief) has been booked to Lane's End stallion **Quality Road** for 2022, bloodstock agent Donato Lanni confirmed Sunday.

"We had a meeting with Michael to decided what to do and we all agreed that **Quality Road** was the right horse to start off her broodmare career," Lanni said. "You really can't go wrong with **Quality Road**--he's a very good sire."



Gamine | Susie Raisher

Acquired for \$1.8 million at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, Gamine won nine of 11 starts, including the 2020 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, GI Acorn S. and GI Test S. and was named the year's Eclipse champion female sprinter.

In 2021, she added wins in the GI Derby City Distaff and GI Ketel One Ballerina S. and she concluded her career with a third-place finish in the Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint. She is once again an Eclipse award finalist for top female sprinter.

Gamine's **retirement** was announced in early January and the 5-year-old mare currently resides at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa Farm in Paris, Kentucky. "She's happy," Lanni said. "She's turned out with some fillies, she's really happy to have some buddies now at Xalapa. She's enjoying retirement."

Asked if the champion might be offered at auction next fall, Lanni said, "We just want to get her bred, get her pregnant. We're not even thinking about that right now."

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WHITE ABARRIO TO TARGET FLORIDA DERBY

C2 Racing Stable and La Milagrosa Stable's **White Abarrio** (Race Day), winner of Saturday's GIII Holy Bull S., will likely make his next start in the Apr. 2 GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, trained Saffie Joseph, Jr. confirmed Sunday morning.

"We talked it out over at dinner [Saturday] night, and I'd say its not set in stone, but he's going to straight to the Florida Derby," Joseph said. "We don't have to decide now, but everyone was kind of on the same page to go straight to the Florida Derby. The spacing works well. He runs well fresh, and hopefully, it will set him up for the [GI] Kentucky Derby to run his best."

A two-time winner at Gulfstream last fall, White Abarrio was making his first start since finishing third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. last November.



White Abarrio | *Ryan Thompson*

"I'm very excited that he won as nicely as you could ask a horse to win a race, and it was the prep with the most depth so far. To be able to come out victorious, it was amazing," Joseph said. "We had a little setback going into the race. We missed a couple works. You would think he should improve off that. He got a 97 Beyer [Speed Figure]. Just to think he could improve off of that--it's a good feeling."

White Abarrio was purchased privately by brothers Mark and Clint Cornett following an eye-catching 6 3/4-length debut win going 6 1/2 furlongs at Gulfstream Sept. 24.

"Mark Cornett called and said he bought a horse. I said, 'Wow, you bought that horse? He was very impressive,'" Joseph recalled. "He said, 'I bought him and vetted him already, just go

pick him up when everything is cleared.' He didn't tell me he was going to buy him."

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Joseph continued, “He’s an athletic horse. He’s very light on his feet. He’s a beautiful-moving horse. It carries over to race day, which is the main test. He saddles very professionally--cool, calm. He can get a little keen in the morning. When he gallops, he can get a little keen in the morning, but when you work him in company, he’ll relax. It’s a good attribute to have--to have speed but the ability to rate.”

Tami Bobo's **Simplification (Not This Time)**, who recovered from a poor start and a wide trip to finish second in the Holy Bull, will likely start next in the Mar. 5 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. The bay colt was coming off a wire-to-wire victory in the Jan. 1 **Mucho Macho Man S**.

“In the front or behind, he’s a good horse,” Sano said. “The horse that won is an excellent horse. If my horse breaks good, the race could be different.”

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LUTTRELL JOINS PREFERRED EQUINE MARKETING

Austin Luttrell, with a background in both the Standardbred and Thoroughbred industries, has joined the team at David Reid's Preferred Equine Marketing. Luttrell served as an assistant to trainers Christophe Clement and Kiaran McLaughlin, and was a manager at Denali Stud and Donamire Farm. He also worked for Magic Millions in Australia as a bloodstock consultant. Luttrell has owned, bred and trained Standardbreds, winning his first race as an owner/trainer at his hometown track, the Red Mile and he formed and managed the Cats by 90, LLC partnership.

“I’m incredibly excited for this opportunity to work with Preferred Equine,” Luttrell said. “Preferred is a pillar in the harness racing industry, and has a growing presence in the Thoroughbred business. They operate on the highest level of quality and honesty.”

“I have tremendous respect for David Reid and the amount of hard work he puts toward getting each horse through the auction ring. I believe my dual-breed background will allow me to build on our great reputation while bringing fresh faces and ideas into both the Standardbred and Thoroughbred industries.”

Reid added, “I’m excited that Austin has agreed to join our Preferred team and I look forward to his contributions to our growing organization. With his dual-breed background and excellent work experiences with leading trainers and sales companies around the globe, he brings valuable knowledge that will help service our clients’ needs into the future.”

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MURRILL SCORES CAREER WIN 1,000

Mitchell Murrill earned the 1,000th victory of his riding career when he guided the Brad Cox-trained **Yin Yang** (Point of Entry) to win the sixth race at Fair Grounds Sunday.

“I’ve got to thank Brad,” Murrill said. “This is the first horse I’ve ridden for him in my career, so it’s kind of nice to get into the winner’s circle for him. He told me before the race that the horse was going to be keen and to try to get her to relax and keep her running forward. She did it today.”

Earlier on the card, Murrill won the fourth race on **Cypriano** (Custom for Carlos) for trainer Chris Hartman, who just two days earlier reached a milestone of his own at Fair Grounds, winning his 1,500th career race. The duo has contributed greatly to each other’s success, teaming up for 82 wins since first joining forces four years ago.



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Following a five for 10 winning streak, Murrill had been in an 0 for 23 slump prior to his fourth race score.

“It’s pretty awesome,” Murrill said of reaching the milestone. “All week it’s been pretty tough to get into the winner’s circle, but we got it done and I can’t be more grateful for everyone who has contributed.”

The 27-year-old native of Mobile, Alabama scored his first career win aboard Golden Barbara May 28, 2014. He earned a career-best \$5,619,207 in purses in 2021 and counts the 2018 GIII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks aboard Chocolate Martini as his biggest win to date.

“Gerard Melancon helped me out from the very beginning when I started riding at Evangeline,” Murrill said. “It’s hard grinding, working. My agent Tim [Hanisch] is out here every day working hard, trying to make connections with everybody and trying to keep everybody happy. We are just trying to put one foot in front of the other and keep moving forward.”

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- 1--**NENUFAR AZUL (CHI)**, 121, f, 3, by **Lookin At Lucky**
 1st Dam: **Nadie Como Ella (Chi)**, by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**
 2nd Dam: **Night of Roses**, by Mr. Greeley
 3rd Dam: **Noches de Rosa (Chi)**, by Stagecraft (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.
 O/B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi). T-Juan Cavieres. J-Jaime Medina. CLP77,000,000. Lifetime Record; 9-2-2-2, CLP114,450,000.
Werk Nick Rating: D+. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)
- 2--**Y Nada Mas (Chi)**, 121, f, 3, **Constitution**--Ya No Más (Chi), by Proud Citizen. O/B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi); T-Juan Pablo Baeza; CLP 15,400,000.
- 3--***Gamberetti (Chi)**, 125, c, 3, **Lookin At Lucky**--Gran Garota (Chi) by Easing Long. O-El Tata. B-Haras Don Alberto (Chi); CLP7,700,000. D'qd from second and placed third.
 Margins: SHD, 3/4, 2. Odds: 6.30, 1.10, 6.80.

