



## THIRD SESSION OF OBS APRIL ENDS WITH A BANG



Session-topping Hip 885 in the ring | Judit Seipert

by Jessica Martini & Christie DeBernardis

Ocala, FL--Action started off measured at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale's third session Thursday, but picked up noticeably throughout the day, capped by a \$1.7-million **Tapit** colt purchased by Lane's End Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds. Hip 885 was the fourth seven-figure seller of the sale so far.

There were a few new faces buying in the top end Thursday with Christine and Phil Hatfield's CHP Racing purchasing a \$870,000 son of Into Mischief (Hip 844); trainer Cherie DeVaux securing a \$685,000 **City of Light** (Hip 895) colt on behalf of a new colt-buying group; and Lauren Carlisle snagging a \$650,000 **Kingman (GB)** (Hip 904) filly for brand new owner Rich Schermerhorn.

While leading sires **Tapit** and Into Mischief headlined the day's action, freshman sires continued to make a strong showing. In addition to the aforementioned **City of Light**, Bolt d'Oro, **Army Mule**, **Tapwrit** and **Good Magic** all had juveniles bring \$400,000 or over.

Eddie Woods, who consigned the session topper, led all sellers Thursday with seven head bringing just north of \$3,005,000. Niall Brennan, who sold both the previously mentioned Into Mischief colt and **Kingman** filly, also had a strong day, coming in second with six horses selling for \$2,382,000. **Cont. p3**

## CALIFORNIA FIRST STATE TO OPT INTO HISA

by T. D. Thornton

California became the first state to opt into the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) enforcement structure on Thursday when the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) voted 7-0 to collect and remit fees on behalf of the new federal HISA Authority.

For 2022, HISA has assessed California's portion of the Authority's budget to be \$1.4 million, a figure that is based on starts and purses, and amounts to roughly 10% of the overall nationwide budget. It includes only the safety portion of the HISA program that **will go into effect July 1** (and not the still-in-limbo drug testing protocols that won't yet be up and running). California will fund its commitment by recalculating market access fees derived from advance-deposit wagering (ADW). **Cont. p11**

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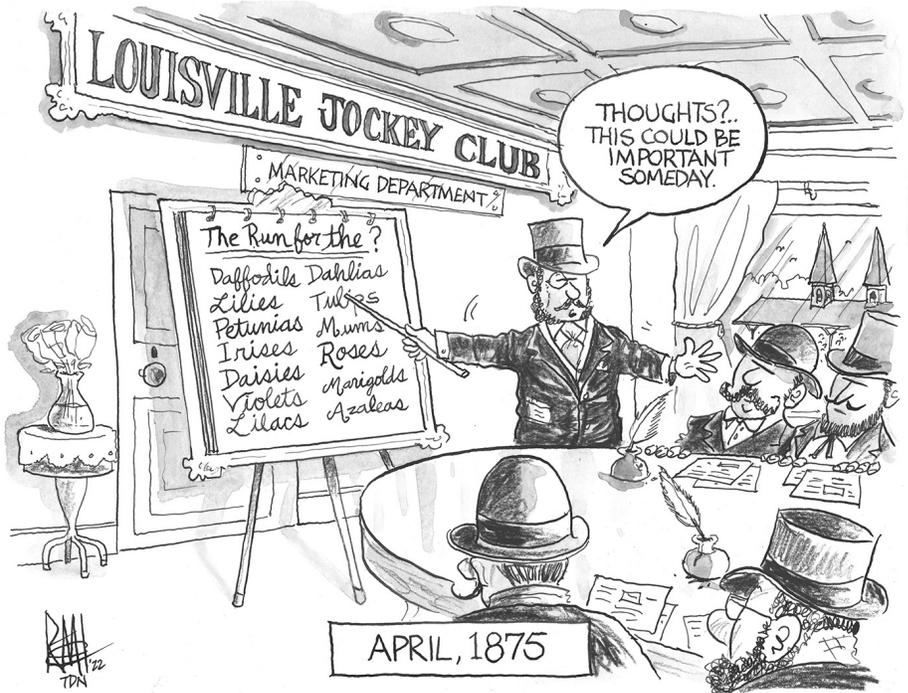
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**\$15K WEANLING TAKES CONNECTIONS TO DERBY**

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*Katie Petrunyak talks to Bill Simon, owner of Barber Road (Race Day), a bargain weanling buy set to compete in the GI Kentucky Derby.*

**TODAY'S GRADED STAKES**

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**OBS April Day 3 Ends With a Bang cont. from p1**

Through the first three days of selling, 538 horses have brought \$72,814,500 with an average of \$135,343 and median of \$70,000. There were 106 juveniles led from the ring unsold for an RNA rate of 16.5%.

During the equivalent three sessions last year, 557 2-year-olds grossed \$54,811,900 with an average of \$98,406 and median of \$47,000. There were 79 horses that failed to sell for an RNA rate of 12.4%.

“The market is very good,” Brennan said. “Obviously, people are still focused on quality. They do their homework. Anything that is genuinely nice and shows up that way on the racetrack and vets good, sells very well. You have to jump through a lot of hoops. You are very exposed in the 2-year-old market. So, when you get through everything, you are very well rewarded. It is difficult, but when you have the right product, they sell well. If you have something that just misses the bullseye, you are going to struggle.”

Ciaran Dunne expressed similar sentiments, saying, “It is very spotty. We have obviously had a couple bright spots, but in between can be shaky. It is the nature of our game. We are so exposed between breezing, showing and vetting. There are a lot of hurdles they have to go over, but if you clear them all, you are well rewarded.”

The fourth and final session of the OBS Spring Sale starts at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

**Tapit Colt Takes Off at OBS**

A colt by Tapit (hip 885) became the fourth seven-figure juvenile of the OBS Spring sale when bringing a final bid of \$1.7 million from West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley Thursday in Ocala. The juvenile was purchased by West Point in partnership with Lane's End Racing.

“We are looking for stallion in that partnership,” Finley, who did his bidding out back alongside David Ingordo, explained. “A good number of the people in this partnership have equity in [GI Malibu S. winner] Flightline (Tapit), so everybody is excited. The economy is doing well and the horse market at the top end is really doing well.”

The colt is out of Pension (Seeking the Gold) and is a full-brother to GII Adirondack S. winner Thoughtfully, as well as a half to graded winner Annual Report (Harlan's Holiday).

West Point purchased the colt's half-brother Bugle Notes (Ghostzapper) for \$825,000 at Keeneland September in 2016.

“We had a half-brother who could really, really run and just got unlucky and took a bad step one day,” Finley said. “But I think he might have been among the most talented of all of our horses. That was in the back of our mind [when we were bidding today.]” **Cont. p4**

**WEST COAST**  
Flatter - Caressing, by Honour and Glory

**FIRST TWO-YEAR-OLDS  
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**\$370,000 FILLY**

Hip 865, f, \$370,000  
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Shug McGaughey will train the youngster, who was consigned by Eddie Woods on behalf of his breeder, Antony Beck's Gainesway.

Gainesway, which purchased Pension for \$160,000 at the 2008 Keeneland November sale, traditionally offers its foal crop at the yearling sales.

"We had quite a few Tapits on offer last year and the horse was a little bit immature," Gainesway's Brian Graves said of the decision to send the colt to the 2-year-old sales. "To be honest with you, like some immature yearlings, some of the feedback we were getting on him was that he might not bring a price that would make the boss happy. Just the way the yearling sales have been for a while, he's a horse who would have ended up in Book 1 because he had a beautiful pedigree. So we just decided to give him some more time. He was a beautiful-moving horse and we thought worth a shot."

The Gainesway team received positive feedback from Eddie Woods and expectations rose even higher after the colt worked a quarter-mile in :20 4/5.

"We didn't really have expectations when we sent him to Eddie," Graves said. "Eddie is not a guy who overinflates things. He is a tough guy to please. So when he started giving reports on the horse, we thought we might have something. Then when he breezed and galloped out among the fastest horses in the sale, we knew he was something. I would be lying if I said we didn't think about racing him and hopefully stand him in a stallion stall one day, but there was a lot of competition for him and we are elated with this result."

Graves concluded, "We take our yearlings to the market to sell, but if they don't want them or if it's brutally unfair, as opposed to giving them away, this is what we decided to do and it paid off." @JessMartiniTDN

### More Mischief at OBS

Not a horse sale goes by these days without Into Mischief's name among the toppers and a colt by the Spendthrift super sire (Hip 844) was in high demand Thursday, summoning \$870,000 from Christine and Phil Hatfield's CHP Racing. The Hatfields did their bidding over the phone with OBS's Tom Ventura.

Purchased by Park View Stable for \$180,000 at KEESep, the bay breezed in :10 1/5 for consignor Niall Brennan.

"People just gravitated to him the last couple of days," Brennan said. "We felt he would sell well. You never for sure how high they will go. He has stallion potential and that is what they are looking for now with these colts."

Bred by Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Farm, Hip 844, who was given the name Hazing by his breeder, is out of No Curfew (Curlin).

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# WEST COAST

Flatter - Caressing, by Honour and Glory

## FIRST CROP BY THE CHAMPION 3YO

### MULTIPLE SIX FIGURE SALES

**Hip 548, c, \$570,000**

Buyer: Carolyn Wilson, OBSMAR

**Hip 529, f, \$525,000**

Buyers: Maverick Racing & Siena Farms, OBSMAR

**Hip 865, f, \$370,000**

Buyer: Jebel Ali Stables, OBSAPR

**Hip 29, c, \$300,000**

Buyer: West Point Thoroughbreds/Shug McGaughey; Shug McGaughey, agent, FTMAR

**Hip 507, f, \$250,000**

Buyer: Talla Racing & Rockingham Ranch; Sweetwater, agent, OBSAPR



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### Shadwell Private Purchases Prove Popular

A Shadwell Farm-bred Medaglia d'Oro colt (Hip 709) consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables was the second private purchase from the late Sheikh Hamdan's operation to attract a big price tag at OBS April, summoning \$650,000 from BBA Ireland, which bid over the internet. Late in Wednesday's session, a Nyquist filly, who Barry Eisaman privately purchased from Shadwell, brought \$700,000 from D.J. Stable.

"We have to give a lot of the credit to Steve Young," said Dunne. "He talked us into going out [to Shadwell] to look at the horse. He was very high on him. We bought him when we were up there for the October Sale at Fasig-Tipton. He's just a nice horse. He was a little later developing. We took him down to Gulfstream, but we felt the extra couple weeks would do him good, so we decided to wait and bring him here. He is the type of horse where the best is yet to come."

Out of the unraced Tapit mare Mahasen, Hip 709 is a half to recent Weber City Miss S. runner-up Khuluq (Bernardini), trained by Chad Brown for Shadwell. The :10 1/5 breezer's second dam is SW Muhaawara (Unbridled's Song), who also produced GSW Shagaf (Bernardini). **Cont. p6**

She is a daughter of one of Lyon's foundation mares, SW & GSP Misty Hour (Miswaki), who has produced the likes of GSW India (Hennessy), dam of MG1SW Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}) and SW Kareena (Medaglia d'Oro); SW Pilfer (Deputy Minister), dam of GISWs To Honor and Serve (Bernardini) and Angela Renee (Bernardini); and SW & GSP Sing Softly (Hennessy).

"He was raised right from the start," Brennan said. "The sire is magic. This horse is just a wonderful representation of him. He is so typical of the sire. He is durable. He is tough. He is a great

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His third dam is MGISW Habibti (Tabasco Cat).

“We liked everything about him really,” said BBA Ireland’s Michael Donohoe, who returned to Ireland Wednesday. “He is a magnificent-looking colt, a nice blend of both his sire and dam sire. He breezed exceptionally well for a big, two-turn type colt. His pedigree was appealing and the update with his sister helped. So, all in all, we couldn’t really fault him.”

The future plans for the colt are still undecided, but Donohoe indicated he could remain in the United States.

“I purchased him for a client who has a number of horses in Europe and the Middle East and one 2-year-old has just gone to California. So, I will try to convince my client to send the colt to Santa Anita to target those stakes 2-year-old races during the fall meet.” --@CDeBernardisTDN

### New Colt-Buying Group Makes Their Presence Felt



Hip 895 | ThoroStride/Matt Goins

Partnerships focused on buying Classic-looking colts are increasingly popular these days and a new group showed themselves at OBS Thursday. Trainer Cherie DeVaux struck on behalf of a group of her clients to acquire a \$685,000 colt by City of Light (Hip 895).

“A couple of my clients put together a partnership to get a few really nice quality colts, who looked like they could go a route of ground,” said DeVaux, who signed the ticket alongside her husband, bloodstock agent David Ingordo. “This colt fit the profile of what we were looking for. We budgeted a bit less, but the market is really strong. To try and get these types of colts, we realize we are going to have to stretch for what we want.”

Hailing from the first crop of popular MGISW City of Light, Hip 895 breezed in :10 1/5 for Mayberry Farm. He is the second purchase of the sale for DeVaux’s new group, which also bought a \$385,000 colt by Upstart (Hip 135) during Tuesday’s opening session. **Cont. p7**



# LEXITONIAN

Speightstown – Riviera Romper, by Tapit

## GRADE 1 WINNER & 2YO DEBUT WINNER

### JUST LIKE MUNNINGS

Lexitonian won on debut at two, like Speightstown’s Grade 1 sire son Munnings, and trained on to win the Alfred G. Vanderbilt (G1), just like his sire. He placed in two additional Grade 1s and performed at the top level coast to coast.

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“This is **City of Light**’s first crop to hit the track and there has been a lot of buzz,” DeVaux said. “They are beautiful horses. He had a beautiful physical and really great breeze with a nice gallop out. He seems to be coming into his own and is a horse we have followed at Mayberry Farm. He is going the right way.”

Bred by Windylea Farm--New York, albeit in Kentucky, Hip 895 is out of SP Pleasant Mine (**Mineshaft**). This is also the family of GISW Swagger Jack and GSW Tap Dance. The dark bay was purchased by a Mayberry client, PSS Stable, for \$170,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale.

“He’s been wonderful,” April Mayberry said. “I loved him from the start. He’s been so cool and classy. He just does everything right.” --@CDeBernardisTDN

## De Merics Find Homebred Success

De Meric Sales has enjoyed plenty of pinhooking success this week in Ocala, but Tristan and Valery de Meric hit it out of the park with a homebred son of Bolt d’Oro (**hip 899**) late in Thursday’s third session of the OBS Spring sale. Out of Polyester (Tiz Wonderful), the first mare the couple owned, the colt sold for \$675,000 to the partnership of Laurie Plesa, Leon Ellman and Glassman Racing. He was co-bred with France and Irwin Weiner.

The de Merics purchased Polyester for \$90,000 as an 8-year-old at the 2018 Keeneland January sale.

“This was the first mare we owned,” Tristan de Meric explained. “The reason we owned her is because Val had a dream to have a mare in foal to **Quality Road** and she was the only one in the sale. We ended up buying her five years ago now. She hadn’t had a winner at that time. But she’s five-for-five now.”

The mare’s **Quality Road** filly, named In a Dream, made three starts and broke her maiden last June at Indiana Grand. She returned to the de Merics’ Ocala base and is currently in foal to **Upstart**. The mare has also been represented by graded stakes winner Harpers First Ride (**Paynter**).

Polyester, in foal to Authentic, was sold for \$250,000 at this year’s Keeneland January sale.

“It’s hard enough to buy a horse like that, let alone breed one,” de Meric said of Thursday’s result. “It’s unbelievable.”

He agreed there was a little extra pride in having bred a sales horse.

“We are always attached to our horses, we are guilty of that,” he said. “But you don’t get as attached to a horse when you buy it as when you breed them. When we buy them, there is a period of time we own them and it’s usually six to 10 months, but having this one and seeing him when he was a day old over at Ocala Stud when they foaled him, we knew when we saw those angles and we saw him stand up, this was a special horse. To watch him develop and have the crew on the farm play with

him all summer, it was very special.”

Polyester had good company on the de Merics’ farm last summer. The only other mare on the property was Simply Confection (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), whose colt Simplification, bred by the Weiners, heads to the GI Kentucky Derby in two weeks.

Asked if he and his wife expected to get more involved in the breeding industry, de Meric said, “We are all in. I don’t want to ever have more than five or six mares, but I love having the mares. Val does, too.”

He continued, “We do race. We offered a few people to keep a piece of him to go on and race because we do race more and more. But as a rule, we are sellers and we will always put them on the market.”

Hip 899 will be the second foal out of Polyester to race for Karl and Cathi Glassman, who purchased her son Klugman (**Practical Joke**) for \$140,000 at the 2020 OBS October Yearling Sale. A 13-length maiden winner at Gulfstream in February, the 3-year-old won an allowance at Gulfstream just before the Glassmans began bidding on his half-brother Thursday.

“We fully own Klugman,” Karl Glassman said. “But this colt is a partnership between Laurie Plesa, Leon Ellman and Glassman Racing. Eddie Plesa will train him, so he will stay in Florida.”

Of the colt’s final price, Glassman admitted, “This was a bit more than we expected. Obviously two other people really liked him, but we were going to leave with him.” @JessMartiniTDN

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## Upstate NY Native Jumps into the Game With Juvenile Purchases

Real estate developer Rich Schermerhorn has lived just north of Saratoga his entire life, but only attended the races for the first time last year and now he's hooked. He jumped right into ownership at OBS this week with a trio of purchases led by a \$650,000 **Kingman (GB)** filly (**Hip 904**). Bloodstock agent Lauren Carlisle bid on Schermerhorn's behalf.



"I am new to this game," said a jubilant Schermerhorn, who hopes to be racing at Saratoga this summer with his new purchases. "I am a real estate developer and I have lived 20 miles north of Saratoga my whole life. I went to the track for the first time last year and now I own six or seven 2-year-olds. I purchased three here, two solo and partnered on this one. I live across the street from Chad Brown. I feel Chad Brown is the best in the world. He is taking on anything I buy. There is more to come and I am looking forward to it."

Consigned by Niall Brennan, Hip 904 was bred in Ireland by Demers Bloodstock and was scratched from the Tattersalls October Sale. The **:10 flat** breezer is out of Post Perfection (Majesticperfection), who is a half-sister to GSW Hello Liberty (Forest Camp) and SW & GSP Pious Ashley (Include). This is also the family of recent GIII Providencia S. winner and GI Starlet S. runner-up Cairo Memories (**Cairo Prince**).

