



AT UKRANIAN RACETRACK, JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE



Kyiv Hippodrome | Olga Bondar

by Bill Finley

Olga Bondar makes the trip each day from her home in central Kyiv to the racecourse outside the city to care for and feed her horses. She knows the dangers involved, but she can't abandon her horses. She has no plans to leave a country under siege.

"When I come here, I don't know if I will make it home because anything can happen in war," she said. "You don't know if you will be alive tomorrow."

Bondar is a trainer, a driver and the vice director of the Kyiv Hippodrome, one of two racetracks in Ukraine. The Kyiv Hippodrome holds races for various breeds of trotters. The Odessa Hippodrome holds races for trotters and Thoroughbreds. Both tracks have been closed since the Russian invasion began.

According to a report from *Radio Free Europe*, the Odessa track was built in 1890 by Russian tsars. "There, the wealthy and glamorous gathered to see, be seen, drink champagne, eat caviar, and bet on the best horseflesh in the empire," the story reads. The track fell on hard times after the fall of the Soviet Union.

A story in the *Odessa Journal* on the opening day of the track's 2021 season reported on the current state of Ukrainian racing and efforts to get people to attend.

"Horse breeding has been going through hard times in Ukraine for many years," Konstantin Savchits, director of the Odessa Hippodrome, told the paper. **Cont. p3**

TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR MAR. 8

by T.D. Thornton

Sometimes a big weekend of prep races brings answers to key development questions on the GI Kentucky Derby trail. Other times--like this past Saturday--those major stakes only produce more questions. Part of the fun about the emerging puzzle this year is that at this point, no one contender within the Top 12 stands very far above his peers.

1) 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: GSW & GISP, 4-2-1-1, \$301,100. Last Start: 1st GIII Sam F. Davis S. Next Start: GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby, TAM, Mar. 12. KY Derby Points: 16. **Cont. p7**

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Strike the Tiger (2007-2022). Strike the Tiger, the first Royal Ascot winner for trainer Wesley Ward in 2009, is pictured above in the summer of 2021 at Saratoga with Duke Shults after a morning's duties as a track pony. Strike the Tiger was one of three horses who perished in a Lexington barn fire ([story](#)). | Sarah Andrew

THOUGHTS FROM OCALA, PART 3

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In the third part of her series talking to consignors in Ocala as the OBS 2-year-old sales approach, Katie Petrunyak tries to find value in this year's freshman sire class.

GET STORMY DIES

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Crestwood Farm's Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic--Foolish Gal, by Kiri's Clown), a three-time Grade I winner on the racetrack who produced multiple Grade I winner Got Stormy among 11 stakes winners, died unexpectedly Sunday at the age of 16.



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Ukrainian Racetrack Trying to Survive cont. from p1

“For this we hold such events to popularize equestrian sports. We are trying to involve the inhabitants of Odessa,” Savchits continued. “After all, many do not even know that we have a hippodrome with a very colorful history.”

According to a 2005 report by *Reuters*, the winning purse at the Kyiv track was about \$10 or \$15 a race.

But both tracks managed to survive. The Kyiv track raced on Sundays, staying open up until two weeks ago.

“Horse racing has stopped. Our main aim now is to be alive,” Bondar said. “The only thing we can do is support each other and take care of the horses.”

Bondar said that some of those who care for the horses are staying around the clock at the racecourse, believing that it’s safer there than elsewhere. But Bondar has the added responsibility of having to look after her elderly mother, who

lives in Kyiv. So she makes the commute every day, even if it is not safe.

“The war is taking place about 20 kilometers from the Hippodrome,” she said. “We can hear them shooting.”

Training has also been halted. The best they can do for now is to walk the horses. There are 150 racehorses on the grounds, she said, plus another 200 pleasure horses. Everyone is doing what they can to pitch in.

“Some of our people are off fighting,” she said. “Some people have evacuated. But we have people who are coming in to feed the horses, to help them. It is difficult. We are fighting and we are struggling and people are afraid. Nothing is normal because there is a war. We are scared. Before the invasion, I

could not believe this was possible. The things you are seeing on TV, it is really happening. It is awful.”

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Olga Bondar

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Bondar's biggest concern is that she will run out of hay to feed the horses. She said they have enough for now, but that could change.



Olga Bondar

“Every day we are trying to buy some hay but it is difficult because you can’t go to all the villages where you can buy hay,” she said. “We do not know what will happen tomorrow. We try to get through every day and then decide the next step. We have enough feed for about one month. If the war continues, we will have difficulty feeding the horses.”

Against Russia’s military might, the Ukrainians are facing long odds, but Bondar has not lost hope.

“Yes, I am sure we will win,” she said. “It is just a question of time. We are staying strong.”

That’s all she can do for now, stay strong. She has to. Her horses need her.

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THOUGHTS FROM OCALA, PART 3: FINDING VALUE IN FRESHMAN SIRES

by Katie Petrunyak

Justify, **City of Light**, **Mendelssohn**, **Good Magic** and Bolt d’Oro all received glowing reviews by various consignors in parts **one** and **two** of our ‘Thoughts from Ocala’ series. Logically enough, this select group of freshman sires holds the top five stud fees amongst their stallion crop in the U.S., each standing for \$20,000 or more in 2022.

While ‘value’ and ‘freshman sires’ are two terms rarely used in the same sentence in this industry, as buyers can surely attest, we asked consignors to point out a few first-crop sires who might be flying under the radar now, but could very well be making headlines when their 2-year-olds take to the sales ring and the racetrack.

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The responses we received ran the gamut, but each of the freshman sires noted stands for under \$15,000 this year and could eventually wind up creating valuable opportunities for breeders and buyers alike.

Another stallion who maybe is a little under the radar is **Good Samaritan**. Again, we have a very small sampling. We only have one, but she is just a wonderfully-athletic filly. She came to us late, but she's done everything right and she's going to the March Sale [Hip 404] because she pointed herself there rather than us deciding it for her. We're quite excited about her. I think she'll be a neat filly down the road.



Susan Montanye's SBM Training and Sales will offer this Army Mule filly at the OBS March Sale

JIMBO GLADWELL: Top Line Sales

We have a **Tapwrit** filly that has really shown a lot of speed early and should be a nice filly over at OBS March [Hip 309]. She has looked like she would go 10 flat from the day we bought her. All we've done is maintained that and kept her going in the right direction. She's good-minded and a really good-moving filly with a lot of balance and muscle. We're very happy with the way she's broken out. **Tapwrit** was a sire that kind of flew under the radar for us, but she's really gone the right way and is going to be really fast at the sale.

We also have a really nice U.S. Navy Flag filly that came over from Europe. She's doing really well and we're very happy with her. She handles the training and has had no issues with anything we've thrown at her. I think she's going to really throw a big work over at OBS March [Hip 368] and we're very happy with the way she's coming along.

CIARAN DUNNE: Wavertree Stables

Our sleeper horse is probably **Always Dreaming**. We only have two, but if they're reflective of what the rest of them are, I would think that he's a horse with a big future. They've got a beautiful way of going and they act like horses that will stay all day long. We have a colt out of Silent Candy (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) who goes to OBS March [Hip 121]. He's a half-brother to Epicenter (**Not This Time**), who wants to go long, so we have high hopes for him.

Mor Spirit is obviously a horse that we're a little bit biased on having had him as a yearling and selling him as a 2-year-old, but the colt out of Follow My Tail (Indian Charlie) was probably one of his more expensive yearlings [\$160,000 at FTJuly] and he has trained accordingly. He's going to OBS March [Hip 437] and I think everybody will know who Mor Spirit is when he's done.

NIALL BRENNAN:

Obviously there are a lot of nice freshman sires this year, but there are a few I don't have any by so it's hard to comment.

However a stallion that I feel like could be very much under the radar is Cloud Computing. I've got two lovely fillies by him that are big, strong, scope-y, classy fillies. They're beautiful movers on the racetrack. They're very light on their feet, very athletic and they act like they've got speed.

One is out of a Malibu Moon mare and the other one is out of a Rock Hard Ten mare. They're both bred to run all day, but they sure look like they'll get over the ground pretty quick to me. I'm impressed with them. Just because of those two fillies, I'm going to pick him as an under-the-radar stallion. **Cont. p6**



Top Line's **Tapwrit** filly out of GIIISW Blueeyesintherein (Magna Graduate) sells as Hip 309 at OBS March

NICK DE MERIC:

Bucchero is as a local stallion in Florida. He's a son of **Kantharos**, who is a sire that we've had great luck with over the years and we are particularly fond of. We've sold some good **Kantharos** 2-year-olds over the years. **Bucchero** seems to be getting nice individuals. We've seen a lot of them at local yearling sales. They seem to be precocious, athletic and quick, and we have a **Bucchero** filly going to the OBS March Sale [Hip 473] who would fit that description on all accounts.

SUSAN MONTANYE: SBM Training and Sales

I have an **Always Dreaming** colt that actually is the half-brother to We the People (**Constitution**), who just broke his maiden for Rudolphe Brisset. This colt is potentially targeting the OBS April Sale. I might even wait until Maryland, depending on what the brother does. He's a big, two-turn, cool horse. I think **Always Dreaming** might be a little bit under the radar. I know there are other people who have some and they think that they're a little on the early side as well.

I have an **Army Mule** colt going to the OBS March Sale [Hip 3]. He's more of a two-turn horse. He's a big, pretty colt and has been straightforward. I have another **Army Mule** filly going to OBS March [Hip 298] as well, and she is going to be hopefully really fast. She's more of a sprinter type. Fingers crossed, she should work lights out and I think **Army Mule** should be well received. I don't know that the Army Mules are stamped as only sprinters or only two-turn horses. I think he could kind of get you both.

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FOALING NEWS

PAKHET, 6, **Cairo Prince**--Hunting Hill, by **Hard Spun**

Foal born Jan. 24, a colt by Lord Nelson.

Will be bred back to **Tiz the Law**.

Owned by Peachtree Stable.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: GSP.



Pakhet '22 and her dam | Courtesy Taylor Made Farm

ACTING HAPPY, 15, Empire Maker--I Ain't Bluffing, by Pine Bluff

Foal born Jan. 24, a filly by **Mo Town**.

Will be bred back to **Maclean's Music**.

Owned by Samantha Siegel.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: GSW & MGISP, \$262,470.



Acting Happy leads her Mo Town filly | Courtesy Taylor Made Farm



TOP KENTUCKY DERBY CONTENDERS

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TDN Derby Top 12 cont. from p1



Simplification, trainer Antonio Sano & rider Jose Ortiz
Ryan Thompson

Trainer Brian Lynch has termed both of Classic Causeway's works since his Feb. 12 victory as "strong" and he is confident this colt's apparent fondness for racing over the sandy Tampa strip will make him a worthy favorite in Saturday's GII Tampa Bay Derby. A glance at the latest "probables" list shouldn't inspire much fear in the favorite's camp, because unless there's an unexpected entrant before draw time Wednesday, there are no other Top 12 contenders making the trip to Tampa.

But--as annually warned in this space--Tampa sometimes produces quirky results, and the last four editions of its Derby have been won at better than 8-1. Between 1987 and 1996, before Tampa's sophomore stakes became attractive, points-awarding Kentucky Derby preps, four sophomores swept both the Sam Davis and Tampa Derby. But in the 25 years since then, only two horses have managed that increasingly difficult double (Burning Roma in '01 and Destin in '16). Yet this Giant's Causeway homebred for Kentucky West Racing and Clarke Cooper brings impressive credentials: his Davis romp featured an impressive burst of late-race acceleration that produced the fastest final sixteenth of any prep at 1 1/16 miles so far this season, and he ran tenaciously as a juvenile against heavy

hitters in two of the more difficult graded stakes last autumn.

2) 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. McPeek. Sales History: \$175,000 wlg '19 KEENOV; \$185,000 ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$364,810. Last Start: 2nd GII Risen Star S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 30.



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'TDN Rising Star' Smile Happy beat three next-out stakes winners in his visually arresting GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. victory last November, and his February comeback in the GII Risen Star S. was punctuated by a too-late closing kick after enduring mild trip trouble. As the highest-priced of 45 Runhappy yearlings to sell at auction in 2020 (\$185,000 FTKSEL after a \$175,000 KEENOV buy), Smile Happy stands out as a colt with a maturity edge who responds to being rated off the pace and is capable of uncorking highly torqued far-turn moves that aren't in the toolboxes of most rivals. On Saturday at Gulfstream, he was back on the work tab for the first time since his last race, breezing a half mile in :49.03 (33/76). Two Grade I's, the Curlin Florida Derby or the Toyota Blue Grass S., have been mentioned as a possible next start, and Kenny McPeek said a factor in the decision will be a desire by owner Lucky Seven Stable to keep Smile Happy separated from stablemate Rattle N Roll (Connect), who is ranked at No. 12.

3) MESSIER (c, Empire Maker--Checkered 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: Probable for GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 9. KY Derby Points: N/A. **Cont. p8**



'TDN Rising Star' Messier now has two published workouts since his blowout 15-length, 103-Beyer thumping of the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. field Feb. 6. This \$470,000 FTKSEL colt by Empire Maker is parked atop the depth chart within trainer Bob Baffert's perennially deep stable of Derby contenders, but his starting status for the first leg of the Triple Crown is **in limbo** while Baffert litigates both a banishment by Churchill Downs, Inc., and an equine medication suspension by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Although the subpar Lewis field is not a proper measuring stick to judge how good Messier might really be, note that two starts back this colt beat Forbidden Kingdom (**American Pharoah**) in the GIII Bob Hope S., and that rival has since won two Santa Anita graded stakes in succession, including last Saturday's GII San Felipe S.