Also Ran: Tatan Forever (Chi), Roheryn (Chi), Grand Modesto (Chi), Vita da Mamma (Chi), Suspira Mi Amor (Chi), Rio de Los Ciervos (Chi), Misia Nena (Chi), Figureti (Chi), Medio Mundo (Chi), Carpofofo (Chi), Grande Pelusa (Arg), El Mentalista (Chi), Niquense (Chi). [Click for the Valparaiso chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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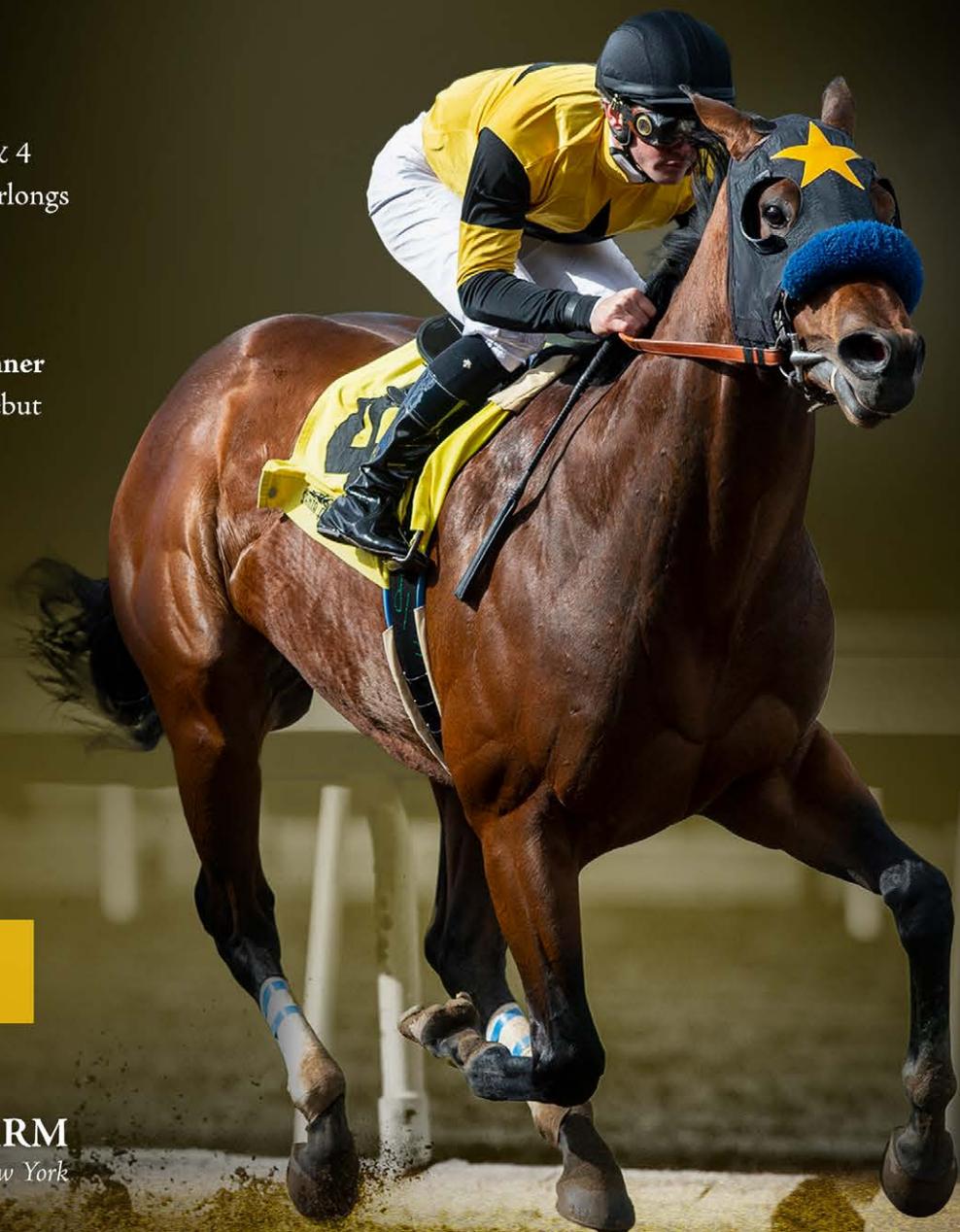
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

RUTHLESS S., \$100,000, Aqueduct, 2-6, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24.91, gd.

1--**SHOTGUN HOTTIE**, 118, f, 3, by Gun Runner

1st Dam: Re Entry, by Malibu Moon

2nd Dam: Swift Girl, by Unbridled

3rd Dam: Gather The Clan (Ire), by General Assembly

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$45,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR).

O-Omar Aldabbagh & Jeff Ganje; B-Vincent Colbert (KY); T-William E. Morey; J-Trevor McCarthy. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$134,720. *Eighth SW for sophomore sire (by Candy Ride {Arg}).


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2--**Champagne Poetry**, 118, f, 3, Carpe Diem--C J Oz, by Colonel John. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (\$9,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-Jonathan Hardoon; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Chad Summers. \$20,000.

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3--**Lady Milagro**, 118, f, 3, First Dude--Tribecky, by Saint Liam. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Dianette Rivas & Amanda Laderer (KY); T-Carlos F. Martin. \$12,000.

Margins: NO, 1 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.90, 2.70, 12.90.

Also Ran: Landslid, Miss Interpret, Knowing Glance, Jet Force.

Shotgun Hottie rallied in deep stretch to win a tight photo and become the latest stakes winner for breakout young sire Gun Runner in the Ruthless S. Sunday at Aqueduct.

Debuting with a neck second as the favorite in a restricted Churchill maiden special weight Sept. 23, the \$45,000 OBS April buy regressed to be fourth at odds-on in a similar spot Nov. 4 before graduating in her first route try Nov. 28 in Louisville. Last seen fading to fourth after setting the pace in the Untapable S. Dec. 26 at Fair Grounds in her final start for Tom Amoss, the bay was made a narrow favorite turning back to a sprint here and traveled second last while racing three wide in the clear behind a sharp :22.72 quarter. Starting to pick it up while angling further out as the half went up in :45.95, she still appeared to be up against it as late as the eighth pole and didn't hit the front until the final jump as she narrowly outkicked second choice Champagne Poetry to prevail.

"She made a great run and so did the runner-up," said winning trainer Bill Morey. "We were charging and caught a good bob on the wire. She's a nice filly and I think she wants to go further. Trevor [McCarthy] is riding as good as anybody here so I trusted him. Our outside draw dictated where we would be. I didn't want to be quite that wide. I thought we could tuck over [into] a little tighter spot, but that's horse racing and it all worked out for us today."



Shotgun Hottie (outside) edges Champagne Poetry
Joe Labozzetta

"My filly ran good. Bill said to ride her like she's the best horse in here," added McCarthy. "The rail got really good the last couple races, so I was a little worried being wide with her, but she's a filly that wants to run further. She's a bit of a grinder. That last eighth of a mile it was, 'Come on, come on,' but she just keeps grinding. She gave a great effort and all the credit to Bill and his crew for doing a great job."

Now the eighth stakes winner for her sire, Shotgun Hottie is entered as **Hip 18** in this week's Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale. From the family of MGISW Pure Clan (Pure Prize), she's out of a half-sister to GISW Sky Diva (Sky Mesa) who produced a filly by Palace Malice last term before visiting Echo Town. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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JIMMY WINKFIELD S., \$97,000, Aqueduct, 2-6, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.30, gd.

1--**MORELLO**, 118, c, 3, by **Classic Empire**

1st Dam: **Stop the Wedding**, by **Congrats**

2nd Dam: **Wedding Jitters**, by **Runaway Groom**

3rd Dam: **Classy Tricks**, by **Hold Your Tricks**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$140,000 wlg '19 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$250,000 2yo '21 EASMAY). O-Blue Lion Thoroughbreds & Craig & Victoria Taylor; B-Robert B. Tillyer & Dr. Chet Blackey (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Jose Lezcano. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$99,000. *Third stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Pioneerof the Nile).

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2--**Life Is Great**, 118, c, 3, **Tapiture**--Zucca, by Read the Footnotes. O-E.V. Racing Stable; B-EVS Corp (FL); T-Robert P. Klesaris. \$20,000.

3--**Beast Or Famine**, 120, c, 3, **The Big Beast**--Twocatsintheyard, by Andiron. O/B-Jettany Thoroughbred Corp & J.A.G. Racing, Inc (FL); T-Penny Pearce. \$12,000.

Margins: 5, 4HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 1.95, 5.70.

Also Ran: Dance Code, Hagler.

Morello obliged as the 7-5 favorite in Sunday's Jimmy Winkfield S. to become the third black-type winner from his sire (by Pioneerof the Nile)'s first crop. A \$250,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile off a good-looking :10 1/5 breeze, the chestnut opened his account with a clear-cut victory going a furlong shorter here Nov. 27 and was flattered when the runner-up came back to win well himself while improving by 17 Beyer points.

With an upbeat interim worktab on display, Morello broke alertly from the outermost five post before being allowed to settle off the pace and out wide. He advanced three deep outside of chief market rival Life Is Great through a :45.55 half and was met with little resistance from there, pulling away by daylight and finishing in good time. Life Is Great held second.

"He broke very good today," said winning rider Jose Lezcano. "Last time, he broke a little slow but today it was good. He was in the bridle the whole way and was really going like a good horse. I didn't have to touch him with the whip or anything. I just let him go. He had the same kick as last time."

This was the first stakes win for the Blue Lion Thoroughbreds partnership.

"This was the plan all along. Sprint him, then take him to seven," said the group's founder and managing partner Dave Lyon. "The allowance race we were looking at didn't go, but we thought this would be the right race to move forward. It looked like by the way he galloped out he could go longer. He handled this field pretty well and we're excited for the future."



Morello | *Chelsea Durand*

The GIII Gotham S. at a mile could be up next for the colt, who Lyon confirmed is named after Rage Against the Machine guitarist Tom Morello.

"I'm going to let [trainer] Steve [Asmussen] and [assistant trainer] Toby [Sheets] make that decision, but I think it's a realistic spot," Lyon said of the Gotham. "I don't think he needs too much time. That race is on Mar. 5, so we'll talk to the guys who lead the charge in the training barn and make a decision on that. We're excited, we think we have a good, quality horse."