"There is only one trainer fit for this horse. We knew that," said Carlisle. "When she breezed, I got goosebumps. Her gallop out was great and she had a great presence at the barn."

As for the price, she said, "That is what we expected. In this market it has been extremely hard to buy the ones you are high on." --@CDeBernardisTDN

## Cairo Prince Filly to Sadler

A filly by **Cairo Prince** (**hip 839**) will be joining the Southern California barn of trainer John Sadler after selling to the fledgling partnership between Gary Hartunian's Rockingham Ranch and Mike Talla for \$575,000 at OBS Thursday. Bloodstock agent Kim Lloyd signed the ticket on the filly, who worked a furlong in **:9 4/5** last week for Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm.

"A **Cairo Prince** [Cairo Memories] just won a Grade III at Santa Anita, 1 1/8 miles on the turf [Providencia S.] and this filly looks like she'd love that," Lloyd said. "We showed her to Rockingham Ranch and Mike Talla saw the video and said he wanted in. She'll go to California to John Sadler."

The gray filly is out of the unraced Nippy (Pulpit) and is a half-sister to graded winner Gibberish (**Lea**) and from the family of graded winner Well Monied and Economic Model.

"She has a beautiful shoulder and balance and then, oh by the way, she's very, very fast," Lloyd said of the filly's appeal.

Hip 839 was Lloyd's second purchase this week on behalf of the partnership. He also acquired a filly by **West Coast** (**hip 507**) for \$250,000 Wednesday.

"He has some horses with us, just a few 2-year-olds," Lloyd said of Talla. "[The partnership] is new this year."

Bred by Dell Ridge Farm, hip 839 was purchased by Hatch for \$62,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"She looked fast and she was fast," Hatch said of the filly. "All I ever did was say, 'Don't let her go too fast,' all season. We brought her over here and let her do what she could do naturally. She has just been real easy the whole way."

@JessMartiniTDN

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## SESSION TOPPERS

### OBS APRIL - THURSDAY'S TOP COLTS

| HIP        | SIRE   DAM   | PRICE (\$)       |
|------------|--|------------------|
| <b>885</b> | <b>Tapit--Pension</b><br><i>Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (Ky)</i><br><i>Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent VI</i><br><i>Purchaser: Lane's End Racing &amp; West Point TB, L.E.B., Agent</i>                        | <b>1,700,000</b> |
| <b>844</b> | <b>Into Mischief--No Curfew</b><br><b>(\$180,000 yrl '21 KESEEP)</b><br><i>Breeder: Summer Wind Equine LLC (Ky)</i><br><i>Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXVIII</i><br><i>Purchaser: CHP Racing</i>           | <b>870,000</b>   |
| <b>895</b> | <b>City of Light--Pleasantly Mine</b><br><b>(\$170,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL)</b><br><i>Breeder: Windylea Farm - New York LLC (Ky)</i><br><i>Consignor: Cherie DeVaux, Agent</i><br><i>Purchaser: Mayberry Farm, Agent II</i> | <b>685,000</b>   |

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**899 Bolt d'Oro--Polyester 675,000**  
 Breeder: France & Irwin Weiner and Tristan & Valery deMeric (FI)

Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XIX

Purchaser: Ellman, Plesa, Glassman, E. Plesa, Agent

**709 Medaglia d'Oro--Mahasen 650,000**  
 Breeder: Shadwell Farm (Ky)  
 Consignor: Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent  
 Purchaser: BBA Ireland Limited

**OBS APRIL -THURSDAY'S TOP FILLIES**

| HIP        | SIRE   DAM                           | PRICE (\$)     |
|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>904</b> | <b>Kingman (GB)--Post Perfection</b> | <b>650,000</b> |

Breeder: Demers Bloodstock (Ire)

Consignor: Niall Bennan Stables, Agent XXVIII

Purchaser: Lauren Carlisle, Agent

**839 Cairo Prince--Nippy 575,000**  
 (\$62,000 yrl '21 KEESEP)

Breeder: Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (Ky)

Consignor: Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent II

Purchaser: Talla Racing & Rockingham Ranch, Sweetwater, Agt.

**717 Army Mule--Mandolin 450,000**  
 (\$100,000 yrl '21 OBSOCT)

Breeder: Belvedere Farm (FI)

Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XLIII

Purchaser: Lael Stable

**762 Justify--Missamerica Bertie 450,000**  
 (\$80,000 yrl '21 KEESEP)

Breeder: Nesco II Limited (KY)

Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXII

Purchaser: Mike Ryan, Agent

**641 Twirling Candy--Laid Back Lady 400,000**  
 (\$210,000 yrl '21 KEESEP)

Breeder: Machmer Hall & Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY)

Consignor: Julie Davies LLC, Agent XXIII

Purchaser: Ben Gase

String Music Thoroughbreds acquired this filly from the first crop of champion **Good Magic** for \$55,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

**641 filly Twirling Candy Laid Back Lady 400,000**

Consigned by Julie Davies LLC, Agent XXIII

Purchased by Ben Gase

Julie Davies purchased this filly for \$210,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

**664 colt Always Dreaming Letchworth 220,000**

Consigned by S B M Training and Sales, agent

Purchased by Shepherd Equine Advisors for Larry Hirsch

S B M Training and Sales purchased this colt from the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby winner **Always Dreaming** for \$65,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

**674 colt Macho Uno Lil Miss Richie 200,000**

Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC, agent

Purchased by Chad Schumer, agent

Grassroots Training and Sales acquired this colt for \$57,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. He was one of a battalion of fast workers for the operation last week, going a furlong in :9 4/5. Ten hips later, Grassroots sold a filly by **Good Samaritan** (hip 684) for \$155,000 to H R Bloodstock. The youngster had been purchased for \$40,000 at last year's OBS October sale.

**687 filly Mo Town Longride to Wisdom 350,000**

Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, Agent VII

Purchased by Flurry Racing Stable LLC

Bishop Bloodstock was able to acquire this filly from the first crop of GI Hollywood Derby winner **Mo Town** for \$42,000. She worked a furlong last week in :9 4/5.

**702 filly Bolt d'Oro Luxurious 200,000**

Consigned by Coastal Equine LLC (Jesse Hoppel), Agent I

Purchased by Deuce Greathouse, Agent for Mike Stanley

The Ain't Rich pinhooking partnership acquired this filly for \$75,000 at Keeneland last September. The partnership had another score later in the session when a colt by **Nyquist** (hip 803) sold for \$290,000 to Steve Rothblum as agent for Mark Davis. The colt had been purchased for \$80,000 at Keeneland September.

**712 colt Cloud Computing Majestic Island 220,000**

Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent VI

Purchased by Robert Garrett - Scattered Acres LLC

Off the Hook, as agent for P&G Stable, purchased this colt for \$32,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July sale last year.

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**OBS SPRING SALE -- THURSDAY**

| Hip        | Sex          | Sire              | Dam               | Price (\$)     |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>630</b> | <b>filly</b> | <b>Good Magic</b> | <b>Lacie Slew</b> | <b>200,000</b> |

Consigned by Blazing Meadows Farm LLC, agent

Purchased by Lauren Carlisle, agent

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**717 filly Army Mule Mandolin 450,000**  
 Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XLIII  
 Purchased by Lael Stable  
 Reussi Sales acquired this filly for \$100,000 at last year's OBS October sale.

**740 colt U S Ranger Meredith Bee 280,000**  
 Consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent II  
 Purchased by L.E.B., agent  
 The Scanlon Training & Sales team, which sold the \$1.3-million Mendelsohn colt Wednesday, acquired this colt for \$50,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton California Yearling sale.

**747 filly Curlin Midnight Lucky 400,000**  
 Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XVI  
 Purchased by Solis/Litt Bloodstock  
 Trival Partners purchased this filly for \$140,000 at the Keeneland September sale last year.

**762 filly Justify Missamerica Bertie 450,000**  
 Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XXII  
 Purchased by Mike Ryan, agent  
 Nancy Ross purchased this filly for \$80,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The Niall Brennan consignment produced another pinhooking success later in the session when selling a filly by Cloud Computing (hip 775) for \$300,000, again to Mike Ryan. The filly had been acquired by Sitak Stable for \$45,000 at Keeneland September.

**835 colt Always Dreaming New Narration 240,000**  
 Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, Agent XXIX  
 Purchased by Pedro Lanz, agent  
 Salde Callaghan purchased this colt for \$45,000 at the 2021 Keeneland January sale.

**865 filly West Coast Our Jenny B 370,000**  
 Consigned by Centofanti Thoroughbreds, Agent II  
 Purchased by Jebel Ali Stables  
 Centofanti Thoroughbreds acquired this filly for \$67,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

- Christine and Phil Hartfield's CHP Racing was another new face at the top end, buying an \$870,000 son of Into Mischief.
- Colt partnerships are the name of the game these days and Cherie DeVaux is the newest trainer with such a group behind her. She secured a \$685,000 City of Light colt for a group of clients seeking Classic runners Thursday.
- Eddie Woods led all sellers Thursday with seven head bringing \$3.005-million, including the \$1.7 million Tapit colt who topped the session.
- Through the first three days of selling, 538 horses brought \$72,814,500 with an average of \$135,343 and median of \$70,000. There were 106 juveniles led from the ring unsold for an RNA rate of 16.5%.



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**OBS SPRING SALE**

| SESSION TOTALS       | 2022               | *2021        |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| • Catalogued         | 308                | 304          |
| • No. Offered        | 212                | 191          |
| • No. Sold           | 173                | 167          |
| • RNAs               | 39                 | 24           |
| • % RNAs             | 18.4%              | 12.6%        |
| • High Price         | \$1,700,000        | \$670,000    |
| • No. Over \$500k    | 7                  | 3            |
| • Gross              | \$23,658,000       | \$14,834,500 |
| • Average (% change) | \$136,751 (+53.9%) | \$88,829     |
| • Median (% change)  | \$65,000 (+44.4)   | \$45,000     |

| CUMULATIVE TOTALS    | 2022               | *2021        |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| • Catalogued         | 924                | 912          |
| • No. Offered        | 644                | 636          |
| • No. Sold           | 538                | 557          |
| • RNAs               | 106                | 79           |
| • % RNAs             | 16.5%              | 12.4%        |
| • High Price         | \$2,300,000        | \$1,500,000  |
| • No. Over \$500k    | 20                 | 13           |
| • Gross              | \$72,814,500       | \$54,811,900 |
| • Average (% change) | \$135,343 (+37.5%) | \$98,406     |
| • Median (% change)  | \$70,000 (+48.9%)  | \$47,000     |

\*Includes post-sale transactions.

**TDN TAKEAWAYS**

- New owner Rich Schermerhorn made his sixth and most expensive purchase Thursday, taking home a \$650,000 Kingman (GB) filly.



# OBS Spring 2-Year-Olds in Training

## Friday, Apr. 22

# PINHOOK GUIDE

| <u>Hip</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Pedigree</u>                   | <u>Price</u> | <u>Prev Sale</u>   | <u>Buyer/Agent</u>        | <u>Current Consignor</u>  |
|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 925        | C          | Sharp Azteca-Queen Jolene         | \$13,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Milton Lopez              | Off the Hook              |
| 929        | C          | Tapwrit-Queen of the Rings        | \$29,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Jose Cuellar              | Off the Hook              |
| 934        | F          | Into Mischief-Quiet Hour          | \$82,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | David Geofroy             | Golden Rock T'breds       |
| 936        | F          | Candy Ride (Arg)-Quiet Pirate     | \$45,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Global Thoroughbreds      | Global Thoroughbreds      |
| 937        | C          | Free Drop Billy-Quiet Success     | \$35,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Grassroots Training/Sales | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 938        | F          | Mastery-Quilt                     | \$20,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Carly Fleischmann         | Wildheart Thoroughbreds   |
| 939        | F          | Jimmy Creed-Quite a Ruckus        | \$38,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Grassroots Training/Sales | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 942        | C          | Practical Joke-Raesunbridledfaith | \$140,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | G S Inversiones Hipicas   | Off the Hook              |
| 944        | C          | City of Light-Raindrops Droptops  | \$80,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Julie Davies              | Julie Davies              |
| 945        | F          | First Samurai-Raisa               | \$12,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Arturo Gonzalez           | A Rebel Colt              |
| 947        | C          | Cross Traffic-Raising Aida        | \$25,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Span Investments          | Santa Fe Thoroughbreds    |
| 950        | F          | More Than Ready-Ratera            | \$110,000    | KEEJAN ALL AGES 21 | Sand Hill Stables         | De Meric Sales            |
| 952        | C          | Speightster-Ravenesque            | \$8,000      | FTI YLG OCT 21     | Tony Bowling              | All In Sales              |
| 953        | C          | West Coast-Razzle Dazzle          | \$60,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Mayberry Farm             | Mayberry Farm             |
| 954        | F          | Bee Jersey-Ready for Gold         | \$10,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Emerald Equine            | Wavertree Stables         |
| 955        | F          | Laoban-Ready for Therapy          | \$65,000     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Travis Durr               | All In Sales              |
| 957        | F          | Khozan-Realgoodlookin             | \$40,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Monarch Farms             | Halcyon Hammock Farm      |
| 959        | C          | Goldencents-Rebooted              | \$65,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Bronxville Farm           | Eisaman Equine            |
| 962        | C          | Goldencents-Reika                 | \$10,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | C & J Stable              | C & J Stable              |
| 968        | C          | Carpe Diem-Ribbon Taffy           | \$18,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Oscar Velazquez           | Top Line Sales            |
| 970        | F          | Empire Maker-Rigorously           | \$62,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Jackie Pugh               | Dynasty Thoroughbreds     |
| 972        | C          | Bee Jersey-Risky Agenda           | \$12,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | PNG Power Horses          | Top Line Sales            |
| 973        | F          | Maclean's Music-River's Prayer    | \$65,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Carlo Vaccarezza          | Top Line Sales            |
| 974        | C          | Cross Traffic-Roadbug             | \$37,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Jim Thompson              | Eddie Woods               |
| 976        | F          | Sky Mesa-Rockin the Bleu's        | \$50,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Slipstream Thoroughbreds  | Woodford Thoroughbreds    |
| 977        | C          | Connect-Roksana                   | \$55,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Thoro Ventures            | All Dreams Equine         |
| 978        | C          | Central Banker-Romance Dance      | \$15,000     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Monarch Farms             | Halcyon Hammock Farm      |

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|------------|------------|---|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 980        | F          | <b>Maclean's Music</b> -Roman Ceres     | \$45,000     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Kings Equine                | King's Equine             |
| 982        | F          | <b>Tapwrit</b> -Roman Mistress          | \$50,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Jackie Pugh                 | Dynasty Thoroughbreds     |
| 983        | C          | <b>Liam's Map</b> -Room for Aptitude    | \$65,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | P. Maguire                  | Bobby Dodd                |
| 984        | F          | <b>Liam's Map</b> -Rooms                | \$160,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Mayberry Farm               | Mayberry Farm             |
| 988        | F          | <b>Practical Joke</b> -Rosie O'Prado    | \$60,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Grassroots Training/Sales   | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 990        | F          | <b>Practical Joke</b> -Ruedelarose      | \$80,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Patillo Equine              | Top Line Sales            |
| 992        | F          | <b>Speightstown</b> -Runninwiththewind  | \$160,000    | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Lehigh Bloodstock           | Wavertree Stables         |
| 993        | F          | <b>Midshipman</b> -Sacred Alibi         | \$30,000     | TEXAS YLG & HRA 21 | Grassroots Training         | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 994        | C          | Shaman Ghost-Sahara Breeze              | \$30,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Laureles Racing             | Off the Hook              |
| 995        | F          | <b>Midnight Lute</b> -Sailing Shiksa    | \$90,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Owls Bloodstock             | SGV Thoroughbreds         |
| 1000       | F          | <b>Kantharos</b> -Saluda                | \$37,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Summit Equines              | Niall Brennan Stables     |
| 1002       | F          | <b>Army Mule</b> -Saoirse Cat           | \$17,000     | FTKWNT MIX 2021    | BD Racing                   | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1003       | F          | <b>Mo Town</b> -Sapphire Spitfire       | \$47,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | H43 Equine                  | Britton Peak              |
| 1004       | C          | Girvin-Sarah Cataldo                    | \$8,000      | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Offbrand                    | Coastal Equine            |
| 1006       | C          | <b>Honor Code</b> -Saranda              | \$15,000     | KEEJAN ALL AGES 21 | Bobby Rankin III            | McKathan Bros.            |
| 1008       | F          | <b>Collected</b> -Sassy Ali Joy         | \$150,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Matthew Dohman              | Coastal Equine            |
| 1014       | C          | <b>Liam's Map</b> -Scatcapade           | \$80,000     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Orenda Springs Racing       | Mayberry Farm             |
| 1017       | F          | Bolt d'Oro-Scorpio Queen (Aus)          | \$35,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Athens Woods                | De Meric Sales            |
| 1019       | F          | <b>Always Dreaming</b> -Seattle Charlie | \$22,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Frederick Delbrey Cruz      | Golden Rock T'breeds      |
| 1021       | C          | Bernardini-Secretarial Queen            | \$80,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Thoro Ventures              | All Dreams Equine         |
| 1023       | F          | <b>Tapwrit</b> -Secret Return           | \$50,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Oscar Velasquez             | Top Line Sales            |
| 1024       | F          | Lord Nelson-Secret Union                | \$35,000     | KEEJAN ALL AGES 21 | Lehigh Bloodstock           | Julie Davies              |
| 1025       | C          | Khozan-Seductive Lady                   | \$32,000     | OBSWNT MIX 2021    | Juan Garcia                 | J. J. Thoroughbreds       |
| 1026       | F          | California Chrome-Seeking the Blue      | \$25,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | TMC                         | White Lilac               |
| 1028       | C          | <b>Street Boss</b> -Send the Limo       | \$90,000     | TEXAS YLG & HRA 21 | Grassroots Training         | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 1032       | F          | <b>Cairo Prince</b> -Seven Days         | \$35,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Off the Hook                | Off the Hook              |
| 1033       | C          | <b>Sharp Azteca</b> -Seven Grand        | \$40,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Arga Racing Stable          | Navas Equine              |
| 1035       | F          | Klimt-Shadowlan                         | \$18,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Cool Hill Farm              | Randy Miles               |
| 1037       | F          | <b>West Coast</b> -Sharp Sally          | \$67,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Logan Renee                 | De Meric Sales            |
| 1038       | F          | <b>Collected</b> -Shawklit Cake         | \$60,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Big D Stables & Ruby Racing | SGV Thoroughbreds         |
| 1039       | F          | <b>Collected</b> -Shebealittlewild      | \$80,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Nicoma Bloodstock           | Eisaman Equine            |
| 1041       | F          | <b>Tapwrit</b> -Sheisinittowinit        | \$42,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Samuel Espinoza             | Little Farm Equine        |