Messier | Horsephotos

4) 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: GII Wood Memorial S., AQU, Apr. 9. KY Derby Points: 12.

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Mo Donegal was the 3-1 morning-line favorite for Saturday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. until he scratched three days before the race. The scratch itself wasn't a shocker, because trainer Todd Pletcher had said at entry time that Mo Donegal's starting status would be post-draw dependent. So when this \$250,000 KEESEP colt drew the 12 hole--hardly ideal for a closer on Gulfstream's short-stretch 1 1/16-mile configuration--Pletcher withdrew. Jerry Crawford of Donegal Racing **told TDN** that Mo Donegal had also developed a "minor virus," which now means the GII Wood Memorial S. Apr. 9 at Aqueduct will serve as the colt's lone Derby prep stakes between February and May. **Cont. p9**

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Pletcher "didn't seem particularly concerned about this," Crawford said. "Before the virus popped up, one of the options we were seriously considering was training up to the Wood. So this isn't that big a change of plans for us."

5) 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: MGSP, 3-1-1-0, \$139,500. Last Start: 3rd GII Risen Star S. Next Start: Possible for GI Toyota Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 9. KY Derby Points: 14.



It's too early in the season for there to be a "wise guy" horse among the Derby aspirants. That informal designation annually gets applied to a better-than-he-looks contender sometime around Derby week itself, and it's a figurative way of saying the supposed sharpies will be pounding that horse in the betting because they see value where the public doesn't. But Zandon's adversity-overcoming narrative has been so well publicized this winter that you have to start to wonder if he'll be able to live up to it. This \$170,000 KEESEP colt by **Upstart** is still only a MSW sprint winner. But his widespread appeal stems from the way Zandon handled himself under duress in two nine-furlong stakes. His loss by a head when getting roughed up in the stretch of the GII Remsen S. made national headlines because of the **controversial non-DQ** of Mo Donegal. And every trip handicapper in the nation noted Zandon blowing the break of the Risen Star S., only to catch the eye with a stout three-furlong run that culminated with Zandon digging in to win a tight photo for third. We've all seen his potential, but pretty soon he's going to have to actually deliver. Trainer Chad Brown has mentioned the GI Blue Grass S. as this colt's next start. That's a race that Brown knows how to target effectively: The last four times Brown has had a starter in the Blue Grass, the results have been one win and three close seconds.

6) 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: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$410,639. Last Start: 1st GII Risen Star S. Next Start: GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 26. KY Derby Points: 64.

The way it stands now, Epicenter will be the only Top 12 contender to complete the month of March with at least six lifetime starts under his belt. That's still not very many based on historical benchmarks. But under the current less-is-more Derby training mindset, it could give this \$260,000 KEESEP colt an advantage over more lightly raced peers. **Nyquist** in 2016 was the last Derby winner to amass at least seven starts prior to Louisville, and it seems like ages ago when California Chrome started 10 times prior to his 2014 Derby victory. (The last Derby

winner with double-digit starts before him? Charismatic with 14 in 1999.) Epicenter's seasoning is already evident in the unruffled, no-nonsense way he goes about his business, and while not a flashy sort of frontrunner, he cranks out honest fractions and fights off whoever comes after him without looking intimidated or in over his head. If he runs away with the 1 3/16-mile GII Louisiana Derby in his next start, he'll additionally be the only A-list sophomore to have won both at and beyond nine furlongs.

7) SIMPLIFICATION (c, **Not This Time--Simply Confection, by Candy Ride {Arg}**)

O-Tami Bobo. B-France & Irwin Weiner (FL). T-Antonio Sano. Sales History: \$50,000 wlg '19 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-1-1, \$411,350. Last Start: 1st GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Next Start: GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 2. KY Derby Points: 54.

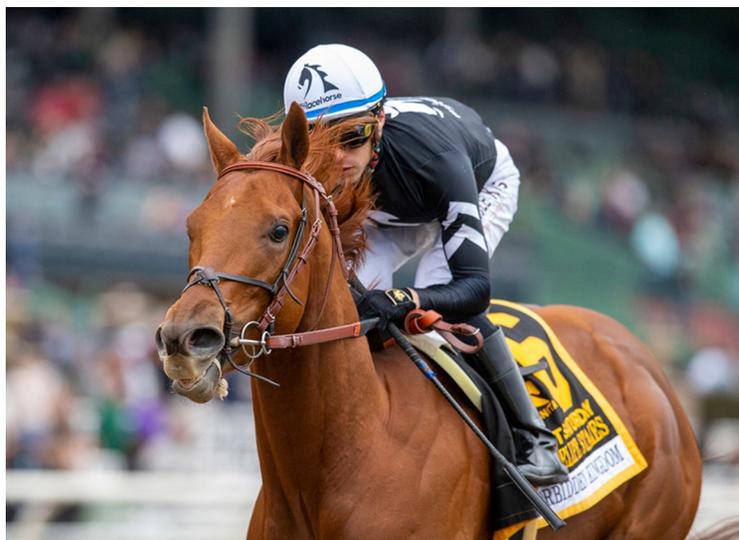
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Simplification had been pegged as a needs-the-lead type of horse as recently as last month. But when he tossed his head at the break and then showed he could come from behind to get second in the Feb. 5 GIII Holy Bull S., trainer Antonio Sano sensed he might have a colt capable of firing well regardless of where he was positioned. In Saturday's Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth, Simplification (\$50,000 RNA KEENOV) saved ground near the fence while midpack through the first turn, then was angled out to avoid getting pocketed on the back straight. Jockey Jose Ortiz did some lateral weaving and minor brake tapping to keep from getting stalled, but once Simplification was guided outside and into the clear approaching the far bend, it became obvious that Ortiz's strategy was not to let 'TDN Rising Star' Emmanuel (**More Than Ready**) out of his striking sights. Simplification followed that rival and was asked to rev it up three-eighths out, and although Emmanuel got the first jump, the widest-of-all Simplification had built the better momentum. The two faves left trouble behind off the turn (neither affected by the two-horse spill right behind them), and Simplification swooped down to the inside to finish with purpose. He earned a 96 Beyer Speed Figure, and will be aimed at the GI Florida Derby.

8) 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: 3-2-0-0, \$69,600. Last Start: 4th GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Next Start: Possible for GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 2. KY Derby Points: 5. **Cont. p10**

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Even though Simplification was six wide into the stretch of the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., Emmanuel ran 38 feet (about four lengths) more than the winner, according to Trakus, while checking in fourth. The read here is that this brawny 'TDN Rising Star' and \$350,000 KEESEP son of **More Than Ready** will be a more dangerous commodity in the Florida Derby. Although Emmanuel lacked the characteristic early speed that propelled him to a 2-for-2 career start, he still put in a solid far-turn move after a four-wide journey through the clubhouse turn, a nine-wide placement on the backstretch, then a five-wide run through the far bend. He also suffered some momentum loss in upper stretch when Simplification veered down and claimed an inner path, but when Luis Saez switched Emmanuel off Simplification's heels it was clear this colt was already spent and had no true spark for the final furlong. With only five Kentucky Derby qualifying points to his credit, Emmanuel either delivers big in the Florida Derby or will have to make other plans for the first Saturday in May.



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9) FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (c, American Pharoah--Just Louise, by Five Star Day) O-MyRacehorse & Spendthrift Farm LLC. B-Springhouse Farm (KY). T-Richard E. Mandella. Sales History: \$300,000 ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-3-1-1, \$434,000. Last Start: 1st GII San Felipe S. Next Start: GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby. KY Derby Points: 50.



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Forbidden Kingdom's 5 3/4-length wiring of the GII San Felipe S. on Saturday launched him into the Top 12, yet he still rates as a wild card when it comes to what the 98-Beyer victory means in the overall Derby picture. This son of **American Pharoah** (\$300,000 FTKSEL) owns rocketing early speed and an assertive way of weaponizing that chief attribute. But this year's renewal

of the San Felipe came up weak on paper, and early speed had a decided advantage at Santa Anita on Saturday, with four of five dirt races being won by horses who either led all the way or duelled for the lead. And even though Forbidden Kingdom wasn't being ridden all-out once it became evident he had the race wrapped up in deep stretch, his final sixteenth of 7.09 seconds rates as the slowest among all Derby qualifying points races at 1 1/16 miles from the Breeders' Cup onward in 2021-22. But Forbidden Kingdom does have that patient Richard Mandella mojo in his favor (a master at training horses to peak when he wants them to). And as jockey Juan Hernandez put it, "He's really fast. A couple of jumps after we broke, he was in front already. I let him run because if you fight with him he tries to go faster. I let him have fun. I turned him loose and he never stopped."

10) 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: GII Wood Memorial, AQU, Apr. 9. KY Derby Points: 10.

Is the Derby winner wintering in New York? Belmont Park-based Early Voting is being aimed for the Wood Memorial, and a win there would run his lifetime record to 3-for-3, with all of those victories at Aqueduct. That would be quite a remarkable past performance block for a Derby starter, both in terms of brevity and geography. But because trainer Chad Brown is known for taking his time with developing horses, even a Wood victory might not guarantee that he tosses this \$200,000 KEESEP into the Derby fray.

In some ways, Early Voting and stablemate Zandon are yins to each other's yangs. Early Voting owns two wins, including a nine-furlong stakes, but still comes across as light on experience. Zandon is a winner of just a MSW sprint, but he's a more proven commodity when it comes to handling in-race adversity, and he's already dealt with shipping for a big stakes. There's lots to like about each, but Early Voting does seem like the one whose potential for peaking might come later in the season.

11) WHITE ABARRIO (c, Race Day--Catching Diamonds, by Into Mischief) O-C2 Racing Stable LLC and 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 **Curly** Florida Derby, GP, Apr. 2. KY Derby Points: 12.

Congratulations from Summerfield Sales

The stock of athletic, nimble White Abarrio got boosted a bit over the weekend even though he only breezed at Gulfstream in anticipation for the Florida Derby. **Cont. p11**

That's because two of the horses he beat in the Holy Bull S. last month came back to win stakes in their next starts. Simplification, second in the Holy Bull, returned victorious in the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., while Tiz the Bomb (Hit It a Bomb) rebounded off a seventh-place try to score in the Battaglia S. at Turfway. "[Saturday's results] really franked the form and [it] gives you some confidence when you know the form is legit," said trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. "We just need him to stay healthy and sound. We know he has the class and the ability."

This son of Race Day (\$7,500 OBSWIN; \$40,000 OBSMAR) has a distinct home track advantage at Gulfstream (3-for-3), and his rematch with Simplification looms as one of the more anticipated rivalries of the prep season.



White Abarrio | Coglianese Photo

12) 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, 5-2-0-1, \$383,460. Last Start: 6th GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Next Start: Uncommitted. KY Derby Points: 10.

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You could have almost put the proverbial cross-out line through Rattle N Roll's performance in the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth before he even ran the race. Trainer Kenny McPeek didn't say it straight out, but he signaled pre-race that this son of **Connect** (\$55,000 KEENOV; \$210,000 KEESEP) wouldn't likely be fully cranked to fire his best shot off a five-month layoff. As we saw in his GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S. win back on Oct. 9, this is a large-framed colt who needs the opportunity to uncoil for one prolonged bid. So being hemmed in traffic while racing over a short-stretch configuration on a surface that tilts in favor of early speed was probably not the ideal way to showcase Rattle N Roll's tactical attributes. He broke last, was guided to

the rail, then incrementally advanced down the backstretch. A half mile out, he was eighth, yet only 2 1/2 lengths off the leaders in a tightly bunched field. But Rattle N Roll never truly dug in and fired at any point. I'm inclined to think his Fountain of Youth effort was too blah to be true, and that he'll be a tighter fighter at nine furlongs.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Belgrade (Hard Spun): This 2-for-2 Graham Motion trainee (\$45,000 FTKSEL; \$700,000 KEEJAN) listed as "likely" for Saturday's Tampa Bay Derby, which will be this colt's route debut.

Blackadder (Quality Road): Bullet move Monday morning for this \$620,000 KEESEP Baffert colt who exits an off-pace win in the El Camino Real Derby.

Charge It (Tapit): Whisper Hill Farm homebred named 'TDN Rising Star' for Pletcher when daylight winner in a one-turn MSW mile at Gulfstream. He's nominated to the Blue Grass, so that could be a possible April prep.

Ethereal Road (Quality Road): Led from quarter pole until 50 yards from wire after wide journey in slowly run Rebel S.; GI Arkansas Derby next for this D. Wayne Lukas-trained \$90,000 KEEEP colt.



Morello | Sarah Andrew

In Due Time (Not This Time): Three-time sales grad (\$9,500 KEENOV; \$35,000 KEESEP; \$95,000 OBSAPR) ran second in Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. in first two-turn try. Trainer Kelly Breen: "The Florida Derby is in our backyard, but I won't say anything until I talk to the owners and come up with a game plan." **Cont. p12**

Major General (Constitution): The 2-for-2 winner of the Sept. 18 Iroquois S. (\$265,000 KEEJAN; \$420,000 KEESEP) slated for Saturday's Tampa Derby off nearly six-month hiatus.