Morello was produced by a half-sister to the GSP dam of speedy MGISP Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile). He has a 2-year-old half-sister by another son of Pioneerof the Nile in **Cairo Prince** who brought \$16,000 at Keeneland September and a yearling half-sister by **Paynter** who fetched \$15,000 at last month's Keeneland January sale. Dam Stop the Wedding, who was 1-for-26 lifetime and mostly competed at the bottom claiming levels, was bred back to **Classic Empire** last year.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

7th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-6, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.17, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

FAVOR (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Fame and Fortune, by Unbridled's Song) was a well-beaten fourth as the 3-2 favorite at Aqueduct Nov. 27 on career debut and broke her maiden by over three lengths going a mile here Jan. 9. Slammed down to 3-5 favoritism in this spot, the \$500,000 FTKSEL buy tracked from third through a lively :23.36 opening quarter and a :46.36 half before cruising past rivals and taking command by the final furlong. Confidently handled to the wire, Favor won by 4 1/4 lengths with ears pricked over Easy Come Easy Go (**Midnight Storm**), who closed late for second. The winner is her dam's second surviving foal and first winner. Fame and Fortune is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by **Uncle Mo** (\$275,000 FTKJUL purchase by Pick View) and a yearling full-sister to that one. The dam has changed hands on several occasions, most recently selling for \$320,000 at Keeneland January to Gainesway Farm. She is expecting a foal by Laoban this season. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$69,000.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$45,590, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-6, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.87, ft, 3 lengths.

YIN YANG (f, 3, Point of Entry--Gypsy Princess, by Unbridled's Song) was victorious at first asking July 3 at Ellis Park and finished second by over seven lengths behind a long-gone winner despite stumbling at the start in the Aristocrat Juvenile Fillies S. at Kentucky Downs Sept. 6. Finishing third in a washed-off 8 1/2-furlong contest Oct. 30 at Keeneland and fourth Dec. 2 at Fair Grounds with first-time Lasix as the 3-5 favorite, the Brad Cox trainee was given a two-month freshening before being brought back here in this off-turf sprint. Traveling at the rail at the back of the three-horse pack, she made her move coming into the lane, cutting the corner to engage favorite Four Dawn (**Nyquist**) from the inside. After pushing her way through a shrinking hole, the 2-1 second choice kicked clear of her stablemate to win by three lengths. The winner has a yearling half-brother by **Unified**. Gypsy Princess is expecting a foal by **Instagrاند** this season. Sales History: \$13,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-1,

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1st-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 2-6, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27.73, gd, 4 1/2 lengths.

DIAMOND COLLECTOR (f, 3, Blame--Collections Choice, by Bernardini) debuted Oct. 31 in a six-panel contest over Belmont's main track where she ran behind 'TDN Rising Star' Radio Days (**Gun Runner**), who placed second in Saturday's Gill Forward Gal S. at Gulfstream. A well-beaten second next out at Aqueduct Dec. 30, she added Lasix for this test and broke on top after being slammed down to 3-5 favoritism. Controlling the pace right from the get-go, she turned for home well in command and cruised under the wire by 4 1/2 lengths in the end over Continentalcongres (**Constitution**). Diamond Collector is her dam's first foal and winner. She has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Lookin At Lucky** named Big Papa Rubio as well as yearling half-brother by the same sire. Collections Choice is expecting a full-sister to the winner this season. Sales History: \$320,000 Ylg '20 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$78,000.

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THINK INDIAN CREEK

6th-Santa Anita, \$68,000, (S), Msw, 2-6, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.48, ft, neck.

QUICK BUCK (g, 3, Mohaymen--Quick Wampus, by Indian Charlie), bet hard to 4-5 favoritism, broke well enough to take off in a three-horse line with rivals on both sides going down the backstretch. Pressing the issue from the outside, Quick Buck outpaced the horse immediately next to him, leaving 9-1 Magnificent Ride (Clubhouse Ride) to deal with coming into the lane after a :45.09 half. The bay fought his way to the lead by the final sixteenth in a stretch duel and had just enough to hold off a closing Heaven's Music (Heaven's Glory {Jpn}), a neck separating them. **Cont. p4**

With this victory, Quick Buck is sire Mohaymen (by **Tapit**)'s 24th first-crop winner. He has a 2-year-old half-sister by Cat Burglar named Bitcoin Burglar, a yearling half-brother by Dads Caps, and a 2022 half-sister by Bodexpress. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '20 FTCAJR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Richard Barton Enterprises & Robert Traynor (CA); T-Mark Glatt.

1st-Santa Anita, \$67,500, Msw, 2-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.15, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

EXCELERINA (IRE) (f, 4, Excelebration {Ire}--Celerina {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Choisir {Aus})'s ran ninth in her career debut July 24 at Gowran Park in Ireland and improved to be fourth at Bellewstown Sept. 30 before running second last out Nov. 26 at Dundalk for Charles Weld. Imported to the States, placed in the care of trainer Philip D'Amato, and starting with first-time Lasix, Excelerina broke from the gate as a tepid 6-5 favorite in this spot. Settling at the rear of the field, the flashy filly was content to track as a loose frontrunner led them through the first turn and up the backstretch. Launching a rally midway on the final bend, Excelerina was caught widest of all coming into the lane, but put in an eye-catching kick to swoop by rivals and win with ears pricked by 2 1/2 lengths over Sunny Morning. The winner has a 3-year-old half-brother by Magician (Ire) named Mars Magic (Ire) and a 2-year-old half sister by Zoffany (Ire). Sales History: €0 RNA Wlg '18 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$43,313. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig & Jeremy Peskoff; B-Mrs E. J. Stack (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato.

6th-Gulfstream, \$54,400, Msw, 2-6, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.84, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

ARROBATIC (f, 3, Arrogate--Mexican Gold {GSW & G1SP-Fr, GSP-USA, \$234,810}, by Medaglia d'Oro) broke in line with the field at 7-2 odds in this debut and largely had the rail to herself going up the backstretch in fourth. Improving one spot coming off the far turn, Arrobatc kicked clear late and powered past front-running 9-5 favorite Sadie Bear (**The Big Beast**) to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Out of a Group 3 winner in France, Arrobatc has a 2-year-old full-brother named Montezuma and a yearling half-brother by **Constitution**. The dam is a half to G1 Darley Prix Jean Romanet winner and stakes producer Announce (GB) (Selkirk). This is the family of European Champion 2-year-old colt Zafonic (Gone West). There are no fewer than 17 stakes horses under Arrobatc's second dam. Mexican Gold is expecting a foal by **Street Sense** this season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Juddmonte; T-Chad C. Brown.

4th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 2-6, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:45.08, ft, 3/4 length.

KANAAN (c, 4, American Pharoah--Rare Cat, by Tabasco Cat) ran on late for third in his Tampa turf unveiling Jan. 7, and was 3-1 here testing Tapeta. Able to tuck in some from his high draw into the first turn, the pricey breeze-up buy came under a ride from midpack approaching the second bend. He asserted out wide into the lane as Khafre (**American Pharoah**) was bottled up badly and edged out that unlucky foe to cap the all-AP exacta by 3/4 of a length. The winner is half to Bear Dixiecat (Dixie Union), SP, \$212,691; Twirling Tiger (**Twirling Candy**), SP, \$184,965; and Om (**Munnings**), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,355,082. His now 24-year-old dam visited Harry's Holiday for 2022. Sales History: \$140,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$170,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; £450,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$34,550. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Al Shaqab Racing & Steven Rocco; B-Ashford Stud & Justice Farm, Greg Justice (KY); T-Christophe Clement.



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7
2021 Stud Fees Listed

Bal a Bali (Brz) (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000
148 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Offtheroadagain, 7-5
4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Treat for the Eyes, 2-1
\$1,700 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$1,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$8,000 OBS OPN 2yo

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

173 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:34 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Peach Perfect, 6-1
\$17,000 FTK OCT yrl

Gormley (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

198 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:34 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Eighty Eight Keys, 8-1

Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North, \$7,500

115 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Lewd, 10-1
\$3,200 FTK OCT yrl

Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

194 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:34 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Cici Unified, 8-1
\$20,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$11,000 EAS MAY 2yo



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IN UAE:

Shanty Star, h, 6, **Hard Spun**--Little Nellie, by Mizzen Mast.
Meydan, 2-6, Hcp. (AED95k), 1200m, 1:12.70. O-Bouresly
Racing Syndicate. B-Dixiana Farms, LLC (KY). T-Rashed
Bouresly. *\$60,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$10,000 2yo OBSAPR;
\$8,000 HRA '18 OBSJUN.

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STAKES RESULTS:

LA CONEJA S., (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 2-6, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:08.54, ft.

1--**SLAMMED, 121, f, 4, Marking--Hennessy Smash (MSW, \$252,006), by Roll Hennessy Roll.** O-Fincher Racing LLC, Brad King & Suzanne Kirby; B-Brad King & Todd Fincher (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-7-0-0, \$297,605. *1/2 to Roll On Diabolical (Diabolical), MSW, \$154,450.