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|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1043       | C          | Collected-She'll Do It            | \$100,000    | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Lfg Racing & Bo Bromagen        | Gene Recio                |
| 1045       | F          | Speightster-She Shines            | \$15,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Charles Howard Pearson/Big Easy | Big Easy                  |
| 1046       | C          | Classic Empire-She's Our Angel    | \$30,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Mackarena Racomg                | Top Line Sales            |
| 1048       | F          | Midshipman-Sheza Runaway Star     | \$70,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Top Line Sales                  | Top Line Sales            |
| 1051       | C          | Munnings-Shoot the Moon           | \$70,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Summit Equines                  | Niall Brennan Stables     |
| 1052       | F          | Goldencents-Shore Thing           | \$42,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | K & E Sales                     | Dynasty Thoroughbreds     |
| 1055       | C          | Bolt d'Oro-Significant Bling      | \$90,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Redwings                        | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1056       | C          | West Coast-Silsita                | \$25,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Mackarena Racing                | Omar Ramirez B'stock      |
| 1057       | C          | Union Rags-Silverpocketsfull      | \$135,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Bo Bromagen                     | Mayberry Farm             |
| 1058       | C          | Midshipman-Silver Sal             | \$42,000     | FTI YLG OCT 21     | Julie Davies                    | Julie Davies              |
| 1059       | F          | Gormley-Silver Sashay             | \$20,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Grassroots Training/Sales       | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 1060       | F          | Tiznow-Silver Valley              | \$12,500     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Finest Racing/Matthew O'Connor  | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1062       | F          | American Pharoah-Singavictorysong | \$90,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Eric Antonio Delvalle           | Randy Miles               |
| 1064       | F          | Bucchero-Singing My Song          | \$45,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Albert Lozano                   | Off the Hook              |
| 1065       | F          | Munnings-Single                   | \$85,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Blue Sky Stables                | Julie Davies              |
| 1073       | C          | Bolt d'Oro-Skip the Storm         | \$110,000    | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Hoolie Racing/Travis Durr       | Coastal Equine            |
| 1075       | F          | Collected-Sky Mirage              | \$32,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Navas Equine                    | Navas Equine              |
| 1076       | F          | Bucchero-Sliver of Hope           | \$75,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Albert Davis                    | Old South Farm            |
| 1081       | C          | Frosted-Smokey Diplomacy          | \$40,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Eric Antonio Delvalle           | Randy Miles               |
| 1083       | F          | Good Magic-Soarwiththebirds       | \$55,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Francisco Perezcalva            | Top Line Sales            |
| 1089       | C          | Empire Maker-So You Say           | \$22,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Julie Davies                    | Julie Davies              |
| 1090       | C          | Kantharos-Sparkling Style         | \$30,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Granpollo Stables               | Golden Rock T'breds       |
| 1091       | F          | Connect-Special Dream             | \$80,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Miacomet Farm                   | Eddie Woods               |
| 1092       | C          | Java's War-Speighty Girl          | \$72,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Lynwood Stable                  | Gene Recio                |
| 1097       | F          | Into Mischief-Squeeze             | \$150,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Lynwood Stable                  | Gene Recio                |
| 1100       | C          | Army Mule-Star Pearl              | \$60,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Redwings                        | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1101       | F          | Unified-Star Power                | \$170,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Scott & Evan Dilworth           | SBM Training and Sales    |
| 1103       | F          | Distorted Humor-Star to Be        | \$30,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | R. T. Racing                    | Sterling Thoroughbreds    |
| 1104       | F          | Noble Mission (GB)-Status Pending | \$20,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | JVC Training & Sales            | JVC Training and Sales    |
| 1105       | C          | Midnight Storm-Sterling Madame    | \$170,000    | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Elusive Thoroughbreds           | Top Line Sales            |
| 1106       | C          | Classic Empire-Stick to Your Guns | \$65,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Pioneer Bloodstock              | Eisaman Equine            |
| 1107       | F          | Arrogate-Stiffed                  | \$210,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | AMO Racing USA                  | Scanlon Training & Sales  |

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| 1112       | C          | Cairo Prince-Stormy Encounter     | \$40,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Cool Hill Farm                | Randy Miles               |
| 1117       | C          | Frosted-Stowe White               | \$72,000     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | G. Houston Moore/M. Slezak    | De Meric Sales            |
| 1120       | F          | Runhappy-Subtle Step              | \$40,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | David & Holly Wilson          | Tom McCrocklin            |
| 1121       | C          | Kantharos-Succeeding              | \$140,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Jeffrey Bloom                 | Randy Miles               |
| 1122       | F          | Constitution-Sugar Babe           | \$135,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Thorstock/Sallusto & Albina   | Pick View                 |
| 1131       | F          | Army Mule-Super Holiday           | \$19,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | All In Investors              | Fast Horses               |
| 1133       | C          | Straight Fire-Super Savvy         | \$30,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Greg James                    | Longoria Training & Sales |
| 1135       | C          | Cairo Prince-Surfer's Paradise    | \$22,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Jacobo Ordonez                | Golden Thoroughbreds      |
| 1136       | C          | Good Magic-Surf Light             | \$120,000    | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Scanlon Training/Bruno Debert | Scanlon Training & Sales  |
| 1137       | F          | Outwork-Susan's Wildcat           | \$19,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Jaylan Neatherlin Clary       | Clary Bloodstock          |
| 1139       | F          | Justify-Susie's Baby              | \$325,000    | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | On The Rocks Racing           | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1140       | C          | Practical Joke-Suzy'sprideofparis | \$85,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Redly Bloodstock              | Scanlon Training & Sales  |
| 1141       | F          | Union Rags-Sweet Avery            | \$185,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Horse Venture                 | Eisaman Equine            |
| 1142       | C          | Carpe Diem-Sweet Force            | \$16,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Off the Hook                  | Off the Hook              |
| 1143       | C          | Honor Code-Sweet Legacy           | \$60,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Miacomet Bloodstock           | Eddie Woods               |
| 1146       | F          | Malibu Moon-Sweet Love            | \$55,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | P&G Stable/Off the Hook       | Off the Hook              |
| 1147       | C          | Good Magic-Sweet Nina             | \$60,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Julie Davies                  | Cary Frommer              |
| 1148       | C          | Astern (Aus)-Sweet Peaches        | \$57,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Hidden Brook                  | Hidden Brook Agent        |
| 1149       | F          | Practical Joke-Sweet Queen        | \$185,000    | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Rick Grimes                   | Mayberry Farm             |
| 1150       | F          | Shaman Ghost-Sweet Rose           | \$25,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Edilberto Herrera Ordonez     | Nice and Easy T'breeds    |
| 1152       | F          | Mendelssohn-Sweet to the Beet     | \$140,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Bruno DeBerdT                 | Scanlon Training & Sales  |
| 1154       | C          | Dialed In-Swiss Army Wife         | \$80,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Jaylan Neatherlin Clary       | Clary Bloodstock          |
| 1155       | C          | Gun Runner-Switch to the Lead     | \$145,000    | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Lehigh Bloodstock             | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1157       | C          | Kantharos-Take Charge             | \$50,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Mayberry Farm                 | Mayberry Farm             |
| 1158       | C          | Goldcents-Take Charge Card        | \$19,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Pedro Maestre                 | CM Thoroughbreds          |
| 1159       | C          | Accelerate-Tales of Paradise      | \$57,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Boca Stables                  | Wavertree Stables         |
| 1160       | F          | Girvin-Tanita Belle               | \$30,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Chili Mango                   | Top Line Sales            |
| 1161       | C          | Sharp Azteca-Tapaline             | \$17,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | J. Ascencion Monteagudo Avila | Little Farm Equine        |
| 1163       | C          | Empire Maker-Taperge              | \$37,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Angel Castillo                | Top Line Sales            |
| 1165       | F          | Sharp Azteca-Tap It Out           | \$18,000     | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | M B Stable                    | SGV Thoroughbreds         |
| 1167       | F          | Kantharos-Tap Tap Tapping         | \$30,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Kings Equine                  | King's Equine             |
| 1168       | C          | Long River-Taylor Jagger          | \$40,000     | FTI YLG OCT 21     | Kent Sweezey                  | RiceHorse Stable          |

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| 1172       | C          | Violence-Tenation                 | \$48,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Winner Circle Racing Stable      | Navas Equine              |
| 1173       | C          | Classic Empire-Tensas Cowgirl     | \$100,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Innovative                       | White Lilac               |
| 1174       | F          | Munnings-Tensas Harbor            | \$250,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Quarter Pole Enterprises         | Eddie Woods               |
| 1177       | C          | Ransom the Moon-Thalias Fire      | \$32,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Grassroots Training/Sales        | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 1179       | F          | Good Samaritan-Theregoesmsamerica | \$35,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | George Sharp                     | Equinox Inc.              |
| 1180       | C          | Free Drop Billy-Thewholeshebang   | \$33,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | JVC Training & Sales             | JVC Training and Sales    |
| 1181       | F          | Mastery-Theyplayingoursong        | \$50,000     | FTN NY-BRED YLG 21 | Candy Meadows                    | Randy Bradshaw            |
| 1185       | F          | West Coast-Tiff                   | \$17,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Grassroots Training/Sales        | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 1187       | C          | Collected-Timeless Trick          | \$35,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Julie Davies                     | Julie Davies              |
| 1190       | F          | City of Light-Tinabud             | \$140,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Bo Bromagen                      | Mayberry Farm             |
| 1191       | F          | Free Drop Billy-Tinderette        | \$40,000     | TEXAS YLG & HRA 21 | Grassroots Training/Sales        | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 1192       | C          | Kantharos-Tip Top Tap             | \$17,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Katuska Arena                    | Blue River Bloodstock     |
| 1193       | C          | Munnings-Tizacity                 | \$210,000    | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | West Bloodstock                  | Eddie Woods               |
| 1195       | F          | Central Banker-Tiz Camera Ready   | \$18,000     | OBS YLG SALE 2021  | Gayle Woods                      | Gayle Woods               |
| 1197       | C          | Medaglia d'Oro-Tiz Heavenly       | \$120,000    | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Imagine                          | Niall Brennan Stables     |
| 1198       | C          | Practical Joke-Tiz Imaginary      | \$145,000    | KEENOV BRDG 2020   | Thomas J. Ruane                  | Niall Brennan Stables     |
| 1204       | C          | Mor Spirit-Total Knockout         | \$40,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Cruzin' T'breds/Fast Horses      | Cruzin' Thoroughbreds     |
| 1207       | C          | Street Sense-Touching Beauty      | \$55,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Adalberto Lozano/Triple A Racing | Off the Hook              |
| 1208       | C          | Mastery-Tourist Trap              | \$190,000    | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Mike Ryan                        | Niall Brennan Stables     |
| 1209       | C          | Accelerate-Town Flirt             | \$40,000     | FTKSUM YLG 2021    | Dry Fly Stable                   | De Meric Sales            |
| 1210       | C          | Oscar Performance-Trade Agreement | \$40,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Nancy Ross                       | Niall Brennan Stables     |
| 1211       | C          | Midshipman-Trashi Diva            | \$67,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Pick View                        | Pick View                 |
| 1212       | F          | Good Samaritan-Trepidation        | \$25,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | J. Ascencion Monteagudo Avila    | Little Farm Equine        |
| 1217       | F          | Girvin-True Martha                | \$40,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Matthew Dohman                   | Coastal Equine            |
| 1219       | F          | Mastery-Truly Striking            | \$25,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Thirteen Stables                 | King's Equine             |
| 1221       | C          | Collected-Try to Catch Her        | \$90,000     | KEESEP YLG 2021    | Gary Broad/Walmac Farm           | Julie Davies              |
| 1222       | F          | Union Rags-Turkish Tabby          | \$17,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Bozwell Racing                   | Whitman Sales             |
| 1226       | F          | Firing Line-Twisted Beauty        | \$19,000     | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Grassroots Training/Sales        | Grassroots Training/Sales |
| 1230       | F          | Malibu Moon-Two Step Song         | \$190,000    | FTKOCT YLG 2021    | Lehigh Bloodstock                | Wavertree Stables         |

**California First Start to Opt Into HISA cont. from p1**

Commissioners articulated a consensus during the board's monthly meeting that if the CHRB didn't proactively step up to support HISA, the state's tracks, horse owners, and other industry stakeholders would have to not only pay the costs, but figure out how to set up and staff a new infrastructure to enforce the federal regulations.



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"We had a meeting with associations, owner groups and the California Thoroughbred Trainers last week," said CHRB executive director Scott Chaney. "And most voiced support for this. Because tracks, it's my impression, don't want to be burdened with getting a bill and having to figure out who's going to pay it and how they're going to pay it."

The unanimous Apr. 21 vote was conditional upon receiving statutory approval to allow state employees to enforce federal rules and to make budgetary and spending changes that the CHRB is not yet able to do.

"We, the CHRB, do not currently have that authority," Chaney said. "But we are seeking it through budgetary language, which would amend the Business and Professions Code to allow us to do this, in addition to a budget change proposal, which would give us the spending authority to include the Authority's fee in our budget."

Chaney underscored to commissioners that he does not expect that process to be complicated or cumbersome. It will likely be accomplished by attaching what is known as a "trailer bill" to the state's annual budget legislation.

Chaney added that government officials have been made aware by CHRB staff that the HISA changeover is in the pipeline, and that agencies he's dealt with have been "really accommodating," to the point that he is "hopeful that it wouldn't be a big deal."

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell termed partnering with HISA as "a no-brainer, only because if we don't opt in, then [the responsibility will] go directly to the tracks and we don't have a say. And certainly, you know, you can't fight city hall. So we should be part of the process versus opting out."

Other states **haven't been as welcoming**. Facing a May 1 deadline to declare in-or-out status on the collection and remittance of fees, state racing commissions in New Jersey, Maryland and Texas have already said no to HISA.

"While short-term [for] some states it feels good to opt out, kind of to be obstructionists. [But] in the long run, I think this is actually a cost savings for the industry," Chaney said.

"Kentucky and Minnesota appear to be leaning toward opting in," Chaney told commissioners prior to the vote. "[New York] initially indicated that they were opting out. From what I understand, in talking to some of their officials, it's an open question now. They're kind of warming more up to the concept as it became more clear."

Chaney said that details about the Authority are emerging rapidly, so it won't be unusual to see other jurisdictions altering their opinions on whether to opt in or out.

"Frankly, this has come much better into focus in the last month, and so everyone is trying to get up to speed with respect to the implications to their particular state," Chaney said.

**So what will change?**

HISA's Authority is tasked with regulating both racing safety and anti-doping and medication control. The safety rules have already been approved by the Federal Trade Commission and will be phased in starting July 1. Snags in getting a medication control agency under contract have caused that portion of the program to be delayed.

With respect to the accreditation and "best practices" safety protocols, Chaney said California will see little change in those areas, because "our current regulations were largely the model for the Authority's structure."

Chaney continued: "For the most part, the rules mirror ours with two notable exceptions, The shoeing rule is more restrictive than our current one, which I applaud. And second, the crop rule is less restrictive than our current rule, which I find very troubling."

The HISA whip regulations have the same six-strike limit as California's. But HISA will permit using the whip in the overhead manner, which California does not.

If a jurisdiction doesn't undertake the enforcement of these new rules, "The Authority has to supply another set of stewards and all the things that it's going to take to actually enforce the safety regulations." **Cont. p12**

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And if that happens, Chaney added, tracks and stakeholders can expect to "be billed for that additional expense."

On the drug enforcement side of the program--which isn't expected to be up and running until at least 2023--Chaney said that the stakeholders the CHRB met with last week did express concerns about that process and its associated expenses.

"There are some question marks that still linger, notably how much the anti-doping and medication control part will cost," Chaney said.

Commissioner Thomas Hudnut said he supported the HISA opt-in. "But I do want to register concerns about the lack of clarity thus far when it comes to anti-doping measures," he added.

Hudnut said that giving control "to the United States Anti-Doping Agency, which is an on-again, off-again proposition, is probably not very good. We have a record of being a leader in this state in testing. The Maddy labs and UC-Davis are the recognized top dogs in the field, and I think it would be a great disservice, not only to our state, but to racing in general, were they not part of the solution."

Chaney said that once the HISA Authority identifies an agency to run that program, he doesn't think there will be "any real question" about whether the Maddy lab will continue to do testing. But the scope of the work and its funding will still have to be negotiated.

### ***So who ultimately pays?***

Once the Authority begins extracting fees from states to fund its budget, it's up to the states (either via their commissions, the tracks, or stakeholders) to figure out how to pay for the oversight.

Chaney said that "associations could structure this in any way, but most seem to be contemplating a fee per start paid by the

owner. I think that many tracks are worried about this approach, as it may create a competition among tracks based on how much the Authority fee is to start in a particular race."

By going the route of using the ADW revenue stream to fund its portion of the program, horse owners will be spared direct expenses.

According to the California Business and Professions Code (CBPC), the market access fee "means the amount of ADW handle remaining after the payment of winning wagers, and after the payment of contractual compensation, if any, to an ADW provider." Market access fees are then distributed in accordance with a long list of other CBCP provisions.

As Chaney explained it, "There are several distributions from market access fees. Those wouldn't change. What would happen is, the stakeholders would come up with a separate formula [for] this particular expense as well."

So does that mean bettors will end up being stuck with paying California's HISA bill?

That topic didn't come up during Thursday's meeting, but *TDN* asked the CHRB for a clarification.

"No change in takeout. Stakeholders will just be voluntarily giving up a bigger share of their revenue from ADW. Won't affect bettors at all," wrote CHRB spokesperson Mike Marten.

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## **\$15,000 WEANLING TAKES CONNECTIONS TO FIRST KENTUCKY DERBY**

*by Katie Petrunyak*

**Barber Road** (Race Day) may be one of the longer shots on the board come the first Saturday in May, but there is one thing former Walmart CEO Bill Simon is sure of when it comes to his GI Kentucky Derby hopeful.

"I don't know what's going to happen, but I can promise that at the end of the race he's going to be running as hard as he can and he'll be moving forward," Simon said.

