

## TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR FEB. 8



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by T.D. Thornton

We're inside the three-month mark to the GI Kentucky Derby. The Top 12 portfolio has been re-balanced by culling highly rated contenders who have yet to post published workouts in 2022. So 'TDN Rising Stars' **Corniche (Quality Road)** and **Jack Christopher (Munnings)** are out, and new shooters who emerged from this past weekend's trio of stakes have rushed forward to fill the gap. Nature abhors a vacuum--and so do Derby lists.

**1) SMILE HAPPY (c, Runhappy--Pleasant Smile, by Pleasant Tap) 'TDN Rising Star'** O-Lucky Seven Stable. B-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC (KY). T-Kenneth G. McPeck. Sales History: \$175,000 wlg '19 KEENOV; \$185,000 ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$284,810. Last Start: 1st GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Next Start: GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 19. KY Derby Points: 10.

'TDN Rising Star' Smile Happy, the highest-priced of 45 Runhappy yearlings to sell at auction in 2020 (\$185,000 FTKSEL), remains on target to headline the Feb. 19 GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds. This past Saturday, this physically imposing colt tracked and blew by an unraced workmate in a :59.52 five-eighths breeze (2/24) at Gulfstream Park.

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## FASIG WINTER MIXED SALE KICKS OFF TUESDAY by Christie DeBernardis

The Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, which was pushed back a day due to a late-week ice storm in the Lexington area, kicks off its two-day run Tuesday, with sessions starting at 10 a.m. The first 300 hips sell Tuesday with an additional 308 horses, several of which were supplemental entries, going under the hammer Wednesday. The auction is well-timed, just one week before the Feb. 15 opening of the breeding sheds.

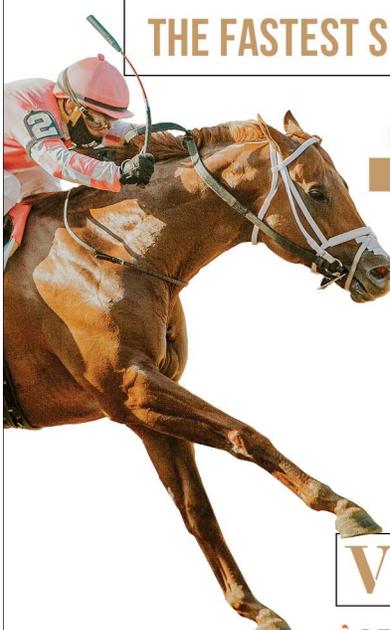
"It is really hard to ever compare February sales from year-to-year just because of the nature of it," Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning said. "It is not a select sale. It seems to me that we have a lot of quality this year both in terms of the quality of mares that are in foal, as well as the racing/broodmare prospects. One area that we are better in this year than probably ever is the quality of the short yearlings." **Cont. p3**

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## Fasig Winter Mixed Sale Kicks off Tuesday

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Browning continued, “It feels like a good catalogue as I have been through it and studied it. The consignors are confident that they are bringing better horses than they normally have in February. The market is strong, so we expect a good sale.”



Fasig-Tipton

The breeding stock market was exceptionally strong during the November sales and numbers were still up during last month's Keeneland January Sale. Consignors are hoping to see that momentum continue into the February sale, which is the last breeding stock sale before the start of 2-year-old sales season.

“We are certainly hoping the momentum from last year carries forward into this year,” said Jill Gordon, who leads her first consignment under her new banner Highgate Sales, run in partnership with Jacob West. “I think there are a lot of people that got shut out that wanted to buy broodmare prospects or broodmares from active families. For stud farms and for breeders alike, this is kind of their last stop shop before the shed opens to fill orders and we are hoping that drives the market a little bit.”

Last year's Fasig February Sale was topped by the **Ghostzapper** mare Beloveda, who brought \$510,000 from Gainesway carrying a foal by **Street Sense**. Racing/broodmare prospect Saguaro Row (**Union Rags**) was just behind her, bringing \$500,000 from Catherine Hudson.

A total of 425 horses changed hands at last year's Winter Mixed Sale for a total of \$12,506,700, an average of \$29,428 and a median of \$10,000.

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## NEW BLOOD IN LANE'S END STUD BARN

by Katie Petrunyak



Click here for our visit with Lexitonian (pictured) and Code of Honor at Lane's End Farm

Two new stallions, both debut winners as juveniles who went on to become Grade I victors, have joined the Lane's End roster for 2022. **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}--Reunited, by Dixie Union) and **Lexitonian** (Speightstown--Riviera Romper, by Tapit) will stand for a fee of \$10,000 in their first year at stud.

"Code of Honor and **Lexitonian** are sound, consistent young horses and they both give breeders a chance to breed to Grade I-winning sires with fair, introductory prices and super pedigrees," Lane's End Farm's Bill Farish explained. "They've both had a lot of breeders come look at them and I think people have been really impressed. **Lexitonian** is more of a **Speightstown**-type horse. He's very strongly made and more of a sprinter type, whereas **Code of Honor** has a little more length to him that I think has surprised people."

Farish discussed the book of mares that each stallion compiled for their first year and talked about the key factors that have encouraged breeders to support the new sires.

For **Code of Honor** in particular, Farish emphasized the wide variety of mares that he attracted.

"He got a very interesting cross section of mares," he explained. "Being by Noble Mission but also a dirt horse, it really presents breeders with an interesting dilemma because you think, 'Do you breed him to a dirt mare or a turf mare?' We're kind of taking the approach that he can have success with both. [Physically] he has some of the finer qualities of Noble Mission, but with being so successful on the dirt, he has a little bit of a different look than most of Noble Mission's turf runners."

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“Again, it was kind of a cross section of mares,” he noted. “If you run some of them through a nicking software they don’t come out so well because breeding an A.P. Indy mare to a Sadler’s Wells-line stallion hasn’t been tried very much yet, but we think with this horse and his affinity for dirt, it should have a good chance of working.”

A homebred for W.S. Farish and the son of GIII Thoroughbred Club of America S. winner Reunited (Dixie Union), **Code of Honor** trained under Shug McGaughey throughout his four-year career. A debut winner at two, the colt ran second in the GI Champagne S. despite stumbling at the start. Early in his sophomore season, he won the GII Fountain of Youth S., finished third in the GI Florida Derby and then was runner-up in the GI Kentucky Derby. Over his sophomore summer, the chestnut reeled off consecutive scores in the GIII Dwyer S., GI Travers S. and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S.



Lane’s End’s GI Travers hero **Code of Honor** | Sarah Andrew

“He was a phenomenal racehorse and is one you dream about getting,” Farish said. “The Travers was a real thrill for mom and dad, obviously, and it’s great for the farm to get him back here as a stallion prospect.”

**Code of Honor** remained in training at four and five, collecting victories in the GIII Westchester S. and GIII Philip H. Iselin S. while also placing in the GI Metropolitan H., GII Kelso H., GI Clark S. and GII Hagyard Fayette S. He retired with earnings of almost \$3 million.

“He was a gutsy, gutsy racehorse and he had an amazingly efficient stride,” Farish said. “He was a horse that brought it every day to his training and his races. I think that’s something we’ll see in his offspring. Any time we have a homebred come back here as a stallion, it’s very exciting, but to have a homebred end up being a multiple Grade I winner and a Travers winner is the ultimate achievement.”

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Lane’s End’s second new addition **Lexitonian** is a homebred for Calumet Farm.

“Lexitonian is a really exciting horse for us,” Farish said. “He’s our first son of **Speightstown**. He exhibited amazing consistency throughout his career. Brad Kelley at Calumet has entrusted us to stand him and we’re really excited to have him.”

Another debut winner at two, **Lexitonian** won the GIII Chick Lang S. and Concern S. as a 3-year-old, also placing in the GII Phoenix S. at Keeneland. At four, the chestnut was second by a nose to Collusion Illusion (**Twirling Candy**) in the GI Bing Crosby S. Returning for his 5-year-old season, he was a close second in the GI Churchill Downs S. on the Kentucky Derby undercard and then scored his signature victory in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga.

“His race in the Vanderbilt really stands out as an incredible win,” Farish said. “You’re there at Saratoga in a field of Grade I winners, including a champion in Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect), so it was a big, big day for him. To come out on top in that field was impressive and stamped him as a stallion prospect.”

**Lexitonian** was purchased in utero by Calumet for \$310,000. The son of a winning **Tapit** mare, his second dam Swap Fliparoo (Exchange Rate) won the 2006 GI Test S.

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“With **Lexitonian** being from the Gone West line as a son of **Speightstown** crossed with **Tapit** on the bottom side, it’s that magic cross of the A.P. Indy line with the Mr. Prospector line,” Farish explained. “It’s one of the things that really attracted us to him in the beginning and then for his granddam to be a Grade I winner really adds to it.”

In addition to the support the new stallion will receive from Lane’s End, Farish noted that Calumet will be sending over 20 mares to **Lexitonian** in his first year.

“Lexitonian is getting a tremendous amount of support from Calumet, but he’s also getting a tremendous amount of interest from breeders. Breeders love him physically. They’re really impressed with him as an individual. He’s a speedy, good-looking son of **Speightstown** and that’s very appealing to the market.”

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## MEDINA SPIRIT'S DERBY DRUG POSITIVE HEARING REPORTEDLY POSTPONED

by T.D. Thornton

A long-awaited Feb. 7 Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) stewards' hearing regarding Medina Spirit's positive test result for betamethasone in the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby reportedly got postponed from Monday to the following week.

After a wait of 283 days since the alleged infraction, Monday's hearing involving trainer Bob Baffert apparently has been rescheduled for Feb. 14.

WLKY-TV in Kentucky first broke the news of the non-hearing and its new date.

TDN attempted to confirm the report by sending emails to KHRC chief state steward Barbara Borden, KHRC executive director Marc Guilfoil, and Baffert's attorney, W. Craig Robertson III, asking each to explain the reason for the postponement.

None of those queries yielded replies prior to deadline for this story. The email to Borden was forwarded to a spokesperson for Kentucky's Public Protection Cabinet, who replied with the same boilerplate response that the KHRC has been issuing to the media for over a week now on this subject: “The KHRC is bound by regulation from providing information about the stewards' hearing prior to the issuance of a stewards' ruling.”