2--**Tight Fittin Jeans**, 121, m, 5, Shame On Charlie--Curvy Kitten, by Ministers Wild Cat. O-Greg & Delinda M. Green & Corie O'Connor; B-Greg & DeLinda Green (NM); T-Greg Green. \$20,000.

3--**Proofsinthepuddin**, 121, f, 4, Marking--Follow My Tail, by Indian Charlie. O-Reliance Ranches LLC; B-Brad King & Todd Fincher (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$10,000.
Margins: 1HF, 3/4, 2. Odds: 0.50, 13.80, 5.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, 2-6, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.61, gd, 8 lengths.

KEPT WAITING (m, 5, Broken Vow--Orient Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-1, \$211,600. O-Sanford J. & Irwin Goldfarb & Nice Guys Stables; B-John Lauriello (NY); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr. *\$65,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG.



9th-Santa Anita, \$72,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-5, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.35, fm, 3/4 length.

CRASH CORRIGAN (g, 4, Grazen--Shesabronxbomber {MSP, \$229,442}, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-2, \$198,360. O-Belico Racing LLC, Felipe Carlos & Lorenzo Ruiz; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Lorenzo Ruiz.

7th-Santa Anita, \$69,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.96, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

TAMING THE TIGRESS (f, 4, Smiling Tiger--Joeandbetty'sbaby, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-1, \$179,420. O-CYBT, Michael Nentwig, Ray Pagano & Daniel Weiner; B-Highlander Racing Stable, LLC (CA); T-Ruben D. Alvarado. *\$21,000 2yo '20 CTBAJA.



5th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-6, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.02, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

SWOT ANALYSIS (c, 4, Anchor Down--Solo Buena, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-2-0, \$129,089. O-D. J. Stable LLC, Cash is King LLC & West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$50,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$62,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

10th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-6, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.41, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MISH (g, 5, Field Commission--Wicked Great, by Greatness) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$79,673. O-C2 Racing Stable LLC; B-Joyce Mary Kielty (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, (S), 2-6, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.34, ft, 3 lengths.

RUE LALA (f, 4, Star Guitar--Miss Addison {SW, \$181,055}, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-3-1, \$81,660. O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo. *\$130,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

5th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$37,000, (S), 2-5, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.28, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

BRIGHTEST (m, 5, Too Much Bling--Fast Find, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 27-5-3-3, \$83,686. O-Fruition Racing LLC; B-W. S. Farish (TX); T-Paul Duhon. *Full to Direct Dial, MSW, \$543,771; Full to Scooter's Choice, SW, \$113,006; Full to Shaded, SW, \$134,659.

7th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$37,000, 2-5, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.12, ft, 4 lengths.

LADY AVE (m, 5, Bind--Astoria Song, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 22-11-3-0, \$175,615. O-Caden Dean Arthur; B-David Davis (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

7th-Charles Town, \$33,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-5, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.27, hy, 1/2 length.

ROOKIE SALSA (g, 5, Two Step Salsa--Kalambaka Queen {SW-Can, SP-USA, \$240,871}, by Pico Central {Brz}) Lifetime Record: SW, 24-8-3-3, \$262,867. O-Magic Stable, LLC; B-Mikhail Yanakov Olympia Star, LLC (FL); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *\$15,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

MASON SPRINGS GRADUATE

8th-Charles Town, \$31,900, (S), 2-5, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.88, hy, 1/2 length.

MINISTRY OF MAGIC (g, 4, Limehouse--Broad But Nice {MSP, \$216,300}, by Seeking Daylight) Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-2, \$81,001. O/B-Theresa Ho (WV); T-Anthony M. Rideout II.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jack Sixpack, g, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Lady Sweetness, by Candy Ride (Arg). Santa Anita, 2-6, (S), 1mT, 1:36.51. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$50,080. B-Nick Alexander (CA).

Unsolved Mystery, f, 3, Goldcents--Why the Mystery, by Whywhywhy. Santa Anita, 2-6, (C), 6f, 1:11.02. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$37,780. B-Joanne R. Mummert (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

Wicked Wonder, f, 3, Tiznow--Wicked Ride, by Candy Ride (Arg). Fair Grounds, 2-6, (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:48.00. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$15,156. B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY).

Encouraging, f, 4, Candy Ride (Arg)--Distracting (SP, \$141,683), by Distorted Humor. Sam Houston Race Park, 2-5, 5fT, :58.15. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$36,724. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC (KY).

HILL 'N' DALE Bred & Raised

Mandatory, g, 5, American Pharoah--Chit Chatter (MSP, \$120,945), by Lost Soldier. Aqueduct, 2-6, 1m, 1:37.08. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-2, \$118,850. B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray & American Pharoah Syndicate (KY). *\$400,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. **1/2 to I'm a Chatterbox (Munnings), MGISW, \$2,354,454.

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American Pharoah, Kanaan, c, 4, o/o Rare Cat, by Tabasco Cat. MSW, 2-6, Gulfstream

American Pharoah, Mandatory, g, 5, o/o Chit Chatter, by Lost Soldier. MSW, 2-6, Aqueduct

Anchor Down, Swot Analysis, c, 4, o/o Solo Buena, by Half Ours. AOC, 2-6, Fair Grounds

Arrogate, Arrobatic, f, 3, o/o Mexican Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 2-6, Gulfstream

Bind, Lady Ave, m, 5, o/o Astoria Song, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 2-5, Sam Houston

Blame, Diamond Collector, f, 3, o/o Collections Choice, by Bernardini. MSW, 2-6, Aqueduct

Bluegrass Cat, Jack Sixpack, g, 3, o/o Lady Sweetness, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 2-6, Santa Anita

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Broken Vow, Kept Waiting, m, 5, o/o Orient Moon, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 2-6, Aqueduct

Candy Ride (Arg), Encouraging, f, 4, o/o Distracting, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 2-5, Sam Houston

Classic Empire, Morello, c, 3, o/o Stop the Wedding, by Congrats. Jimmy Winkfield S., 2-6, Aqueduct

Empire Maker, Messier, c, 3, o/o Checkered Past, by Smart Strike. GIII Robert B. Lewis S., 2-6, Santa Anita

Excelebration (Ire), Excelerina (Ire), f, 4, o/o Celerina (Ire), by Choisir (Aus). MSW, 2-6, Santa Anita

Field Commission, Mish, g, 5, o/o Wicked Great, by Greatness. AOC, 2-6, Gulfstream

Goldcents, Unsolved Mystery, f, 3, o/o Why the Mystery, by Whywhywhy. MCL, 2-6, Santa Anita

Grazen, Crash Corrigan, g, 4, o/o Shesabronxbomber, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 2-5, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Shotgun Hottie, f, 3, o/o Re Entry, by Malibu Moon. Ruthless S., 2-6, Aqueduct

Limehouse, Ministry of Magic, g, 4, o/o Broad But Nice, by Seeking Daylight. ALW, 2-5, Charles Town

Marking, Slammed, f, 4, o/o Hennesey Smash, by Roll Hennessy Roll. La Coneja S., 2-6, Sunland

Mohaymen, Quick Buck, g, 3, o/o Quick Wampum, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-6, Santa Anita

Pioneer of the Nile, Favor, f, 3, o/o Fame and Fortune, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 2-6, Gulfstream

Point of Entry, Yin Yang, f, 3, o/o Gypsy Princess, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 2-6, Fair Grounds

Smiling Tiger, Taming the Tigress, f, 4, o/o Joeandbetty'sbaby, by Yes It's True. AOC, 2-6, Santa Anita

Star Guitar, Rue Lala, f, 4, o/o Miss Addison, by Orientate. ALW, 2-6, Fair Grounds

Tiznow, Wicked Wonder, f, 3, o/o Wicked Ride, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MCL, 2-6, Fair Grounds

Too Much Bling, Brightest, m, 5, o/o Fast Find, by **Mineshaft**. ALW, 2-5, Sam Houston

Two Step Salsa, Rookie Salsa, g, 5, o/o Kalambaka Queen, by Pico Central (Brz). AOC, 2-5, Charles Town

Uncle Mo, Adare Manor, f, 3, o/o Brooklynsway, by Giant Gizmo. GIII Las Virgenes S., 2-6, Santa Anita

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SEVENTY GLORIOUS YEARS, PART II



The Queen leading in her Oaks winner Carozza, ridden by Lester Piggott | Getty Images

As the celebrations marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee commence in Britain, we continue our three-part series reflecting on Her Majesty's longstanding commitment to the Turf, written by **John Berry**

Aureole, who had been bred by the Queen's father, was a wonderful standard-bearer at the outset of her reign. While her father had been alive, she and her mother had begun owning jumpers, jointly enjoying their first National Hunt success when the Peter Cazalet-trained Monaveen (racing in the same colours which Astrakhan bore at Hurst Park) had won over fences at Fontwell in October 1949 before taking the Queen Elizabeth Chase at Hurst Park two months later. After Princess Elizabeth became Queen, though, her mother became the First Lady of National Hunt racing, while Queen Elizabeth took over the Royal Flat string and the Royal Studs with a passion which has never wavered in the subsequent 70 years.