Morello (Classic Empire): Speed-centric colt (\$140,000 KEENOV; \$200,000 FTKSEL; \$250,000 EASMAY) is now 3-for-3 in one-turn races after sharp 96-Beyer score in GIII Gotham S.

Tiz the Bomb (Hit It a Bomb): Runner-up in GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (FTKSEL \$330,000) regrouped off dirt-eating Holy Bull S. seventh with points-earning score in Turfway's Battaglia S. over Tapeta.

Un Ojo (Laoban): New York-bred gelding has already locked up 54 qualifying points for Louisville, but must prove in Arkansas Derby that his 75-1 rain-soaked shocker in the GII Rebel S. was no fluke.

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MATING PLANS

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MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: MT. BRILLIANT FARM

With the 2022 breeding season underway, we continue to feature a series of breeders' mating plans. Today we have Cooper Sawyer, farm manager of Mt. Brilliant Farm.



Mt. Brilliant's Ursula (Tapit) and her 2022 filly by Into Mischief
Mathea Kelley

MORENA (PER) (m, 18, Privately Held--Charytin (Per), by Summing) to be bred to Liam's Map

This mare had a really nice **Justify** filly that we sold at the [Keeneland] September Sale last year (\$375,000 to Japanese trainer Hideyuki Mori). This year she has a **Constitution** filly.

We are going back to Liam's Map with her this year. Morena herself was a champion in Peru and she's also the dam of Creator (**Tapit**), who won the 2016 GI Belmont S. We were thinking that Liam's Map, with the Unbridled's Song, would give her a little bit more turn of foot, which she needs.

We're big supporters of Liam's Map. We like the quality horse that he gets you and he's doing some really good things. She's also a really big mare, so he will hopefully tidy her up a bit. I think the biggest thing with this mating is that you'll get the natural speed from his pedigree.

SECRET SOMEONE (m, 11, A. P. Indy--Private Gift, by Unbridled) to be bred to Uncle Mo

Secret Someone was bred and raced by [farm owner] Mr. Greg Goodman, so she's a farm favorite. We kept her first filly by **Candy Ride (Arg)** and then last year we sold her Into Mischief colt to Mike Ryan for \$1 million [at KEESEP].

Her dam Private Gift is one of our foundation mares. We have kept a lot of her fillies and raced them ourselves. We've tried to give this mare the absolute best chance we could. When she raced for us, she was third in the GIII Modesty H. and she won the Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf S.

This mare really hits home on a lot of levels for us, so we've tried to give her a big shot. She gives us beautiful foals. We were over the moon with her Into Mischief colt. I've been keeping up with him and he looks very fast. They're very excited about him.

Secret Someone had a **Quality Road** colt this year and she will be going to **Uncle Mo**. The Private Gift family works with so many different sire lines. We gave her **Quality Road** last year to hit on the line of GISW Dunbar Road (**Quality Road**) [out of a half-sister to Secret Someone] and the Into Mischief is the same line as MGSW Private Mission (Into Mischief) [half-sister to Secret Someone]. So we decided to go a little different route this year with **Uncle Mo**. He's a wonderful sire and we've done very well with him. He gives her a little bit of that brilliance you can always expect from him.

PRIVATE GIFT (m, 20, Unbridled--Private Status, by Alydar) to be bred to Into Mischief

Private Gift had a foal later in the season last year so we were not able to get her bred back. This year she is going back to Into Mischief. We were so excited with MGSW Private Mission (Into Mischief), who she foaled in 2018. She was such a beautiful filly.

We sent her up to Saratoga and Donato Lanni fell in love with her. **Cont. p13**

URSULA (m, 5, **Tapit--**Debonnaire (GB)**, by **Anabaa**) to be bred to **Munnings****

Ursula is a half-sister to MG1SW Hartnell (Authorized). We actually sent her dam Debonnaire back to Australia a few years ago. We had gotten several foals out of her here and we decided to keep Ursula. We did put her through a sale but we put a high reserve on her because we liked her so much, so we ended up racing her. She was very talented and ran against some top-class fillies. She ran second in two stakes at Fair Grounds.

She has a Medaglia d'Oro yearling filly and this year she had a stunning Into Mischief filly. We are sending her to **Munnings** this year. Ursula was talented and has some very nice foals, but we wanted to give her a bit more speed. With her international pedigree, we wanted to give her pure dirt without losing sight of her international flare as a half-sister to Hartnell. She was strictly dirt, but we wanted to give the opportunity for turf to still come through with the **Speightstown** line.

FAMOUS (IRE) (m, 15, **Danehil Dancer (Ire)--**Starlight Dreams**, by **Black Tie Affair (Ire)**) to be bred to **Tapit****

Famous is a full-sister to champion Mastercraftsman (Ire). She was bred to Galileo a lot early and we bred her colt Il Paradiso (Galileo) who was third in the G1 Melbourne Cup. We went away from Galileo and bred her to Bernardini, which produced

stakes-placed Love Beach who is also in our broodmare band.



Into Mischief colt out of Superioritycomplex (Ire) sells for \$1.35 million at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale | Keeneland

Famous was Group 1-placed and she has produced Classic-distance horses everywhere. This is a family we're trying to stay in. We were the underbidders on her daughter Sherbet Lemon (Lemon Drop Kid) at Tattersalls last year. There are all kinds of fillies coming up in this family so we're trying to give it a very good shot. **Cont. p14**

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Maclean's Music – Quick Temper, by A.P. Indy

 **SPENDTHRIFT**

Famous has a **Tapit** yearling filly and this year she had a **Quality Road** filly. We have her going back to **Tapit**. Her yearling by **Tapit** is really nice so we wanted to repeat that. **Tapit** is a universal sire and we've done really well with him. We always say that if you're going to breed to **Tapit**, just get out of **Tapit's** way. She's a mare that has been somewhat unlucky in that she's been knocking on the door of being a superb broodmare, so we're giving her every chance we can by sending her to **Tapit**. We have a lot of confidence in her.

SUPERIORITYCOMPLEX (Ire) (m, 8, Hard Spun--

Justlookdonttouch (Ire), by Galileo {Ire}) to be bred to Tapit

This mare and her sister SW Abingdon (Street Cry {Ire}), who we purchased at Newmarket, are exactly what we're looking for in our program. They're mares that have older American families that have gone on to be successful in Europe and we try to bring them back here. We want to be able to take these types of mares and throw some good, old-fashioned dirt back into them and make them great American families again. This is a family that we think is knocking on the door to being a great American family.

We actually raced this mare here in America. She was fourth in a stakes at Arlington.

We first bred her to Into Mischief and got a \$1.35-million colt purchased by Winchell Thoroughbreds last year. Unfortunately, she lost her **Justify** last year. She is now in foal to **Tapit** and then she will be going back to **Tapit**. We've been lucky with **Tapit** and figured it was a great opportunity to use him again. We want to breed to **Tapit** every chance we can get. We couldn't have been happier with the result from the Into Mischief and we have very high hopes for this mare as a producer.

LOOK ME OVER (m, 5, Hard Spun--Wasted Tears, by Najran) to be bred to Quality Road

As the half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Corniche (**Quality Road**), we figured we would take a flyer and send her to **Quality Road**. It's a pretty obvious mating. We bought her last year at the Keeneland November Sale. We love Corniche and think he has a very bright future. We've been using **Quality Road** a lot and really like him. The trend is your friend, so we're not going to go against it.

Look Me Over is in foal to Kitten's Joy this year and we're really excited to see that foal and then send her to **Quality Road**.

SKY GIRL (m, 12, Sky Mesa--Vargas Girl, by Deputy Minister) to be bred to Maclean's Music

This is the half-sister to champion Abel Tasman (**Quality Road**). We have done very well with her in the auction ring. We sold a **Quality Road** yearling for \$775,000 to David Ingordo last year.

She has an **Uncle Mo** yearling filly who is a big, Indian Charlie-looking filly and then this year, she is in foal to **Nyquist**. This year she is going to Maclean's Music. We have been using him for a while. We wanted to give this mare as much speed as possible. Maclean's Music is no secret anymore and his one start was, as everyone says, jaw-dropping. We figured that the A. P. Indy coming from Pulpit with her is a really good cross with him. We've used Maclean's Music a lot recently. We like what we are seeing out of his foals, so we believe in him enough to throw this kind of mare at him.

ITHINKISAWAPUDYCAT (m, 13, Bluegrass Cat--Unbridled Run, by Unbridled) to be bred to Curlin

This is an awesome mare; she's been very good to us. She's the dam of GISW Sweet Loretta (**Tapit**). We have had very nice-looking foals out of her and have raced almost everything out of her. We have her **Tapit** colt Predicted who is doing well and is in training now. We sold her **Uncle Mo** filly last year and this year we have a **Quality Road** yearling filly who is exceptional. She has a lot of leg and she's very classy and forward-looking. We can't wait to show her to the team at Fasig-Tipton for Saratoga.

I think if we were going to be critical of this mare, she doesn't put as much substance into her foals. They're all very athletic but they're medium-sized. This year we are sending her to **Curlin**, who I think will give her more substance to get that top-class, superior racehorse.

We put a lot of thought into our matings with Greg, Hutton and Bo Goodman, Murette Farrell and myself. We go through so many different things. It takes a lot for us to breed to an unproven stallion. We almost always go proven. We don't care who everyone else is breeding to. We try to breed the best athlete we can to get the best racehorse. Putting that in mind, **Curlin** jumped out at us this year. We've used him in the past and I think he's what we're looking for to get a bit more substance out of this mare.

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Get Stormy | Crestwood Farm

Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic--Foolish Gal, by Kiri's Clown), a three-time Grade I winner and leading sire at Crestwood Farm, died unexpectedly Sunday at the age of 16 from what is believed to be a cardiac event, Crestwood reported Monday.

Bred and owned by Mary A. Sullivan, who races under the name Sullimar Stables, Get Stormy was trained by Tom Bush had a long, successful career that included seven graded stakes wins. Racing until the age of six, Get Stormy captured the GI Maker's Mark Mile S., GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S. and GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. From 31 career starts, he compiled a record of 11-5-4 and earned \$1,606,812.

"Get Stormy was an amazing racehorse, and came to us with all the credentials and a tremendous following. He was such a great physical, and was a pleasure to be around," said Crestwood's Pope McLean. "He was poised to become a top sire, as his best-bred crops have yet to race. We are sorry and shocked; he is a great loss to our farm and Storm Cat's legacy."

Get Stormy was popular when he arrived at Crestwood Farm in 2013, breeding 120 mares in his first season. His first crop included Fifty Five, a nine-time stakes winner and millionaire who was named New York-Bred Champion Three-Year-Old Filly in 2017 and New York-Bred Champion Turf Female in 2019. Also hailing from Get Stormy's first crop was multiple graded stakes winner Storm the Hill.

Get Stormy's most prolific progeny so far is multiple Grade I-winning filly Got Stormy. An earner of \$2,468,403, the chestnut defeated males in Saratoga's GI Fourstardave H. in 2019 and again in 2021, setting a new course record of one mile in 1:32 flat in the former victory. The Mark Casse trainee added another top-level triumph in the 2019 GI Matriarch S. at Del Mar.

As of this writing, Get Stormy is the sire of 123 winners from 230 runners, six graded stakes winners, 11 black-type winners and total progeny earnings of \$12,188,748.

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Get Stormy winning the 2011 GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S. *Horsephotos*

TDN SNIPPETS

SNIPPETS: WEEK OF FEB. 28-MAR. 6

It was a jam packed weekend of action from coast to coast. Here's a small, bite-sized sample of its impact on the bloodstock world.

All The Time...

Few sires are hotter right now than Taylor Made's **Not This Time**, who has the fewest crops of any of the top 10 sires on the **2022 general sire list**. In addition to his one-two finish by Simplification and In Due Time in the Fountain of Youth, his Epicenter is also on the GI Kentucky Derby trail.

McGrath's Seal Of Approval...

Not This Time's 17 black-type winners include six graded winners and his sustained success recently **prompted Chris McGrath** to name **Not This Time** possibly Giant's Causeway's "principal American successor."

No One Said It Was Easy...

Morello, **who won the GIII Gotham S. Saturday**, was the third-priciest **Classic Empire** 2-year-old sold at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale when he brought \$250,000, but is out of a mare who once RNA'd for \$1,500. **Cont. p16**

Stop the Wedding eventually sold in 2020 at Keeneland January for \$11,000 to Robert Tillyer--co-breeder of Morello--while in foal to **Cairo Prince**. Her offspring at the sales have been all over the place, with some RNA'ing for the low four figures, and another bringing \$525,000 as a juvenile.

Not Just California Dreamin'

Although the top three money earners for **Union Rags**, standing for \$30,000 this year, have all excelled in California--Saturday's **GI Santa Anita H. victor Express Train**, Paradise Woods, and **Catalina Cruiser**--the Lane's End sire is by no means a one-trick pony. He's had a Grade I-winning 2-year-old colt, as well as two Grade I-winning 2-year-old fillies, a Grade I-winning 3-year-old filly, and now a Grade I-winning older horse. He's had graded winners on dirt and turf, short and long. Along the way, he's accumulated 13 graded winners among his 23 black-type winners.