Trained by John Ortiz, Barber Road has placed in each of the three major Kentucky Derby preps this year at Oaklawn Park, including a second-place effort in the GI Arkansas Derby.

Simon isn't quite sure yet what to make of the fact that his horse has qualified for the Kentucky Derby, but he said everything started to sink in when he saw pictures of Barber Road sporting his Kentucky Derby saddle cloth as he trained under the Twin Spires.

"I know a lot of people say that it's been their dream," he said. "It honestly wasn't a dream for us because we never imagined that we could do it. I just wanted to be competitive at the top level in racing and my gosh, we got it."

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# GET IN

- ★ \$300,000 first-crop colt (HIP 112) at the OBS SPRING SALE on Tuesday sold to CHAMPION EQUINE LLC
- ★ \$275,000 colt sold on Wednesday to David Fawkes, agent for Bill McCarty
- ★ HIP 1004, (pictured) sells Friday at OBS after breezing a bullet quarter mile in :20 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>15</sub> at the UNDER TACK PREVIEW



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When Simon stepped down from his position at Walmart in 2014, he and his wife Tammy began searching for a hobby they could enjoy together. Their friend Hootie Moore got them involved in a racing partnership and they were instantly hooked. Simon was interested in the numbers of racing while his wife, who grew up on a farm in North Carolina, was drawn to the horses.



**Bill and Tammy Simon with Kentucky Derby hopeful Barber Road**  
*photo courtesy Bill Simon*

Five years ago, the couple started experimenting with how they wanted to get involved in the sport, first purchasing a few horses at the 2-year-old sales and then trying out the claiming game. Their WSS Racing had early success through their involvement with several stakes-winning partnerships including 2019 GIII Winning Colors S. victress Honey Bunny (Tapizar) and 2021 Challedon S. winner Mucho (**Blame**).

In 2019, they decided to start purchasing younger horses at the sales.

“There are all kinds of ways to participate and almost all of them drain your money faster than you can blink an eye,” Simon said with a laugh. “When we started buying young horses and raising them, [we found] it’s a better way to make the economics work. It takes longer, but there are a lot of options.”

With the help of bloodstock agent Jared Hughes, the couple attends the annual weanling sales to find the first members of each year’s racing crop. They refine the group the next year at the yearlings sales—purchasing a few more prospects and selling one or two that they think will help fund the rest of their purchases.

It was during their first year trying out this new business model that they landed on Barber Road.

Simon and Hughes had purchased a quality group of weanlings during the first week of the 2019 Keeneland November Sale. When Simon had to leave town with a few days still left in the

auction, he told Hughes to have some fun and find a couple more colts.

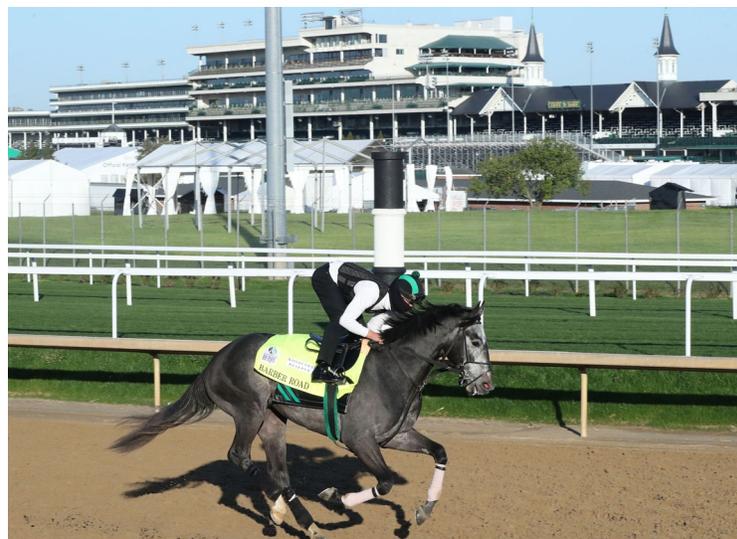
“I took it as a challenge,” Hughes said. “When I saw Barber Road in the back ring, he had a lot of presence to him and he carried himself well. He had all the right angles and I was a fan of Race Day anyways.”

Hughes raised his hand one time and took the weanling home for \$15,000.

Simon is quick to give all the credit to Hughes for finding the bargain-buy colt, who sold in the ninth session of the sale.

“Jared is an incredible horseman,” he said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s weanlings or 2-year-olds, he’s on the good horses. The question is if I will pay that much. I think the world of his capability and judgement in horses, so we follow his recommendation. He’s a person of incredible character.”

Barber Road was raised at Fallbrook Farm before being sent to Carlos Ortiz, the father of John Ortiz, in Ocala. Simon remembers hearing positive reports from Ortiz early in the colt’s training.



**Barber Road on the main track at Churchill Downs | Coady**

“Carlos first started talking about him as a yearling,” he recalled. “He was really talking about his stride; it was so long and elegant. You watch his replays now, he runs low and glides across the ground. He was a little undisciplined and didn’t quite get it early on, so we sat back and watched him develop.”

Barber Road ran fourth in his debut for John Ortiz as a juvenile going five furlongs at Colonial Downs, but Hughes remembers still being impressed by the performance.

“When he galloped out big, I told John we were going to have a lot of fun with this horse,” he said. “At \$15,000, the dream was just to have fun. We knew he wasn’t a sprinter, but I’m a big believer that good horses will run well no matter the race.”

Stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth two months later at Keeneland, the colt won by almost four lengths. **Cont. p14**

He won again in his next start at Churchill Downs and capped off his juvenile season with a second-place finish in the Lively Shively S.

As a sophomore, the gray continued with his late-running style to finish in the money in each of his stakes performances at Oaklawn Park, running second in the Gill Southwest S., third in the GII Rebel S. and second in the GI Arkansas Derby, where he lost a shoe and was bumped in the stretch, but came running late to get the placing.

“I would think we're due,” Simon said. “He could have won any one of those. More importantly, he thinks he won every time because he gallops out ahead in every single race so he comes back all happy. Through all his works and races, he's never been tired. The morning after the Arkansas Derby he was at the front of his stall jumping up and down, playing with people, ready to go again.”

Simon explained that Barber Road is named after Tammy's grandfather Clarence Barber. After he passed away, the road their family lived on in North Carolina was named after him.

Simon noted that jockey Reylu Gutierrez will retain the mount for the Kentucky Derby start.



**Bill and Tammy with their 2021 Keeneland September purchase Madly Dancing | photo courtesy Bill Simon**

“We wanted a really young, up-and-coming guy who I think is going to be a Hall of Fame rider one day,” he said. “Could we get other riders on the horse? Yup, we probably could. Do we want them? Nope, we have the guy we want.”

He added that they were intentional with every relationship they have developed in racing.

“We really think that we're at a time in the industry's development that we have to get new blood and younger, talented people with integrity. We've been very particular about who we invest our money with because we want to help build their career. Hopefully some of the success we are having with a

\$15,000 horse will help John and Jared and Reylu.”

WSS Racing currently has a stable of 18 horses of racing age as well as seven yearlings. All of the horses owned exclusively by WSS Racing are sent to John Ortiz.

“He's a phenomenal, intuitive horseman and he rides the horses and handles them himself,” Simon explained. “He has taught me so much about horsemanship and I have a pretty extensive business background, so it's a great relationship.”

When purchasing racing prospects, Simon said that they focus on pedigrees with fillies and conformation with their colts. And of course, they rely on the advice of Hughes, who will be attending his first Kentucky Derby this year.

“I've always said that I would let a horse take me to the Derby so that it would be way more special and so that I could enjoy every moment,” Hughes said. “I want to show Barber Road off to my family and friends who aren't involved in racing. It's fun to have friends text you about how excited they are. I'm not nervous about it right now. I will be later, but for now I'm just enjoying each moment.”

He continued, “The most important part about this is that it's like a family. There's no agenda, it's just good people enjoying each other's company and that's what has made it so special. Bill and Tammy are incredibly humble people. They give us the credit and empower us to make decisions. They don't crucify us when something doesn't work out, they just ask what we need to do next to do it better. They're really humble, faithful Christian people who do things for the right reasons and it's the same for all of us, we all believe in that.”

No matter the results on Derby Day, Barber Road's many connections are sure there is more to come for their bargain purchase-turned-Classic contender.

“We actually think he's going to be better even longer, so maybe the Belmont,” Simon said. “It's been a wonderful blessing and we've been very fortunate.”

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## GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR GRANTS PASS

by T. D. Thornton

Nine days after the devastating news that Grants Pass Downs has **called off its 2022 race meets** and will let the track's commercial license lapse, Randy Boden, the executive director of the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA), revealed that plans are in the works to keep the southern Oregon track open for training and possibly a short fairs-style race meet this summer, with the ultimate goal of bringing back a larger slate of racing in 2023.

"When it became apparent that [Grants Pass Downs] was not going to renew their commercial license, we decided that the best thing was for the HBPA to seek that license for itself for the continuation of the commercial meet as well as the obvious benefits of the off-track betting (OTB) network," Boden said during the Apr. 21 Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) meeting.

ORC executive director Jack McGrail welcomed the OHBPA's intended actions, which have the short-term goal of keeping alive the state's four-stop summer fairs circuit while plans for a longer, more viable, OHBPA-funded commercial meet are hashed out.

"Obviously, the cancellation of Grants Pass Downs has us scrambling a little bit," McGrail said. "Although things are a little grim right now, there is a path forward if we can get to use that facility. It's been improved dramatically, and it really is a track that we can have some really lengthy and good meets at. So those improvements do provide an opportunity for us down the road."

McGrail continued: "We are working towards, hopefully, a successful summer fairs season.... That track at Grants Pass is a vital training facility, even if it's not running a commercial meet. And without it, it's hard to see how our horsemen and women will have a chance to get their horses legged up in time to run at these fair meets."

Travis Boersma took over Grants Pass Downs, which is located on the Josephine County Fairgrounds, in 2019. After making substantial capital improvements and seeking historical horse race gaming to fund the racing there, the ORC recently voted to deny an operating license to the gaming part of the operation based on a Department of Justice opinion that called the project unconstitutional because of the way the state's gambling laws are set up.

So on Apr. 12, Boersma pulled the plug on the upcoming racing season, stating that "Grants Pass Downs has lost its economic engine."

During Thursday's meeting, Grants Pass Downs president Randy Evers confirmed that Boersma wasn't bluffing.

"I'm saddened to say that we just didn't have enough horses to run a successful commercial meet," Evers said in a succinct

presentation to the commission. "The horsemen and women have until Apr. 30 to exit the backside. At that time it will be closed. We do have a few horses left over and a few recreational vehicles that we've been assured will all be leaving next week.



Racing at Grants Pass Downs | Grants Pass Downs photo

"The plan is to operate the off-track-betting OTB network until June 30. That's when [the] racing license expires. That continues to bring in some revenue for our horse associations; the racing commission, and provides the opportunity if someone else wants to take over the OTB network and the commercial racing license at that time."

That's where the OHBPA would step in.

"That is our plan," Boden said. "We're going to be in that process. As you guys know, it's a very extensive thing...to have everything in place so that there is no lag time between June 30 ending and July 1 beginning, so that there is no stoppage of the OTB network.

"We also have received a list of equipment from [Grants Pass Downs] that's available to be purchased for us to continue," Boden said. "Obviously we'll need the correct equipment to run a race meet, everything from starting gates to the stalls to tractors, et cetera, et cetera, all down the line. So we are going through that list as we speak, and we'll be acquiring as much of that as we can to further our goals in that regard."

Two years ago, Oregon's racing community rallied around Grants Pass Downs, which transitioned from a fairs track to being the lone commercial licensee in Oregon after the closure of Portland Meadows. Grants Pass carved out a 35-date, split-meet season over two staggered meets, May through July and September through November.

The plan was for Grants Pass to dovetail with the state's four summer fairs meets. The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show meet in Union traditionally kicked off that circuit in June. **Cont. p16**

Crooked River Roundup in Prineville then followed in July. Tillamook County Fair in Tillamook ran in August. Harney County Fair in Burns rounded out the fairs circuit in September.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic wiped all four fairs off the map in 2020, and Grants Pass Downs supported the circuit alone.

The start of 2021 looked promising. But by May, Harney executives told the ORC it wouldn't be running.

In July, jockey Eduardo Gutiérrez Sosa was killed in a Quarter Horse racing accident at the Crooked River Roundup.

Nov. 9, 2021, was the final day of the Oregon racing season. It turned out to be an ominous premonition when the half-mile oval at Grants Pass was **plunged into complete darkness** eight seconds into the running of the final race when the track's lights cut out unexpectedly, leaving the field of six sprinters barreling blindly into the first bend of a three-turn race.

There hasn't been a sanctioned horse race in Oregon since.

"We are further looking into the possibility of working with Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association (SOHRA) to see if there's a possibility of running a short race meet in between the end of Union and the start of Prineville," Boden said. "Currently, since we have no racing license until June, we have no standing to run a race meet as the HBPA, but SOHRA has many years of experience running race meets at Grants Pass [prior to Boersma taking over]."

Boden said that SOHRA had a meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, beyond deadline for this story. He expected them to discuss and possibly vote on working with the OHBPA to bring racing back to Grants Pass.

"And if it works out that [SOHRA] would like to do that, then we would have to be willing to fund that meet to go forward that way," Boden said. "That would be the optimal thing."

Boden then focused on the fairs meets.

"We've got to get something open for training. These horses are not fit. They are not ready to run," Boden said. "And so the last thing we want is for the horses not to be ready for the rest of the fairs, because that will be a negative thing on the fairs and the population of horses that are ready to go there-as well as the fact that some of the horses may wind up going to Wyoming or Montana. And any horse that goes that far away is not going to come back to run at our fairs.

"We want to keep our horses in the state as much as we can. We want to be able to offer the horsemen a place to train, and make sure that if nothing else happens, that we have a very successful summer fairs season. The fairs are important to all of us, and we're going to support them all the way down the line," Boden said.

"Ultimately, going forward, we talk about '23, we'll be able to once again put a commercial race meet together and allow for us to get our legs back under us a little bit in that regard."

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## FASIG-TIPTON APRIL DIGITAL CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 23 entries for its April Digital Selected Sale. Bidding is now officially open and will close this Tuesday, Apr. 26, at 2 pm. The catalogue, which may now be viewed at [digital.fasigtipton.com](https://digital.fasigtipton.com), consists of horses of racing age and breeding stock. Entries catalogued include:

- Time Sensitive (**Hip 1**): 4-year-old daughter of **Nyquist** is a half-sister to recent GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. winner Tawny Port (Pioneerof the Nile).
- Topo Grigio (**Hip 2**): Winning daughter of multiple graded stakes winner Summer Wind Dancer is believed to be in foal to **Liam's Map**.
- Weekend Away (**Hip 3**): Daughter of Malibu Moon from the family of Private Mission, Dunbar Road, and Secret Status. She is believed to be in foal to **Nyquist**.
- Wrong Color (**Hip 4**): Stakes-placed daughter of Gemologist is a half-sister to Jean Gros (**More Than Ready**), a recent 3-year-old Group 2 stakes winner in Japan, and multiple graded stakes winner Tom's Ready (**More Than Ready**). She is believed to be in foal to **Caravaggio**.
- Amazing Ride (**Hip 5**): The first mare offered in foal to multiple Grade I winner **Charlatan**.
- Champagne Bliss (**Hip 6**): Young daughter of Into Mischief is believed to be in foal to Bolt d'Oro.
- Delia O'Hara (**Hip 7**): Multiple stakes-placed mare is a half-sister to graded stakes performer Winning Map (**Liam's Map**) and believed to be in foal to Bolt d'Oro.
- Gun Society (**Hip 8**): Stakes-winning 2-year-old and earner of over \$200,000 from the immediate family of Kentucky Derby winner **Country House** and graded stakes winners Mitchell Road and Breaking Lucky. Believed to be in foal to Omaha Beach.
- Hidatsa Park (**Hip 9**): Stakes-placed earner of over \$210,000 is believed to be in foal to **Upstart**.
- Mamasz (**Hip 11**): Daughter of Giant's Causeway is the dam of recent GII Monrovia S. winner Brooke Marie (Lemon Drop Kid). Believed to be in foal to **Midshipman**.
- Philanthropic (**Hip 12**): Stakes-placed daughter of Malibu Moon from the family of leading sire **Curlin**. She is believed to be in foal to **Constitution**. She sells with her 2022 **Not This Time** filly at her side.
- Rich Love (**Hip 13**): Dam of the recent \$1.2-million sale-topping Bolt d'Oro filly at the 2022 Gulfstream Sale, this mare is believed to be in foal to Breeders' Cup winner **Good Magic**. In addition, she sells with her 2022 **Good Magic** filly at her side. **Cont. p17**

- **Power Surge (Hip 22):** 3-year-old California-bred daughter of young sire Straight Fire won the Evening Jewel S. at Santa Anita in her most recent start Apr. 9.

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## GREAT LADY M HIGHLIGHTS LOS AL SUMMER STAKES SCHEDULE

Three stakes—including a graded event—worth a combined \$425,000 highlight the Los Angeles County Fair meet at Los Alamitos. The 10-day season is scheduled to begin Friday, June 24 and continue through Sunday, July 10. Racing will be conducted Friday-Sunday opening weekend (June 24-26) and the final week (July 8-10) and Friday-Monday (July 1-4) the middle week. The July 4 program is a special holiday card and will include a handicapping contest with two berths in the 2023 NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas on the line. Post time will be 1 p.m. each day.

The richest event on the calendar is the \$200,000 GII Great Lady M. S. for fillies and mares at six furlongs. Captured by champion Gamine (Into Mischief) in 2021, the Great Lady M. will be offered Monday, July 4. The \$125,000 Los Alamitos Derby for 3-year-olds will be run Saturday, July 9. The other stakes on the schedule is the \$100,000 Bertrando for 3-year-olds and up bred or sired in California at one mile Saturday, June 25.

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## FAR HILLS UPS 2022 GRAND NATIONAL PURSE

The Far Hills Race Meeting Association has increased the purse of the American Grand National by \$100,000, giving it a bump from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for the 2022 edition, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 15. The increase will make the race, which will be contested for the 101st time, the richest on this year's National Steeplechase Association (NSA) schedule.

“This will really put an exclamation point on steeplechasing’s biggest day and the overall season,” said Far Hills Race Meeting chairman Guy Torsilieri. “On Oct. 15, all eyes will be on Far Hills, and we want to do everything possible to attract the biggest and best field that includes not only the outstanding American jumpers, but stars from abroad. The larger purse has the potential to achieve that goal and grow the sport, which is our top priority.”