This successful start to the Queen's ownership career set the tone for what was to follow. After Aureole, the next star was another Hyperion colt, High Veldt, whose finest hour came when he came closer than any other horse to beating the Italian champion Ribot when runner-up in the 1956 King George And Queen Elizabeth S. **Cont. p2**

2022 MATING PLANS: HEIDER FAMILY STABLES' IRISH-BASED MARES

With the 2022 breeding season right around the corner, we will feature a series of breeders' mating plans over the coming weeks. Breeder Scott Heider of Heider Family Stables shares with us the mating plans for his Irish-based mares at Norelands Stud.

PISTA (m, 5, **American Pharoah**--Mohini {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) to be bred to Dubawi (Ire)

Winner of the 2020 G2 Park Hill S. and second in the G1 Prix de Royallieu, this Joseph O'Brien-trained daughter of **American Pharoah** is currently in foal to Ballylinch Stud's Lope de Vega (Ire). This mating gives us a desirable 5x5 cross to influential mare Coup de Folie (Halo). Pista's second and third dams, Denebola (Storm Cat) and Coup de Genie (Mr. Prospector), were both champions. Pista is booked this year to Dubawi (Ire). Pista excelled at staying distances, so we like the versatility of both Dubawi and Lope de Vega as we introduce some speed. **Cont. p6**

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Seventy Glorious Years: Part II Cont. from p1

The Royal Ascot triumphs of Jardiniere in the King George V S. in 1955 and of Alexander in the Royal Hunt Cup in 1956 were great occasions, while the win of Atlas in the 1956 Doncaster Cup proved to be the first of three triumphs for Her Majesty in the race in a four-year period, with Apprentice taking the race in 1958 and '59.

It turned out that 1957 was a true *annus mirabilis* for the Royal string, which consisted of 21 homebreds with Boyd-Rochfort in Freemason Lodge augmented by a few horses leased from the National Stud and trained by Noel Murless in Warren Place. The monarch leasing horses from the National Stud was a tradition whose roots traced back to 1907 when King Edward VII had leased six yearlings from Colonel Hall Walker (later Lord Wavertree) from Tully Stud in Ireland, which lovely property was later given to the nation to be the National Stud and is now the Irish National Stud. Minoru was one of this sextet, while in later years the habit was revived on the advice of the royal bloodstock manager Captain Charles Moore, with the first batch of yearlings containing both Big Game and Sun Chariot.

Three fillies in particular looked very good in the spring of 1957: the Boyd-Rochfort pair of Mulberry Harbour and Almeria, and the Murless-trained Carozza. Carozza won the Princess

Elizabeth S. at Epsom and Mulberry Harbour took the Cheshire Oaks, but Almeria struggled on the downhill run in the Lingfield Oaks Trial, finishing a disappointing third. Mulberry Harbour and Carozza pressed on to Epsom for the Oaks with, sensibly, Almeria waiting instead for Ascot. At Epsom Harry Carr wore the first colours on Mulberry Harbour, leaving the 21-year-old Lester Piggott to bear a distinguishing white cap on Carozza. Mulberry Harbour ran abysmally to finish last but Carozza landed a thrilling win, holding off the late challenge of the Irish raider Silken Glider by inches. It was the first royal triumph in an Oaks at Epsom (although, of course, Sun Chariot had won a wartime substitute at Newmarket) and the first royal Classic winner at Epsom since Minoru had won the Derby for the Queen's great-grandfather Edward VII in 1909.

At Ascot, Almeria showed her Lingfield form to be all wrong by winning the Ribblesdale S. before beating Irish Derby runner-up Hindu Festival in the Bentinck S. at Goodwood. She then won the Yorkshire Oaks in a canter before taking the Park Hill S. at Doncaster. Carozza failed to repeat the excellence which she had shown at Epsom and was retired after a poor run in the Nassau S. at Goodwood, but Mulberry Harbour bounced back from her Oaks debacle (when it was suspected that she may have been doped) by taking the Newmarket Oaks in the autumn.

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IN DEMAND

First foals at Goffs & Tattersalls sold for

€165,000 bought by Filip Zwicky / York Stud

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Seventy Glorious Years: Part II Cont.

At the end of the season, the Jockey Club handicapper rated Almeria the best 3-year-old filly trained in England, Carozza the second best and Mulberry Harbour the third best. The Queen ended the year as champion owner for a second time, with winnings of £62,211. Eleven of the 21 horses at Freemason Lodge had won a total of 23 races, with Murless providing a further seven victories.

That glorious season would clearly be hard to follow, but the following year, when the Queen finished second in the list of leading owners, contained several more treats even so. The brightest star was the Palestine 3-year-old Pall Mall, who had come to hand early in his 2-year-old season the previous year, winning on debut at Haydock before taking the New (now Norfolk) S. at Royal Ascot. On his resumption in the spring of 1958 he struggled in the heavy ground at Kempton first time out and thus failed to give the Queen a fourth consecutive win in the Kempton Park 2000 Guineas Trial (following Alexander, High Veldt and Doutelle) but then won the Thirsk Classic Trial before, when seemingly his stable's second string, he landed a shock 20-1 victory under Doug Smith in the 2000 Guineas, providing the Queen with her first homebred Classic winner. Smith's presence in the saddle provided a pleasing note of continuity as he had previously won a Classic up the Rowley Mile in the royal silks when guiding Hypericum to victory for King George VI in the 1000 Guineas 12 years earlier. [Cont. p4](#)



The Queen and her racing manager Lord Porchester at Newbury in 1965 | Getty Images

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EXTREME CHOICE COLT BREAKS INGLIS CLASSIC RECORD

A record-breaking Extreme Choice (Aus) colt was knocked down for A\$775,000 to James Harron at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Seventy Glorious Years: Part II Cont.

The following month, Her Majesty enjoyed a Royal Ascot double when Restoration won the King Edward VII S. (then the second most valuable race at the meeting, behind only the Gold Cup) on his racecourse debut and Snow Cat won the Rous Memorial S. At Newmarket's July Meeting, Miner's Lamp, previously winner of the Blue Riband Trial S. at Epsom's Spring Meeting, won the Princess Of Wales's S., in those days the most valuable race run all season on the July Course.

Furthermore, Almeria remained in training as a 4-year-old in 1958 as did Above Board's Prince Chevalier colt Doutelle, who had been the Queen's best colt of 1957, when he had suffered a very rough passage in the Derby after winning the Lingfield Derby Trial. Doutelle got his 4-year-old season off to a great start by winning on his reappearance at Newbury before beating the champion Ballymoss in the Ormonde S. at Chester. In the summer both Almeria and Doutelle lined up in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot and they ran great races, finishing second and third behind Ballymoss, who went on to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in the autumn.

A daughter of Alycidon from the Hyperion mare Avila (who had won the Coronation S. at Royal Ascot in 1949), Almeria subsequently became an excellent broodmare, her produce including 1970 Doncaster Cup winner Magna Carta and 1971

Prix de Psyché heroine Albany, herself the dam of 1979 Queen's Vase winner Buttress. In a tragically short stud career which ended when he died after an accident in his stable in December 1962, Doutelle produced several good horses for the Queen including the 1965 Eclipse S. hero Canisbay.

The 1950s ended with the Queen's run of form continuing. She finished third in the owners' championship in 1959 with two high-class 3-year-old colts making significant contributions, including landing a double at Royal Ascot when Above Suspicion won the St. James's Palace S. and Pindari won the King Edward VII S. Pindari (who was bred on the Classic Derby winner/Oaks winner formula, being by Pinza out of Sun Chariot) subsequently won the Great Voltigeur S. at York. Furthermore, two terrific performances under big weights in handicaps stood out: Agreement, midway between his two Doncaster Cup victories, won the Chester Cup and Pall Mall finished second in the Royal Hunt Cup. It is hard to imagine the previous year's 2000 Guineas winner running in the race nowadays!

That Royal Ascot also included another winner for the Royal Family. Bali Ha'i (NZ) had been given to the Queen Mother when she was on a tour of New Zealand the previous year. She had gone to the races at Trentham on a day when Bali Ha'i won and, on hearing that Her Majesty was admiring the horse, his owner kindly gave him to her. **Cont. p5**

The best by the best: Dubawi's Horse of the Year **GHAIYYATH**, the world's outstanding racehorse of 2020.

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Seventy Glorious Years: Part II Cont.

She brought him back to England and sent him to Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, who prepared him to win the Queen Alexandra S.