Union Rags's Express train (outside) takes the Big Cap | Benoit

Brilliant Racehorse, Brilliant Sire...

"It's a great day for Pharoah horses. **American Pharoah** has meant so much to racing." -- Bob Baffert

American Pharoah has four graded stakes winners on dirt in North America this year, **topping TDN's General Sire List** by that metric. He's more than the real deal.

Lev Miller Picks Up A Gem...

GII Davona Dale S. heroine Kathleen O. (Upstart) is the first foal out of Quaver, who has been a frequent visitor to **Tapwrit** in recent years, resulting in a 2-year-old colt named Tap Collector (a \$65,000 OBS yearling purchased by PJ Campanella) and a yearling filly.

Gainesway, Bridlewood, and the **Tapwrit** syndicate had bought Quaver with Kathleen O. in utero for \$90,000 at the 2019 Keeneland January sale, then resold her at last year's Keeneland

November sale in foal to **Tapwrit** for \$140,000 to Lev Miller.

Rising Star Update For Yeguada Centurion...

Taiba, a \$140,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling turned last year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream second topper at \$1.7 million, **became the fourth 'TDN Rising Star' for Gun Runner**.

Interestingly, his dam, Needmore Flattery (**Flatter**), racked up more than \$730,000 having never earned better than a 75 Beyer Speed Figure while competing mostly in Ohio-bred company. Needmore sold to Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals's Yeguada Centurion for \$195,000 at Keeneland November in 2019 before being exported to France and foaling a filly by **Uncle Mo**.

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DIODORO FINED \$1,000 AT OAKLAWN AFTER CLASS 4 POSITIVE

by T.D. Thornton

Robertino Diodoro, currently second in wins and fourth by earnings in the Oaklawn Park trainer standings, had a fifth-place finisher from three months ago disqualified via stewards' ruling Monday because of a Class 4 dexamethasone positive.

Although the DQ ruling itself did not impose a fine upon Diodoro, a separate stewards' ruling fined him \$1,000 under the "absolute insurer" clause.

By issuing a separate fine, the Oaklawn stewards handled Diodoro's Class 4 positive similar to how they did in 2020 when Diodoro had two winners and a fifth-place horse disqualified for the prohibited use of two different Class 4 substances detected in post-race testing.

The DQ'd horse from the Mar. 7 ruling was Storm Advisory (Weigelia), who now gets demoted to sixth and last in the first race from Dec. 10, 2021. Split-sample testing confirmed the result, and Diodoro waived his right to a hearing. It was not immediately clear if any appeal would be lodged.

Dexamethasone is an anti-inflammatory listed as a Class 4/Penalty Category C prohibited substance on the Association of Racing Commissioners International's uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances.

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Ricky Courville, The Trainer Of Un Ojo, Talks About The Rebel Win

NEW HOME WILL FULFILL LONG-RUNNING DREAM FOR NY RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY

Feature courtesy of the New York Racing Association

From the desk of his cramped office at the New York division of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America (NYRTCA) on Belmont Park's backstretch, Chaplain Humberto Chavez can gaze out the window at what he calls, "something we've been planning for and dreaming of for years."

Directly north of the NYRTCA's current office, a team of New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) carpenters, electricians and plumbers are at work constructing the Chaplaincy's new 3,500-square-foot building, which will double the Chaplaincy's current space and become its hub. The new building will house a chapel, a multi-purpose room, a classroom to be named after Hall of Famer and longtime NYRTCA supporter Cot Campbell, and staff offices.

"People ask about the best racing in the country, and we have that in New York," said Chaplain Chavez. "Great people on the backstretch? We have them as well. What this new building gives us is another big positive for New York racing: a place that will welcome everybody. People will come in and they'll be home. This is something we've dreamed of for a long time. To see it happening is exciting."

The New York Racetrack Chaplaincy Center, designed by Frost Hurff Architects of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will ease space issues at its current headquarters, now comprised of two double-wide trailers. The Chaplaincy will continue to utilize the trailers for its weekly food pantry and clothing drive, which are currently held outdoors. A core component of the NYRTCA, the non-denominational services now held at the track's recreation hall, will move into a dedicated chapel within the new building.

A consortium of longtime NYRTCA supporters have contributed major funding to the construction of the new building including the late Marylou Whitney and John Hendrickson, former NYRA President & CEO Chris Kay as well as Kenny and Lisa Troutt of WinStar Farm.

Thoroughbred owner and NYRA board member Michael Dubb supplied the bulk of all materials for the new Chaplaincy Center. Mr. Dubb is also the founder and chairman of the Belmont Child Care Association (BCCA) at Belmont Park; and he and his wife, Lee, founded Faith's House, the BCCA childcare center for the backstretch community at Saratoga Race Course, which opened last summer.

The work kicked off Feb. 7 and is proceeding on schedule. A groundbreaking ceremony for the New York Racetrack Chaplaincy Center is scheduled for Mar. 28, with a full move-in as early as the fall.

"The Racetrack Chaplaincy provides indispensable services to the backstretch community, and NYRA is proud to be able to

make this new building a reality," said Dave O'Rourke, NYRA President & CEO. "We congratulate Chaplain Chavez and his team, and look forward to opening the doors of the New York Racetrack Chaplaincy Center in short order."



Photo courtesy of NYRA

The NYRTCA dates to 1986 and ministers to the spiritual needs of the backstretch community at all three NYRA racetracks - Belmont Park, Aqueduct Racetrack and Saratoga Race Course. In addition to non-denominational prayer services, the NYRTCA provides wide variety of social and educational services to the backstretch community.

Though the Chaplaincy's work with NYRA dates back several decades, the relationship rose to a new level in March 2020 when NYRA was forced to suspend live racing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That's when the essential work of caring for the needs of a small city at Belmont Park--anywhere from 450 to 600 backstretch workers living in approximately 500 rooms among 69 cottages, along with hundreds of others living in the local community with their families--took on a new urgency.

Chavez joined NYRA's Preparedness and Response Plan Committee, comprised of key NYRA staff members, along with representatives of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T.), the BCCA and Premise Health. For the next year-and-a-half, the Committee used an effective team approach in dealing with the effects of COVID-19 on the men and women living and working at Belmont Park.

Committee members used the same team approach in providing the most updated information on COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, followed by crucial information on COVID-19 vaccinations. Chavez played a key role in a wide variety of areas and worked as a translator for local health officials and EMTs. **Cont. p18**

“We’re proud of all of the ways in which our team have stepped in as needed during the pandemic while keeping up with regular services like the food pantry, which became a real lifeline at a tough time,” said NYRTCA Board Chairman Terry Finley, who is also the President and CEO of West Point Thoroughbreds. “What this new building will do is help us take the next step in continuing to meet the needs of backstretch workers.”

Chaplain Chavez agreed.

“We’re so grateful to the people and organizations that have helped make the new building a reality,” he said. “This marks the start of a new era for our community, and we can’t wait.”

To learn more about the New York Race Track Chaplaincy, visit <https://www.rtcany.org/>

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As Time Goes By became the second dirt Grade 1/Group 1 winner for **American Pharoah** in 2022 in the Beholder Mile | *Benoit*

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSWs (G/SW)
American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)	23	12 (4)

(As Time Goes By--GI Beholder Mile S.)

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Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile)	19	5
(Dowagiac Chief--Black Gold S.)		
Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)	3	1

(Morello--GIII Gotham S.)		
Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein)	8	5
(Spendarella--GIII Herecomesthebride S.)		
Not This Time (Giant's Causeway)	17	6
(Simplification--GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S.)		
Street Strategy (Street Sense)	1	---
(Connie K.--DownthedustyrOAD Breeders' S.)		
Temple City (Dynaformer)	23	12
(Temple--GII Mac Diarmida S.)		
Union Rags (Dixie Union)	23	13 (5)
(Express Train--GI Santa Anita H.)		

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Upstart (Flatter)	6	2
(Kathleen O.--GII Davona Dale S.)		
Wicked Strong (Hard Spun)	5	1
(Wicked Crane----Listed Premio Galena)		

Italics indicate new activity, statistics include results for Northern Hemisphere-sired foals only. Want to promote your stallion? Email suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.



SNAPY HALO TO STAND IN VIRGINIA

Former Calumet Farm stallion **Snapy Halo (Arg)** (Southern Halo--Ensaola {Arg}, by Ringaro) will stand the 2022 breeding season at Covilar LLC Farm, the former Owl Hollow Morgan Farm. The nursery, located on 120 acres in Floyd, Virginia, was recently purchased by Josep Bassaganya-Riera, a entrepreneur and biotech pioneer.

“I am pleased to announce that Covilar LLC initiated operations in the second half of 2021,” Bassaganya-Riera said in a release. “We are proud to build on the legacy of success of the Owl Hollow Farm. The breeding barns are fully functional and ready to accommodate any number of mares immediately.”

Winner of the G1 Estrellas Mile in Argentina and stakes-placed in Australia for trainer John O'Shea, Snapy Halo is the sire of 26 winners to date, including Konkeror K, a two-time stakes winner in Panama, and Snapy Gal, victorious in the Iowa Breeders' Oaks.

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CHURCHILL TO OFFER THURBY INFIELD ACCESS

For the first time, officials at Churchill Downs will open general admission access to the infield for the annual 'Thurby' presented by Old Forester. The day's events will feature live music from Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats as part of the celebration of music and Kentucky bourbon.

“We couldn’t be more excited to expand our Derby Week entertainment with this infield music experience on Thurby,” said Mike Anderson, President of Churchill Downs Racetrack. “As a day that has come to be celebrated as Kentucky’s Day, we’re confident this event will capture the interest of multiple generations and provide another way to make memories with friends and family leading up to the Kentucky Derby. Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats bring the ideal energy to kick off this new tradition with a sound that captures the spirit of Thurby.”

Gates open Thursday, May 5 at 11 a.m. ET, with the first race programmed for 12:45 p.m. ET. General admission tickets start at \$29 and can be purchased [here](#). The band will take the stage in the afternoon and entertain guests between races.

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FIRST MARE IN FOAL TO LEXITONIAN

Grade I winner **Lexitonian** (**Speightstown**--Riviera Romper, by **Tapit**), new to the Lane's End roster for 2022, has his first mare confirmed in foal, the farm reported Monday.

The first mare scanned in foal to the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. hero is Grade I winner Magnificent Song (Unbridled's Song), owned by Calumet Farm. She hails from the immediate family of black-type performers Galileo's Song, Great Barrier Reef, Queen Daenerys and more.

An earner of over \$700,000 in his racing career, **Lexitonian** stands for \$10,000.

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Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 6:10 p.m. EST

AZERI S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	She's All Wolfe	Magna Graduate	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Arrieta	121
2	Pauline's Pearl	Tapit	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	124
3	Lavender (Ire)	Born To Sea (Ire)	George A. Sharp	Davis	Vazquez	117
4	Ava's Grace	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine	Diodoro	Cohen	117
5	Ce Ce	Elusive Quality	Bo Hirsch, LLC	McCarthy	Espinoza	117
6	Lady Mystify	Bernardini	Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing and Hausman, Richard	Eurton	Gutierrez	119
7	Shedaresthedevil 🌟	Daredevil	Flurry Racing Stables LLC, Qatar Racing Limited and Big Aut Farms	Cox	Geroux	119
8	Golden Curl 🌟	Curlin	George A. Sharp	Davis	Cabrera	119
9	Super Quick	Super Saver	Marylou Whitney Stables	Casse	Talamo	121

Breeders: 1-Robert H. Zoellner, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington, 4-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 5-Bo Hirsch LLC, 6-Scott Dilworth & Evan Dilworth, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC



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BLACK TYPE

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

FISHTOWN S., \$100,000, Parx Racing, 3-7, 4/up, 6f, 1:10.14, ft.

1--**HOLLYWOOD JET, 122, g, 4, Uncaptured--Travelator (MSW & MGSP, \$647,672), by A. P Jet. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O/T-Carlos J. Milian; B-William J. Terrell & Frank De Savino (FL); J-Luis M. Ocasio. \$55,200. Lifetime Record: 12-7-2-2, \$185,260.

2--**Sir Alfred James, 126, g, 6, Munnings--Super Phoebe, by Malabar Gold. (\$17,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean Sr., Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. (KY); T-Norman L. Cash. \$18,400.**



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3--**Uncle Ernie, 122, g, 4, Talent Search--Mary Cole, by Broken Vow. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-G Hallenbeck; T-J Servis. \$9,200.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 6.50, 3.50.

Also Ran: Mojovation, Prince of Rain, Fortheluvofbourbon, Midnightcharly, Bybee, Breezy Gust. Scratched: Our Philly Special, Smooth B.

Now a winner of his last five races, Hollywood Jet added to his ultra-consistent record at Parx by taking his first stakes victory Monday in the Fishtown S. Off of back-to-back allowance wins at six-furlongs Nov. 16 and Feb. 7, where he posted increasing Beyer Speed Figures, he kept on rolling into 2022 with a half-length victory over Sir Alfred James.