The Grand National, one of five Grade I fixtures on the NSA schedule this year, will be televised by the New York Racing

Association (NYRA) and FOX Sports, producers of America’s Day at the Races. Far Hills will offer pari-mutuel wagering in partnership with Monmouth Park. For more information, visit [farhillsrace.org](http://farhillsrace.org).

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## NBC SPORTS NAMES LINDSAY SCHANZER SENIOR PRODUCER OF DERBY COVERAGE



The field leaves the gate for the 2021 Kentucky Derby | Coady

Five-time Sports Emmy winner Lindsay Schanzer has been named senior producer of the GI Kentucky Derby coverage for NBC Sports. She will oversee all horse racing production and has previously produced Preakness, Belmont, Breeders’ Cup, and Royal Ascot coverage for NBC Sports. The 148th Kentucky Derby will be presented live on NBC and Peacock Saturday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. ET.

“Lindsay has excelled in every role she has worked at NBC Sports, and we are excited to have her lead the presentation of the Kentucky Derby and our full roster of horse racing events,” said Sam Flood, executive producer and president of NBC Sports Production. “With increased responsibility over the last decade on our horse racing team, Lindsay’s leadership, creativity, and innovative spirit have helped raise our production. We look forward to returning to Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May.”

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## NYRA TO LAUNCH NEW 'TRIPLE PLAY' WAGER MAY 1

The New York Racing Association is creating a new Pick 3 wager to be made available exclusively to retail customers on Sundays during the upcoming spring/summer meet at Belmont Park, NYRA announced Thursday.

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Featuring a \$3 bet minimum and 24% takeout, the NYRA Triple Play will cover the final three races of Sunday cards throughout the 44-day spring summer meet. Each NYRA Triple Play will feature a mandatory payout of the net pool. Wagering on the NYRA Triple Play will be available on ADW platforms and at simulcast facilities across the country.

The NYRA Triple Play will launch May 1, the first Sunday of the spring/summer meet, which opens Apr. 28 and will offer 59 stakes races worth \$16.95 million in total purse money.

The retail-only NYRA Triple Play is the latest piece of a NYRA pilot program designed to reward the everyday player with opportunities for significant payouts. In 2021, NYRA replaced its \$.20 jackpot Empire Pick 6 with a \$1 Pick 6 available to retail customers only. Previous to that, NYRA restricted both the Late Pick 5 and the Cross-Country Pick 5 to retail customers only.

"NYRA is committed to adding new wagering opportunities that appeal to our core customers," said Joe Longo, General Manager of NYRA Content Services. "We look forward to further evaluating how the Triple Play performs within the context of our overall wagering menu."

The 15-day Aqueduct spring meet continues through this Sunday with live racing offered Thursday-Sunday.

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## 2022 Leading Second-Crop Sires Dirt

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Apr. 20

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| Rank | Stallion   | BTW | BTH | GSW | GSH | G1SW | G1SH | Starters | Wnrs | Highest Earner              | Earnings  |
|------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----------|------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1    | <b>Gun Runner</b><br>(2013) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> | 5   | 13  | 4   | 10  | 2    | 2    | 54       | 13   | 785,000<br>Cyberknife       | 3,020,992 |
| 2    | <b>Cupid</b><br>(2013) by <b>Tapit</b>                 | 2   | 3   | 1   | 2   | --   | --   | 48       | 16   | 246,000<br>Desert Dawn      | 953,948   |
| 3    | <b>Practical Joke</b><br>(2014) by Into Mischief       | 2   | 3   | 2   | 2   | --   | --   | 65       | 13   | 110,000<br>Wit              | 951,661   |
| 4    | <b>Arrogate</b><br>(2013) by Unbridled's Song          | 1   | 3   | 1   | 1   | --   | 1    | 28       | 9    | 425,000<br>Secret Oath      | 894,364   |
| 5    | <b>Classic Empire</b><br>(2014) by Pioneerof the Nile  | 1   | 4   | 1   | 3   | --   | 1    | 37       | 12   | 242,500<br>Morello          | 889,687   |
| 6    | <b>Connect</b><br>(2013) by <b>Curlin</b>              | --  | 2   | --  | 1   | --   | --   | 47       | 7    | 92,000<br>Hidden Connection | 661,174   |
| 7    | <b>Keen Ice</b><br>(2012) by <b>Curlin</b>             | 1   | 4   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 62       | 14   | 81,200<br>Majestic Frontier | 621,278   |
| 8    | <b>Gormley</b><br>(2014) by Malibu Moon                | --  | --  | --  | --  | --   | --   | 43       | 12   | 77,800<br>Moody Woman       | 604,268   |
| 9    | <b>American Freedom</b><br>(2013) by Pulpit            | --  | 2   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 48       | 14   | 67,150<br>Smarten Up        | 528,728   |
| 10   | <b>Blofeld</b><br>(2012) by <b>Quality Road</b>        | --  | 1   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 13       | 13   | 95,911<br>Goldenize         | 499,687   |
| 11   | <b>Unified</b><br>(2013) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b>    | --  | 2   | --  | 1   | --   | --   | 41       | 13   | 47,800<br>Fromanothamutha   | 468,993   |
| 12   | <b>Divining Rod</b><br>(2012) by <b>Tapit</b>          | 1   | 1   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 30       | 10   | 80,000<br>Local Motive      | 431,628   |
| 13   | <b>Mastery</b><br>(2014) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b>    | --  | 2   | --  | 1   | --   | --   | 34       | 6    | 60,775<br>Cover Me Up       | 417,107   |
| 14   | <b>Straight Fire</b><br>(2014) by Dominus              | 3   | 4   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 6        | 4    | 130,200<br>Smuggler's Run   | 380,672   |
| 15   | <b>Lord Nelson</b><br>(2012) by Pulpit                 | --  | --  | --  | --  | --   | --   | 31       | 12   | 51,300<br>Juggler           | 352,821   |

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**Friday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT**

**BAIRD DOUBLEDODGARE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

| PP | HORSE           | SIRE        | OWNER   | TRAINER  | JOCKEY         | WT  |
|----|-----------------|-------------|---|----------|----------------|-----|
| 1  | Malathaat       | Curlin      | Shadwell Stable   | Pletcher | Velazquez      | 118 |
| 2  | Super Quick     | Super Saver | Marylou Whitney Stables                                   | Casse    | Talamo         | 120 |
| 3  | Audrey's Time   | Uncle Mo    | Lothenbach Stables, Inc.                                  | Pessin   | Lanerie        | 118 |
| 4  | Bonny South     | Munnings    | Juddmonte   | Cox      | Geroux         | 118 |
| 5  | Crazy Beautiful | Liam's Map  | Phoenix Thoroughbred III                                  | McPeek   | Hernandez, Jr. | 120 |
| 6  | Lady Mystify    | Bernardini  | Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing and Hausman, Richard | Eurton   | Prat           | 118 |

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC, 3-Woodford Thoroughbred, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Carolyn R. Vogel, 6-Scott Dilworth & Evan Dilworth

**Saturday, Oaklawn #5, post time: 3:18 p.m. EDT**

**APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

| PP | HORSE         | SIRE            | OWNER   | TRAINER      | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|---------------|-----------------|---|--------------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Maracuja      | Honor Code      | Beach Haven Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing, Parkland Thoroughbreds and Fowler, Barry | Atras        | Santana, Jr. | 119 |
| 2  | Letruska      | Super Saver     | St. George Stable LLC   | Gutierrez    | Ortiz        | 124 |
| 3  | Clairiere     | Curlin          | Stonestreet Stables LLC   | Asmussen     | Rosario      | 121 |
| 4  | Miss Imperial | Maclean's Music | Barry R. Ostrager   | Hollendorfer | Pereira      | 115 |
| 5  | Ce Ce         | Elusive Quality | Bo Hirsch, LLC  | McCarthy     | Espinoza     | 121 |

**Breeders:** 1-River Bend Farm Inc., Austin Musselman & Janie Musselman, 2-St George Stables, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Bob Lewis & Flying H Stables, LLC, 5-Bo Hirsch LLC

**Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:41 p.m. EDT**

**OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

| PP | HORSE             | SIRE           | OWNER                            | TRAINER     | JOCKEY       | WT  |
|----|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----|
| 1  | Beau Luminarie    | I Want Revenge | Linda S. Pavey                   | Brisset     | Geroux       | 117 |
| 2  | Thomas Shelby     | Curlin         | M and M Racing                   | Diodoro     | Cohen        | 117 |
| 3  | Last Samurai      | Malibu Moon    | Willis Horton Racing LLC         | Stewart     | Court        | 117 |
| 4  | Idol              | Curlin         | Calvin Nguyen                    | Baltas      | Vazquez      | 119 |
| 5  | Rated R Superstar | Kodiak Cowboy  | Danny R. Caldwell                | Villafranco | Santana, Jr. | 120 |
| 6  | Plainsman         | Flatter        | Shortleaf Stable, Inc.           | Cox         | Rosario      | 121 |
| 7  | Super Stock       | Dialed In      | Woolsey, Erv and Asmussen, Keith | Asmussen    | Castillo     | 118 |
| 8  | Fearless          | Ghostzapper    | CHC Inc. and WinStar Farm LLC    | Pletcher    | Ortiz        | 121 |

**Breeders:** 1-Linda S. Pavey, 2-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-My Meadowview LLC, 5-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 6-Joseph Minor, 7-Pedro Gonzalez & P. J. Gonzalez, 8-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust



**Saturday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT**

**ELKHORN S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

| PP | HORSE                | SIRE             | OWNER   | TRAINER    | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|----------------------|------------------|---|------------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Bemma's Boy 🌿        | Into Mischief    | Paradise Farms Corp.  | Maker      | Rispoli    | 118 |
| 2  | Sole Volante 🌿       | Karakontie (Jpn) | Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Andie Biancone                                 | Biancone   | Leparoux   | 118 |
| 3  | Two Emmys 🌿          | English Channel  | Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.                                     | Robertson  | Graham     | 118 |
| 4  | Phantom Currency 🌿   | Goldcents        | Hill, Jim and Susan   | Lynch      | Ortiz, Jr. | 118 |
| 5  | Channel Maker 🌿      | English Channel  | Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, R. A. Hill Stable & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing | Mott       | Saez       | 118 |
| 6  | Tiberius Mercurius 🌿 | The Factor       | Three Diamonds Farm   | Maker      | Gaffalione | 118 |
| 7  | Cullum Road 🌿        | Quality Road     | K. C. Garrett Farm  | Danner     | Rocco, Jr. | 118 |
| 8  | Bama Breeze 🌿        | Honor Code       | Ashbrook Farm and BBN Racing, LLC   | Arnold, II | Lanerie    | 118 |
| 9  | Another Mystery      | Temple City      | Team Block  | Block      | Prat       | 118 |

**Breeders:** 1-Lochlow Farm, 2-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 3-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc., 4-Sally Thomas & New Dawn Stable, LLC, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 7-Hargus and Sandra Sexton & Silver FernFarm, LLC, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III, 9-Team Block

**Saturday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT**

**BEN ALI S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

| PP | HORSE            | SIRE                 | OWNER   | TRAINER        | JOCKEY     | WT  |
|----|------------------|----------------------|---|----------------|------------|-----|
| 1  | Cowboy Diplomacy | Tapizar              | Pocket Aces Racing LLC                                | Walsh          | Hernandez  | 118 |
| 2  | Mighty Heart     | Dramedy              | Lawrence Cordes                                       | Carroll        | Graham     | 120 |
| 3  | Proxy            | Tapit Godolphin, LLC | Stidham   | Hernandez, Jr. | 118        |     |
| 4  | Dynamic One 🌿    | Union Rags           | Repole Stable, Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable     | Pletcher       | Ortiz, Jr. | 118 |
| 5  | Warrant          | Constitution         | Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC                       | Cox            | Prat       | 118 |
| 6  | Tartufo 🌿        | Creative Cause       | J&G Stables, LLC and Vaccarezza, Nicholas             | Vaccarezza     | Bejarano   | 118 |
| 7  | Scalding         | Nyquist              | Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stable, LLC & LNJ Foxwoods | McGaughey III  | Castellano | 118 |
| 8  | Title Ready      | More Than Ready      | Charles E. Fipke                                      | Stewart        | Velazquez  | 118 |

**Breeders:** 1-FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch, 2-Larry Cordes, 3-Godolphin, 4-Phipps Stable, 5-Twin Creeks Farm, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Godolphin & Cobalt Investments, LLC, 8-Charles Fipke



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## FIRST STARTER A WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE MCCRAKEN AT KEENELAND



**Crackalacking** | *Coady*

Freshman sire **McCraken** (*Ghostzapper*) got immediately off the mark with his first starter at Keeneland Thursday afternoon. Drawn widest of all in post nine, **Crackalacking** forced the issue from an outside third, gained command around the far turn and blew the race apart from there to graduate by five lengths at odds of 18-1. Extremely well-backed, rail-drawn firster **Grand Oak (Ire)** (*Speightstown*), off as the even-money favorite from a 6-1 morning-line quote for trainer Rusty Arnold, was a good second after a tough trip. It was the first career wins at Keeneland for winning jockey Ferrin Peterson and trainer Sarah Hamilton, respectively. After producing a colt by Klimt in 2021, the winner's dam was bred back to that sire for 2022.

**McCraken**, a three-time graded winner and runner-up in the GI betfair.com Haskell Invitational S., stands for \$5,000 at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Ky.

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### FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

**2nd-Keeneland, \$72,400, Msw, 4-21, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.67, my, 5 lengths.**

**CRACKALACKING (f, 2, McCraken--Sacred Moon, by Malibu Moon)** Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$47,120. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Randy Finegan; B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Sarah Hamilton.



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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Keeneland, \$119,400, Alw, 4-21, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:29.40, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**DISAPPEARING ACT (m, 5, Magician {Ire}--Felicidades, by Congrats)**, on the board in four of seven starts in Southern California last season, kicked off 2022 with a career-best second in the 12-furlong GIII Astra S. Jan. 17. Sent off at 3-1 to go one better here, the homebred stalked the early pace through pedestrian splits of :24.69 and :50.74. Several paths wide turning for home, the 5-year-old took over at the eighth pole and was 1 1/4-lengths clear of Flanigan's Cove (*Kitten's Joy*) at the wire. Felicidades is also responsible for a juvenile filly by **The Factor** and a yearling colt by **Mastery**. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-3-4-1, \$216,133. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Richard Baltas.



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**4th-Keeneland, \$100,386, Alw, 4-21, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.01, gd, 3/4 length.**

**LYRICAL POET (g, 5, Kitten's Joy--One Hot Wish, by Bring the Heat)**, sixth at Aqueduct Nov. 20 following four consecutive on-the-board finishes including a loss by a neck against allowance company Sept. 12, was bet down to even money for his first start of 2022. The gelding set the pace from the break just off the rail, swung out wide entering the far turn, and then tucked back in at the top of the stretch. Given his cue down the lane, Lyrical Poet was able to hold off runner-up Apache Tears (Shanghai Bobby) and win by three-quarters of a length. The winner is a half-brother to Pablo Del Monte (Giant's Causeway), GISP, \$351,970 and also has a yearling half-sister by **Mendelssohn**. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$137,880. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.** O/B/T-Wesley A. Ward (KY).

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**8th-Gulfstream, \$44,700, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),**  
4-21, 3yo, f, 5fT, :57.28, fm, neck.

**CREATIVE GIRL (f, 3, **Outwork**--Mystic Rhyme, by Lemon Drop Kid)** posted a career high 70 Beyer Speed Figure last time out where she finished fourth after leading most of the way in the Mar. 26 Melody of Colors S. at Gulfstream. With the addition of Lasix this time, she was bet down to 2-1. Sent straight to the front, she was tracked by Kodama (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) through an initial quarter in :22.71. Clear turning for home, she drifted out down the lane, however, was able to hold off Kodama (Ire) by a neck at the wire. Creative Girl has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Maclean's Music** and a yearling half-sister by **Palace Malice**. Her dam was bred to **Catholic Boy** for 2022. Sales History: \$3,000 Ylg '20 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$61,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-GU Racing Stable, LLC; B-Nicky Drion Thoroughbreds & Macha Bloodstock (KY); T-Juan Carlos Avila.

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**7th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),**  
4-21, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.96, ft, 4 lengths.

**GREEN UP (f, 3, **Upstart**--Green Punch, by Two Punch)**, runner-up for Chris Melton in her career debut going five panels at Churchill May 13, broke her maiden impressively while debuting for Todd Pletcher next time going six furlongs at Gulfstream Mar. 13. Bet down to 1-2 favoritism while stretching out to a mile here, she took an awkward step and found herself last of the six after acting up in the gate but quickly tackled the leaders from her outside draw. Anchored on the outside flank of pacesetter Freccia d'Argento (**Liam's Map**) rounding the far turn, she overtook her rival as Peachy Weachy (Overanalyze) scooted up the inside nearing the quarter pole. Drawing even with Peachy Weachy turning for home, she quickly assumed command, and despite running greenly, she drew clear to score by four lengths over Peachy Weachy. "She run like we expected even though she was acting up in the gate. She hit the front doors twice pretty hard. After the start, all I was thinking was, 'I hope it doesn't take a toll at the end,'" winning rider Junior Alvarado said. "She had too much class in this group today. She still won pretty easy. I didn't ask her for much, just a little to get to the lead. She took me all the way to the wire." Green Up is her dam's last reported offspring. Sales History: \$10,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$70,760. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Team Valor International, LLC; B-Althea Richards (VA); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



**Green Up** | Ryan Thompson

**3rd-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), Alw, 4-21, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.68, ft,**  
4 lengths.