The Queen's fortunes waned during the 1960s in tandem with those of Boyd-Rochfort, who was coming to the end of his long and distinguished career. He had been champion trainer in 1958 and finished second in the table in 1959, but in 1960 his horses suffered from a virus for much of the year and he sent out only 13 winners (none owned by the Queen) from a string of nearly 60. Happily, things picked up a bit and royal winners from Freemason Lodge during the decade included Canisbay, successful in the Wood Ditton S. at Newmarket in 1964 and the Eclipse S. at Sandown in 1965; Apprentice and Gaulois, who landed successive Goodwood Cup victories in 1965 and '66, with the former having already taken that year's Yorkshire Cup; Impudent and Amicable, winners of the Lingfield Oaks Trial S. in 1961 and '63 respectively; and Hypericum's daughter Highlight, successful in the Ash S. at Kempton Park in 1961.

Arguably the best horse raced by the Queen in the 1960s was Hopeful Venture, a son of Aureole who was bred by the National Stud, from which he was leased by the Queen and sent to Noel Murless in Warren Place. He proved to be a wonderful trouper. As a 3-year-old in 1967 he won the Wood Ditton S. at Newmarket, the Grosvenor S. at Chester, the Princess of Wales's S. at Newmarket and the Oxforshire S. at Newbury. He also finished second in both the King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot and the St. Leger. The following year he won the Ormonde S. at Chester, the Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot and the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, beating a top-class field which included the subsequent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Vaguely Noble.

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The Queen and her sister Princess Margaret leading a party riding to Ascot racecourse in 1969 | Getty Images



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A new trainer was added to the royal roster when Captain Peter Hastings-Bass received half of the Queen's intake of yearlings in the autumn of 1963 at Park House Stables in Kingsclere, near Polhampton Lodge Stud, on which the Queen had taken a lease the previous year to replace the old royal stud at Hampton Court. Kingsclere has been home to many of the Queen's horses ever since. Tragically, Peter Hastings-Bass died from cancer, aged only 43, the following year. The Queen remained a patron of the stable as Hastings-Bass's assistant Ian Balding (who later married Captain Hastings-Bass's daughter Emma) took over, as she subsequently also did when Balding handed over to his son Andrew in 2003. The connection with the family was further strengthened when Captain Hastings-Bass's son William (now Lord Huntingdon) started training in Newmarket in 1977 after having served as assistant trainer to Noel Murless, and he subsequently occupied the royal stables at West Ilsley through the 1990s.

One of the first horses whom William Hastings-Bass trained for Her Majesty was Australia Fair (Aus), a daughter of Without Fear (Fr) who was given to the Queen by the Australian nation as a Silver Jubilee present. Disappointingly, neither she nor her offspring achieved anything of note in the royal colours, but she did breed the high-class sprint handicapper Double Blue, a son

of the Town Crier stallion Town And Country, whom the Queen's long-term racing manager, the 7th Earl of Carnarvon (formerly Lord Porchester), was standing at Highclere Stud. To continue a long-running family connection and friendship, the late 7th Earl of Carnarvon's son-in-law John Warren succeeded him in 2001 as the Queen's racing manager, a position which he holds to this day.

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Heider Family Stables Cont. from p1

We are very excited about this talented young mare from a deeply productive Niarchos family.

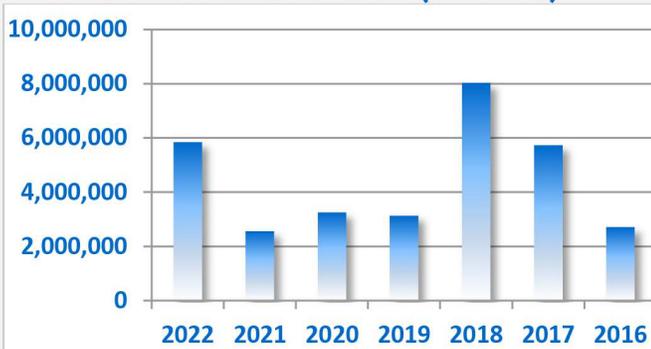
AMSER (GB) (m, 8, Frankel {GB})--Clepsydra {GB}, by Sadler's Wells), to be bred to Siyouni (Fr)

Amser was acquired in 2020 from Juddmonte Farms. [Cont. p7](#)



WEEKLY SALES INDEX

TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY SALE (GUINEAS)



“The Tattersalls February Sale returned to an in-person format this week after being staged as an online sale last year, and returned a record median and its second-highest ever turnover and average. The hot trade was fueled by substantial offerings from Shadwell and Godolphin that accounted for the top 13 prices.”

- Kelsey Riley

Year	Cat	Ring	Sold	%w/d	%s/r	%s/c	Gross (gns)	Ave (gns)
2022	490	384	328	21.6%	85.4%	66.9%	5,849,100	17,833
2021	498	292	219	41.4%	75.0%	44.0%	2,564,400	11,710
2020	401	305	264	34.0%	86.6%	65.9%	3,260,300	12,350
2019	464	346	294	25.5%	85.0%	66.0%	3,139,000	10,677
2018	446	360	299	19.2%	83.0%	67.0%	8,037,150	26,880
2017	488	377	338	22.7%	89.7%	69.3%	5,735,200	16,968
2016	387	306	251	20.9%	82.0%	64.8%	2,718,800	10,832

2022 Mating Plans: Heider Family Stables Cont.

This young **Frankel** mare is a half-sister to Group I winners Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar) and Passage of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}), the latter the dam of new sire Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Clepsydra's half-sister Double Crossed (GB) (Caerleon) is the dam of champion Twice Over (GB) (Observatory) and her half-sister Sacred Shield (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) is the dam of 2020 GI Matriarch S, winner Viadera (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**). Amser travels to France this year and will be covered by French champion sire Siyouni (Fr) who is an amazing stallion. Amser is Sadlers Wells 3x2. This mating with Siyouni brings in an additional strain of Northern Dancer through the influential Danehill.



Pista will visit Dubawi this spring | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

A NEW DAWN (IRE) (Zoffany {Ire}--Simply A Star {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway), to be bred to Wootton Bassett (GB)

Multiple group placed A New Dawn was trained for us by young Joseph O'Brien. Acquired privately from our friends at Coolmore, we are thankful to have a granddaughter of Cherry Hinton (GB) (Green Desert) in our broodmare band. A New Dawn had her first foal in January, a beautiful daughter by **Kingman (GB)**. The Urban Sea line tends to not be overly large in size, so we are thoughtful on proper matings. A New Dawn is booked this season to **Wootton Bassett (GB)**, a stud we believe will be one of the pre-eminent stallions in all of Europe for a long time coming. He reminds us

of Into Mischief here in the States. **Cont. p8**



Alayna Cullen stopped in at the Irish National Stud to discuss its two new recruits: Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) (left) and Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) with the Irish National Stud's Conor Hyland.

2022 Mating Plans: Heider Family Stables Cont.

MY GENERATION (f, 4, Speightstown--Louvakhova, by Maria's Mon) to be bred to Wootton Bassett (GB)

An Irish stakes winner last year at age three for Joseph, My Generation is a half-sister to our Group III-winning colt Crossfirehurricane (Kitten's Joy) and a half-sister to the dam of recent New York multiple stakes winner Jack and Noah (Fr) (Bated Breath {GB}). A deep European family, Louvakhova is a half-sister to French champion and Breeders' Cup-winning mare Flotilla (Mizzen Mast). My Generation is one of the prettiest and most well-balanced fillies we've bred. She is booked this season to budding superstar Wootton Bassett (GB), giving us Gone West 4x3. It's a terrific physical match, as well.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

INSPIRAL THRIVING THROUGH THE WINTER

Cartier Champion 2-Year-Old Filly **Inspiral (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, who is unbeaten in four starts to date, is in good form according to Cheveley Park Stud Director Richard Thompson. Trained by John and Thady Gosden, the bay won at first asking at Newmarket in June, and added another victory to her win column in the Listed Star S. at Sandown on July 22.



Co-trainer Thady Gosden | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

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Jumping up to group company on Sept. 9, Inspiral added the G2 May Hill S. before signing off on her 2-year-old campaign with a 2 1/2-length win in the G1 Fillies' Mile back at HQ on Oct. 8. A run in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas is on her radar on May 1.

"Inspiral is in good form and it's just a question of whether she goes straight to the Guineas or goes for one of the trials beforehand," Thompson said. "That is obviously still up in the air, but at the moment all is good and it's all positive, I believe.

"We're on countdown to the Guineas now. It will be totally down to John and Thady to decide what is the best route to take."

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LISTED WINNER ADDED TO IWTW ONLINE AUCTION

Chataignier (Fr) (Sri Putra {GB}), who won the Listed Prix Camille Dubosc over jumps at Pau, has been added to the first **online auction** conducted by I Want The Winner. A winner on the Flat, Chataignier was trained initially by Edouard Monfort, and he then joined jumping trainer Gabriel Leenders. "He is a high quality horse, ready to go hurdling overseas," said Leenders.