Unchallenged early from his far outside post, Hollywood Jet rushed forward to assume command of the lead and raced unchallenged through a :21.77 opening quarter. Uncle Ernie moved up alongside at the quarter pole and the two squared off down the stretch with Hollywood Jet digging in and finding a bit more through the final furlong to reach the wire in front.



Hollywood Jet | Barbara Weidl/EQUI-PHOTO

Hollywood Jet is the eighth winner of his dam who has a 2-year-old and a yearling filly both by **Adios Charlie** and was bred back to the son of Indian Charlie for 2022. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **TVG**.

Tuesday, Parx Racing, post time: 3:41p.m. EDT

MAIN LINE S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1m70yd

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Skerrett	Mastery	Adorno	Reid	8-1
2	Bazinga C	Exaggerator	Silvera	Kreiser	6-1
3	Morning Matcha	Central Banker	Pennington	Reid	2-1
4	Mia Tosca	Animal Kingdom	Gonzalez	DeMasi	8-1
5	Champagne Poetry	Carpe Diem	Mccarthy	Summers	7-2
6	Beach Daze	Blofeld	Rivera	Mann	8-1
7	Eighty Eight Keys	Gormley	Ocaslo	Bedard	20-1
8	Early Glow	Medaglia d'Oro	Lezcano	Mott	3-1

Tuesday, Parx Racing, post time: 4:12p.m. EDT

SOCIETY HILL S., \$100,000, 3yo, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Rosebug	American Pharoah	Lezcano	Mott	3-1
2	Disco Ebo	Weigalia	Pennington	Reid	9-2
3	Martini's Amica	Klimt	No Rider	Vazquez	20-1
4	Phancy Philly	Bullsbay	Haddock	Pearce	8-1
5	Kisses for Emily	Union Jackson	Davis	Linder	10-1
6	Princess Emma Jo	Weigalia	Salgado	Rodriguez	12-1
7	Perfect Direction	Speighster	Bowman	Whyllie	8-1
8	Our Uptown Girl	Uptowncharlybrown	Nunez	Coletti	8-1
9	Buff My Boots	Buffum	Acosta	Salzman	7-2
10	Starship Laoban	Laoban	Silvera	Ness	4-1
11	Argentina Girl	Uncle Lino	No Rider	Vazquez	8-1

Tuesday, Parx Racing, post time: 4:43p.m. EDT

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE S., \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Southern Runner	Speightster	Beato	Velazquez	10-1
2	Ready to March	Tom's Ready	No Rider	Chapman	6-1
3	Dance Code	Honor Code	Juarez	Vazquez	7-2
4	Uncaptured Spirit	Uncaptured	Mccarthy	Shuman	6-1
5	Scaramouche	Munnings	Gonzalez	Preciado	5-1
6	Uncle Buddy	Uncle Lino	Silvera	Kreiser	6-1
7	Jamie Dreams	Not This Time	No Rider	Linder	10-1
8	Talented Man	Talent Search	Hernandez	Moore	8-1
9	Practical Coach	Practical Joke	Pennington	Reid	4-1
10	Cuneo	Peace and Justice	Castillo	Guerrero	8-1

Tuesday, Parx Racing, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Epic Luck	Madefromlucky	Carrasco	DeMasi	8-1
2	Noneedtoworry	Algorithms	Gonzalez	Whyllie	6-1
3	Smarten Up	American Freedom	Salgado	Velazquez	4-1
4	Courvoisier	Tapit	Mccarthy	Breen	3-1
5	Twisted Ride	Great Notion	Silvera	DeMasi	6-1
6	Constitutionlawyer	Constitution	Davis	Handal	9-2
7	Beast Or Famine	The Big Beast	Lopez	Pearce	6-1
8	Vine Jet	Red Vine	Adorno	Dunn	5-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Santa Anita, \$67,500, Msw, 3-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.14, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MUSICA (f, 4, Dialed In--Gracie Ragazza, by Eddington) came back after a second last out Jan. 29 at the same level to break her maiden in her second career start. Sent off at odds of 5-2, Musica broke cleanly and raced inside while pressuring the early lead of favored Martini Mischief (Into Mischief). By the quarter pole, she had gained a bit of separation and drew clear once into the stretch to win without threat by 2 1/4 lengths.

Kirstenbosch (**Midnight Lute**) was second. Gracie Ragazza has a 2-year-old by **Good Samaritan** and was bred to Goldcents for 2022. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$53,600. [Click for the](#)

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**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Creative Stride, c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Tick Tick Boom, by Cuvee. King Abdulaziz, 3-5, Allowance, 1600m. B-Highclere Inc (KY). *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

VIDEO (SC 4)

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Wildly Romantic, c, 4, **Bayern**--Romantic Storm, by Roman Ruler. Seoul, 3-5, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Kathie Maybee & Bayern Syndicate (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '20 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 12)**

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Choego Race, c, 4, **Race Day**--A. P. Andrea, by Notional. Seoul, 3-6, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Equus Farm (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

IN PERU:

Balan Balan, c, 3, **Honor Code**--Seeking the Heart (MSP), by Seeking the Gold. Monterrico, 3-5, Maiden, 1900mT. B-Jacalyn M Tillman LLC (KY). *1/2 to Indycott (A.P. Indy), SP, \$455,824. *\$80,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

VIDEO (SC 3)

Wicked Crane, c, 3, **Wicked Strong**--White Crane, by First Defence. Monterrico, 3-6, Premio Galena-Listed, 1600m. B-Hedberg Hall Inc (KY). *1ST STAKES WIN. **GSP-Per. ***\$2,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

**IN CHILE:**

Nenufar Azul (Chi), f, 3, **Lookin At Lucky**--Nadie Como Ella (Chi), by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**. Club Hipico, 3-6, Gran Clasico Coronacion Pablo Baraona U.-G2, 2000mT, 2:01.40. B-Haras Don Alberto. *G1SW-Chi. **Exiting a 7-1 upset in the G1 El Derby Feb. 6, Nenufar Azul defeated the commonly owned Suspira Mi Amor (Chi) **Lookin At Lucky** by six lengths as the 3-10 favorite. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Jangsan Poison (Kor), c, 3, **Kantharos**--Ginger Rush, by **Speightstown**. Seoul, 3-5, Hcp. (C5), 1400m. B-Halla Livestock. *Full to Kandy Ginger, MSW, \$123,815. **\$65,000 in utero '18 KEENOV. **VIDEO (SC 8)**

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

2021 Stud Fees Listed

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

191 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Parx Racing, 5:14 p.m. EST, \$100K City of Brotherly Love S.,
1 1/16m, Smarten Up, 4-1

\$20,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Blofeld (Quality Road), Murmur Farm

50 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$100K Main Line S., 1m, Beach
Daze, 8-1

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

199 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$100K Main Line S., 1m, Eighty
Eight Keys, 20-1

Klimt (Quality Road), Jockey Club of Turkey, \$7,500

282 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 4:12 p.m. EST, \$100K Society Hill S., 6f, Martini's
Amica, 20-1. \$100,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$65,000 OBS APR 2yo

Madefromlucky (Lookin At Lucky), Northview Stallion Station

70 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Parx Racing, 5:14 p.m. EST, \$100K City of Brotherly Love S.,
1 1/16m, Epic Luck, 8-1

Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000

222 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$100K Main Line S., 1m, Skerrett, 8-1

Practical Joke (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000

266 foals of racing age/30 winners/6 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 4:43 p.m. EST, \$100K Rittenhouse Square S., 6f,
Practical Coach, 4-1

\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$270,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Tom's Ready (More Than Ready), Red River Farms, pensioned
 15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 9-Parx Racing, 4:43 p.m. EST, \$100K Rittenhouse Square S., 6f,
 Ready to March, 6-1
 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Union Jackson (Curlin), Sequel New York, \$2,500
 69 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Parx Racing, 4:12 p.m. EST, \$100K Society Hill S., 6f, Kisses for
 Emily, 10-1
 \$125,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Wildcat Red (D'wildcat), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000
 29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Mahoning Valley, 2:36 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Wildcat Dream,
 20-1
 \$7,000 RNA OTB OMX 2yo



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STAKES RESULTS:

WASHINGTON CROSSING S., \$100,000, Parx Racing, 3-7,
 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.52, ft.

1--**BIRD KING, 122, g, 5, Tiznow--Bird Legacy, by Mineshaft. 1ST**
BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Gregory Carlevale; B-Marylou Whitney
 Stables LLC (KY); T-Michael V. Pino; J-Angel Castillo. \$56,400.
 Lifetime Record: 21-4-7-4, \$216,500.

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2--**Dreams Untold, 122, g, 5, Smarty Jones--Shootforthestars, by**
 Seattle Slew. O-Someday Farm; B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA);
 T-John C. Servis. \$18,800.

3--**Splicethemainbrace, 122, h, 6, Poseidon's Warrior--Aunt**
 Bobby, by Ecclesiastic. O-LC Racing and Wellesley Stable;
 B-Swilcan Stables LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$9,400.

Margins: 4, 1, 6 3/4. Odds: 2.80, 1.70, 6.90.

PENN'S LANDING S., \$100,000, Parx Racing, 3-7, 4yo/up, f/m,
 6 1/2f, 1:18.42, ft.

1--**HEY MAMALUKE, 125, m, 6, Jump Start--Pu Dew, by Lucky**
Lionel. O-Joseph Capriglione; B-Joe Capriglione (PA); T-Patricia
 Farro; J-Andy Hernandez. \$57,600. Lifetime Record: 24-9-6-0,
 \$478,519.

2--**Jakarta, 121, m, 7, Bustin Stones--T J's Stormy Wit, by**
 Stormello. (\$35,000 4yo '19 EASDEC). O-Three Diamonds
 Farm; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta.
 \$19,200.

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3--**Glory Dia, 121, m, 5, Dialed In--Barb's Glory, by Sun King.**
 (\$32,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$7,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP;
 \$18,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-The Hakim's Stable LLC;
 B-Michael D O'Rorke (KY); T-Mario A. Dominguez. \$9,600.

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

Margins: 2, HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 5.30, 0.70, 8.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-Santa Anita, \$70,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-7,
 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.60, fm, neck.

LETSGETLUCKY (g, 4, Munnings--My Cinsation, by Cindago)
 Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-3-1-5, \$205,272. O-Edward Rusty
 Brown, Alan Klein & Philip Lebherz; B-Premier Thoroughbreds
 LLC (CA); T-Brian J. Koriner.

3rd-Parx Racing, \$64,980, 3-7, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.57, ft,
 3/4 length.

BULLET BUTCH (c, 4, Jump Start--Gritty Gal, by War Pass)
 Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$70,450. O-Cash is King LLC and LC
 Racing LLC; B-J. Besecker, N. Strong, J. Cullen, K. Cullen & Silver
 Springs Stud LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. *\$19,000 Wlg '18
 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900, (S), 3-7, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.87,
 my, nose.

PRIVATE DRIVE (g, 6, Bellamy Road--Private Cause {MSW,
\$114,365}, by Noble Causeway) Lifetime Record: SP, 50-10-4-7,
 \$229,095. O-Sebastian Gonzalez; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC
 & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Glenroy Brown. *1/2 to Indian
 Fever (Colonel John), SP, \$209,704.

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7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,900, 3-7, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.91, my,
 3/4 length.

WINDY LU WHO (m, 5, Justin Phillip--Windsail, by Grand
Appointment) Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-3, \$154,761.
 O/B/T-Pocket Aces Racing LLC and Susan Anderson Racing, LLC.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$31,900, 3-6, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up,
1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.72, ft, 1/2 length.

MOHAWK KING (IRE) (g, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Marsh Hawk {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-4-0, \$96,993. O-Nin Auyeung & Gary Marrone; B-Rockcliffe Stud (Ire); T-Michael Lenzini. *220,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; 250,000gns 2yo '20 TATBRE.

5th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,900, 3-7, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.92, my,
1/2 length.

SO DIALED IN (g, 4, Dialed In--So Fancy, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 21-4-5-3, \$101,795. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 3-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.76, my,
1 1/4 lengths.

TOUCHDOWN JESUS (g, 4, Shakin It Up--Holy Touch, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, \$40,154. O-Rey Juarez-Mendoza; B-Equus Farm (KY); T-T. R. Haehn. *\$9,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

My Brother Neil, g, 4, Exaggerator--Rayella, by Giant Oak. Parx Racing, 3-7, (C), 1m 70y, 1:46.55. Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-3, \$78,265. B-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Robert L. Tribbett (NY). *\$100,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.

Alqwani, f, 4, Phantom Wildcat--Pop Quality, by Elusive Quality. Golden Gate Fields, 3-7, 6f (AWT), 1:11.88. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Bravestone, g, 4, Tizbud--Gossip Queen, by Grand Slam. Santa Anita, 3-7, (S), 1mT, 1:35.39. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-1, \$59,272. B-Carnation Racing Stable (CA). *\$8,000 Ylg '19 FTCAZR.