**KLUGMAN (c, 3, **Practical Joke**--Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful)**, graduated in his second start leading all the way over six furlongs at Gulfstream Park Feb. 11, finished a disappointing seventh last time out against allowance company going 6 1/2-furlongs at Gulfstream Mar. 2. Off at 5-1 here, he broke in third and was sent to the lead early along the rail. Maintaining his position and widening his advantage turning for home, he crossed the wire four lengths in front of Khozy My Boy (Khozan). Klugman is a half-brother to Harpers First Ride (**Paynter**), GSW, \$699,664. He also has a 2-year-old half-brother by Bolt d'Oro. Sales History: \$140,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$68,740. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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**9th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), Alw, 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.06, ft, 2 lengths.**

**POETIC VERSE (f, 3, Jimmy Creed--K C's Songofprayer, by Songandaprayer)**, last seen winning by six lengths on debut going five-furlongs at Horseshoe Indianapolis July 24, was bet down to 6-5 to remain undefeated. Settling in fourth behind Lady Don't Mind (Congrats) through a quarter-mile in :22.67, Poetic Verse swung four-wide around the far turn to vie for the lead, had a slim margin entering the final furlong, and pulled clear from there to win by two lengths over Mi Estrella (Orb). The winner, a half-brother to **Flatter** Hymn (Flat Out), SW, \$119,279, has a 2-year-old half-brother named Golden Prayer (Bolt d'Oro) and a yearling half-brother by Mor Spirit. His dam produced a colt by **Take Charge Indy** in 2022. Sales History: \$6,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$42,600.

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O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds, LLC (IN); T-Robert M. Gorham.

**7th-Charles Town, \$35,100, (S), Alw, 4-20, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.80, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**NOBALLSTWOSTRIKES (g, 3, Gormley--Fleeting Sensation, by Zensational)** was backed down to 8-5 favoritism here following a neck victory against similar company over seven furlongs at Charles Town Mar. 25. Rated in fifth in the three-path through the first turn, he was seven lengths behind the lead of Bright Dawn (Itsmyluckyday) following a half-mile in :47.62. Giving chase nearing the quarter-pole and picking up the leader straightening for home, he held a slim advantage through the stretch and drew in the final strides, winning by 1 1/4 lengths over Happy Years (Golden Years). Noballstwostrikes has a yearling half-brother by **Palace Malice** and his dam produced a colt by **Midnight Storm** in 2022. Sales History: \$77,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$65,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$62,731. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-H. Neil Glasser; B-Schiano Racing Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**7th-Keeneland, \$100,000, Msw, 4-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.29, gd, 2 lengths.**

**FALCONET (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Birdatthewire {GISW, \$808,430}, by Summer Bird)**, second, beaten a head, going seven furlongs on debut at Gulfstream Mar. 5, was backed as the 4-5 favorite to graduate in this two-turn debut. Drawn widest of all in post nine, she chased in third and hit the gas while three wide on the far turn. Falconet hit the front while racing on her left lead down the stretch, drifted in slightly once switching over to her right lead and drew clear from there to graduate by two lengths over Fine Cotton (**Curlin**). A claim of foul by the rider of the runner-up for interference in deep stretch was disallowed. Birdatthewire, winner of the GI La Brea S., produced an Into Mischief colt in 2021. Birdatthewire RNA'd for \$725,000 at the 2017 FTKNOV sale. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$69,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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**1st-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 4-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.12, ft, 1/2 length.**

**COMPLETE AGENDA (c, 3, [Curlin](#)--Constellation {GISW, \$619,809}, by Bellamy Road),** a good second behind subsequent GII Louisiana Derby third Pioneer of Medina (Pioneerof the Nile) at Tampa Dec. 22, was third with first-time Lasix at Gulfstream Jan. 29. He was last seen finishing a disappointing sixth going this distance in Hallandale Feb. 26. Given a 2-1 chance to get off the mark here, he broke on top despite stumbling slightly at the start. The chestnut raced in the outside in fifth, began to make his move while four wide approaching the quarter pole and came charging down the stretch after lugging in late to graduate by a half-length over favored pacesetter American Law ([Constitution](#)). Don Alberto went to \$3.15 million to acquire GI La Brea S. heroine Constellation while carrying Complete Agenda in utero at the 2018 FTKNOV sale. She produced a filly by Into Mischief in 2021 and was bred back to [Quality Road](#). Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$55,530. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**2nd-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 4-21, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.75, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.**

**GIRL BYE (f, 2, [Cajun Breeze](#)--Wishiwoulda, by Da Stoops),** favored at 2-1 to kick off her career with a win, broke on top from her rail draw and never looked back. She had 6 1/2 lengths over longshot Queenzy ([Classic Empire](#)) at the wire. Wishiwoulda produced a full-sister to the winner in 2021. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Shadybrook Farm Inc (FL); T-Michael Yates.

**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 4-20, 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00.05, ft, 3 lengths.**

**IRISH TAP (f, 3, [Tapiture](#)--Irish Dynasty, by Dynaformer),** sent off at 6-1 for her debut, went right into the lead from the inside, a short head in front of Dream Streak (Shackleford). Dueling for the lead, Irish Tap took over, drew clear turning for home and increased his advantage steadily to the wire, winning by three lengths over Simply Complicated (Overanalyze). Irish Tap is a half-sister to Dyna Stroll, MSW, \$208,146. Sales History: \$5,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Liz Klopp; B-Paul Pruett (LA); T-Randy L. Klopp.



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

*2022 Stud Fees Listed*

**Awesome Slew** (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, \$4,000  
 36 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-Gulfstream, 1:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Awesome Flay, 7-2

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

*2022 Stud Fees Listed*

**Arrogate** (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte Farms  
 224 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-Laurel, 1:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Senson, 9-5  
 \$26,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000  
 148 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-Laurel, 1:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Sally Bali, 15-1

**Comfort** (Indian Charlie), Double Tree Farm  
 31 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Sunray, 5:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Evangelina Who, 8-1

**Cupid (Tapit)**, Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
 174 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners  
 7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, The Sky Is Falling,  
 2-1 \$40,000 KEE JAN wnl

**Keen Ice (Curlin)**, Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
 191 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner  
 10-Keeneland, 5:48 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Icy River, 12-1  
 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Lord Nelson (Pulpit)**, Spendthrift Farm  
 159 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner  
 2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Rosia Bay, 15-1  
 \$185,000 FTK SEL yrl



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**Neolithic** (Harlan's Holiday), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000  
66 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, 1:37 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Preacher Amos, 9-2

**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000  
267 foals of racing age/38 winners/6 black-type winners  
1-Gulfstream, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Jest Above, 8-1  
\$70,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Shaman Ghost** (**Ghostzapper**), Adena Springs North, \$7,500  
115 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Golden Gate Fields, 7:56 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Slack Tide, 5-1  
\$25,000 WAS SEP yrl

**Stanford** (Malibu Moon), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000  
121 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Golden Gate Fields, 7:56 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Amaaza, 6-1

**Straight Fire** (Dominus), Legacy Ranch  
48 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners  
8-Golden Gate Fields, 7:56 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5fT, Zuboshi, 7-2

**Unified** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
194 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners  
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 8.5fT, Under One Sky, 12-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Laurel, \$63,448**, 4-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.13, ft, 3/4 length.

**TREASURE TROVE** (g, 6, **Tapizar--Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal**)  
Lifetime Record: SP, 35-8-6-4, \$319,285. O-James C. Wolf;  
B-John & Diane Fradkin (KY); T-Anthony Fariior. \*\$45,000 RNA  
Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$10,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. \*\*1/2 to Rombauer  
(**Twirling Candy**), GISW, \$1,040,500; Cono (Lucky Pulpit), SP,  
\$190,982.

**5th-Charles Town, \$35,100**, 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.69, ft,  
2 3/4 lengths.

**RIVER REWARDS RVF** (f, 4, **Warrior's Reward--Lovers Song, by  
Fiber Sonde**) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$58,821. O/T-Ronney W.  
Brown; B-Riverview Farms LLC (WV).

**6th-Charles Town, \$33,900**, 4-20, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:28.23, ft, neck.

**LIL MR MATT** (g, 5, **Real Estate--Questera, by Yes It's True**)  
Lifetime Record: 19-4-6-2, \$73,371. O/B/T-Tim Collins (WV).

**5th-Turf Paradise, \$25,130**, 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.57, ft,  
1 1/4 lengths.

**TICK TOCK** (m, 6, **Majestic Warrior--Georgie's Sweetie, by  
Tribal Rule**) Lifetime Record: 23-6-6-3, \$94,905. O-Miguel H.  
Racing LLC; B-George & Martha Schwary LLC (KY); T-Miguel L.  
Hernandez.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Obannon**, g, 3, **Fiber Sonde--Experts Only** (SP, \$180,143), by  
Power of Mind. Charles Town, 4-20, (S), 7f, 1:29.42. Lifetime  
Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,620. B-Leslie Condon (WV).

**Awesome Lawson**, f, 3, **Mshawish--Betrothal**, by Explicit.  
Charles Town, 4-20, 6 1/2f, 1:21.94. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1,  
\$35,708. B-Robert Joseph Hunt (KY).

**Immortalization**, g, 4, **Honor Code--Remember**, by Forest  
Wildcat. Aqueduct, 4-21, (C), 6fT, 1:11.63. Lifetime Record:  
5-1-1-0, \$37,808. B-Dattt Farm LLC (KY). \*\$17,000 RNA Ylg '19  
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**QUIET GIANT** (f. by Giant's Causeway)

389, Hill 'N' Dale Molly Pitcher S. S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000), Rare T (AQU, \$36,000), Lady on the

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(c. by A.P. Indy). 2nd Wanda (BEL, \$12,000), 3rd P (SAR, \$70). Producer.

**Qui** (f. by Medaglia d'Oro)

Brew S. (GP, \$20,000), 3rd

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- Jimmy Creed**, Poetic Verse, f, 3, o/o K C's Songofprayer, by Songandaplayer. ALW, 4-20, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Kitten's Joy**, Lyrical Poet, g, 5, o/o One Hot Wish, by Bring the Heat. ALW, 4-21, Keeneland
- Magician (Ire)**, Disappearing Act, m, 5, o/o Felicidades, by Congrats. ALW, 4-21, Keeneland

- Majestic Warrior**, Tick Tock, m, 6, o/o Georgie's Sweetie, by Tribal Rule. AOC, 4-20, Turf Paradise
- McCraken**, Crackalacking, f, 2, o/o Sacred Moon, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 4-21, Keeneland
- Mshawish**, Awesome Lawson, f, 3, o/o Betrothal, by Explicit. MSW, 4-20, Charles Town
- Outwork**, Creative Girl, f, 3, o/o Mystic Rhyme, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 4-21, Gulfstream
- Practical Joke**, Klugman, c, 3, o/o Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful. ALW, 4-21, Gulfstream
- Real Estate**, Lil Mr Matt, g, 5, o/o Questera, by Yes It's True. ALW, 4-20, Charles Town
- Tapiture**, Irish Tap, f, 3, o/o Irish Dynasty, by Dynaformer. MSW, 4-20, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Tapizar**, Treasure Trove, g, 6, o/o Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal. AOC, 4-21, Laurel
- Uncle Mo**, Falconet, f, 3, o/o Birdatthewire, by Summer Bird. MSW, 4-21, Keeneland
- Upstart**, Green Up, f, 3, o/o Green Punch, by Two Punch. AOC, 4-21, Gulfstream
- Warrior's Reward**, River Rewards Rvf, f, 4, o/o Lovers Song, by Fiber Sonde. ALW, 4-20, Charles Town



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DONCASTER, UK—There may be "wars, and rumours of wars", but somehow for the bloodstock market it seems as though these things really will just pass.

Having emerged from the economic shock of the pandemic with record business last year, the Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up once again raised the bar as investors seemingly remain impervious to dramatic new volatility in the geopolitical environment.

The juvenile sector had been first to take the Covid broadside in 2020, and no meaningful comparisons can duly be made with the auction salvaged—in conjunction with one hosted by Arqana—that July. But last year this sale seamlessly resumed the bull run that had animated trade before that trauma, with £6,219,500 turnover breaking down to a £48,590 average and £34,000 median (128 sold of 144 into the ring).

Well, on Thursday those indices were in turn effaced, albeit narrowly, by transactions totalling £6,495,500 for a £49,208 average and £36,000 median, the only slippage coming in the clearance rate at 132 sold of 158 offered (81.6%). Following a very strong start to the European circuit at Tattersalls last week, and with unmissable momentum on the racetrack, consignors can dare to believe that the good times really are back. [Cont. p2](#)

## ALCOHOL FREE THE STAR ATTRACTION AT SANDOWN

Sandown hosts a trio of group contests on Friday's seven-race card with the bet365-sponsored G2 Mile and G3 Classic Trial vying for top billing on a mouthwatering programme. Jeff Smith's G1 Fillies' Mile, G1 Coronation S. and G1 Sussex S. heroine **Alcohol Free (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, a rare purchase for the Littleton Stud supremo, is the day's undoubted star attraction and will be a warm order in the G2 bet365 Mile. Her chief threat is Shadwell Estate Company's match-fit G1 2000 Guineas seventh **Mutasabeq (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, who notched a conditions win at Thirsk on seasonal return earlier this month.

"We're very happy with Alcohol Free and she's further forward in her fitness and in her coat, which was not the case [at the same stage] last year," her trainer Andrew Balding revealed.

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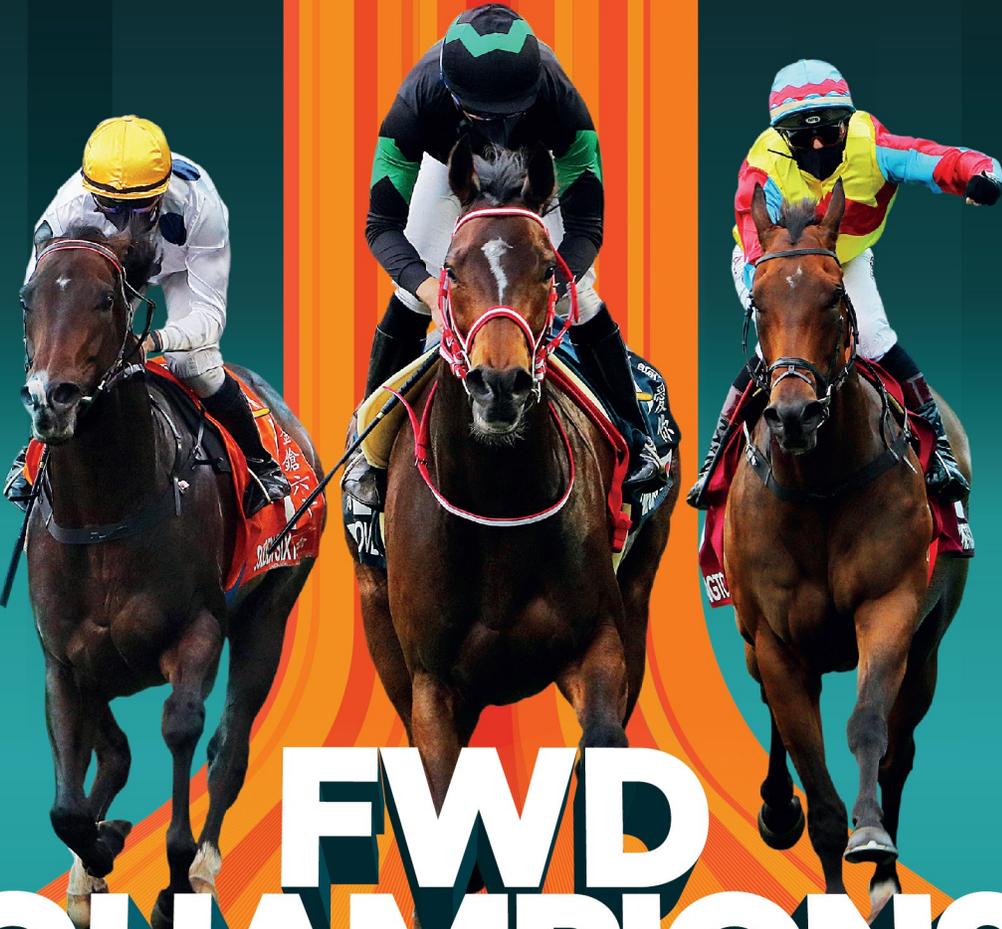
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## TAKEAWAYS

### Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale Day 1

- The day's top lot was a whopping pinhook result which saw a £14,000 yearling by Shadwell's first-season sire Tasleet (GB) turn into a £230,000 breezer for Bushypark Stables.
- Tally-Ho Stud, consignor of last year's Goffs UK sale star Perfect Power (Ire), was the leading consignor with 12 juveniles sold for £735,000.
- Blandford Bloodstock, purchaser of both Perfect Power and his sire Ardad (Ire) at previous sales, was the leading buyer with seven signed for to the tune of £775,000.
- The stock of Tally-Ho Stud's freshman Kessaar (Ire) proved popular, with nine sold for an average of £65,000 and two £160,000 lots.
- Bar 2020, when the Goffs UK and Arqana Breeze-up catalogues were combined, the sale returned record figures for turnover, average and median.

to sale," said Goffs UK Managing director Tim Kent. "And those that ticked all the boxes sold very well today. A record-breaking 17 horses sold for £100,000 or more, with three making more than £200,000, which helped to return a record average price that was just shy of £50,000 for the first time in the sale's history.

"It has been a fantastic few days in sunny Donny and, as ever, we would like to thank our loyal band of vendors who again prepared some truly exceptional horses to showcase their talents on Town Moor. Much of the talk during the last few days has been the search for Royal Ascot runners as this sale has an unrivalled record of success at that meeting."

### Byrne Family Helps Whyte Pick up the Pieces

There are three things indispensable to a breeze-up consignment: horsemanship, horsemanship and horsemanship. Scale doesn't come into it. True, scale doesn't get in the way, and this was duly another fertile day for those masters of all trades at Tally Ho Stud. But top billing this time should surely be reserved for Michael Byrne and his family at Knockgraffon Stables—not just for a fine result with their own, solitary offering, but also for a service rendered to another small operation in what is, after all, a community of colleagues as much as rivals. [Cont. p3](#)

### Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale Cont. from p1

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**Lot 97, the £230,000 sale topper, a colt by Tasleet**  
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**Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale Cont.**

Matty Whyte of Bushypark Stables in Co Kildare similarly breezed just the one horse here on Tuesday, a Tasleet (GB) colt found in the same ring for just £14,000 last August. But he went so well as lot 97 that Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock was forced all the way to £230,000 in his quest for a new Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}) for Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum.

After shaking hands with Brown, however, Whyte candidly diverted all credit to Byrne and his family.

"I'll be honest," he explained. "I got badly broken up in a fall in January, cracked vertebrae and the lot, and I had to spread seven horses among friends and colleagues. And all the credit for this one goes to Michael Byrne. He prepped the horse, I was just getting weekly videos."

Though he joked that he might have to delegate the work routinely in future, Whyte naturally remained entitled to congratulation for having started the process—most notably in having found the horse so cheaply.