Slated for Feb. 9 from 4-5 p.m. French time, the auction also features the winning AQPS **Ip Up (Fr) (Secret Singer {Fr})** and the maiden winner **Joviale Bere (Fr) (Pedro The Great)**. **Cont. p9**



Chataignier | I Want The Winner

Chataignier Cont.

Said Valentin Adam of I Want The Winner, “We are pleased to promote these quality horses and I wish to thank owners and trainers for their confidence. The team at www.iwantthewinner.com remain at your disposal for any assistance and information needed on the horses. I invite potential bidders to complete their agreement application online.”

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BRITAIN

Sunday's Results:

3rd-Kempton, £7,000, Novice, 2-6, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:27.20, st/sl.

TRANQUIL NIGHT (GB) (g, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Serene Beauty, by Street Cry {Ire}), successful over this course and distance Jan. 12, stalked the front pair throughout the early stages. Seizing control approaching the furlong marker, the 10-11 favourite stayed on strongly under hands and heels to prevail by two lengths from Carpe Fortuna (Ire) (Camacho {GB}). The dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by New Approach (Ire) and a yearling filly by Masar (Ire), is a full-sister to the G3 Sweet Solera S. winner Discourse, who in turn produced three black-type scorers including the G3 Jebel Ali Mile winner Blown by Wind (GB) also by Invincible Spirit. She is also a half to the GI Blue Grass S. hero Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus) and to the dams of the GI Ashland S. winner Out for a Spin (**Hard Spun**) and the G1 Prince of Wales's S. hero Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$11,133.

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

1st-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 2-6, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:15.11, st/sl.

KING OF JUNGLE (IRE) (c, 3, Bungle Inthejungle {GB}--Ayr Missile {GB}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), sent off the 11-2 second favourite, missed the break but enjoyed a perfect spot tracking the leading duo on the fence. Sent up the inner of Aphelios (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) to take command with half a furlong to race, the chestnut asserted to win comfortably by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a full-brother to the G2 Lowther S. scorer Living In the Past (Ire), GSW-Eng, \$187,555. The dam, whose 2-year-old colt also by Bungle Inthejungle sold for €62,000 to McKeever Bloodstock at the Goffs Orby, is a half to the G3 Cornwallis S. runner-up Outer Space (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) and to the dam of the G2 Mill Reef S. winner Alkumait (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). This is also the family of last year's G3 Marble Hill S. scorer and G1 Middle Park S. runner-up Castle Star (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**). Sales history: £100,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,115.

O-Mr P K Siu; B-Newlands House Stud & Mrs A M Burns (IRE); T-Ed Walker.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

1st-Pau, €18,000, 2-6, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.40, sl.

TRANSCENDENTAL (FR) (f, 4, Goken {Fr}--Softlanding {Ire}, by Nashwan) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-3, €35,480. O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Haras De La Huderie (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. *€3,000 Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €5,000 Ylg '19 ARQNOV.



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**IN UAE:**

Castlebar (Ire), g, 4, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Aimhirgin Lass (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Meydan, 2-6, Hcp. (AED95k), 1900mT, 1:54.28. O-Fahad Mohammed Aloraini. B-Irish National Stud (Ire). T-Helal Alalawi. *€460,000 Ylg '19 GOF OCT.

Perfect Balance (Ire), g, 4, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Winter Queen (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Meydan, 2-6, Hcp. (AED82.5k), 1600m, 1:39.91. O-Desert Rose Racing. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Bhupat Seemar.

Kaheall (GB), g, 4, **Muhaarar (GB)**--If So (GB), by Iffraaj (GB). Meydan, 2-6, Hcp. (AED87.5k), 1600mT, 1:36.37. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Foursome Thoroughbreds (GB). T-Salem bin Ghadayer. *100,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.

Jadwal (GB), g, 4, **Mustajeeb (GB)**--Atab (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). Meydan, 2-6, Hcp. (AED95k), 1200mT, 1:10.49. O-Shadwell. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (GB). T-Doug Watson.

One Idea (GB), g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Rose Diamond (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Daylami (Ire). Meydan, 2-6, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 1600mT, 1:37.37. O/B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum (GB). T-Doug Watson. *1/2 to Real Smart (Smart Strike), GSW-US, \$188,917.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

TOKYO SHIMBUN HAI-G3, ¥78,120,000, Tokyo, 2-6, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.30, fm.

1--**ELUSIVE PANTHER (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, by **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Elusive Cat (Jpn)**, by **King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Red Cat**, by **Storm Cat**

3rd Dam: **Lady Sharp (Fr)**, by **Sharpman (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (¥40,000,000 Ylg '19

JRHAJUL). O-Tsunefumi Kusama; B-Oiwake Farm (Jpn); T-Takashi Kubota; J-Hironobu Tanabe. ¥41,574,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Fine Rouge (Jpn)**, 121, f, 4, Kizuna (Jpn)--Passion Rouge (Jpn), by Boston Harbor. (¥33,000,000 Wlg '18 JRHAJUL). O-Genichi Mutsui; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,164,000.

3--**Karate (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, To the Glory (Jpn)--Lady no Punch (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Hikaru Odagiri; B-Yasuhiro Nakachi (Jpn); ¥10,082,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 2. Odds: 4.30, 2.30, 3.10.

Also Ran: Curren Strauss (Jpn), Donna Attraente (Jpn), A Shin Chiller (Jpn), World Barows (Jpn), Cathedral (Jpn), Aoi Creator (Jpn), Velox (Jpn), Dirndl (Jpn), Ho O Amazon (Jpn), Cadence Call (Jpn), Taurus Gemini (Jpn), Maltese Diosa (Jpn).

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

KISARAGI SHO-G3, ¥76,570,000, Chukyo, 2-6, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:00.50, gd.

1--**MATENRO LEO (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Saratoga Venus (Jpn)**, by **Brian's Time**

2nd Dam: **Lady Danzig**, by **Danzig**

3rd Dam: **Lady's Secret**, by **Secretariat**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Chiyono Terada; B-Inoke Farm (Jpn); T-Mitsugu Kon; J-Norihiro Yokoyama. ¥40,399,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Dante's View (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Crow Canyon (Jpn), by French Deputy. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,114,000.

3--**Meisho Gekirin (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Kizuna (Jpn)--Meisho Suzuran (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Mishima Bokujo (Jpn); ¥10,057,000.

Margins: NO, 1HF, NK. Odds: 3.00, 3.10, 26.70.

Also Ran: Ask Wild More (Jpn), Strong Will (Jpn), Foursquare (Jpn), Tosen Vanno (Jpn), Serket (Jpn), Air Anemoi, Shonan Magma (Jpn).

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EXTREME CHOICE COLT BREAKS INGLIS CLASSIC RECORD



Extreme Choice colt is the top lot | *Inglis*

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A record-breaking opening session of the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale saw over \$26 million traded and a new record mark of \$775,000 set for an Extreme Choice colt purchased by James Harron from the draft of Bell River Thoroughbreds.

At A Glance:

- The Day 1 average soared to \$127,271, up \$26,000 on the first day last year, while a record day's trade saw \$26,345,000 in sales (up from \$22.2 million last year), with a median of \$110,000 (\$80,000) and a clearance rate of 85% (92%).
- Newgate stallions led the way in terms of total spend with Capitalist (12 sold) and Russian Revolution (13 sold) both on \$2.125 million, and average with Extreme Choice (four sold) on \$308,750.
- Kavanagh Racing stepped up as the day's biggest spender, with \$1.49 million spent across 12 lots, ahead of James Harron Bloodstock, with \$1.36 million spent across three purchases.
- Newgate continued its strong start to the 2022 sales season with \$2.635 million in Day 1 sales across 17 lots, with Sledmere Stud second on \$2.1 million.

- Bell River Thoroughbreds was the leading vendor by average, on \$240,833 across its six sales, which included the sale-topper, the Extreme Choice colt purchased by James Harron Bloodstock Colt Partnership.
- Bon Ho struck late in the session to secure a Deep Field colt for \$550,000, while Baystone secured an I Am Invincible colt on behalf of Ultra Thoroughbreds for \$480,000.

Harron on the Bell for Extreme Colt

A price of \$775,000 smashed the highest price paid at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale when an Extreme Choice colt from Murtle Turtle (Murtajill) stepped off centre stage at the Riverside complex in what has proved to be a perfectly executed plan by Bell River Thoroughbreds' Ferguson family.

James Harron Bloodstock's colt partnership went well past the previous record, the \$625,000 paid for the Capitalist colt, the unraced Capital Theatre, from the Kitchwin Hills draft to George Moore Bloodstock and Team Moore Racing, last year.

It was an outstanding return on the \$220,000 that Bevan Smith and Ferguson Bloodstock had paid for the colt at the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale last year, when offered by Kenmore Lodge.

"It's really exciting, it's really rewarding," said James Ferguson immediately after the sale of Lot 100 to James Harron was sealed.



Team Bell River celebrate | *Inglis*



Yarns With Gus: Gus Roland is joined by Gary Portelli, Bevan Smith and Jock Ferguson to discuss the first day of selling at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, after a massive pinhook result to top the day and strong competition putting buyers under pressure.