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- Bellamy Road, Private Drive, g, 6, o/o Private Cause, by Noble Causeway.** ALW, 3-7, Mahoning Valley
- Dialed In, Musica, f, 4, o/o Gracie Ragazza, by Eddington.** MSW, 3-7, Santa Anita
- Dialed In, So Dialed In, g, 4, o/o So Fancy, by Tapit.** ALW, 3-7, Mahoning Valley
- Exaggerator, My Brother Neil, g, 4, o/o Rayella, by Giant Oak.** MCL, 3-7, Parx Racing
- Jump Start, Bullet Butch, c, 4, o/o Gritty Gal, by War Pass.** AOC, 3-7, Parx Racing
- Jump Start, Hey Mamaluke, m, 6, o/o Pu Dew, by Lucky Lionel.** Penn's Landing S., 3-7, Parx Racing
- Justin Phillip, Windy Lu Who, m, 5, o/o Windsail, by Grand Appointment.** ALW, 3-7, Mahoning Valley
- Munnings, Letsgetlucky, g, 4, o/o My Cinsation, by Cindago.** AOC, 3-7, Santa Anita
- Phantom Wildcat, Alqwani, f, 4, o/o Pop Quality, by Elusive Quality.** MSW, 3-7, Golden Gate
- Shakin It Up, Touchdown Jesus, g, 4, o/o Holy Touch, by Touch Gold.** ALW, 3-7, Mahoning Valley
- Siyouni (Fr), Mohawk King (Ire), g, 4, o/o Marsh Hawk (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire).** ALW, 3-6, Golden Gate
- Tizbud, Bravestone, g, 4, o/o Gossip Queen, by Grand Slam.** MSW, 3-7, Santa Anita
- Tiznow, Bird King, g, 5, o/o Bird Legacy, by Mineshaft.** Washington Crossing S., 3-7, Parx Racing
- Uncaptured, Hollywood Jet, g, 4, o/o Travelator, by A. P Jet.** Fishtown S., 3-7, Parx Racing



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'WE WERE WILLING TO WORK—AND TO TAKE A RISK'



Cathal Beale presents Aisling and Gabriel Duignan with their Wild Geese Award | *Caroline Norris*

by *Chris McGrath*

Year after year, the thread of his horsemanship snags another big prize in the web of his many different interests. And this spring Gabriel Duignan is back on the GI Kentucky Derby trail—this time as breeder, his Springhouse Farm near Lexington having started Forbidden Kingdom (**American Pharoah**) along the road that has already taken in two of the big Californian trials, latterly the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita last weekend.

Before you ask: disappointingly, there's no real story behind the nickname. When he started as a kid at Airlie Stud, his predecessor had for some reason been known as "Spider", and the guy in charge just couldn't keep his real name in his head. On the third day he gave up, and announced that Duignan might as well be Spider too. "Though I was a skinny, leggy young guy, so it suited a bit as well," notes Duignan.

But if that particular line of inquiry turns out to be something of a wild goose chase, then at least we can now formally acclaim Duignan and his wife Aisling as the ultimate such quarry.

Last week they were profoundly touched to return to their native land to be jointly saluted by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association with the "Wild Geese" Award, made to compatriots who fly the tricolour in exemplary fashion on foreign fields. [Cont. p2](#)

A CASE OF YOU TO REMAIN IN DUBAI FOR AL QUOZ SPRINT

Group 1 winner **A Case Of You (Ire)** (Hot Streak {Ire}) will remain in Dubai and target the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on Mar. 26. He was a distant second to Godolphin's Man Of Promise (Into Mischief) in the six-furlong G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint at Meydan on Mar. 5. Gary Devlin's 4-year-old colt captured the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp on Oct. 3 and was a good fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar on Nov. 6. He made his 4-year-old bow a winning one, with an easy 3 1/2-length win in a Dundalk all-weather affair on Feb. 11 prior to his Meydan second.

"He's good and we're very happy with him," said trainer Ado McGuinness. "He grubbed up well after the race, he had a nice roll on Sunday morning. I don't know how we are going to beat the winner but we're going to try again.

"I suppose if the winner wasn't in it, we'd be hot favourite for the Sprint on World Cup night because we beat the third easy enough." [Cont. p7](#)



A Case Of You | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

AT UKRAINIAN RACETRACK, JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE

Bill Finley speaks with trainer Olga Bondar, who is also the Vice-Director of the Kyiv Hippodrome, about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

Gabriel & Aisling Duignan Cont. from p1

They were amused, too, by some of the themes of a video tribute. Repeated reference was made by friends and colleagues, with an air of perplexity, to Duignan's roots in rural Co. Leitrim. ("Okay, so there wasn't a huge horse culture," he concedes. "But surprisingly enough, there were always a few horses around.") Paramount's Lesley Champion noted how well the couple complemented each other: "Aisling's smart, hard-working, astute; just a lovely, decent, kind, welcoming person. And, um, Spider is a good dancer. And is tall. And is from Leitrim."

But the real cornerstone was a contribution from John Magnier, who employs Aisling as Director of Bloodstock at Ashford Stud.

"Spider, I knew you were clever from the time you were working for Tony Ryan and did so well for him," the Coolmore boss said. "But when you got married to Aisling that confirmed

how clever you were."

Magnier recalled Aisling leading the mares out "as a kid" in all weathers: "Dressed up in rain gear so you could hardly find her. But she always stood out, really, and it's not a surprise to me that she's reached the heights that she has."

"Those were lovely words he said," her husband says. "To be fair, I think they've always had a great relationship. Look, it was a beautiful award to receive, the ITBA did a great job putting on the whole night, and the whole thing is very gratifying really. It's always nice to be recognised by your peers."

Over the years, of course, Kentucky has become something close to a 33rd Irish county. But when Duignan first arrived in 1985, recommended to Bill

O'Neill at Circle O Farm, he was only just behind a pioneering wave of migrants led by the likes of the late Gerry Dilger, himself winner of the Wild Geese Award in 2018. **Cont. p3**



MGSW Forbidden Kingdom was bred by Duignan's Springhouse Farm, and is now on the GI Kentucky Derby trail | Benoit Photo



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It's fitting, as such, that the bursary fund collected in Dilger's memory should be devoted to fresh cycles in that ongoing, transatlantic exchange of enthusiasm and experience, with two young women from Ireland set to arrive for their belated stint at Springhouse.

"Because of lockdown, unfortunately we weren't able to bring them over as planned last year but we're looking forward to the two girls coming over in the spring and that'll kick it off," Duignan says. "An American student is also being sent to the Irish National Stud. It's a great thing to give young people the kind of experience that we had. Gerry was such a super guy, kind of the godfather to us all over here, and I'd like to think his fund will be around a long time into the future."



Aisling Duignan | Fasig-Tipton

Opportunities like this, and of course the Godolphin Flying Start, were not available when this wild gosling first took wing, and the Irish expatriate community in the Bluegrass duly owes a great deal to the informal impetus provided by John Hughes, in Duignan's own case, and Michael Osborne, in so many others.

"I'll forever be indebted to John Hughes," Duignan stresses. "He was head vet at Airlie while I was there, and took a personal interest in sending me over here and setting me up with a job at Circle O. He was a great guy. Himself and Dr. Osborne were the two that looked after a lot of young Irish people at the time, and sent us on our way.

"None of us had very many dollars in our back pockets when we got here. But I guess Ireland was in pretty bad shape at the time. We arrived with very little expectations, but we were willing to work and grateful for any opportunities we got. And then there was a little of that entrepreneurial spirit as well. When we did make a few dollars, we were prepared to take a risk and invest in a horse." **Cont. p4**

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

FULL-BROTHER TO MO'UNGA TOPS KARAKA

A full-brother to MG1SW Mo'Unga (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) took top honours at Karaka on Monday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

SMART FIRST FOALS...



Filly ex **SHY BRIDE**, a half-sister to three Group winners including Champion **Gold Away**, owned by **Barronstown Stud**



Filly ex **HAIDA GWAI**, a daughter of **Zoffany** out of the Listed winner **Briolette**, herself a half-sister to Champions **Pilsudski** and **Fine Motion**, owned by **Barronstown Stud**



Filly ex **DARKEST**, a winning own-sister to Group 2 **Sandown Mile** winner and Group 1 **Lockinge Stakes** runner-up **Sovereign Debt**, owned by **Balreask Stud**



Colt ex **MS GRAND CORNICHE**, a Pivotal half-sister to Ebor winner **Moyenne Corniche**, owned by **Dr Dean Harron**

CIRCUS MAXIMUS

Triple Gr.1-winning miler by **GALILEO** from the family of leading sire **MUNNINGS**

In the last week, **Triermore Stud's** Group 2 winner and **Irish Oaks** runner-up **Banimpire** produced a smashing colt, the **Niarchos Family's** Group 2 winner **Freedonia** foaled an attractive half-sister to Group 1-winning 2YO **Albigna** and **Looking Back**, dam of World Champion Miler **Rip Van Winkle** had a quality filly

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He adds, "It's a fantastic community: a great bunch of people, very close, almost like family really. Everybody pulls for each other."

For all the banter about his upbringing in a relative backwater of the Turf, Duignan came from a farming family and, like so many compatriots, exported an engrained, instinctive stockmanship.

"I was just one of those kids born with a love of horses," he says. "My brother Cahill was the same, and we were sent to a local guy who broke horses. I started with the ponies and gymkhanas, but figured out pretty early on I wasn't good enough to make a living out of that. So I transferred over to Thoroughbreds at Airlie Stud. I do think a stockman is a stockman, absolutely: if you've an eye for a horse, you'll have an eye for cattle, for any animal really. And that love for the land is



Gabriel Duignan & Pat Costello | Keeneland

very closely related too. You can learn, you can help yourself, but I see American kids that grew up on a farm, and it's just the same: it gives you a little edge."

That raw material couldn't have been better shaped than by O'Neill, who had managed Bwamazon Farm for Millard Waldheim before taking on Circle O.

"He was a great mentor to me," Duignan recalls. "He was a proper, old-fashioned Kentucky hardboot. It was hard work, no messing around, but I learned a lot off him. And actually I've just been lucky through life, working with a lot of good people. Like David Garvin, who gave me the opportunity to start buying horses for him at Ironwood, a beautiful farm I managed for him at Bowling Green. And then

Dr. Ryan took me on [as president of Castleton-Lyons]. Another great man: he pushed you, he had great foresight. I learned a lot of the business part of things through him." **Cont. p5**

BATED BREATH

A strong hand in 2022

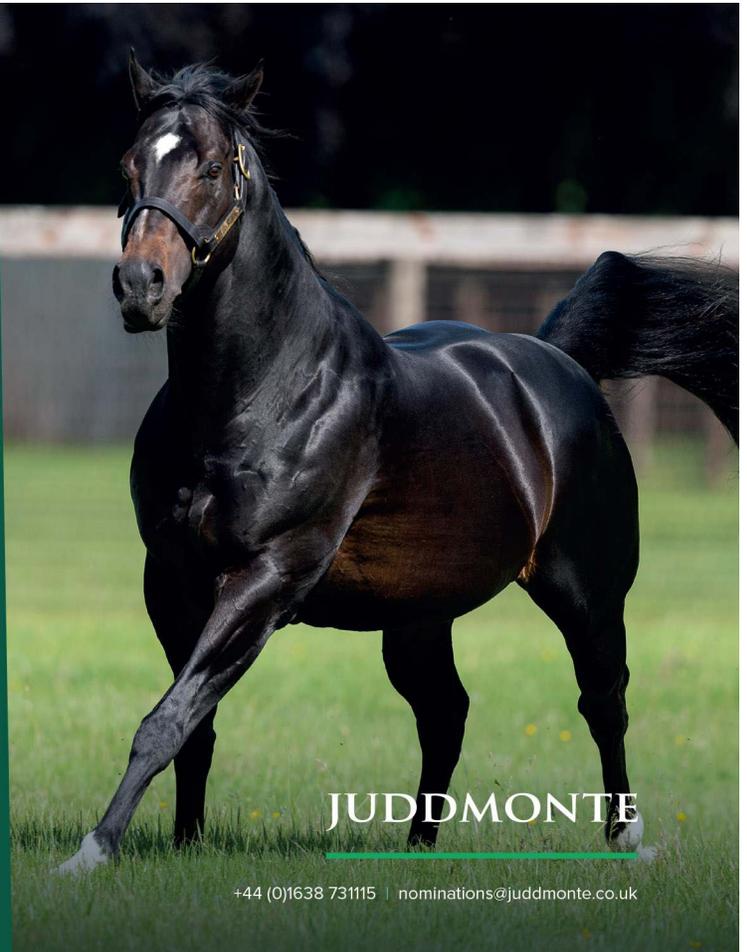


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And that element would be critical to Duignan's development of such a diverse portfolio: farm owner, breeder, pinhooker and, in 2001, founding partner of Paramount with Pat Costello. They had already been the core investors, along with Ted Campion, in a pinhooking partnership they called The Lads.

"I've always been lucky to have great partners," Duignan says. "Gerry. Ted and Pat. Charlie O'Connor. Back then, I guess a good bit of it was trial and error. But we all learned a lot from each other. And our timing was good. The market had been a bit more closed before, but as things became more commercial you had more opportunities for striking out and selling on your own."

His association with Costello now goes back some 30 years. He suspects that they first met in a pub.

"Believe it or not!" he says with a chuckle. "Yeah, we met shortly after coming here and just hit it off and have been friends ever since. Obviously we think a lot alike, as far as a horse is concerned. You do need to have give and take, if you're going to do partnerships, but to be honest we've never had any differences."