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**Speightster** (**Speightstown**--Dance Swifty, by Danzig), who arrived late last month at Northern Dawn Farm in Hillsburgh, Ontario, to stand the 2022 breeding season, was euthanized Feb. 6 after suffering a severe injury to a hind leg while in his stall. *Canadian Thoroughbred* was first to break the news.



**Speightster** | Sarah Andrew

A '**TDN Rising Star**', Speightster won his first three career races, including a defeat of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero Texas Red (Afleet Alex) in the GIII Dwyer S. and entered stud in 2017 at his owner's WinStar Farm. From two crops of racing age, Speightster is the sire of 90 winners--including 70 from his initial crop to the races--and five black-type winners. Among them were Dreaming of Drew and Aubrieta, both of which won stakes races at Woodbine.

*Canadian Thoroughbred* reported that Speightster, who was purchased to stand in the province by Jay and Christine Hayden, has been the subject of great interest from local breeders since his acquisition was announced last month.

Speightster's female family includes Sam-Son Fam luminaries Smart Strike and Dance Smartly, among others.

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## 312 EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS

A total of 312 sophomores were nominated for this year's Triple Crown series at the early nomination deadline of Jan. 29. The number of early nominations slipped 4.3%, or 14 horses, from last year's total of 326.

The nominated group is led by Grade I winners **Corniche (Quality Road)**, **Jack Christopher (Munnings)**, **Pinehurst (Twirling Candy)** and **Rattle N Roll (Connect)**.

**Echo Zulu (Gun Runner)**, winner of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and likely 2-year-old champion female, is one of six fillies made eligible for the Triple Crown. Nominees also include a record 21 horses based in Japan, along with two based in Europe and one from Dubai.

Todd Pletcher led all trainers with 42 horses nominated to the Triple Crown, followed by Brad Cox (26), Chad Brown (23), Steve Asmussen (20) and Bob Baffert (18).

Baffert is suspended by Churchill Downs Inc. from competing in the 2022 Kentucky Derby.

Anthony Manganaro's Siena Farm is involved in partnerships with 24 horses--12 with the SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine M. Donovan, Golconda Stable and Stonestreet Stables LLC conglomerate and another dozen in partnership with WinStar Farm and others--to lead all owners.

**Gun Runner** led all sires with 16 Triple Crown nominations followed by Into Mischief (14), **Quality Road** (12) and **Tapit** (11).

There are 250 Kentucky-breds, which represents 80.1% of the nominees. Other states and countries represented are Japan (17), New York (14), Florida (13), Pennsylvania (4), California (3), Canada (3), Ireland (3), Louisiana (2), Maryland (2) and Illinois (1).

Horses not nominated during the early phase can be made eligible online at [www.TheTripleCrown.com](http://www.TheTripleCrown.com) with a \$6,000 late payment due by Mar. 28.

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## BELMONT STAKES TICKETS ON SALE FEB. 10

Tickets for the 2022 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival will go on sale Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. via Ticketmaster.com. Capacity for the June 11 GI Belmont S. card will be 50,000 fans.

Fewer general admission tickets will be available for the festival following the construction of the UBS Arena, which reduced the size of the Belmont Park backyard.

The capacity of Belmont Park is expected to expand in future years following the completion of a significant capital improvement project that will provide spectator access to the infield. In January, NYRA received the required New York State approvals to construct vehicular and pedestrian tunnels to unlock the Belmont Park infield for a variety of uses, including to accommodate fans during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival.

"The Belmont Stakes Racing Festival is a celebration of the best of Thoroughbred racing, and we look forward to the return of fans in large numbers following last year's considerable restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said NYRA President & CEO Dave O'Rourke.

O'Rourke continued, "As the Belmont Park property continues to transition and evolve, NYRA is committed to providing our loyal fans with the best possible experience now and in the future. The updated capacity will accomplish this goal while ensuring that fans are treated to an incredibly exciting three days of world class racing and entertainment."

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## TRF EXPANDS SECOND CHANCES PROGRAM IN NY

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, in collaboration with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS), announced in a press release that the successful Second Chances program will expand to a new farm located at Wyoming Correctional Facility in Attica, about an hour outside Buffalo. The foundation has a rich history in the state with the flagship program at Wallkill Correctional Facility debuting in 1984 and still in operation today. There are 40 retired Thoroughbreds currently at the location.

The Second Chances program is a pioneer in its field, where incarcerated individuals build life skills while participating in a vocational training program, and provide supervised care to retired racehorses. It has successfully expanded to include eight correctional facilities across the U.S., including one juvenile justice facility at CSI-Ocala in Florida, and is considered the oldest Thoroughbred rescue in the country. The foundation also provides sanctuary to retired Thoroughbreds throughout their lifetime.



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Inmate and Quick Call at TRF Second Chances Wallkill Farm | TRF

Work on the new property is slated to begin in the spring of 2022 to prepare the facility for the arrival of horses. The program at Wyoming Correctional Facility will operate within one of the former dairy barns, converted for housing horses just as the structures were at Wallkill Correctional, and will utilize approximately 50 acres of land near the barn. The pastures will be reseeded and fenced to maintain the equine teachers who will live there.

Wyoming Correctional currently has a strong offering of vocational services for incarcerated individuals including small engine repair, horticulture, welding, and HVAC. The addition of the TRF Second Chances program will add another layer of unique and necessary skills available for the men to learn while they are serving their sentence. It will also function as a much-needed place of sanctuary to the horses who will come to call the property home.

"The Department is elated to welcome the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Second Chances program to another one of our facilities," said DOCCS Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci. "TRF's mission is not only humane in offering sanctuary to retired Thoroughbreds but in the humanity it brings to its participants. This program has been life changing to countless incarcerated individuals over the years, and we are proud to expand this opportunity for a new lease on life to both incarcerated individuals and equines alike."

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## DOWNES NAMED EMERALD DOWNS ANNOUNCER

Bill Downes has been named track announcer at Emerald Downs for the Washington track's 2022 season which opens May 15. He replaces Tom Harris who recently stepped down.

Downes served as Indiana Grand track announcer from 2013 to 2021, and before that called races at Ellis Park, Beulah Park, Presque Isle Downs, and River Downs. He also was back-up announcer at Churchill Downs.

"I'm thrilled to come to Emerald Downs," Downes said. "Emerald is a track I've always held in high esteem. I was there once for a two-day handicapping tournament, and the thing I noticed was an excellent on-track experience. Everyone was having a good time."

Downes becomes just the fourth announcer in Emerald Downs's 27-year history. Robert Geller was in the announcer's booth from 1996 to 2015, followed by Matt Dinerman (2015-2017) and Harris (2018-2021).

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Following Kentucky Derby prospect **FORBIDDEN KINGDOM**'s facile success in the **G2 San Vicente S.** the previous Saturday, **MERNEITH** made it back-to-back wins in the **G2 Santa Monica S.** at Santa Anita

## AMERICAN PHAROAH

**MORELLO** remained unbeaten with a 5-length win in the **Jimmy Winkfield Stakes** at Aqueduct

## CLASSIC EMPIRE



**GIRL WITH A DREAM** made it three straight wins in the **G3 Forward Gal S.** at Gulfstream Park

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(By cumulative Stakes winners)

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A few hours later, Smile Happy's form upticked when White Abarrio (Race Day), who had run third behind Smile Happy in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., won the GIII Holy Bull S. by open lengths with a 97 Beyer Speed Figure.

Although light on experience, the 2-for-2 Smile Happy scores highly in terms of maturity. Both this colt's maiden win (big far-turn move) and subsequent stakes romp (menacing mid-pack stalk) earned style points as visually arresting performances. Although Smile Happy's sire was the 2015 champion sprinter, his dam sire, Pleasant Tap, was resilient at distances up to 10 furlongs. He was third in the 1990 Derby, then second in the '91 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Pleasant Tap then stretched out and won champion older horse honors in '92, beating both A.P. Indy and Strike the Gold in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup (before running a gallant second to A.P. Indy in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic).

## **2) PAPPACAP (c, **Gun Runner**--Pappascap, by Scat Daddy)**

O/B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL). T-Mark E. Casse. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 6-2-2-1, \$596,000. Last Start: 3rd GIII Lecomte S. Next Start: Next start: GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 19. KY Derby Points: 14.

**Dam purchased and breeding arranged by Summerfield**

Trainer Mark Casse told *Daily Racing Form* last week that Tyler Gaffalione will replace Joe Bravo as Pappacap's jockey for the Risen Star S. Feb. 19. That's an understandable move: Bravo is 3-for-21 for Casse in limited action over the last five years, and he hasn't won for the barn since Pappacap's last victory Aug. 7 in the GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar. Gaffalione, on the other hand, has ridden more than 400 horses for Casse over that same time frame, garnering a steady 17% win clip.

This hard-trying son of **Gun Runner** looked primed to pounce, but couldn't seal the deal when third in the Jan. 22 GIII Lecomte S. But the bet here is the stout run he uncorked from upper stretch to the final 50 yards did Pappacap more good than it might appear on paper.

With six races under his belt, it's apparent this homebred for Rustlewood Farm is an alert breaker who displays a high level of comfort stalking in covered-up positions, and he has already shown he can launch multiple in-race moves coupled with a determined ability to dig in when rivals close in on him. But we're now past the six-month mark since Pappacap last saw the winner's circle, and he won't be able to rely on the street cred of his 15-1 runner-up try in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile much longer if he doesn't figure out how to translate all those positive attributes into winning efforts.

**3) CLASSIC CAUSEWAY (c, **Giant's Causeway**--Private World, by Thunder Gulch)** O/B-Kentucky West Racing LLC & Clarke M. Cooper Family Living Trust (KY). T-Brian A. Lynch. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-1-1, \$181,100. Last Start: 2nd GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Next Start: GIII Sam F. Davis S., TAM, Feb. 12. KY Derby Points: 6.