"No, he didn't cost much," Whyte said. "But he costs enough now! Look, he was up there in the top corner, the consignors had done a lovely job with him but he was just a little immature, a little raw, and I thought there might be a bit of improvement there."

Brown, for his part, will be hoping that this colt can emulate Perfect Power, who had similarly multiplied his yearling value (16,000gns out of Book 2) when bought for £110,000 at this auction last year—but nonetheless went on to prove a bargain in winning at Royal Ascot, plus two Group 1s before his successful reappearance at Newbury last weekend. **Cont. p4**

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This colt will carry the same colours. "We bought Far Above (Farrh) from Matty three years ago," Brown said, recalling the 105,000gns purchase of that brief-but-bright sprinting star at the Tattersalls Guineas Sale. "He was extremely talented, and is now at stud with I have to say some pretty exceptional foals in his first crop. This is a gorgeous colt and, for me, he did an absolutely outstanding breeze.

"He did a very good time, which is important in a horse bred as he is. But he also showed a great attitude, which is something we place a big emphasis on, and a great stride and action. Tasleet was a very tough, talented horse, and Ardad was another first-season sire last year, of course—and the rest is history. It's been well documented how we got Perfect Power at this sale, and Sheikh Rashid was keen to try and find another very nice colt. Let's hope we've done so, because this horse has plenty of scope: he's not just a whizzbang."

As for Whyte, asked how he was feeling a few months on from his accident, he replied: "Euphoric! Look, I'm back in one piece. I'm alive and well, and meanwhile all thanks to Michael."

Knockgraffon's own offering was scarcely less impressive. Remember this is very much a family operation, with Byrne, wife Kitty and sons Michael Jr. and Stephen assisted only by rider Evan Dwan at their yard outside Cashel in Co. Tipperary. Between them they'll reckon on pre-training around 15, with another 10 to breeze. Nonetheless they had a right touch at this sale four years ago, when catapulting a €12,000 Tamayuz filly to £140,000, and they had another cracking result with the Havana Gold (Ire) filly they brought here as **lot 31**.

This time it was Stephen Byrne doing the honours, having picked her out for £22,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland sale (transferred to Newmarket) last September. He was relieved by not surprised by her flashy breeze on Tuesday, which caused her value to stretch to £120,000 from Stroud Coleman Bloodstock.

"She did exactly what I thought she would," Byrne said. "She's never disappointed me, she's always done everything so easy. I loved her the moment I saw her, she had that big round scopey action. We got her home and she's been a queen ever since."

### Brown Tries To Improve On Perfection

Brown's investment in the sale-topper crowned a hectic few minutes in which he doubled down on the success he has enjoyed at this auction, not just with Perfect Power but also in finding that horse's sire.

And he went back to the same well in giving £160,000 for another son of Kodiak (GB) (**lot 92**) from the farm that sent Ardad here in 2016, when he co-topped the sale at nearly the same price (£170,000). This time Tally Ho had sent the son of an unraced Bushranger (Ire) half-sister to the dam of Ardad.

"So he's closely related to Ardad, and obviously from the same consignors, but he's a different type of horse," Brown remarked. "He's a May foal, he'd be a little more backward than Ardad was, and will probably take a little more time. Myself, I'd be keen to put a line through Ascot but that's not my job now and we'll see what the trainer says."

Who will enjoy that privilege remains to be seen, but the silks will be those of Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum, brother to Sheikh Rashid and Sheikh Juma. And their good friend Saeed Bin Mohammed Al Qassimi will also be competing through a brother to last year's G2 Queen Mary S. winner Quick Suzy (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}) acquired from Oak Tree Farm for £125,000 (**lot 99**). Al Qassimi has a smart young sprinter in Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who made a promising reappearance when second in the G3 Prix Sigy for Clive Cox only the previous day.

"All these guys are unbelievable horsemen in their own right," Brown emphasised. "Sheikh Rashid is a championship endurance rider. They're great to buy for, and great to train for: if a horse needs time, the horse will be given time." **Cont. p5**



Goffs UK Chairman Henry Beeby presents Richard Brown with the Willie Stephenson Memorial Trophy for 2021 | Sarah Farnsworth/Goffs UK

**Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale Cont.**

Brown's commitment to the sale, incidentally, had been marked by his unanimous selection by the Goffs UK Board as winner of the Willie Stephenson Memorial Trophy for the biggest contribution to the company's profile over the past year.

"Richard has been a great friend to DBS/Goffs UK over the years," said managing director Tim Kent. "And it's entirely appropriate that we present him this trophy at the very sale from which he has bought so many wonderful horses. Perfect

Power is one of several and it's indeed fitting that it was Richard who bought Ardad's first Group 1 winner, having also bought Ardad in 2016.

"Perfect Power continues to do wonders for the Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale, following his brilliant win on Saturday, and there is plenty to look forward to with his Classic clash next month and we wish Richard and connections the very best of luck. We thank Richard for all his support over the years and we are sure he will be unearth many more Group 1 talents in the years to come."



Michael O'Callaghan | Goffs UK/Sarah Farnsworth

**Another Back to the Tally Ho Well**

Repeat business for Tally Ho was again central to one of the other big transactions of the day, with breeze-up regular

Michael O'Callaghan forced to £200,000 for the Mehmas (Ire) colt they presented as **lot 94**.

This is the first foal of an Epaulette (Aus) half-sister to the dam of Epsom Icon (GB) (Sixties Icon {GB}), from the Cheveley Park family of Red Camellia (GB).

"He's a lovely colt and did one of the best breezes of the day," O'Callaghan observed. "Visually, he's very impressive—and he's obviously by a sire conquering all before him. He's from a hotel we've had a lot of luck buying from, and came highly recommended. Hopefully he can make an Ascot horse: he looks early and fast, but has enough



Colm Sharkey | Goffs UK/Sarah Farnsworth

size and power that you'd hope he'll not just be early."

The Curragh trainer has learned to appreciate the groundwork of Tally Ho through, among others, a couple of horses found at this sale: Classic-placed Now Or Later (Ire) (Bushranger {GB}) cost just £45,000, while only last year the tough and classy Twilight Jet (Ire) (Twilight Son {GB}) co-topped the sale at £210,000 before proceeding to win the G3 Cornwallis S. on the 10th of 11 starts at two.

**Fresh Travels Beckon Munnings Migrant**

The breeze-ups have for some reason become the one surviving route into the affections of European investors for American stock, and the latest to boom in value for a transatlantic journey was a colt by the flourishing Ashford sire **Munnings** presented by Ballinahulla Stables as one of the last into the ring as **lot 177**.

Signed for at Fasig-Tipton last October by Shamington Farms at just \$32,000, the grey was strongly contested by Johnno

Mills of Rabbah but eventually fell for £205,000 to Colm Sharkey.

Tadhg Ryan of Ballinahulla was keen to stress the partnership of Micky Cleere, while both expressed a debt to Donal Keane who was doing the legwork in Lexington.

"And it was really Micky who saw the video," Ryan said. "Donal does it on the ground, and Micky sends me a shortlist of the videos he likes. That video work can be brutal! But this was a gorgeous horse as soon as he came over, with a great mind and a great constitution. He loves the game, and I really think he could be pretty good. We took a gamble bringing him here, they wanted him for Dubai, but it's worked out and Colm is one of the best judges out there."



Stuart Boman and Byron Rogers | Goffs UK/Sarah Farnsworth

### Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale Cont.

In the event, the colt will be heading out to the desert after all, as Sharkey was acting for clients in Dubai—perhaps aware that Ryan and Cleere had also been behind another American import in Summer Is Tomorrow (**Summer Front**). Sold here by Arqana last year for £120,000, he finished second in the G2 UAE Derby and has been flown back to his native land for the GI Kentucky Derby itself.

"He's the only horse I wanted to buy, so I've waited all day for him," Sharkey said. "He's got a nice pedigree, did a nice, even breeze and vetted well. He'll head to Dubai now and hopefully race at the backend, once they get going in October or November."

Underbidder Mills did secure a notable U.S. import, and quite a celebrity too: a half-brother to California Chrome himself. The emigration of the dual Horse of the Year to Japan could well prove a good career move, breeders out there having repeatedly made their Bluegrass counterparts regret their commercial prejudices. In the meantime, however, his sibling by Accelerate—himself an absurdly generous fee, and a far more accomplished animal than California Chrome's sire Lucky Pulpit—was also exported, from Keeneland last September, to Powerstown Stud for just \$62,000.

Here he advanced his value, as **lot 36**, to £110,000. His breeze having shown him to be functioning well, at this stage of his development, that may well turn out to be something of a bargain. "He's a May 16 foal, and will be given all the time he needs," stressed Mills. "But he's the right stamp of horse, very solid, and his ultimate destination will be Dubai."

That makes a lot of sense, given this horse's dirt antecedents, though it's possible that he will get an initial grounding on turf in Europe.

### Top Hats Booked Down Under

An abrupt opening bid of £125,000 from Stuart Boman for the Kessaar (Ire) colt offered by Star Bloodstock (**lot 26**) put any dozing competition on the back foot in the morning session, and though one or two recovered briefly it was the Blandford Bloodstock agent who completed the job at £160,000.

Boman explained that this calculated, "disruptor" flourish had been imported on behalf of his good friend James Harron, who had jointly instructed him and Martin Buick from Australia.

"James got in touch with Martin and myself with a view to finding a runner for Royal Ascot," he explained. "Like so many Australians they'll be glad to be able to leave the country and it sounds like they're all coming! We had very strict criteria and identified this as the one horse we wanted to buy, hence the bidding tactics. He's a very mature horse, he was the quickest colt in the sale and, while time isn't everything, in this instance you're looking for a five-furlong horse and he was particularly quick. He'll be joining Richard Hannon."

After a "shocking" start to their cycle at the Craven Sale, according to Matt Eaves, this was a welcome touch for Star Bloodstock on a £25,000 pinhook in this ring last August by Byron Rogers. Here was yet another case of investors returning eagerly to Tally Ho, also the source of two headline successes for Star Bloodstock in G2 Norfolk S. winner A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), found here for £35,000 before his £135,000 sale at this auction in 2019; and GI Breeders' Cup Fillies Juvenile Turf runner-up Malavath (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), a £120,000 private sale at the refugee Arqana auction staged here last year, after her £29,000 acquisition the previous August. Malavath has meanwhile contributed to a breeze-up spree in the Classic trials with her reappearance success in the G3 Prix Imprudence.

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| • Catalogued         | 187             | 178        |
| • Number Offered     | 158             | 144        |
| • Number Sold        | 132             | 128        |
| • Not Sold           | 26              | 16         |
| • Clearance Rate     | 81.6%           | 89%        |
| • High Price         | £230,000        | £210,000   |
| • Gross              | £6,495,500      | £6,219,500 |
| • Average (% change) | £49,208 (+1.3%) | £48,590    |
| • Median (% change)  | £36,000 (+6%)   | £34,000    |

**Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale Cont.**

"I'm delighted," Eaves said. "We've had so much success buying from Tally-Ho and bringing them here to sell. At home, this horse has just been fast all the way. At the end of the day it's racetrack results that we want, so let's hope he goes and wins the Norfolk for them."

Boman and Buick returned to the fray for lot 130, on behalf of the same clients, in the process completing another fine pinhook for Longways Stables, who had picked out this Zoustar (Aus) filly for £26,000 here last summer—even though her dam Ainippe (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}) won twice in group company and was placed at the highest level. This time, with the benefit of a lightning breeze, she raised £150,000.

"Sharp filly," Boman said. "She went very quick, one of the top five times, and she's very fit and forward so we can expect her to be early and hopefully we can get her to Ascot. Obviously you don't have to explain Zoustar to Australians, and this filly also has some residual which you can't say of every horse in this sale."

Longways had also rolled the dice on a Zoustar colt here last August, and were again well rewarded in converting his value from £35,000 to £130,000 from Bryan Smart lot 135.

Overall this catalogue is unabashedly promoted on the Royal Ascot record of its graduates and the same handful of races, now barely two months away, were duly on the mind of investors throughout the day.

Fawzi Nass was one, when giving Kessaar (Ire) another significant boost in the £160,000 acquisition—the docket signed in the name of Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock—of a February colt found here for just £20,000 last summer and recycled as lot 114 by Bansha House Stables.

"Royal Ascot is always the plan," Nass said with a grin. "But it's not that easy. The way he's built, well put together with a nice

stride, he looks a proper 2-year-old type—so he should be sharp enough to come out very soon. He'll be trained by Roger Varian."

His pedigree is certainly more commensurate with his April price than his August one: his dam is a half-sister to the three elite winners—Iridessa (Ire) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}), Order Of Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}) and Santa Barbara (Ire) (Camelot {GB})—produced by the O'Briens' blue hen Senta's Dream (GB) (Danehill).

A couple of lots later Robin O'Ryan was endorsing another young sire in Sioux Nation, giving £130,000 for a colt consigned by Gaybrook Lodge as lot 116.

"We've two and we like them," said Richard Fahey's assistant, here representing an established patron of the yard. "This one was well recommended before coming here. And while he breezed a little bit green, we liked him. They're all Royal Ascot horses at the moment. But he does look racy."

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## SALES TOPPERS

### GOFFS UK DONCASTER BREEZE-UP SALE

| Lot | Sire   Dam  | Price (£) |
|-----|---|-----------|
| 97  | c, Tasleet (GB)–Silent Music (Ire)<br>(10,000gns i/u '19 TATDEC; £14,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG)<br>Bred by Mr J. W. Ford (GB)<br>Consigned by Bushypark Stables<br>Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock | 230,000   |
| 177 | c, Munnings–Drunk Philosophy<br>(\$32,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT)<br>Bred by Gene Tenbrink & Frank Ables (KY)<br>Consigned by Ballinahulla Stables<br>Purchased by Colm Sharkey, Agent                | 205,000   |
| 94  | c, Mehmas (Ire)–She's Different (Ire)<br>(42,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT)<br>Bred by Tony Killoran (Ire)<br>Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud<br>Purchased by Michael O'Callaghan                          | 200,000   |
| 26  | c, Kessaar (Ire)–Lady Elizabeth (Ire)<br>(£25,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG)<br>Bred by John Martin McLoughney (Ire)<br>Consigned by Star Bloodstock<br>Purchased by J. Harron/Blandford/De Burgh        | 160,000   |

**Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-Up Toppers Cont.**

**92 c, Kodiak (GB)–She Bu (Ire) 160,000**  
*Bred by Tally-Ho Stud (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud*  
*Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock*

**114 c, Kessaar (Ire)–Tisa River (Ire) 160,000**  
*(£20,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG)*  
*Bred by M. Al-Qatami & K. M. Al-Mudhaf (Ire)*  
*Consigned by Bansha House Stables*  
*Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock*

**130 f, Zoustar (Aus)–Ainippe (Ire) 150,000**  
*(£26,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG)*  
*Bred by The Ainippe Partnership (GB)*  
*Consigned by Longways Stables*  
*Purchased by J. Harron/Blandford/De Burgh*

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He added, "It's very good prize-money, it's an important race and it will be nice to get her out and get her going. We've been really pleased in her work and her wellbeing, so we thought we'd have a run before making a decision on her summer targets. The things we know about her is she does stay a mile and seems to be better on a turning track. She's probably better with a little bit more give underfoot, but she has coped with faster ground. The one question we'll be asking ourselves after this, just to keep options open, is could we manage a drop in trip at some stage during the season. Races like the [G1] July Cup or [G1] Platinum Jubilee, if the ground was soft or on the slow side, are two options, certainly."



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**Clash of the Rising Stars in the Classic Trial**



Cash breaking his maiden | Racingfotos.com

Godolphin's G3 Zetland S. victor and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud third **Goldspur (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the only one of seven nominees with pattern-race experience in the G3 bet365 Classic Trial, is the latest G1 Epsom Derby entry off Charlie Appleby's red-hot production line and another primed to test his Blue Riband mettle.

"We have been really pleased with how Goldspur has progressed over the winter," the trainer said. "He broke his maiden at Sandown and went on to get some nice form in the book at Newmarket and Saint-Cloud. If he reproduces the top end of his juvenile form, he is going to be very competitive. Hopefully, this is a stepping-stone on to better things, and a step up in distance in time is going to see further improvement. Like all 3-year-olds at this time of year, everyone is trying to see where they fit in the rankings."

Goldspur will be accompanied by fellow 'TDN Rising Stars' **Cash (Ire)** (Shamardal) and **River Thames (Ire)** (Churchill {Ire}) making seasonal returns for David Simcock and Aidan O'Brien, respectively. Both are set for their first outings since acquiring this publication's seal of approval on debut last year.

**Low Turnout for the Gordon Richards**

Very much an undercard event, this year's renewal of the G3 bet365 Gordon Richards S. has attracted just three to the dance. Shadwell Estate Company's G3 Darley S. winner **Mostahdaf (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) sets the standard and will be favoured to get the better of G3 Rose of Lancaster S. victor **Foxes Tales (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) and Listed Wolferton S. scorer **Juan Elcano (GB)** (Frankel {GB}). **Cont. p9**

### Blueblood Blitz on the Undercard

Adding lustre to the day's black-type competition is a deep renewal of the Nordoff Robbins Charlie Watts Memorial Fillies' Novice S., the card's fifth event of the day won in 2019 by subsequent G2 Ribblesdale S. third Sparkle Roll (Fr) (**Kingman {GB}**), for 3-year-old fillies over a trip just shy of 10 furlongs. Sparkle Roll's Clarehaven base is responsible for three of the baker's dozen set to assemble for this year's edition headed by Lord Lloyd Webber's **Darmoiselle (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who is a daughter of the Watership Down operation's MG1SW distaffer Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and thus a full-sister to MG1SW sire Too Darn Hot (GB), MG1SP G2 Middleton S. victrix Lah Ti Dar (GB) and stakes-winning G1 Prix de l'Opera third So Mi Dar (GB). (See "**Observations**" for more.)

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### ROYAL ASCOT LIKELY NEXT TEST FOR MISHRIFF



Mishriff | Coady Photography

**Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}), a Group 1 winner in three different countries, has Royal Ascot pencilled in for his European comeback following a lacklustre performance when attempting to defend his crown in the G1 Saudi Cup in February.

"Everything seems good and he's had a good rest following his Saudi Cup run. All things seem to be pointing to Royal Ascot at the moment," said Ted Voute, racing manager to the 5-year-old's owner/breeder Prince Faisal.