"We all know that we all work hard and put in the hours to get these results but to pull off a plan that we had in place, not only for me and the family itself, but the staff that we have at home also, they're the backbone of our business," added Ferguson.

"Mum (Georgie) did the shortlist and I remember I was still at home, then when I got there off the farm she said there's only one that I want to buy and that was him," Ferguson said. "She told me she knew that in the first two strides of seeing him."

The colt's dam, Murtle Turtle, was twice stakes-placed and has produced three winners, Hurtle (Capitalist), Time For Love, (Deep Field) and the recent Warwick Farm winner California Deeply (Deep Field).

Murtle Turtle, who produced a Shalaa (Ire) colt last year before visiting Pierro, now resides at Merricks Station, who purchased her for \$180,000 in 2021.

Choice Option

But it was the sire which attracted Harron, with Lot 100 one of just 14 colts from the third crop of Champion First-Season Sire, Extreme Choice.

Extreme Choice's remarkable start to his career has seen him produce six stakes winners from just 33 runners to date, highlighted by G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Stay Inside.

"There are very few of them around and we really wanted to add one to the group for our colts partnership. We had a good look at him, I was really impressed by the horse and I am delighted to get him," said Harron.

"You start to learn about certain breeds and I think he was very typical of what we have seen of the good Extreme Choices. He had a really masculine head, fantastic depth of girth, medium size, but a very good-moving horse.

"He's got a wonderful attitude and that's all you keep hearing

from people about the good Extreme Choices, just how wonderful their attitudes are. Not A Single Doubts, his sire, were also very unflappable types of horses and trainers love them."

Harron said the colt could have gone to any sale in Australia and done very well.

"The fact that they've brought him here, I guess it was nearly a full circle for them, having bred, offered and sold Extreme Choice here (at Classic), so I am sure it was part of their plan to get back here where they've had that success," Harron said.

Harron also purchased the third highest-priced lot of the day, with his colt partnership going to \$375,000 to secure Lot 122, a colt by Capitalist from the draft of Newgate.

Harron purchased Capitalist himself as a yearling and has proven quite the fan of his early crops, buying nine yearlings across 2020 and 2021.

This colt is out of the three-time winner Onemoretequila (Onemorenomore), a daughter of listed winner Tequila Knowledge (Knowledge) out of the family of Italian Champion Mariella (GB) (Sir Gaylord {USA}).

Harron also paid \$210,000 by another sire he had purchased as a yearling, Pariah, with Lot 211 a colt offered by Redbank North/Huntworth Stud out of the prolific winner Rose Of Falvelon (Falvelon).

Growth Upon Growth

Inglis CEO-Bloodstock Sales, Sebastian Hutch, said the record start to the sale had been very satisfying and was growth that was hard to imagine possible given it comes on the back of 23% growth at last year's Classic Sale.

"There were some really important horses sold today, obviously a new record price for the sale and that was a particular objective for the sale," he said. "We felt like we could break the record."



Newgate's Jim Carey | Inglis



Sebastian Hutch | Inglis

He added, "Fundamentally, you're just happy to see people who support the sale achieve some fantastic results and similarly have, almost without exclusion, all the biggest names in Australian racing participating at the buying side of things."

The clearance rate sat at around 85% at the close of play but Hutch expected that to rise significantly as buyers looked for opportunities. He added the momentum from Classic 2021 was coming through.

"From a pragmatic perspective, to achieve any growth in this sale with the same number of horses again, on the back of the year when you've grown 23.6% was going to be difficult. But at this stage, we're on track for genuinely significant growth in the sale again. It's a tremendous compliment to where the market sits."

Hutch made special mention of the record breaking Extreme Choice lot from Bell River Thoroughbreds.

"The Bell River draft is a very significant draft for this sale. They have a great history with Inglis and it just seemed very fateful that they'd have an Extreme Choice colt that they'd bring to Classic with their best-ever draft at this sale with the stallion having demonstrated himself to be a special stallion," he said.

"Having sold the horse themselves as a yearling and him going on to be a super star racehorse and a super star stallion and to now have a colt of his break a record at Classic, that took a huge amount of faith on their part to support the sale in that manner."

Bon Bids for Classique Repeat

Bon Ho secured The Everest winner Classique Legend (Not A Single Doubt) out of this sale five years ago, paying the top price of \$400,000 and he was forced to edge to \$550,000 to secure the one he liked most this time around, Lot 263, a Deep Field colt from the draft of Newgate Farm.

Ho has been a major spender across Australian yearling sales

in the past few years. With Deep Field proving such a success in his home base of Hong Kong, he won out in a determined battle, with the colt to be trained in Australia by Will Freedman.

"He was the best-looking horse at the sale for me and there were some very good trainers as underbidders so I'm very pleased to get him. He was recommended to me by William Freedman, so he will be trained by William," he said.

"The market is very hot, the good-looking horses fetch a very good price. It's very good for the vendors but for the buyers like myself, we have to pay more than our budget for the better ones," he said.

Ho's Legend Racing had paid \$650,000 for Group 3-winning 3-year-old Tiger Heart (Better Than Ready) at the Magic Millions Online Sale on Thursday and took its weekly spend into the seven-figure range, with \$550,000 on this colt and another \$220,000 on a Dundee (NZ) colt, Lot 225, in partnership with Avenue Bloodstock.

The Deep Field colt, bred by SF Bloodstock and Hollymount Stud, is out of multiple stakes winner Spellbinder (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), who was also Group 1-placed and has produced the recent winner Spellcatcher (Extreme Choice).

Spellbinder was purchased by Newgate for \$200,000 in 2018 and had a Tassort colt last year before returning to the same stallion.

Stallion Ambitions with Vinnie Colt

Baystone's Dean Harvey purchased the top-priced I Am Invincible colt on the opening day, with Lot 140, who was offered by Yarraman Park Stud, headed to Victoria to Troy Corstens, secured for \$480,000.

Harvey was buying as part of a partnership with Sean Buckley's Ultra Racing with a long-term view to the colt's potential as a stallion.



Deep Field colt, lot 263 | Inglis

"He's (Buckley) got Shamus Award going really well at the moment, and he's looking for other colts to suit some fillies by Shamus Award," Harvey said.

"He's by the premier stallion in the country from a great family, so he fit the bill exactly for what he is looking for."

Lot 140 is out of Pierro mare, Pierro Moss, who is an unraced daughter of listed winner Upon This Rock (Fastnet Rock). She is a blood-sister to Group 1 winner Comin' Through and is closely related to multiple Group 1 winner Criterion (NZ) as well as Kingstar Farm stallion Bull Point.

"Troy Corstens will train him," Harvey confirmed. "He'll head off to Kolora Lodge in Queensland, make the trip up there, get broken in and come home and start off with Troy. Hopefully we are winning the Millennium next year."

This colt was bred by Gall Bloodstock, who were the original owners of his sire, I Am Invincible, who was purchased out of this Sale in 2006. They secured Pierro Moss for \$80,000 through the Inglis Australian Broodmare Sale in 2019.

It was Baystone's only purchase of the day in its own name, although it did pay \$90,000 for a Maurice (Jpn) filly, Lot 156, in partnership with Paul Preusker.

"It's been really strong, I expected it to be strong after the first sale in January, it was always going to follow on from that. They are well sought after, the top lots, and it carries through to the middle market," Harvey said.

Ridgmont and Ryan Make Their Mark

A new vendor met an emerging buyer for the day's top-priced filly, Lot 215, with Blake Ryan Racing paying \$360,000 for an **American Pharoah** (USA) filly out of Snitzel mare Royal Fashion, the first offering from Ridgmont Farm.

Director Andrew Dunemann said the farm's first sale could not have gone much better.

"It was awesome, getting \$360,000 for our first-ever horse was pretty exciting. There were a lot of illustrious underbidders as well," Dunemann said.

"I just hope now the horse can go and put Blake on the map as a trainer. He's a good guy and a great horseman and I know he'll be selling shares in it.

"You don't get a better physical than what she was. If she can't run, you probably give the game away."

The filly, whose dam, Royal Fashion, was Group 3-placed and is a half-sister to stakes winner Alpine Eagle and Every Faith (Not A Single Doubt), was very popular.

"She had 30 X-ray hits and she was out at least 200 times over the five days and averaged 55 inspections on the last three days," Dunemann said. "You look at her and she was just basically a Snitzel. A lot of people came down and said she was the best-looking Snitzel they'd seen in a long time."

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Ryan, who specced the filly on his strong impression, said the purchase of Lot 215 felt like a statement for his stable.

"I came here and I saw her and I thought I don't want to go home without her," he said.

"A young trainer like me, I need a sharp filly that is hopefully going to put us on the map and get us there early, hopefully, she can be a Gimcrack or Millennium filly next year."

Day 2 of the Inglis Classic Sale starts at 10 a.m. (AEDT) on Monday.

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