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Classic Causeway's training pattern at Palm Meadows has extended all the way up to six- and seven-furlong breezes so far this winter, noticeably different than the more commonplace workload of four- and five-furlong moves posted by his peers. The heft of his juvenile races--a 90-Beyer, 6 1/2-length winning sprint debut at the Spa; a third when forcing the pace from post 13 in a Grade I Keeneland route; then second behind Smile Happy in the Kentucky Jockey Club S.--will likely be enough to earn this Giant's Causeway colt favoritism in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Saturday. This homebred for Kentucky West Racing and Clarke Cooper will be trying to erase a recent run of bad luck for the chalk in that Tampa prep: The last four faves (and five of the last six) have lost the Davis, including the presumptive 2021 Horse of the Year **Knicks Go (Paynter)**, who was off the board in the 2019 edition.



Messier | Benoit Photo

**4) MESSIER (c, Empire Maker--Checkedred Past, by Smart Strike)**



'**TDN Rising Star**' 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. Sales History: \$470,000 ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$285,600. Last Start: 1st GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: N/A.

When you win by 15 lengths and post a 103 Beyer in your sophomore debut, it's good enough to leapfrog two-thirds of the field to land in the Top 12. 'TDN Rising Star' Messier, a \$470,000 FTKSEL colt by Empire Maker, broke running from the rail in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. and withstood steady pace pressure (:23.24 and :23.70 for the first two opening quarters) from two outside rivals while always dictating the cadence of the three-way go. He put away one rival seven-sixteenths out and let the other linger until the quarter pole before drawing away with assurance at the top of the lane. Blinkers had been removed from Messier after an odds-on defeat in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity, but jockey John Velazquez didn't think the equipment change is what sparked Messier's rebound.

"It was just the way the race set up. I'm in post one and I don't want to give the lead to them in front of me, then they slow down in front of my face and I can't get out of there," Velazquez said. "I'm not going to chase them, but I'm going to let him get his legs underneath of him. If they want to go faster, they can go faster and I don't have to be on his mouth....It was a strategy that worked." Because Bob Baffert is currently barred by Churchill Downs from participating in the Derby and his trainees can't earn qualifying points, Messier is currently a "ghost contender" in Churchill's official rankings. Here within TDN's own Top 12, Baffert's 3-year-olds will remain listed for the time being based on the merits of the horses themselves while the Derby status decision appears headed for litigation.

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### MESSIER

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**5) EMMANUEL (c, *More Than Ready*--*Hard Cloth*, by *Hard Spun*) 'TDN Rising Star'** O-WinStar Farm LLC & Siena Farm LLC. B-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$350,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. Last Start: 1st Tampa Bay Downs ALW. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 0.

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'TDN Rising Star' Emmanuel turned in an appealing one-turn-mile win in his Dec. 11 Gulfstream unveiling, and trainer Todd Pletcher strongly believed that this *More Than Ready* colt needed to make his two-turn debut in an allowance race instead of a stakes. So he shipped Emmanuel to Tampa for that schooling, and the 3-to-10 favorite delivered as expected Jan. 30, winning by a comfortable 4 1/2 lengths while not having to truly extend himself. On the lead throughout (and racing with Lasix for the first time), Emmanuel got away with a pedestrian :25.03 opening quarter in that mile and 40 yards race, then ramped up the tempo under light restraint, posting a second quarter in :24.65 and a third in a more racehorse-like :23.92 with three closers on his heels at the quarter pole. One of them briefly seized the lead between calls in upper stretch, but Emmanuel responded instantly by snatching back the top spot and accelerating fluidly with plenty of power in reserve (89 Beyer).

His wins over both of Florida's main-track surfaces put the Mar. 5 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. and the Mar. 12 GII Tampa Bay Derby in play as possible next-race options.



Emmanuel | SV Photography

**6) MO DONEGAL (c, *Uncle Mo*--*Callingmissbrown*, by *Pulpit*)** O-Donegal Racing. B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY). T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$250,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-2, \$221,800. Last Start: 3rd GIII Holy Bull S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 12.

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Considering he was a closer on Gulfstream's short-stretch configuration for 1 1/16 miles races, Mo Donegal was an ill-advised favorite in the Holy Bull S. on Saturday. But he ran well enough (in spots) to spark speculation about what this \$250,000 KEESEP colt by *Uncle Mo* might be able to do under less arduous trip circumstances. Irad Ortiz Jr. worked to get him positioned at the fence while a midpack fifth through the first turn, then went on the drift all the way out to the five path as soon as they turned onto the backstretch in search of better running room. They didn't find it, and this colt gradually became boxed in, necessitating Ortiz to thread back inside to the two path entering the far turn. When that decision also failed to yield an express lane, Mo was once again shifted outside, directed widest of all for the drive. Initially, the administration of right-handed stick work didn't inspire Mo at all, and a couple of lefts sent him veering to the eight path in upper stretch. But a sixteenth from the finish, even though the winner was well clear, something clicked for Mo, and he responded, digging in with renewed interest to shoot alongside the runner-up, just barely getting pipped for the place photo.

"The last hundred yards he was making up a lot of ground. He just kind of ran out of real estate at the end," said trainer Todd Pletcher.

**7) EARLY VOTING (c, *Gun Runner*--*Amour d'Ete*, by *Tiznow*)** O-Klaravich Stables, Inc. B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC. T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: \$200,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$181,500. Last Start: 1st GIII Withers S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 10.

Early Voting is emerging as a speed-centric threat whose specialty is sustained intensity. Rather than blitzing his rivals with an all-out frontal assault, this \$200,000 KEESEP colt torques them into submission, grinding away with metronomic efficiency. His 2-for-2 start is even more impressive when you factor in his debut score was accomplished over what trainer Chad Brown termed as a "dead" track, and how Saturday's GIII Withers S. wire job came over what jockey Jose Ortiz said was a "tiring" muddy surface.

By *Gun Runner* out of a Tiznow mare, Early Voting was sent for speed at the break and willingly spearheaded the field. Although he faced only mild pace pressure early, he gave the impression of being able to power away at will, and after opening up incrementally on the backstretch, it was only by the far turn that the laborious nature of the surface began to show in his stride. Kept to task through the lane, Early Voting stayed on capably despite some late drifting while clear of minor threats to win by 4 1/2 lengths.

The splits for nine furlongs (:23.57, :24.47, :26.25, 27:46 for the first four quarters, then :14.15 for the final eighth) are more telling of the toiling nature of the track than the capability of the winner; his so-so 78 Beyer might also be a bit skewed in relation to his true talent. Considering Early Voting is undefeated at Aqueduct, the Gill Wood Memorial Apr. 9 has to be considered a strong next-race option.



Early Voting | Coglianese Photo

he faltered for a few strides turning for home. Velazquez eventually figured out a workable rhythm in deep stretch, allowing Newgrange to finally grind past his outclassed rivals. Trainer Bob Baffert later said Newgrange might have been having difficulty handling the purportedly cuppy surface early in the race. The 89 Beyer represents a one-point advance over his GIII Sham S. score.



Newgrange | Coady Photo

**8) NEWGRANGE (c, **Violence**--Bella Chianti, by Empire Maker)**  
 O-Golconda Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, SF Racing LLC, Siena Farm LLC, Starlight Racing, Stonestreet Stables, LLC, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan, Robert E. Masterson & Jay A. Schoenfarber. B-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$125,000 yrl '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$552,000. Last Star: 1st GIII Southwest S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: N/A.

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Newgrange displayed a new dimension when scoring via stalk mode in the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn. But given the primo, trouble-free setup he enjoyed behind two long-shot speedsters, this 3-for-3 **Violence** colt (with zero Derby qualifying points) made the task more difficult than it needed to be. He popped out of the 10-hole alertly and was not hard-used to attain the lead; rather, John Velazquez let Newgrange watch the backstretch action percolate while five or six paths off the rail. A half-mile out, Johnny V. allowed a couple of mid-race movers to pulse through inside, but by the far turn this \$125,000 KEESEP colt had to be pushed along with unexpected urgency. Once he got rolling, Newgrange appeared well-positioned to inhale the pacemakers with a four-wide sweep at the head of the lane, but

**9) ZANDON (c, **Upstart**--Memories Prevail, by Creative Cause)**  
 O-Jeff Drown. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales History: \$170,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 2-1-1-0, \$99,500. Last Start: 2nd GII Remsen S. Next start: GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 19. KY Derby Points: 4.

**Another Travis Durr Graduate from Webb Carroll Training Center**

This \$170,000 KEESEP colt by **Upstart** has been re-aimed for the Risen Star S. after his connections opted to pass on the Holy Bull S. this past Saturday. The obvious positives in favor of shipping Zandon to the Fair Grounds include the extra half-furlong over a longer home straight, plus more Derby qualifying points. Potential negatives include having to travel away from Zandon's home base in Florida and the fact that trainer Chad Brown told the *Blood-Horse* last week that he's "a little more uncomfortable" about having to wait until Feb. 19 with a colt that is "ready to run now." The Risen Star will equate to a 78-day layoff since Zandon ran second in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct. Over the last five years, Brown is 4-for-13 with 3-year-old males in nine-furlong or greater races returning off layoffs between 70 and 90 days. He also rarely ships to New Orleans. Brown's record at the Fair Grounds since 2017 is 1-for-4, all of them grass stakes.

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**10) EPICENTER (c, Not This Time--Silent Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg})** O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Westwind Farms (KY). T-Steven M. Asmussen. Sales History: \$260,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 4-2-1-0, \$170,639. Last Start: 2nd GIII Lecomte S. Next Start: Aiming for GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 19. KY Derby Points: 14.

Epicenter's loss by a head in the Lecomte S. told us more about him than the two victories that preceded it. This \$260,000 KEESEP colt by **Not This Time** established control, turned back a wall of horses off the final turn, won a prolonged stretch fight with the favorite, then just got nailed at the wire by an out-of-the-clouds 28-1 shot. He had to juggle multiple tasks and handled himself admirably in a narrow defeat.

In his previous win, the **Gun Runner** S. at Fair Grounds, Epicenter sparred with the speed, then drew off without facing any serious stretch challenge.

Rivals running back out of that Dec. 26 stakes are now 0-for-3, and the maidens who ran behind Epicenter in his Nov. 13 MSW score at Churchill are a collective next-out 1-for-8, so his company lines aren't exactly brimming with winners. Steve Asmussen has him on track for the Risen Star S., a race the trainer won with **Gun Runner** (2016) and **Pyro** (2008).