The ultimate partnership, however, is naturally that with Aisling herself. Duignan submits willingly to all the facetious

inferences of their friends in the ITBA video.

"She's been huge help," he says. "It's lovely to have somebody you can bounce things off that's smarter than yourself. She has unbelievable energy, has to juggle lot of balls in the air, and I don't know how she does it: she's a very sharp businesswoman, but also a wonderful mother and just a fantastic person."

All ribbing aside, however, everyone acknowledges Duignan himself as an outstanding horseman. Wearing his various hats, he has processed too many good horses for there to be any doubt about that. During his time at Castleton Lyons, Duignan assisted in the rise of Malibu Moon, while young stallions **No Nay Never** and Gormley are among the graduates of the Paramount consignment. If forced to identify one dimension of his portfolio that gives him most pride, however, it would probably be the mares that have found their way to various farms under his supervision.

When Point Given (Thunder Gulch) was a weanling, for instance, Duignan brought his dam to Ironwood for \$160,000; she was sold for \$2 million in the same ring five years later. He bought the dam of Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat) for Castleton Lyons. Then there was dual Grade I winner Brody's Cause, co-bred with William Arvin Jr. and Petaluma Bloodstock after the \$130,000 acquisition of his dam.

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TASLEET

Showcasing - Bird Key (Cadeaux Genereux)

The value option for 2022

Top of the PROFITABILITY INDEX table for active British-based first-crop sires at 2021 yearling sales

Sire	Yearling Average	2019 Fee	Profitability Index
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Lightning Spear	28,111 gns	£8,500	3.47
Havana Grey	26,167 gns	£8,000	3.43
Massaat	14,369 gns	£5,000	3.01
Zoustar	68,122 gns	£25,000	2.86
Washington DC	12,706 gns	£6,000	2.22
Expert Eye	40,990 gns	£20,000	2.15
Harry Angel	39,323 gns	£20,000	2.06
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First two-year-olds 2022

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Just last year two juveniles to have been through Duignan's hands scored at the elite level: GI Starlet S. winner Eda (**Munnings**) was sold by Paramount as a Keeneland September yearling for \$240,000, while GI Breeders' Futurity S. winner Rattle N Roll (**Connect**), pinhooked as a \$55,000 weanling via Remy Bloodstock, was sold in the same consignment for \$210,000. And now, from the same crop, Forbidden Kingdom is advertising the alert recruitment of his dam Just Louise (Five Star Day) for just \$150,000, despite her GIII Debutante S. success in a light career.

"That's what it's all about, at the end of the day," Duignan



Paramount Sales sold Grade I winner Eda, who won the Mar. 6 GIII Santa Ysabel S. | *Benoit Photo*

says. "The buzz of good horses. I think the biggest thing, looking back, was the day I started investing in the game rather than just working in it. In life, you always need luck and thank God I've

had my share of that too. But there are always risks involved, so you do need the mentality to take the ups and downs. If things go wrong, you have to be able to take it and move on; you don't look back, only forward."

In raising a horse, equally, he feels you have to let things flow; to expose horses to the challenges that help them mature into fighters on the track—very much, he suggests, part of a culture shared by his fellow "wild geese".

"I do think we try to let them be horses," he says. "They're

kept outdoors as much as possible, kept in the herd as much as possible." **Cont. p7**



G1 Golden Slipper winner Stay Inside (Extreme Choice) has been retired to stand at Newgate Farm. "I can say with my hand on my heart, I've never been more confident of Newgate standing a stallion that will make the grade long-term," said Henry Field. | *Bronwen Healy*

Gabriel & Aisling Duignan Cont.

He adds, "I think it's very important you don't hothouse horses, because I think it's been proven through the years that you just make a softer individual that way. I think probably all the Irish guys are a bit like that."

Duignan rejects the pessimism expressed by many for the American industry. Purses in some states are very strong, he notes, while that even the pandemic yielded reasons to be cheerful in increased handle, and a remarkably robust bloodstock market.

"No doubt the business has shrunk over the last 20 years," he admits. "But it's very resilient. At the end of the day, there is that bond between humans and horses. It's a great game, and I often say that I probably never worked a day in my life. If you love what you do, there's no better way to go through life. So long as you're able to take a few knocks along the way, it's a lovely way to make a living."

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He added, "It's definitely the Al Quoz next barring any mishaps. We'll see what we do then. We'll sit down and maybe make a plan for Ascot after that. The Al Quoz will be his first port of call.

"He's staying over there. I was out with him before I came home. He looks great and there's not a bother on him. He looks a million dollars in the sun."

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AL QUOZ NEXT FOR HAPPY ROMANCE

The McMurray Family's **Happy Romance (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}), who ran third in the 1400-metre G3 1351 Turf Sprint in Riyadh on Feb. 26, is pointing to the 1200-metre G1 Al Quoz Sprint on Mar. 26, according to trainer Richard Hannon. A winner of the G3 Hackwood S. last July, the bay filly ran fourth in the G1 Betfair Sprint Cup S. on Sept. 4 and tired to 11th in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S. on Oct. 16.

Hannon said, "Happy Romance ran a blinder in Riyadh. She has come back and is in good form and she will go for the Al Quoz.

"I don't really know what the plan is after that. We'll get her back and plot races from there. We'll see how she gets on in Dubai and once she is right, we'll look for the next one.

"I always thought she would get seven furlongs. She is extremely capable over both six and seven furlongs and that will

give her plenty of options again this season. She is a smashing filly."

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Happy Romance is bound for Dubai World Cup night | *Racingfotos.com*

UK JOCKEY WEIGHTS TO RISE

The three-pound COVID allowance for riders will be replaced with an across-the-board two-pound rise in the published weights, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) confirmed on Monday. In addition, the current three-pound back protector allowance will be raised to a general four-pound safety allowance for jockeys. These changes will go into effect for races staged from Monday, May 2, following further discussions with the Professional Jockeys Association (PJA), National Trainers Federation (NTF), and a number of Flat and Jump jockeys. Horses will continue to carry the same weights that they have been carrying since the COVID allowance was introduced as an emergency measure in June of 2020. In race cards, the published weight will increase by two pounds. [Cont. p8](#)



UK jockeys will start riding under increased weights in May | *BHA*

UK Jockey Weights to Rise Cont.

Richard Wayman, Chief Operating Officer of the BHA, said, "I would like to thank the many people from within the weighing room who have spoken with us in recent weeks. This process has allowed us to consider further concerns which did not feature as part of the initial consultation."

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DARLEY'S NEW STALLION TRIO HAVE FIRST MARES IN FOAL

Five-time Group 1 winner **Palace Pier (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**), G1 Breeders' Cup Mile hero **Space Blues (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), and the Classic-winning **Victor Ludorum (GB)** (Shamardal) all have had their first mares scanned in foal, Darley Europe announced on Monday. Each stallion also has a full book. A crack miler, Palace Pier stands for £55,000 at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket. A winner of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest, Space Blues commands €17,500 at Kildangan Stud in Ireland. Rounding out the trio, Victor Ludorum landed the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere as a juvenile and is based at Haras du Logis in France where his fee is €15,000.

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Palace Pier, one of three new recruits for the Darley Europe roster, had his first mares scanned in foal | [Racingfotos.com](#)

TECHNICIAN HAS FIRST MARE IN FOAL

Haras de Montaigu's new stallion, the Group 1 winner **Technician (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), had his first mare scanned in foal on Monday. Sans Regret (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) was pronounced in foal to the G1 Prix Royal-Oak victor at Haras de Cisai. The mare is owned by D&C Bloodstock, LLP. Technician stands for €3,000 at Haras de Montaigu.

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FIRST RIDING A DREAM ACADEMY STUDENT GRADUATES FROM BRS FOUNDATION COURSE

Oshane, a 16-year-old from South East London, became the first student from the Riding A Dream Academy to graduate from the British Racing School's Foundation course. He learned his craft at the Ebony Horse Club in Brixton, and then joined the Foundation Course last December. Oshane was also one of the first students on the Academy's Khadijah Mellah Scholarship programme. The Riding A Dream Academy is funded by the Racing Foundation.

"I loved the scholarship and really enjoyed the Foundation Course, but it was a lot of hard work," said Oshane, who wants to become a jockey. "You get up at 6 a.m. to look after the horses and are busy all day. I went back to London for a few days before starting on my yard placement and London is boring by comparison--usually you would be busy the whole time in Newmarket so I am looking forward to getting started."

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Accomplished National Hunt jockey Rachael Blackmore was named a KPMG Ambassador for a period of two years on Tuesday, just prior to the start of the Cheltenham Festival. | [INPHO Photography](#)

BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Wolverhampton, £5,500, Cond, 3-7, 4yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.54, st.

DIRCHILL (IRE) (g, 8, Power {GB})--Bawaakeer, by Kingmambo
 Lifetime Record: 62-6-4-12, \$51,748. O-Stuart Murray; B-Castle Farm Stud (IRE); T-David Thompson. *9,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA; €48,000 Ylg '15 GOFSP; £9,000 4yo '18 GUKSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Obtain (GB), f, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Facilitate (GB), by **Bated Breath (GB)**. Wolverhampton, 3-7, 6f 21y (AWT), 1:14.04.

B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB). *24,000gns 3yo '22 TATFEB.

Mr Pc (Ire), g, 4, **Acclamation (GB)**--Beramana (Fr), by Nayef. Wolverhampton, 3-7, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.75. B-Colm Griffin (IRE).

FRANCE

Tuesday, Chantilly, post time: 16.10

PRIX MAURICE LAILLAULT-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 9f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	8	Implementation	Constitution	P&J Brandt	Barzalona
2	1	Gemmyo (Fr)	Shalaa (Ire)	C&Y Lerner	Trullier
3	7	User Kindly (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Caulley	Demuro
4	6	Fighter in the Win	Creative Cause	S Brogi	Mendizabal
5	5	Mr Coalville (Ire)	Cotai Glory (Ire)	A&G Botti	Soumillon
6	2	Machete (Fr)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Chappet	Pasquier
7	3	Cilantro (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Ferland	Peslier
8	4	Saramouche	Anodin (Ire)	Ferland	Guyon

All carry 126 pounds bar Saramouche, 122.

Monday's Results:

4th-Toulouse, €19,000, Mdn, 3-7, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2ft, 2:12.20, vsf.

YOOZUNA (IRE) (c, 3, **Kizuna {Jpn}**--**Your Game {Fr}**, by **Montjeu {Ire}**), runner-up tackling one mile in an Aug. 22 newcomers' test at Deauville last time, was steadied to race off the pace in third after breaking to the fore here. Sent forward on the home turn, the even-money favourite seized control in early straight and was ridden clear in the closing stages to prevail by 4 1/2 lengths from Cuncerto (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). He is the third of five foals and second scorer produced by a winning half-sister to four black-type performers headed by G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest heroine Polydream (Ire) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). The April-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to Listed Prix Isonomy third Parafection (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), a 2-year-old colt by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a yearling colt by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €14,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, €22,000, Cond, 3-7, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.84, st.

BOUGAINVILLIER (FR) (c, 3, **Myboycharlie {Ire}**--**Mimosa {Fr}**, by **Halling**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €20,000. O-Patrick Fellous, Benoit Chalmel, Stephanos Constantinidis, Alain Giaoui & Alain Kuntzmann; B-Mme Genevieve Neveux (FR); T-Nicolas Perret.

2nd-Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, €15,000, Cond, 3-7, 4yo/up, 13f

(AWT), 2:50.54, st.

MILLTOP (FR) (g, 6, **Sinndar {Ire}**--**Robinka {Fr}**, by **Robin des Pres {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-4, €47,805. O-Tao Kereffoff; B-Haras de la Faisanderie & Mlle Marie-Laetitia Mortier (FR); T-Stephane Labate. *€28,000 HRA '19 ARQJUL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Il Maestoso (Fr), c, 3, **Birchwood (Ire)**--Boathouse (GB), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 3-7, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:33.31. B-Haras des Evees, Daniel Cherdo & Mme Claudie Cherdo (FR). *€18,000 Ylg '20 AROCT.

Winema (Fr), f, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**--McCool (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. Toulouse, 3-7, 10 1/2ft, 2:16.20. B-China Horse Club International (FR). *€20,000 Ylg '20 AROCT.

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Samh Almahya'a (Ire), c, 3, **El Kabeir**--Leenavesta, by Arch. King Abdulaziz, 3-6, Maiden, 1800m. B-Knockainey Stud. *€36,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 11,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 8,000gns 2yo '21 TATMAY. **VIDEO (SC 12)**

Fundamental (GB), c, 4, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Integral (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$944,391), by Dalakhani (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 3-6, Cond., 1600m. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. *SP-Eng & KSA. **90,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT; 240,000gns HRA '21 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Tho Al Atlaal (KSA), c, 3, **Decorated Knight (GB)**--Bouyrin (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 3-6, Maiden, 1400m. B-n/a. *21,000gns in utero '18 TATDEM. **VIDEO (SC 9)**

IN JAPAN:

Juneau (Jpn), c, 4, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Bugie d'Amore (GB) (GSW-Ity, GSP-Fr, \$191,713), by Rail Link (GB). Hanshin, 3-6, Plate Race, 8ft. Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-2, \$178,087. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Hidetaka Otonashi. *¥54,000,000 Ylg '19 JRHAJUL.