**11) RATTLE N ROLL (c, Connect--Jazz Tune, by Johannesburg)** O-Lucky Seven Stable. B-St. Simon Place (KY). T-Kenneth G. McPeek. Sales History: \$55,000 wlg '19 KEENOV; \$210,000 ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-0-1, \$379,460. Last Start: 1st GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 10.

Rattle N Roll is edging close enough to a comeback (the Tampa Bay Derby is a possibility) to merit a foothold within the Top 12. Trainer Kenny McPeek last year compared this \$55,000 KEENOV and \$210,000 KEESEP colt favorably to grand-sire **Curlin**, and a shared trait of poise shone through in Rattle N Roll's comfortable uncoiling from midpack to run off with the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S. by 4 1/4 lengths. A left hind foot abscess kept him out of the Breeders' Cup, and he's now three Gulfstream breezes into being race-ready.

**12) WHITE ABARRIO (c, Race Day--Catching Diamonds, by Into Mischief)** O-C2 Racing Stable LLC & La Milagrosa Stable, LLC. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. Sales History: \$7,500 ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-1, \$240,850. Last Start: 1st GIII Holy Bull S. Next Start: GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 2. KY Derby Points: 12.

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White Abarrio is an efficient-moving, athletic gray who clearly has an affinity for Gulfstream, where he's 3-for-3 with combined

win margins of 15 1/4 lengths. He also benefitted immensely from an ideal tactical setup in the GIII Holy Bull S. Although it's not his fault that the four horses who were bet lower than White Abarrio's 6-1 all suffered some sort of trip adversity that kept them from firing their best shots, those circumstances have to be taken into account when assessing whether this Race Day colt (\$7,500 OBSWIN; \$40,000 OBSMAR; privately purchased after his debut win) is a Derby threat.

Then again, White Abarrio's impressive 97 Beyer might end up speaking for itself. Hustled out of the gate, he applied pressure at the vulnerable flank of a 19-1 pacemaker just out of the maiden ranks, taking over midway through the far turn. By the time White Abarrio was being set down and kept to task in upper stretch, the favorite had already been blocked and boxed, the second fave had blown the break, the third choice reportedly displaced his soft palate, and the fourth was getting pelted with kickback in an unsuccessful turf-to-dirt transition. All that meant White Abarrio faced only belated bids while coasting home on a short-stretch configuration that played to his advantage. A more seasoned cast of contenders and an extra half-furlong await in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby.

**On the Bubble** (in alphabetical order):

**Call Me Midnight (Midnight Lute):** This \$59 winner rallied to collar a softened pacemaker at the last jump in the GIII Lecomte S. As per *Daily Racing Form*, trainer Keith Desormeaux is now on the fence between the Risen Star S. and the GII Louisiana Derby for this four-time auction entrant (\$25,000 KEENOV, \$37,000 RNA KEESEP, \$17,000 OBSOCT, \$80,000 OBSMAR).

**Giant Game (Giant's Causeway):** This \$500,000 FTKSEL colt had a no-excuse stalking trip for three-quarters of the Holy Bull S., then plummeted through the pack. As per a Twitter post by co-owner West Point Thoroughbreds, he reportedly displaced his soft palate.

**God of Love (Cupid):** Two-time Woodbine stakes victor and three-time auction buy (\$77,000 KEENOV; \$9,000 KEESEP; \$100,000 OBSMAR) could be the wild card of Saturday's Sam Davis at Tampa (entries taken Wednesday) after winter weather necessitated a rerouting from New York's Withers S. last weekend.

**In Due Time (Not This Time):** Not too many 92-Beyer allowance winners by 5 3/4 lengths at Gulfstream go off at 10-1 odds. Trainer Kelly Breen said "all options are open" for this three-time sales grad (\$9,500 KEENOV; \$35,000 KEESEP; \$95,000 OBSAPR).

**Major General (Constitution):** The 2-for-2 winner of the Sept. 18 Iroquois S. at Churchill (\$265,000 KEEJAN; \$420,000 KEESEP) could resurface for his '22 debut in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. for trainer Pletcher.

**Slow Down Andy (Nyquist):** Did he catch Messier at a vulnerable time in that colt's development in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity or is this Reddam homebred the real deal, Derby-wise? His upcoming trip to New Orleans for the Risen Star should help answer that.

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<b>Goldencents</b> (Into Mischief) <i>(Vodka Gimlet--LA-Bred Premier Prince S.)</i>	15	5
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<b>Gun Runner</b> (Candy Ride {Arg}) <i>(Early Voting--GIII Withers S.; Shotgun Hottie--Ruthless S.)</i>	9	5
<b>Into Mischief</b> (Harlan's Holiday) <i>(My Prankster--GIII Claiborne Farm Swale S.)</i>	107	47
<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (El Prado {Ire}) <i>(Grand Sonata--GIII Kitten's Joy S.)</i>	131	69
<b>Optimizer</b> (English Channel) <i>(Opalina--GIII Sweetest Chant S.)</i>	1	1
<b>Practical Joke</b> (Into Mischief) <i>(Girl With a Dream--GIII Forward Gal S.)</i>	6	2

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<b>Quality Road</b> (Elusive Quality) <i>(Bleecker Street--GIII Endeavour S.)</i>	55	30
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<b>Street Sense</b> (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(Australia Mia--Listed Alberto Solari M. S.)</i>	71	29
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<b>Uncle Mo</b> (Indian Charlie) <i>(Adare Manor--GIII Las Virgenes S.)</i>	77	41
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**RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Popular Kid	Popular	George A. Sharp	Davis	Arrieta	116
2	Super Stock	Dialed In	Woolsey, Erv and Asmussen, Keith	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
3	Lone Rock	Majestic Warrior	Flying P Stable and R. A. Hill Stable	Diodoro	Vazquez	122
4	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Cabrera	119
5	Promise Keeper	Constitution	Woodford Thoroughbreds, WinStar Farm & Rock Ridge Racing	Pletcher	Geroux	119
6	Thomas Shelby	Curlin	M and M Racing	Diodoro	Cohen	117
7	Last Samurai	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Court	118
8	Plainsman	Flatter	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Cox	Rosario	120
9	Silver Prospector	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Contreras	115

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**Saturday, Oaklawn #8, post time: 4:47 p.m. EST**

**BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Matera	Tapit	Don Alberto Stable	Cox	Geroux	119
2	Miss Bigly	Gemologist	Agave Racing Stable, Living The Dream Stables, LLC and Rockin Robin Racing Stables	D'Amato	Vazquez	119
3	She's All Wolfe	Magna Graduate	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Arrieta	119
4	Jilted Bride	Wicked Strong	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Cambron, T & A, Carruth, B & Z	Asmussen	Rosario	119
5	Mariah's Princess	Ghostzapper	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Garcia	119
6	Queen Goddess	Empire Maker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and TOLO Thoroughbreds, Inc.	McCarthy	Cabrera	119
7	Coach	Commissioner	Kueber Racing, LLC	Cox	Santana, Jr.	122

**Breeders:** 1-Albaugh Family Stables LLC, 2-SF Bloodstock, 3-Robert H. Zoellner, 4-Bobby Jones Equine, LLC, 5-Lynn B. Schiff, 6-Tolo Thoroughbreds, 7-Three Lyons Racing, LLC



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**9th-Golden Gate Fields, \$35,062, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-6, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02.75, ft, 4 lengths.**  
**ANTHONY'S CLEOPATRA (f, 3, Constitution--Luxor Lady, by Pioneerof the Nile)** went wire to wire debuting locally over six furlongs Jan. 8 and was backed to 17-10 favoritism trying to double up here. Skipping clear through a sharp :21.55 quarter after breaking a bit inwardly from her rail draw, the Washington-bred filly turned for home under confident handling, drew further clear past a swift :44.46 half split and poured it on in the final furlong for a four-length score, stopping the clock less than a second off the track record. Power Surge (Straight Fire) ran on late to complete the exacta. The winner is the first foal out of her dam, a half to GSW Euphrosyne (Harlan's Holiday) who was bought with her in utero for \$30,000 by Jacqueline Cacchiotti at Keeneland January in 2019. Luxor Lady was not reported bred the following two seasons before visiting Stay Thirsty last spring. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$36,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**  
O/B-Cacchiotti Ranch (WA); T-Tim McCanna.

**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000  
266 foals of racing age/27 winners/6 black-type winners  
9-Parx Racing, 4:01 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Practical Coach, 7-2  
\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$270,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Straight Fire** (Dominus), Legacy Ranch  
48 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Ain't Straight, 3-1

**Tu Brutus (Chi)** (Scat Daddy), Tur  
28 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Parx Racing, 2:40 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Paper Mansion, 3-1  
\$7,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl



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**Divining Rod (Tapit)**, Country Life Farm  
96 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Parx Racing, 4:01 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Loose Ends, 3-1

**Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Claiborne Farm, \$10,000  
221 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Parx Racing, 2:40 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Skerrett, 4-1  
6-Parx Racing, 2:40 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Twodogsfourcats, 7-2  
\$45,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Midnight Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
126 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Midnight Alibi, 8-1



**IN JAPAN:**

**Rayas, c, 3, American Pharoah--French Passport**, by Elusive Quality. Himeji, 2-2, Allowance, 1500m. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$24,348. O-Susumu Fujita; B-Cove Springs LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. \*Won by 10 lengths. \*\*\$225,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEP; \$550,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

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**Newton Tesoro, h, 5, Distorted Humor--Ilikecandy** (SW, \$137,206), by Malibu Moon. Tokyo, 2-6, Allowance (\$309k), 1400m, 1:24.6. Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-5, \$681,739. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Hiroyasu Tanaka. \*\$160,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 11)**



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**IN BRAZIL:**

**Isaformer**, f, 4, **Temple City**--Ms Isadorable, by Royal Academy. Cidade Jardim, 2-5, GP Presidente Hernani Azevedo Silva-G2, 1600mT, 1:36.37. B-Richard Shultz (KY). \*\$20,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Major Marvel (Bernstein), MSW, \$762,941; and Artic North (North Light {Ire}), GSP, \$302,430.

**VINERY SALES GRADUATE**

**IN CHILE:**

**Australia Mia**, f, 3, **Street Sense**--Andina (Ire) (SW & MGSP-US, \$282,982), by Singspiel (Ire). Valparaiso Sporting Club, 2-6, Alberto Solari M. S.-Listed, 1600mT, 1:37.22. \*Foaled Southern Hemisphere time. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). \*\*1/2 to Andina del Sur (Giant's Causeway), GSW, \$500,450.

**VIDEO (SC 8)**

**IN PERU:**

**Mr. Baffert**, c, 3, **Bodemeister**--Commandaria, by Smart Strike. Monterrico, 2-5, Allowance, 1600m. B-Sanford Robertson (KY). \*Won by 6 1/2 lengths. \*\*\$5,200 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

**Sheik Zayed**, c, 3, **Lea**--Not My Tap, by **Tapit**. Monterrico, 2-6, Maiden, 1000m. B-Bob Hoeweler (KY). \*1/2 to Aug Lutes (**Midnight Lute**), SW-US, SP-Can, \$173,497. \*\*\$2,500 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

**Cicciolina**, f, 3, **Tapiture**--Youngflashy, by Flashy Bull. Monterrico, 2-5, Maiden, 1300m. B-Allan & Lori Chappell (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Loudun (Aus)**, g, 3, **Street Boss**--Truffle (Aus), by Testa Rossa (Aus). Benalla, 2-7, Maiden, 1106mT, 1:06.58. B-Yulong Investments, Yulong Stud (Vic). \*A\$140,000 Ylg '20 MGMMAR.



Monday Cancellations  
MAHONING VALLEY

ADDITIONAL RACING

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Parx Racing, \$36,250, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.19, my, 1 length.**

**KING KUMBALAY (g, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Lovely Stay, by Flower Alley)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$79,220. O-Kingsport Farm; B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA); T-David P. Duggan. \*\$35,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Daisy (**Blame**), GSW, \$162,925.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Mia Tosca**, f, 3, **Animal Kingdom**--Queen Scheherazade, by Smart Strike. Parx Racing, 2-7, (S), 6f, 1:13.32. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$29,720. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA). \*\$5,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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**Constitution**, Anthonys Cleopatra, f, 3, o/o Luxor Lady, by Pioneerof the Nile. AOC, 2-6, Golden Gate

**Shanghai Bobby**, King Kumbalay, g, 4, o/o Lovely Stay, by Flower Alley. AOC, 2-7, Parx Racing

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Group 3 winner Keeper Of Time (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) (c)  
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With the Irish sales having suffered more upheaval than those in Britain over the last two years, Goffs will be relieved to be starting 2022 in more regular fashion by hosting its three-day mixed February Sale live at Kildare Paddocks.

Last year's event was held in two stages online in February and March, but in easier conditions the sale this week gets underway with a group of horses in training, before progressing to 2-year-olds, short yearlings and then breeding stock, with fractionally over half the 599-lot catalogue consisting of yearlings.

Shadwell played a dominant role in proceedings at Tattersalls last week, and the reduction of its numbers continues at Goffs, with young stock consigned by Derrinstown Stud and Baroda Stud. [Cont. p2](#)

## SEVENTY GLORIOUS YEARS: PART III

*In the concluding part of the series reflecting on the Queen's long attachment to thoroughbred racing and breeding, John Berry considers the prospect of a royal Derby runner in the year of the Platinum Jubilee*

The most significant addition to the royal roster of trainers came in the autumn of 1966, when some of that year's yearlings were sent to the West Ilsley stable of Major Dick Hern. This was the start of a wonderful partnership, which in time saw Hern become as synonymous with the royal string as formerly Captain (later Sir) Cecil Boyd-Rochford had been. The Queen's numbers of horses in training began to drop after the decision in 1964 that the National Stud would cease to breed horses and instead become primarily a base for stallions, which meant that the source of leased horses dried up. From a royal string of just over 30 in the mid 1960s, she had only 20 horses in training a decade later. However, Major Hern had a wonderful knack of unearthing and developing high-class horses.

Ian Balding, too, proved to be an excellent trainer for Her Majesty. Among the first good horses whom he trained for her was the Charlottesville horse Magna Carta, a son of Almeria. Magna Carta enjoyed a tremendous campaign as a 4-year-old in 1970, highlighted by his wins in the Ascot S. (thus completing a race-to-race double for Balding and his jockey Geoff Lewis, initiated by Mill Reef's victory in the Coventry S.) and the Doncaster Cup. [Cont. p3](#)

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These include **lot 200**, a Tamayuz (GB) grandson of the 1000 Guineas winner Natagora (Fr) (Divine Light {Jpn}) foaled last May by the Classic winner's listed-placed daughter Raaqy (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}).

A first-day highlight may be provided by **lot 118**, Railstown Stud's colt by last season's leading first-crop sire Cotai Glory (GB) who is a half-brother to the G1 Matron S. Winner Changers Elysees (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}).

The first foals of Waldgeist (GB) proved popular at last year's Goffs November Sale, and another member of the stallion's same crop is consigned by his home stud, Ballylinch, as **lot 160**. The April-born colt is out of the dual listed winner and Group 2-placed Modeeroch (Ire) (Mozart) and hails from the family of champion juvenile and sire Belardo (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

The following day Baroda Stud offers the only yearling by Le Havre (Ire) in the catalogue as **lot 372**. The colt is out of the stakes-winning and Grade III-placed Endless Light (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), whose close family includes the dual Grade I winner Megahertz (GB) and G3 Dahlia S. winner Heaven Sent (GB), both of whom are by Pivotal.

Godolphin also played a leading role at the Tattersalls February Sale, and one of the highlights from a smaller draft from the operation at Goffs could be the G1 Fillies' Mile winner

White Moonstone (Dynaformer). Consigned as **lot 564**, the 14-year-old mare is in foal to young Darley stallion Blue Point (Ire) on a June 8 cover.

In launching the February catalogue, Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby said, "We are delighted to kick off 2022 at Kildare Paddocks with a February catalogue of real depth and diversity."

That diversity includes a number of yearlings by stallions standing under the National Hunt banner, including Walk In The Park (Ire), whose 5-year-old son Facile Vega (Ire), out of the outstanding hurdler Quevega (Fr), was one of the most dazzling performers of the Dublin Racing Festival over the weekend in the Goffs-sponsored Future Stars Bumper. Walk In the Park's three weanlings in the sale include a filly (**lot 187**) from the family of the great two-mile chaser Moscow Flyer (Ire).

A pair of breeding rights, to go with the **stallion breeding rights in Time Test (GB), Territories (Ire), and Cotai Glory (GB) already announced**, were added to the sale on Monday. **Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was a winner of the G1 King's Stand S. and already has three black-type winners from his first crop, has a breeding right listed as **lot 3**. His Quick Suzy (Ire) won the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot.

The other late addition is a breeding right in fellow Kildangan Stud Stallion **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) (**lot 4**). **Cont. p3**

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### EXTREME CHOICE COLT BREAKS ANOTHER RECORD

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### Goffs February Sale Cont.

Already the sire of five stakes winners, including dual group winner Isabella Giles (Ire), G3 Park S. hero Elysium (Ire) and G3 Prix Miesque heroine Lullaby Moon (GB), the European Champion 2-Year-Old Colt has also been represented by the dual Group 2-placed Fonzalette (NZ) in New Zealand.

The sale begins on Tuesday at 11 a.m., with an earlier start time of 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. It is followed immediately by an online sale of breeding rights, which opens at 6 p.m. on Thursday and closes at noon the following day.

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### Seventy Glorious Years: Part III Cont. from p1

Tragically, Magna Carta, who appealed as an obvious Gold Cup candidate, died early the next year after an accident in his stable. The Queen still had a runner in that Gold Cup, but its extreme distance proved too far for the Dick Hern-trained Charlton, another son of Charlottesville, who went into the race in good form after a win in the Henry VII S. at Sandown. In Magna Carta's absence, Example, a granddaughter of Doutelle, became the star of the royal horses at Kingsclere in 1971, winning the Park Hill S. at Doncaster followed by a pair of big races in France, the Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp and (the following year) the Prix Jean de Chaudenay at Saint-Cloud.

The brightest star whom Hern trained for Her Majesty at West Ilsley was the aptly-named Highclere, a daughter of the Highclere Stud-based Queen's Hussar whose exploits lit up the spring and summer of 1974. [Cont. p4](#)



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**Seventy Glorious Years: Part III Cont.**

Throughout the decades, the family descending from Feola, a daughter of the influential stallion Friar Marcus who had been bred at Sandringham by King George V, proved to be worth its weight in gold as it was developed under the guidance of Captain Charles Moore, as good a servant and friend to the Royal Studs as there ever could be. Feola was a high-class filly who became an outstanding broodmare, with many of her descendants playing starring roles for firstly King George VI and subsequently Queen Elizabeth II.

Feola was 19 when the Queen inherited the Royal Studs in 1952 and already boasted an outstanding record as a broodmare, most notably as the dam of King George VI's 1946 1000 Guineas heroine Hypericum. Highclere was a granddaughter (via Highlight) of Hypericum, and she emulated her grandmother by taking the 1000 Guineas in 1974. An even greater triumph followed six weeks later when she completed a Classic double by taking the Prix de Diane at Chantilly. The following month she finished second to Dahlia in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. at Ascot.

Highclere was not the only top-class 3-year-old filly raced by the Queen in 1974. Ian Balding had care of Escorial, a daughter of Royal Palace whose granddam Spanish Court was a half-sister to Almeria. Ridden by Piggott, Escorial won the G3 Musidora S. at the York May Meeting with her head in her chest, but sadly was unable to reproduce the excellence of that effort in the Oaks, for which she started second favourite.

Highclere herself subsequently extended further the family's

influence, breeding the high-class Bustino filly Height Of Fashion, successful in the Princess Of Wales's S. at Newmarket in 1982, when she broke the track record. Unfortunately, she and her Busted half-sister Burghclere were subsequently sold to finance the Queen's purchase of West Ilsley from Sir Michael Sobell. Bought by Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum, Height Of Fashion became a mainstay of the Shadwell broodmare band, launching a stream of Group 1 winners starting with the 1989 2000 Guineas and Derby winner Nashwan and most recently including

the 2021 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero Baaeed (GB). As the granddam of Deep Impact (Jpn), Burghclere has turned out to have had at least as great an influence of the breed.