Leading General Sires by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Mar. 6

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007 Crops: 14</i>	10	16	7	12	--	1	137	35	474,787	3,201,867
										<i>Mithras (GB)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000</i>										
2	Pivotal (GB) <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon FYR: 1998 Crops: 23</i>	1	2	1	1	--	--	38	9	1,700,000	2,408,261
										<i>Making Miracles (GB)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Cheveley Park Stud UK (Dead)</i>										
3	Starspangledbanner (Aus) <i>(2006) by Choisir (Aus) FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	52	10	1,390,462	1,859,570
										<i>California Spangle (Ire)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €35,000</i>										
4	Dark Angel (Ire) <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 12</i>	4	10	3	4	1	1	155	40	247,413	1,830,821
										<i>Alfareeq (Ire)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: €60,000</i>										
5	Acclamation (GB) <i>(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) FYR: 2005 Crops: 16</i>	2	2	--	--	--	--	82	21	1,084,941	1,755,509
										<i>Romantic Warrior (Ire)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire Fee: €27,500</i>										
6	Harbour Watch (Ire) <i>(2009) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2014 Crops: 5</i>	1	1	--	1	--	1	39	6	1,032,272	1,554,085
										<i>Waikuku (Ire)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Tweenhills Farm & Stud Eng Fee: Pnsd.</i>										
7	Siyouni (Fr) <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 9</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	104	30	300,000	1,489,193
										<i>Lauderdale (Ire)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €140,000</i>										
8	Frankel (GB) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 7</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	77	21	570,000	1,362,034
										<i>Outbox (GB)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £200,000</i>										
9	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) <i>(2004) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 13</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	116	22	266,295	1,327,077
										<i>Looking Great (NZ)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €10,000</i>										
10	Sea the Stars (Ire) <i>(2006) by Cape Cross (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 10</i>	5	7	2	4	--	1	68	21	150,310	1,259,155
										<i>Hukum (Ire)</i>	
	<i>Stands: Gilltown Stud Ire Fee: €150,000</i>										

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MO'UNGA'S NZ\$1-MILLION BROTHER TOPS KARAKA



Lot 161, a colt by Savabeel | NZ Bloodstock

by Bren O'Brien & Richard Edmunds

A NZ\$1-million Savabeel colt purchased by Annabel Neasham and Tony Fung highlighted the opening day of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale, which featured a 23% surge in average as buyers, led by Te Akau Racing's David Ellis, spent over NZ\$20 million.

At A Glance:

- The Day 1 average sits at NZ\$159,067, up from NZ\$130,134 last year and NZ\$145,381 on the opening day of the 2020 pre-COVID sale.
- Buyers spent just over NZ\$20 million, up from NZ\$17 million in 2020, while the median jumped to NZ\$125,000 (up from \$100,000). There is room for improvement in the clearance rate, which sits at 70% (73%).
- The top buyer on the day was Te Akau Racing's David Ellis, who invested just over NZ\$4 million across 17 lots.
- The top lot, a Savabeel colt who is a brother to multiple Group 1 winner Mo'unga (NZ), is headed to the same stable, Annabel Neasham, after being purchased by Neasham and Tony Fung for NZ\$1 million.

- It was just the second-ever seven-figure yearling result at Karaka for vendor Waikato Stud, who sold NZ\$2.8 million worth of yearlings on the opening day at an average of NZ\$255,909.

- Andrew Forsman and Andrew Williams combined to purchase the day's top-priced filly, Lot 217, paying NZ\$600,000 for a daughter of Snitzel from the draft of Blandford Lodge.

Fung, Neasham and Fogden Win Battle for Savabeel Colt

The prospect of another Group 1 winner in Tony Fung's aqua and black colours proved a strong allure as he and Annabel Neasham went to NZ\$1 million to secure the brother of dual Group 1 winner Mo'unga (NZ) (Savabeel) in the highlight result of the first day at Karaka.

Tony Fung's Aquis Farm had paid NZ\$325,000 for Mo'unga through this sale three years ago, but the deeds of the 4-year-old on the track saw the value of his younger full-brother, Lot 161 offered by Waikato Stud, nearly tripled him in comparison, eventually landing right on the NZ\$1-million mark thanks to Kacy Fogden, who co-ordinated the bidding.

The colt was just the third Savabeel yearling to sell in the seven-figure price range, as Fogden outlasted Te Akau's David Ellis, who had purchased the other two million-dollar colts by Savabeel in 2018 and 2019.

Fogden said she held her nerve through what was at times a tense bidding battle, with Ellis, who purchased an extraordinary 17 lots on the day.

"You sort of hope they don't go for as much as that, but I think Mo'unga is obviously a pretty special horse to Aquis. So we were probably prepared for a price like that, although we always would have liked it to be not as much," she said.

"But that's the colt he is--he's a quality colt, so you've got to buy the one you want. It was a bit scary when you've got David Ellis coming back at you, round-for-round! I wouldn't want to do that too many times. I wasn't really confident at any stage."

The comparisons to the Neasham-trained Mo'unga are obvious, and this colt looks a similar vein of horse.

"He's a lot like his brother at the same stage. He's slightly different in some ways, but the way he comes out and does his job--Mo'unga's a bit the same. They're both very straightforward, good temperament, very athletic sort of colts," Fogden said.



Kacy Fogden | NZ Racing Desk

"Mo'unga can get back a little bit in his races, but he's obviously got a turn of foot, so he's pretty effective over those shorter distances as well as up to 2000 metres."

As well as Mo'unga, who has won the G1 Rosehill Guineas and G1 Winx S. and was recently placed in the G1 Futurity S., also featuring on the page is Group 2 winner Irlanda (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), the sister to this colt's stakes-placed dam Chandelier (NZ), as well as G1 Auckland Cup winner Chenille (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) and Group 2 winner Chintz (NZ) (Savabeel).

Rare Air For Waikato

It was just the second \$1-million-plus lot for Waikato Stud at Karaka, after a Savabeel colt sold for \$1.4 million in 2019, and great reward for the farm, who purchased this colt's granddam, Cenphic (NZ) (Centaine) at this sale in 1997, but whose connection to the family goes a lot further back.

It was a special moment for Waikato Stud's Mark Chittick, who said the result was a tribute to the value of competition.

"A sire like Savabeel gives you the chance to operate in that sort of bracket," he said.

"It's a lot of money for a young horse, but it was great to see that he drew spirited bidding from across Australasia. In the end it came down to a couple of operations that are fantastic judges--Te Akau Racing on one side, and Aquis and Annabel Neasham on the other. They've had some great success with Mo'unga in the last 12 months, and hopefully lightning might strike twice.

"He's a lovely colt who had everything going for him. I do get quite anxious when we've got such a high-profile horse--there's been so much interest in him over the last few weeks. I just wanted to see him do things right and get sold.

"He was an absolute professional in the outer ring and in the auditorium today, which was great to see. It's a nice feeling when everything falls into place."

Chittick said the seven-figure outcome was attributable an effort by the entire Waikato Stud staff, who had worked with the colt ever since he arrived in September 2020.

"Getting to this point takes two years and a lot of man hours by the whole team. I take my hat off to everyone in our staff. It's obviously been a trying couple of years, but our staff put their heart and soul into this job, and a result like this verifies that we're doing things right," he said.

"From when he was a foal and a weanling, right through to now, he's always been a colt that's stood out--without even looking at his pedigree page. He's an outstanding colt physically.

"Another special thing about him for us is that his family goes all the way back to our days when we were down in the Wairarapa. The fourth dam is Torquay, who won an Oaks in the early 1980s."

Chandelier produced a colt by another Waikato Stud resident, Super Seth last year and then returned to Savabeel for a sixth time.

Williams, Forsman Strike a Snitzel Late

Trainer Andrew Forsman is about to strike out on his own after a long partnership with the soon-to-be-retired Murray Baker and set about boosting his stables by coming together with bloodstock agent Andrew Williams to pay NZ\$600,000 for Lot 217, the Snitzel filly from Blandford Lodge.

The filly is out of multiple Group 3 winner Eleonora (NZ) (Makfi {GB}), the half-sister to multiple Group 2 winner Supera (NZ) (Savabeel) and the granddaughter champion stayer and G1 Melbourne Cup winner Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm {USA}).

Baker and Forsman trained Eleonora during a career which saw her win a G3 Sunline Vase and G3 Ethereal S. and place in a G3 VRC Oaks and Forsman said he saw plenty of similarities in her daughter by Snitzel.



Lot 217, a Snitzel filly | NZ Bloodstock



Andrew Forsman | NZ Racing Desk

"She's actually very similar to her mother, who was such a good racehorse for us," he said. "Being by Snitzel and with such a quality pedigree behind her, she has some residual value.

"Having missed out on a couple that we liked earlier in the day, I'm rapt to get this one. The NZ\$600,000 was our last bid, but fortunately we managed to get her."

While she is out of a mare which got out in distance in her racing days, Forsman is maintaining an open mind of what type of racehorse the filly will end up as.

"She's a filly with a lot of scope. I think she could be sharp enough to be an autumn 2-year-old, and hopefully a good miler as a spring 3-year-old, but then there's some stamina on the dam's side that might see her train on over longer trips later on," he said.

It was the only purchase for Forsman, who is ready to break out on his own once Baker retires at the end of next month.

"I'm going to make a go of it on my own, which is a little bit daunting. But it's nice to have some really good people behind me, which is going to make my job a lot easier," he said.

The filly, who was bred by Lib Petagna's JML Bloodstock in Australia, is the third foal from Eleonora. Her I Am Invincible filly Vincetta, secured \$450,000 at last year's Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, where she was purchased by Cambridge Stud. She is in work with Chris Waller. Eleonora's most recent breeding season saw her visit Coolmore's **Wootton Bassett (GB)**.

Graham Bax of Blandford Lodge said the NZ\$600,000 for the Snitzel filly was a great result.

"It's a lovely result for a really nice filly. She got what she deserved, and I'm very pleased for the Kiwi buyers who managed to get her. I wish them all the very best with her, and then they've got that great residual value at the end," he said.

"There's been plenty of interest in her all of the way through. She's by a champion sire and from such a great family on the

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Sir Peter Vela

Born in Croatia, settled in New Zealand, the life of fisherman, horse breeder and sale company owner, Sir Peter Vela, has been varied in scope while consistently successful, from Ethereal to Darci Brahma.

dam's side, so she was always going to have a high profile. We were very pleased to see that level of demand."

Ellis in Early for Quality Savabeel Colt

Te Akau's Ellis was the busiest buyer of the day, with 17 purchases in all, spending NZ\$4.08 million, more than 20% of the gross of just under NZ\$20 million. He made his intentions known early, seeing off determined opposition to land Lot 10, the Savabeel colt from Milan Park, for NZ\$575,000.

The colt is a close relative of Te Akau's leading G1 New Zealand Oaks hope The Perfect Pink (NZ) (Savabeel), so it was no surprise to see Ellis, who has so much success with the progeny of Savabeel, win the day in the first serious bidding battle of the sale.

"This colt is from the best family in the stud book. It's a great South Island family of the Dennis brothers (Tony, Joe, Martin and Ray Dennis) and they have always bred their mares to best available stallions," Ellis said.

"We rated him one of the best Savabeel colts in the sale. We loved him. Out of an O'Reilly mare, which is a good cross, and from Centaine and Grosvenor mares. He's closely related to our 1000 Guineas winner The Perfect Pink, who we know so much about.

"It's a great family from the past and still a great current family with so many of the progeny performing well at stakes levels."

Interestingly, one of The Perfect Pink's rivals in the Oaks on Mar.19 will be this colt's half-sister Achieve (Pierro), who was recently placed in a trio of stakes races and was beaten just 0.3l in the G3 Sunline Vase at Ellerslie on Saturday.

Savabeel has had great success with this extended family with recent G1 Thorndon Mile winner, The Chosen One (NZ), also on the page. Ellis also purchased the first colt out of this colt's dam Thee Achiever (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), High Achiever a winner of three of his seven starts.

For Milan Park's Tony Rider, who bred the colt, it was the best result ever for Milan Park as a vendor at this sale.

"We are pretty stoked with David supporting us. He has bought horses off us before, but very, very happy. He was a great colt, an outstanding colt," he said.

Rider said the upcoming clash of the two fillies out of the family in the Oaks on Saturday week now takes on a whole new complexion.

"It is in the family, and along with Achieve, we have also got The Perfect Pink going to the Oaks. So it will be an interesting day," he said.

Rider retained the 2-year-old Savabeel filly named Succeder (NZ), while Thee Acheiver, who missed last year, visited Written By at Widden Stud in 2021.

Big Day for NZB

While the market was a little divided, and a few more horses than would have been preferred passed in, New Zealand Bloodstock Director Of Sales, Danny Rolston said it was an overall a very successful opening to the sale.

"We've seen a really good day for the New Zealand breeding and racing industry. We don't get a NZ\$1-million yearling every year and Savabeel has done that for us again this year," he said.

"To have every statistic up is fantastic. We would like a higher clearance rate obviously, but the turnover has been great and there has been a real push on those proven sires, Savabeel, Tivaci and Snitzel, all being strong throughout the day."

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	G1 Coolmore Classic	Randwick
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