Three years after Highclere's splendid 3-year-old season, Major Hern prepared another dual Classic-winning filly for Her Majesty. Dunfermline (GB) (Royal Palace {GB}) provided a wonderful occasion when her triumph in the Oaks in 1977 coincided with the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations. An even classier performance followed in the St. Leger when

she outstayed the favourite Alleged, form which was endorsed when the runner-up won the next two runnings of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Two years later the Queen looked to have a live chance in the Derby. The beautifully-bred and well-named Milford (Highclere's first foal, by Mill Reef, named after the house at Highclere in which Lord and Lady Porchester lived) was an easy winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial and went to Epsom as one of two contenders from West Ilsley, both at single-figure odds. [Cont. p5](#)



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Stable jockey Willie Carson, though, opted for the other (leaving Milford for Lester Piggott) and he was proved correct, winning by seven lengths on Sir Michael Sobell's Troy, with Milford unplaced. Milford, incidentally, was one of two high-class 3-year-old stayers owned by the Queen in West Ilsley that year, along with Queen's Vase hero Buttress (GB) (Busted {GB}).

All good things have to come to an end, and after a hunting accident which left him in a wheelchair, Dick Hern finally had to leave West Ilsley after his Derby-winning season of 1989. Lord Huntingdon moved from Newmarket to fill the void, and while there he extended his great record at Royal Ascot, at which meeting he had first scored when Greenland Park (Ire) had won the Queen Mary S. in 1978 under the Australian jockey Harry White. Lord Huntingdon's greatest achievement was to train the winner of the Gold Cup three years running (1991 to '93). The Queen did not own the two horses involved (Indian Queen and Drum Taps) but he did prepare both Colour Sergeant (Royal Hunt Cup, 1992) and Phantom Gold (Ribblesdale S., 1995) to win at the meeting for her. Phantom Gold subsequently landed the G3 St. Simon S. and the G2 Geoffrey Freer S., both at Newbury. He also secured a notable royal victory in the USA when sending Unknown Quantity (a son of the Hyperion-line stallion Young

Generation, from Example's good daughter Pas De Deux, by Nijinsky II) from Newmarket to Arlington Park to win the Arlington H. in 1989. After Lord Huntingdon's retirement from the training ranks at the end of 1998, the Queen sold the property at West Ilsley to its current resident, Mick Channon.

The Queen's final Royal Ascot winner of the 20th century came from a trainer new to the royal fold, when Sir Michael Stoute sent out Blueprint (GB) to win the Duke Of Edinburgh H. Blueprint (a son of Generous from Highbrow, by Shirley Heights out of Highclere) subsequently graduated to black-type glory by taking the Fred Archer S. on Newmarket's July Course the following month and then the G2 Jockey Club S. on the Rowley Mile the next spring. His Royal Ascot triumph was particularly well timed as only that year the former Bessborough H. had been re-named in honour of the Queen's husband. Furthermore, Stoute's presence on the royal roster is very appropriate as he is the current incumbent of Freemason Lodge, whence Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochford previously sent out so many royal winners over the decades.

As the changing face of racehorse ownership came to mean that those not racing vast strings find it hard to come up with high-class horses with any regularity, the Queen had to endure a few barren years at the start of the current century at her favourite meeting, Royal Ascot. [Cont. p6](#)

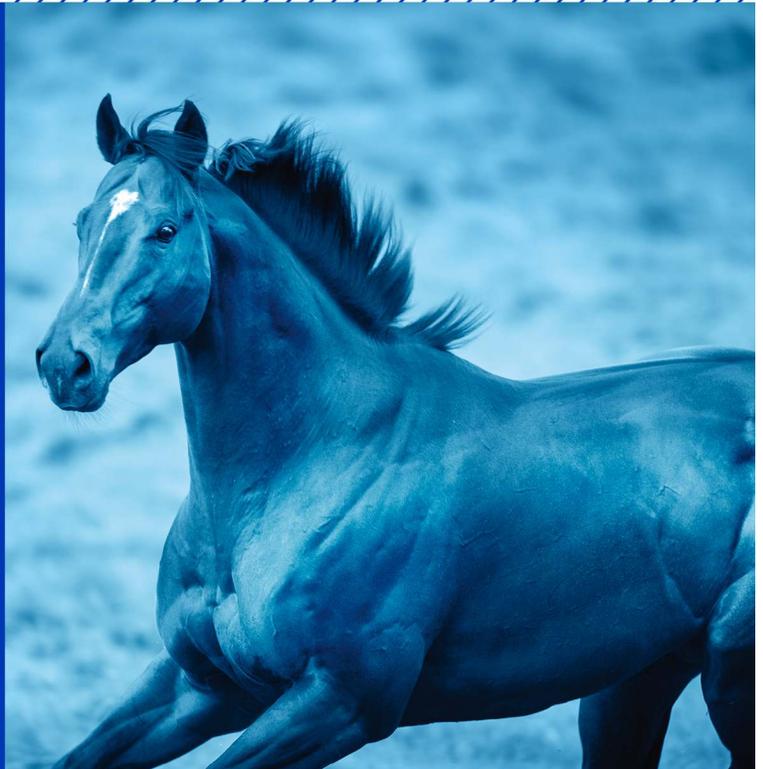
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2	Zoustar	66	89,952
3	Roaring Lion	45	89,548

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**2021 Leading Sires of SWs in Japan**

Rk	Stallion	SWs
1	<b>DEEP IMPACT</b> (Sunday Silence)	24
2	Lord Kanaloa (King Kamehameha)	15
3	Kizuna ( <b>DEEP IMPACT</b> )	11

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**Seventy Glorious Years: Part III Cont.**

Although, Sir Michael Stoute sent out Flight Of Fancy (GB), a daughter of Sadler's Wells from Phantom Gold, to finish second in the Oaks at Epsom in 2001. Happily, the short Ascot drought changed in thrilling style in 2008 when Free Agent (GB) (Dr Fong) won the Chesham S., much to the delight not only of his owner/breeder and her team, but also of the entire racing public. He was trained by Richard Hannon, Sr., who had been added to the royal roster after gaining some great victories with fillies owned by the Earl of Carnarvon.

In recent years, the royal string has benefitted from the generosity of two of the world's most powerful owner/breeders, Sheikh Mohammed and the Aga Khan. The most notable gift from Sheikh Mohammed to the



The Queen being debriefed by Ryan Moore after Estimate's Gold Cup win, with Coral Pritchard-Gordon, John Warren and Sir Michael Stoute | [Racingfotos.com](http://Racingfotos.com)

Queen was a son of Street Cry (Ire) from the 1993 Sun Chariot S. winner Talented (GB) (Bustino {GB}). Bred by Darley and born in 2008, this colt was given the to Queen as a yearling and, curiously, she chose a name for him which she had used previously: Carlton House.

The first Carlton House, a son Pall Mall from Almeria's full-sister Alesia, had been good, winning the Fenwolf S. at Ascot in 1974 when trained by Major Hern; but the second one, trained by Sir Michael Stoute, was even better. In the spring of 2011, he won the G2 Dante S. at York and then, as the nation prepared to celebrate the Queen's 85th birthday, he started favourite for the Derby. Unfortunately, he couldn't quite produce the result for which the nation wished, but he still ran well, finishing third to Pour Moi (Ire), beaten less than a length.

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He was subsequently transferred to Gai Waterhouse's stable in Australia where he performed well for the Queen in Group 1 races, including finishing third in, appropriately, the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at Randwick in 2014.

A subsequent gift from Sheikh Mohammed was Dartmouth (Ire), a Darley-bred son of Dubawi. From 2014 to 2017 he proved to be a redoubtable campaigner, winning eight of his 20 races including, in 2016, the G3 John Porter S., the G3 Ormonde S. and the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot. He then finished third in the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. The following year he won the G2 Yorkshire Cup.

From the Aga Khan's kindness came even greater glory. The Darshaan mare Ebaziya (Ire) was one of the stars of the stud of HH Aga Khan IV, with several high-class offspring headed by the 1997 Irish Oaks victrix Ebadiyla (Ire) and the 1999 Gold Cup winner Enzeli (Ire). When Ebaziya was aged 20 in 2009, HH Aga Khan IV gave her Monsun (Ger) filly foal to the Queen, echoing his grandfather's wedding present of Astrakhan to the young princess 62 years previously. This proved to a bountiful gift. The filly, named Estimate (Ire) and trained by Sir Michael Stoute, won twice at Royal Ascot, in 2012 taking the Queen's Vase and the following year emulating her half-brother Enzeli when carrying the royal colours to victory in the meeting's centrepiece, the Gold Cup. Estimate thus became the first Gold Cup winner owned by the Monarch, and the first winner of Ascot's greatest race owned by a member of the Royal Family since her great-grandfather Edward VII had won it (while Prince of Wales) in 1897 with Persimmon. Estimate is now happily ensconced at Sandringham and has bred two winners to date.

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# SUPREMACY

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## Seventy Glorious Years: Part III Cont.

Looking back over the past 70 years, royal racing memories come flooding back. Aureole came so close to a royal Derby victory in Coronation Week, while Dunfermline's Silver Jubilee Oaks triumph was perfectly timed. Looking ahead, we can dream that the Queen's Reach For The Moon (GB), a Sea The Stars (Ire) grandson of Phantom Gold, can win this year's Derby. Trained by John and Thady Gosden, he may well be able to do just that, judged on his win in the G3 Solaris S. at Sandown last September. He is currently fourth favourite for the race.

We shall leave the last word on Her Majesty's place in the sport to the Aga Khan III, taken from his forward to Cope's *Royal Cavalcade of the Turf*: "Racing has been fortunate to have Royal Patronage from the time of the Stuarts down to today, but never has it been so fortunate as at present in having a Monarch who is not only interested in, but has knowledge of racing, horse breeding and the history of the sport and great industry into which it has developed." Those words were very true when they were written in 1953. They are even more true today.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### NEW CHAIRMAN AND 2022 EUROPEAN FLAT BLACK-TYPE PROGRAMME CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY EPC

All Pattern and listed races staged in Europe in 2021 were reviewed by the European Pattern Committee (EPC) at their annual meeting, which was held virtually on Friday, Jan. 21. The EPC sanctioned 851 black-type races (854 in 2021) to be held in Europe in 2022, of which, 425 were group races (427 in 2021) and 426 listed races (427 in 2021), a reduction of three on 2021.

Besides upgrading and downgraded races, the EPC also appointed Jason Morris, the Director of Racing at Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) to replace outgoing EPC Chairman Brian Kavanagh, whose term ended on Jan. 31, 2022. Morris will serve for a five-year term.

Kavanagh said, "It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the EPC and to work with a group of dedicated and passionate individuals. The strength of the European Pattern is reflected annually in the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings and while its work is regulatory in nature, the Committee has

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overseen many positive initiatives in European racing, for example in relation to opportunities for top-class fillies and mares, the development of Longines Irish Champions Weekend, Qatar Prix de l'Arc weekend and QIPCO British Champions Day, the three-year-old sprint programme and opportunities for stayers.

"The authority of the Committee comes from the participation and buy-in of all of the major racing nations in Europe and is one of the best examples I know of international racing authorities working together towards a common objective."

Kavanagh added, "The Committee has chosen wisely in selecting Jason Morris to take over the role as Chairman. He has great expertise in this area and a lifetime interest in the development of quality racing throughout Europe. I wish him and the entire Committee all the best in the future."

Dominic Gardiner-Hill, Head of Handicapping for the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), Garry O'Gorman and Eric Le Guen, Senior Handicappers in Ireland and France respectively, are the EPC European nominees to the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings Committee.

The EPC is also undertaking a full review of the progress made on developing and enhancing the black-type programme for the staying horse at its next meeting, which is scheduled for the summer of 2022. [Cont. p9](#)

**Annual European Pattern Committee Meeting Cont.**

In addition, the EPC also agreed to new measures to aid the emerging racing nations in the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation to have the chance to stage a listed race, providing the race in question meets an agreed set of criteria.

The following changes were made to the Irish Pattern and listed races:

- Listed Silken Glider S. upgraded to Group 3 status
- Listed Savel Beg upgraded to Group 3 status
- G3 Vintage Crop S. downgraded to listed status
- G3 Diamond S. downgraded to listed status
- New six-furlong listed race for fillies (3yo/up)

Across Europe, other countries' races were downgraded as follows:

- Germany:
  - G2 Diana Trial downgraded to Group 3
  - G3 Silberne Pietsche downgraded to listed
- Italy:
  - Listed Citta di Napoli loses listed status
  - Listed Archidamia loses listed status
  - Listed Chiusura loses listed status
- Norway:
  - G3 Oslo Cup downgraded to listed
- Sweden:
  - Listed Stockholm Fillies' S. loses listed status
- Turkey:
  - G2 Topkapi Trophy downgraded to Group 3

There are also a total of 41 Pattern and listed races that are at risk of potential downgrades in 2023 depending on their performance in 2022. These races are broken down by country as follows: GB (1), France (10), Germany (12), Ireland (3), Italy (14), and Turkey (1).

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Emperor of the Sun steaks home in the Listed Savel Beg S., which has been upgraded to Group 3 status this year | [Racingfotos.com](#)

**MG1SW WATCH ME TO VISIT PERSIAN KING**



Persian King out for a stroll | Haras d'Etream

Two-time Group 1 winner **Watch Me (Fr)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}) will visit Haras d'Etream's Persian King (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) this spring. A winner of the 2019 G1 Coronation S. and 2020 G1 Prix Rothschild for Francis-Henri Graffard, the 6-year-old also claimed the G3 Prix Imprudence and a brace of listed races in her native land. She foaled a Siyouni (Fr) filly on Jan. 27. In her extended family is the stakes-winning gelding Hamish McGonagall (GB) (Namid {GB}), also second in the G1 Nunthorpe S. and third in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye and another Nunthorpe.

Successful in the 2019 G1 French 2000 Guineas, Persian King also won the G1 Prix d'Ispahan and the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. He filled the frame in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, as well. His 2022 fee is €30,000.

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FRANCE

**Monday's Results:**

**2nd-Chantilly, €27,000, Debutantes, 2-7, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:42.32, st.**

**TITANIUM (FR) (c, 3, Zarak {Fr}--Kyurem {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Verglas {Ire})**, sent off at 9-1, slowly worked forward from mid-division and was in prime position to strike at the top of the straight. In front 300 metres from the finish, the bay was pushed out with hands and heels to assert for a comfortable length success from Fanfaro (Ire) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**).

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**2nd-Chantilly Cont.**

The listed-placed dam, whose 2-year-old son of **Wootton Bassett (GB)** was sold for €70,000 to Bashir Abdalla Milad Ben Ayad at the Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale, is a half to the G1 Ascot Gold Cup-placed stayer **Simenon (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) and the G3 Ormonde S. runner-up **Vivacious Vivienne (Ire)** (Dubai Destination). The family features the Group 2 scorers **Epitre (Fr)** (Common Grounds {GB}) and **Epistolaire (Ire)** (Alzao). Sales history: €50,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Ecurie 4L, A & G Botti, Comte Guillaume De Saint-Seine, Ecurie Vitale & Scuderia Visconti Di Modrone; B-Haras De La Perelle (FR); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti.



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**2nd-Chantilly, €27,000, Debutantes, 2-7, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.92, st.**

**LAURA TREZY (FR) (f, 3, Scissor Kick {Aus}--Chantilly Creme {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Johannesburg)**, a 17-1 shot on this debut, broke smartly from her wide draw to sit in a close-up second initially before settling behind the leading trio. Moving to the lead with comfort a furlong from home, the bay was firmly in command as Private Lounge (GB) (Toronado {Ire}) narrowed the winning margin to half a length at the line. The precocious dam, who captured the Listed Criterium du Bequet and was second in the G3 Prix du Bois, hails from the family of the G3 Prix Imprudence scorer and G1 Prix Rothschild runner-up via Ravenna (Ire)

(Raven's Pass) and her G3 Prix de Lieurey-winning half-sister Via Medici (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), who in turn produced the G1 NHK Mile Cup, G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. and G1 Hong Kong Mile-winning champion **Admire Mars (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}). Her 2-year-old colt **Chantilly Trezy (Fr)** is by Olympic Glory (Ire). Sales history: €18,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Eric Feurtet, C & Y Lerner & Marc Leonetti; B-SCEA Eric Feurtet (FR); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**6th-Chantilly, €22,000, 2-7, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:40.51, st. SILVER QUARTZ (GB) (g, 7, Frankel {GB}--Rosamixa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 28-8-2-3, €129,964. O-Al Asayl France; B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

BRITAIN

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Seven Pockets (Ire)**, h, 5, **Frankel (GB)**--Vodka (Jpn) (Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, Horse Of The Year-Jpn, Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, Ch. 2-year-old Filly-Jpn, Horse Of The Year-Jpn, MG1SW-Jpn, \$13,147,826), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). Wolverhampton, 2-7, 9f 105y (AWT), 1:57.99. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,342. B-Yuzo Tanimizu (IRE). \*285,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TATDEY. \*\*Full to Tanino **Frankel** (IRE), MGSP-Jpn, \$843,818.



**IN UAE:**

**Poster Paint (Ire)**, g, 3, **Postponed (Ire)**--Colour Play, by Medaglia d'Oro. Abu Dhabi, 2-7, Mdn. (AED80k), 1600mT, 1:39.49. O-Al Rashid Stables, LLC. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Bhupat Seemar.

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## EXTREME CHOICE COLT BREAKS ANOTHER RECORD



The topper on the second day of the sale was lot 313, another Extreme Choice colt | Inglis

by Bryan Littlely & Bren O'Brien

The demand for colts by Newgate stallion Extreme Choice saw Inglis Classic Sale records broken again on Day 2 at the Riverside Stables as the Newgate/China Horse Club-led colts syndicate paid \$825,000 for his son from the draft of Mane Lodge.

### At A Glance:

- The sale average, currently at \$126,444 continues to soar well above last year, when it was \$104,959 after the second day. The aggregate has surpassed \$55 million (up from \$44.7 million in 2021), the median is at \$100,000 (\$80,000), while the clearance rate lifted to 89% (same as last year).
- The demand for Extreme Choice's progeny sees him as the leading sire by average at \$368,333, while his Newgate barnmate Capitalist is the leading sire by aggregate with \$3.855 million in total sales.
- Kavanagh Racing remains the sale's biggest buyer both in terms of volume and aggregate, having spent \$1.58 million across 14 yearlings. There are eight further buyers who have spent more than \$1 million so far.

- Mane Lodge set a new record when selling its Extreme Choice colt for \$855,000 to China Horse Club/Newgate/Trilogy Racing and now leads the vendor averages on \$368,333.
- Newgate has been busy on both sides of the ledger and leads the vendors by aggregate on \$4.895 million in sales across 40 yearlings.
- The progeny of first-season sires were very much in demand on Day 2, with a filly by The Autumn Sun selling for \$550,000, a Harry Angel (Ire) colt securing a record price for the sire of \$460,000 and a Trapeze Artist filly selling for \$430,000.

### Newgate/CHC go for Extreme colt

For the second day in succession, a colt by Extreme Choice broke the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale record when the Mane Lodge colt, Lot 313, by the star sire from Dubawi (Ire) mare To Dubawi Go was bought by a Newgate Farm-led syndicate for \$825,000.

It eclipsed the \$775,000 that James Harron Bloodstock paid for Bell River Thoroughbreds' Extreme Choice colt, Lot 100, on Sunday, an outcome the breeder and Mane Lodge owner Neil Osborne was confident of.

"I honestly thought he would beat the colt from yesterday," Osborne said. "So that didn't really surprise me much."

Osborne, and wife Denise, said it was a sensational result for a colt that had been a star from the moment he was foaled down. While it was hard to say goodbye, it was time for the Extreme Choice Sale-topper to go to work for them in the very safe hands of Newgate and syndicate partners China Horse Club and Trilogy Racing.



Henry Field, with Neil and Denise Osborne, after purchasing lot 313

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Lot 288, a filly by The Autumn Sun | Inglis

Newgate's Henry Field suggested the name of the horse had already been decided based on his startling resemblance to last year's Golden Slipper winner Stay Inside and his Champion sire, who stands at Newgate.

"We are going to name him Doppelganger," said Field. "I have never seen a horse that has reminded me of Stay Inside more and he's similar to Extreme Choice as well.

"He's a gorgeous, athletic horse, with plenty of scope and in my opinion the best Extreme Choice I have seen at a yearling sale this year."

To Dubawi Go, a six-time winner on the track, has produced the winner Off To Moe's (**Uncle Mo** {USA}). She is a half-sister to stakes-placed Nisos (Excellent Art {GB}), with her own dam, Osprey (Flying Spur) a half-sister to Listed winner Little Pattie (Polish Patriot {USA}). To Dubawi Go produced a Unite And Conquer colt last year and then visited Cosmic Force.

### **The Dubawi Factor**

The fact the colt is out of a Dubawi (Ire) mare was a big tick in the box for Field and a big syndicate including China Horse Club and Trilogy Racing's Jason and Mel Stenning.

"I'd be amazed if he's not a runner and hopefully we can look forward to standing him in the stallion barn at Newgate in a couple of years' time."

He is one of just 14 colts foaled from Extreme Choice's third crop.

Field showcased Extreme Choice's statistics that make him the best stallion in the country and reason for the Newgate-led syndicate surpassing the Sale record with its \$825,000 outlay.

"He has the Champion 2-Year-Old colt, Stay Inside, in his first crop and probably the best 3-year-old filly in Espiona in that first crop. He only got 40 foals on the ground every year," Field said.

"As a stallion, he's as elite as they get. When you get a colt like this one walk out of his box and you say, that's the horse I want to buy for our group. The whole team were very positive on him, Michael Smith from China Horse Club, Stevie O'Connor, Gavin

Murphy, the whole team, we were very bullish on him."

### **Sun Shines For Burrows**

It took all he had but Willow Park's Glenn Burrows got the filly he wanted for valued New Zealand client, Gary Harding, buying what he rated as the filly of the sale, Lot 288 by The Autumn Sun from the Lonhro mare Talimena for \$550,000 from the Valiant Stud draft.

"To my eye, she was the filly of the sale. She's been bought for a very good client in New Zealand," Burrows said.

"She'll go to New Zealand and prove herself over there hopefully at two and then she'll come across to Australia to a very good trainer here and hopefully further her career as a 3-year-old in Australia," he said of the plan.

"I'm a big fan of The Autumn Sun, I think he's a great chance. It's a lovely old Woodlands family, being out of a Lonhro mare, with Bounding being by Lonhro, that ticked the box for Gary, but above everything else, regardless of pedigree, she's just one of the fillies of the sale."

Talimena ticks another box as the half-sister to G1 Golden Slipper winner Kiamichi (Sidestep) and three-quarter sister to Denman.

Harding and Burrows have combined for great success in the past, most notably at the Inglis Easter Sale in 2012 when Harding paid \$425,000 for Lonhro filly Bounding from Burrows' Willow Park draft. She, of course, went on to Group 1 success taking \$634,000 in prizemoney then made \$1.9 million at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale, selling to US-based Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings.

Bounding's first foal, Aussie Pride (USA) by **Curlin** (USA), made US\$4.1 million (AU\$5.8 million) at the Keeneland Yearling Sale in a sale to Godolphin. Aussie Pride ran second on debut at Tampa Bay Downs for William Mott just a week ago.



Glenn Burrows | Inglis

"Bounding and Bonham and many other mares, (Harding) is a very successful owner," said Burrows. "He only buys particular sorts so we were particularly careful as to what we suggested for him and hopefully he'll be happy with her when she gets to New Zealand."

The selection of a trainer for the filly would be left to Harding but she would be going to one of two very good trainers in New Zealand, said Burrows.

"We're not looking at her being an early 2-year-old stakes winner. Just bide our time with her in New Zealand, hopefully she's a back-end 2-year-old thing then we'll be looking at races like the Thousand Guineas and things like that, hopefully."

Valiant Stud's Fergal Connolly said the colt's breeder Lloyd Walker, had stuck his neck out on an expensive stallion to breed the filly, making the result delightful.

"I couldn't be more happy with the filly with how she coped with the sale all week," Connolly said. "She has been in and out of the box non-stop and she's dealt with it all so well and the staff have looked after her brilliantly."

Talimena did not produce a foal last year and then visited Newgate stallion, Capitalist. Walker was also a co-breeder of Extreme Choice, the stallion whose colts have twice broken the Classic Sale record this week.

### Another Classic Day for Inglis

Inglis CEO - Bloodstock Sales Sebastian Hutch said Day 2 had taken a little while to find its level, perhaps a product of the change in expectations of the value of horses from vendors based on the booming first day, but the results had been overwhelming positive.

"We've had another fantastic day," he said. "We were pretty confident that it was a nice spread of horses through the catalogue so there was going to be no obvious bias across the three days. Obviously, there were a number of people who got disappointed trying to buy horses yesterday that appear to have got involved in them going into today and there are a number of people who weren't on the sheet yesterday who are on the sheet today."

Highlights for Hutch include a clearance rate across the two days that now sits at 89%, and the record-setting Extreme Choice colt from Mane Lodge to Newgate.

"I think noting some of those parties (bidding on the colt) had

been beaten on the Bell River colt... there weren't going to be any more Extreme Choice colts involved in the Sale, so it created a perfect storm effectively."

### Wild About Harry

Another young stallion breaking records through the Riverside Complex sale ring on Monday was Darley shuttle stallion Harry Angel (Ire), who had his colt from Torryburn Stud's draft, Lot 459, sell to Roughwood Park for \$460,000. Harry Angel's first Australian crops have proven very popular already this year, but this colt, out of Commands mare Chicquita, broke into new territory later in the afternoon.

Chicquita, a winner on the track, is a daughter of G2 Tea Rose S. winner Prisoner Of Love (Canny Lad), who is a half-sister to Group-winning trio Sportsman (Supreme {USA}), Hoystar (Danzero) and King Of Prussia (Anabaa {USA}). That is also the

family of Group 1 winner and sire Vanbrugh. The Harry Angel colt was bred by Alan Osburg, who also bred Chicquita, having purchased Prisoner Of Love as a broodmare. A yearling Brutal (NZ) filly follows, while Chicquita went to Maurice (Jpn) last year.

Torryburn Stud's Mel Copelin said the farm felt it had pulled the right rein by taking him to Classic rather than another sale.

"We always knew he was a very nice horse and he could have gone to Magic Millions and they really wanted him but we highlighted him as a really standout type here at Classic

and our game was to beat the top price at Magics and we have so that's really good," she said. "That's a very high price for a first-season sire out of a young mare that's only had a second foal. We're absolutely delighted."

Copelin said the colt had done everything expected of him in the build up and had always tracked considerable attention.

"He prepped himself. A beautiful attitude. I think we had 30 X-ray hits, everyone was on him," she said. "We did expect a good result but \$460,000 was all you could ask for," she said.

Osburg, who raced Group 1 winners Exceed And Excel and Dixie Blossoms (**Street Sense** {USA}), also sold Lot 368, a Dundee (NZ) filly for \$250,000 on Monday through Torryburn.

Vic Bates' Roughwood Park have emerged as a regular buyer at Inglis' sales in recent years, including the \$1.05 million it paid for an I Am Invincible half-sister to Deep Field and Shooting To Win at last year's Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.



Lot 459, a colt by Harry Angel | Inglis



Gus Roland is joined by leading bloodstock agent Suman Hedge and Silverdale Farm's Steve Grant and Rob Petith to discuss the second day of selling at the Inglis Classic Sale, with massive results for all involved.

That filly is named Monte Invincible and recently trialled for Mark Newnham, who is Bates' trainer of choice. All of the Roughwood Park horses contain the name Monte.

### *Hedge on the Trapeze*

The desire for the progeny of first-season stallions has driven much of the market boom in 2022 and a filly by Widden Stud's Trapeze Artist made her mark, when selling for \$430,000 to Suman Hedge Bloodstock (FBAA).

Lot 352 was offered by Vinery Stud and is out of multiple stakes winner Zelady's Night Out (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and was bred by Phoenix Thoroughbreds. Zelady's Night Out, who won both a G3 BJ McLachlan S. and a Listed Calaway Gal S. for Tony Gollan, is a half-sister to Group 3 winner Excites Zelady (Excites).

Hedge, buying for an unnamed client, said the filly had been high on his list ever since he had conducted inspections ahead of the sale.

"After we finished inspections, she was pretty much our top priority to buy her. We saw her as athletically she was one of the top, really elite athletes. She's a really attractive horse with a lot of quality and a lot of presence," he said.

"For the client that we were buying for, we were trying to find a filly to race and to have some residual value for later on. Being by Trapeze Artist who is a really well-credentialed son of Snitzel and has left really good types and a really favourable impression with buyers."

Hedge said the filly's pedigree also played in her favour, with a focus on her longer-term residual value. He said a decision is yet to be made on which stable she will go to.

"We've had a number of trainers that have reached out that were interested in her and asked if they could train her. We're just going to get her broken in and we'll make that decision a bit later on."

Vinery Stud's Adam White said the filly had proven popular ahead of the Sale, and it was good to see her find her right price in what is a hot market.

"Through Myboycharlie, she had that Vinery connection although she wasn't by one of our stallions. She sold very well and we were very pleased," he said.

"We bought her here to the Classic Sale because it's such a strong sale and she had a bit of pedigree and we thought she might stand out a bit. She certainly did and she had a lot of interest, she had a lot of people on her and she sold well accordingly."

The Trapeze Artist filly is the lone live foal from Zelady's Night Out, who visited Coolmore's Triple Crown-winning stallion **Justify** (USA) last year.

The final day of the Classic Sale, which included the final 120 lots from Book 1 plus 150 lots as part of the Highway Session begins at 10 a.m. AEDT on Tuesday.

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**Yarns With Gus: Hedge/Grant/Petith**

**Racetrack Results For Spendthrift Aus**

**Talented Ebhaar Bounces Back**

**Rapid Round With Tommy Berry**

**Profiteer Blitzes Rivals in Cranbourne**