"He hasn't had the best of luck [at Ascot], but two of his runs have been on Champions Day when he hasn't had the right ground to suit him."

Voute indicated that Mishriff, trained by John and Thady Gosden, will also be given entries for the G1 Coral-Eclipse, in which he was third last year, ahead of an attempt for back-to-back wins in the G1 Juddmonte International at York in August.

He added, "The plan has been to wait till Ascot, but they can change with him, because he can become quite keen to get back to the racecourse and John suddenly says we have to find him something, but the plan so far is to head to Ascot and see how we get on."

### SIX WILDCARDS JOIN TATTERSALLS GUINEAS SALE

The Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up and Horses-in-Training Sale **catalogue** grew by six horses, five juveniles and one horse in training, the winning **Jiffy Boy (GB)** (Mondialiste {Ire}) (**lot 120A**), who was third in the Brocklesby on debut. All five unraced 2-year-olds were previously catalogued in the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale, and are eligible for the £250,000 Craven Royal Ascot/Group 1 Bonus, as well as the £15,000 Craven Breeze-Up Bonus.

Leading the quintet is a half-sister to listed winner Copper Knight (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) by Exceed And Excel (Aus) (**lot 327**) from Longways Stables, while **lot 328** is a Kodiak (GB) colt out of a half-sister to the dam of Group 1-placed Dr Zempf (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) from the draft of Bانشa House Stables. Group 3-winning Chigun (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**)'s Acclamation (GB) colt is **lot 329** and will be offered by Leamore Horses. Knockanglass Stables will send a colt by Sea The Moon (Ger) (**lot 330**) through the ring out of a daughter of Grade I winner Flashing (A.P. Indy). An Invincible Spirit (Ire) colt (**lot 331**) out of Edaraat (Rahy), herself a daughter of champion Mehthaaf (Nureyev), is the final unraced 2-year-old who will be offered by Mayfield Stables.

The breezes for the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up sale will take place at Newmarket's Rowley Mile at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Apr. 26. The sale begins at 9:30 a.m. at Park Paddocks on Apr. 28.

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## IFAR VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ENDS WITH FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

The second session of the IFAR Virtual Conference, focusing on shaping the racing industry for the future, was held on Apr. 19. IFAR partnered with the Japan Racing Association (Japanese Consultative Committee on Aftercare of Racehorses) to hold this year's event. Tuesday's session was moderated by Australia-based racing broadcaster Caroline Searcy, and speakers were Michael Drapac, owner and breeder; Dr. Adrian Farrington, executive manager of Veterinary Clinical Services at The Hong Kong Jockey Club; Kirsten Green, executive director of the Retired Racehorse Project; and Jennifer Hughes, general manager of Equine Welfare for Racing Victoria.

Farrington, who presented an overview of the transitioning of racehorses off the track in Hong Kong, said, "The transition here of the retiring racehorses starts well before the date of their actual retirement. All the racing stables and the associated professionals, including vets and farriers, operate under the auspices of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, and that allows us to have close oversight and centralized medical records of the health and welfare of all horses in training. Ultimately the aim is to identify horses with subtle performance-limiting issues before they become irreversible changes at the time of retirement."

The session also featured a young professionals' panel moderated by Searcy and composed of Godolphin Flying Start trainees George Broughton and Elinor Wolf; Caoimhe Doherty, co-founder of Treo Eile and stud manager at Forenaghts Stud; Natasha Rose, Equestrian Affairs project manager and Retired Racehorse Unit manager for The Hong Kong Jockey Club; and Tom Ward, trainer. For recordings of both virtual sessions, please visit IFAR's [website](#).

Eliot Forbes, member of the IFAR Steering Committee and chief executive officer of Racelab, said, "The decisions that we make today will shape the industry of tomorrow; the industry that this generation of young professionals will inherit. They know the world has changed, and that a sustainable industry will be one that is responsive, transparent, and compassionate."

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## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### DAUGHTER OF DAR RE MI LEADS BLUEBLOOD BLITZ

**16.10 Sandown, Nov, £11,000, 3yo, f, 9f 209yT**  
Lord Lloyd Webber's untried **DARMOISELLE (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**

is a daughter of MG1SW distaffer Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and thus a homebred full-sister to MG1SW sire Too Darn Hot (GB), MG1SP G2 Middleton S. victrix Lah Ti Dar (GB) and stakes-winning G1 Prix de l'Opera third So Mi Dar (GB). She is set to load alongside Qatar Racing's John and Thady Gosden-conditioned stablemate **Emotion (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, who is kin to dual Group 1-placed stayer Morgan Le Faye (GB) (Shamardal) out of G1 Prix du Cadran victrix Molly Malone (Fr) (Lomitas {GB}).



**Too Darn Hot, the full-brother to Darmoiselle (GB) | Darley**

Harry and Roger Charlton also multitask and send out **Time Lock (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, who is a granddaughter of G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Passage of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}) produced by a full-sister to MG1SP sire Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}); and Merry Fox Stud's homebred **Golden Sheen (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, who is the first foal out of a full-sister to G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin victor Second Step (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}). Of those with prior experience, Sir Michael Stoute trainee **Crystal Estrella (GB) (Iffraaj {GB})** is a contender of note coming back off a debut seventh at Newmarket in October. Her stakes-placed sibling Crystal Hope (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) backed up a debut seventh in the October of her juvenile campaign with a 'TDN Rising Star' performance in the 2018 edition of this on seasonal return. Crystal Estrella and Crystal Hope are out of a half-sister to ultra-consistent G1 Prince of Wales's S.-winning sire Crystal Ocean (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Other Newmarket nominees set to venture south include Chris Wright's homebred **Tequilamockingbird (GB) (New Approach {Ire})**, who is out of a half-sister to G1 Prix du Moulin-winning matriarch Grey Lilas (Ire) (Danehill), from the Charlie Fellowes stable; and Roger Varian incumbent **Oblong Song (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire})**, who is a twice-raced half-sister to G1 Sun Chariot S. victrix Spinning Queen (GB) (Spinning World). **Cont. p11**

## Observations Cont.

With the aforementioned Emotion slated to sport the number one silks, Qatar Racing's second colours will be carried by the Ralph Beckett-trained **New Year Honours (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire})**, who is out of a half-sister to G1 1000 Guineas demotee Jacqueline Quest (Ire) (**Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**), herself the dam of three black-type performers headed by GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero Line of Duty (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

## HOW THEY FARED

**15.55 Tipperary, Cond, €22,000, 2yo, 5fT**

**The Antarctic (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), a 750,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 full-brother to MG1SW speedster Battaash (Ire), went off as the 6-4 favourite for this debut and required firm rousting in the closing stages to deny 13-8 market rival Wodao (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}) by a half-length.

**17.30 Tipperary, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo, 12f 100yT**

**Dalmatian Coast (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a half-brother to MGSW dual Classic-placed sire Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), raced off the tempo towards the rear for most of this seasonal return and was unable to feature at the business end, finishing 16 lengths off the winner in sixth.

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## BRITAIN

### Thursday's Results:

**1st-Beverley, £6,500, Nov, 4-21, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:01.27, gd.**  
**PRIMROSE RIDGE (GB) (f, 2, Aclaim {Ire}--Primrose Place {GB}, by Compton Place {GB})**, who ran second in Doncaster's Mar. 26 Brocklesby and repeated the dose at Redcar earlier this month, cut across after breaking sharply from the outside gate and gained immediate control here. In command throughout, the 7-4 favourite was rowed along at the quarter-mile marker and stretched further clear under mild coaxing in the closing stages to easily outclass Lake Marie (Fr) (Pedro the Great) by an impressive seven lengths. "They had heavy rain the night before and she just got stuck in the ground at Redcar, but she won impressively today, especially from that [outside] draw," reflected trainer Darryll Holland. "She is a good filly, a really nice filly and will have an entry at Royal Ascot, but she will probably go for the Listed Marygate Fillies' S. at York next. Then we will think about Ascot after that, or she might come back here for the Hilary Needler Trophy at the end of May. We will have to take it one step at a time, but we have got a nice filly on our hands to be able to make that decision." Primrose Ridge, kin to a yearling colt by Due Diligence, is the second of three foals and

lone performer for her dam Primrose Place (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), herself out of a half-sister to GI Canadian International-winning sire Mutamam (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) and G3 Sandown Sprint S. runner-up Lafi (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Sales history: 8,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$11,053. O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Exors of the Late Mrs B E Moore (GB); T-Darryll Holland.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Open Mind (GB), g, 3, Cable Bay (Ire)--Bonhomie (GB), by Shamardal.** Chelmsford City, 4-21, 6f (AWT), 1:12.55.

B-Highclere Stud (GB). \*150,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. \*\*Full to Laneqash (GB), MGSP-Eng.

**Happy (Ire), g, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Sent From Heaven (Ire)** (GSW-Eng, \$114,862), by **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**. Beverley, 4-21, 9f 207yT, 2:03.93. B-C O P Hanbury (IRE). \*80,000gns Ylg '19 TADEYG; £10,000 3yo '21 GUKDEC. \*\*1/2 Almaniac (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**), SP-Eng.

## FRANCE

### Thursday's Results:

**PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-21, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:51.25, g/s.**

**1--DJO FRANCAIS (FR), 126, c, 4, Intello (Ger)--Nazlia (Fr), by Polish Precedent (GB).** (€45,000 Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €150,000 RNA HRA '21 ARQARC). O-Joseph Lesguer; B-Mme Benedicte Ferry Abitbol, Mme Lylia Cadet & Haras de Montaignu (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 9-4-2-3, €116,146. \*1/2 to Shutterbug (Fr) (Soldier of Fortune {Ire}), SW-Fr, SP-Qat & Ity, \$280,672; Anahita (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), MGSP-UAE & GSP-Fr, \$137,086; and Lakalas (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), MGSP-Fr.

**2--Parol (Ger), 126, g, 5, Pastorius (Ger)--Palucca (Ger), by Big Shuffle. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€64,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGO). O/B-Dirk von Mitzlaff (GER); T-Bohumil Nedorostek. €10,400.

**3--Tokyo Gold (Fr), 126, c, 4, Kendargent (Fr)--Biancarosa (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire).** O/B-Teruya Yoshida (FR); T-Satoshi Kobayashi. €7,800.

### Dam sold by Eugenio Colombo

Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, HD. Odds: 12.30, 11.00, 20.00.

Also Ran: Reshabar (Fr), Wally (Ire), Jeri (Fr), Salesman (Ire), In Crowd (GB), Bellharbour Music, Caprice des Dieux (Fr), Falvio (Pol), Makaloun (Fr). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

Djo Francais secured a first stakes triumph in last July's Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick at Chantilly and followed up with podium finishes in Deauville's Aug. 21 G3 Prix Daphnis and Saint-Cloud's Oct. 1 Listed Prix Matchem last time. **Cont. p12**



Djo Francais and his winning connections | Scoop Dyga

**Listed Prix Jacques Laffitte Cont.**

The 12-1 chance displayed no signs of rust in this seasonal return and employed patient tactics from the outset, finding a smooth rhythm in rear through halfway. Stoked into action to close off the home turn, he made relentless progress along the far-side rail in the straight to gain a narrow advantage entering the final furlong and was ridden out to establish a clear buffer for a second black-type rosette.

Djo Francais is the 10th of 12 foals and one of five scorers out of a multiple-winning half-sister to Listed Prix Georges Trabaud runner-up Nizamabad (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}). The March-foaled chestnut is a half-brother to Listed Grand Prix de Bordeaux winner Shutterbug (Fr) (Soldier of Fortune {Ire}), MGSP G2 Balanchine and G2 Cape Verdi placegetter Anahita (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), MGSP G3 Prix de Psyche runner-up Lakalas (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Taj Mahal (Ire). He is also kin to the dam of G2 Prix Hocquart victor Port Guillaume (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and Listed Prix Pelleas winner Aubevoye (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Descendants of his second dam Nasriyda (Fr) (Darshaan {GB}) also include G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen victrix and G2 German 1000 Guineas second No Limit Credit (Ger) (Night of Thunder {Ire}).

**3rd-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, Cond, 4-21, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:39.15, g/s.**

**LASSAUT (FR) (c, 3, Almanzor {Fr}--Lady Family {Fr}, by Sinndar {Ire})**, who earned 'TDN Rising Star' status with a taking score at Chantilly last month, was steadied off the tempo in rear from flagfall here. Improving one spot at halfway, the 17-10 favourite made stylish headway in the straight to lead on the outside with 300 metres remaining and was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably hold familiar foe Tribalist (GB) (Farhh {GB}) by 3/4-of-a-length. "He was more quickly in his stride and didn't

lose as much ground as before, but he is still immature and learning," said trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. "The strong pace was ideal and, when he made his move, he was impressive. For a moment I thought he had come too soon, but he stayed on well like good horses do. I think he is out of the ordinary and it is just the start of a great career. If he comes out of it well, the [G1] Poule d'Essai des Poulains is the target and the stable will be well represented in the race." Lassaut is the third of four foals and lone scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to MGSP G2 Prix Robert Papin victor and G1 Prix Morny runner-up Family One (Fr) (Dubai Destination) and Listed Premio Eupili second Modern Family (Fr) (Excellent Art {GB}). He is kin to a 2-year-old filly by **Wootton Bassett (GB)** and hails from the family of MG1SW sire Lethal Force (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The February-foaled bay's stakes-winning second dam Ascot Family (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) is a half-sister to MGSP Listed Scarborough S. victrix Flanders (Ire) (Common Grounds {GB}), herself the ancestress of G1 Haydock Sprint Cup-winning sire G Force (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches heroine Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast). Sales history: £67,000 RNA Ylg '20 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €35,050. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Riviera Equine SARL & Haras d'Etreham (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



Lassaut stretches away to victory | Scoop Dyga

**5th-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, Cond, 4-21, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:39.64, g/s.**

**YUKATA (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Blue Kimono {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, who annexed a Nov. 23 debutantes' heat at Deauville in her only prior start, settled off the pace in eighth through the early fractions of this sophomore bow.

**5th-ParisLongchamp Cont.**

Turning for home in fifth, the 13-10 favourite quickened to challenge with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out inside the final furlong to prevail by a neck from Mascaret (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Yukata is the the third foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to MGSP sire Barocci (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Beauty Parlour (GB) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), herself the dam of GI First Lady S. victrix Blowout (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Her stakes-winning second dam Bastet (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) is a half-sister to MG1SW dual Australian Horse of the Year Might and Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). The February-foaled bay is full to a 2-year-old filly and kin to a yearling filly by **Frankel (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €31,000. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-White Birch Farm, Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-White Birch Farm (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



Yukata (green) prevails by a neck | *Scoop Dyga*

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**6th-ParisLongchamp, €33,000, Cond, 4-21, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:23.50, g/s.**

**AXDAVALI (FR) (c, 4, Goken {Fr}--Key Success {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB})** Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 20-4-9-1, €170,837. O-Alain Jathiere, Gerard Augustin-Normand, Normandie Breeding & Yann Barberot; B-Mme Camille Vitse, Yann Barberot & Nicolas Madamet (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Acquabella (Fr)**, f, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Anthracite (Fr), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). ParisLongchamp, 4-21, 9 1/4fT, 1:57.68. B-Ecurie Haras de Saint Vincent (FR). \*€40,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

**Percy Shelley (GB)**, c, 3, **Sir Percy (GB)**--She's Gorgeous (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). ParisLongchamp, 4-21, 9 1/4fT, 1:55.49. B-Johnstone Partnership (GB). \*30,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TAOCT.

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**Lifetime (Fr)**, g, 3, **Territories (Ire)**--Resistance (Fr), by King's Best. Moulins, 4-21, 5fT, time: n/a. B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR). \*€65,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

## IRELAND

### Thursday's Results:

**1st-Tipperary**, €22,000, Cond, 4-21, 2yo, 5fT, 1:04.80, sf.

**THE ANTARCTIC (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire})--Anna Law {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}** was swiftly into stride and raced close-up in an overall third through the initial stages of this first go. Nudged along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 6-4 favourite was ridden to lock horns with Wodao (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}) entering the final furlong and kept on well under a late drive to deny that 13-8 market rival by a half-length. "He is a very fast horse, so we were a little worried about the soft ground first time out," admitted Aidan O'Brien. "We knew it was going to be tough, it wasn't going to be straightforward and we were delighted with him. He always looked a horse who would be more comfortable at five [furlongs], he is very quick and his brother was like that too. He will definitely have another run before Royal Ascot." The Antarctic is the fifth of six foals and second scorer produced by

Anna Law (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), who is a half-sister to four black-type performers headed by G2 Champagne S. victor and G1 July Cup third Etnala (GB) (Selkirk). His dam's first foal is MG1SW speedster Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and her latest is a yearling filly by Lope de Vega (Ire). Descendants of the February-foaled grey's second dam Portelet (GB) (Night Shift) also include MGSW dual Group 1-placed sire Tasleet (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Sales history: 750,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,328.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Magnier, Tabor, Smith, Westerberg, Brant; B-Ballyphilip Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Messa Concertata (Ire)**, f, 3, **Ardad (Ire)**--Law Keeper (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). Tipperary, 4-21, 5fT, 1:05.31. B-Ballyphilip Stud (IRE). \*£1,000 2yo '21 GOFFUK.

**Hymn Book Too (Ire)**, f, 3, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Hymn of the Dawn, by Phone Trick. Tipperary, 4-21, 12f 100yT, 2:58.23. B-Jim Bolger (IRE). \*1/2 to **Dawn Approach (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Eng & G1SW-Ire, \$1,457,260; and Herald The Dawn (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$169,266.



Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg/Brant's The Antarctic (Dark Angel) wins nicely at Tipperary. M.V. Magnier purchased the full-brother to Battaash from Ballyphilip Stud for 750,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1. [Race Replay](#). | [Racingfotos.com](#)

**Friday, Sandown, post time: 15:00**

**THE BET365 MILE (CLASS 1) (GROUP 2)-G2, £115,000, 8f 0y**

| SC | HORSE              | SIRE                    | OWNER                       | TRAINER             | JOCKEY             | WT  |
|----|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1  | Johan (GB)         | Zoffany (Ire)           | Jon & Julia Aisbitt         | Mick Channon        | Silvestre De Sousa | 127 |
| 2  | Mutasaabeq (GB)    | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Shadwell Estate Company Ltd | Charles Hills       | Jim Crowley        | 127 |
| 3  | Rhoscolyn (GB)     | Territories (Ire)       | The Horse Watchers          | David O'Meara       | Jason Watson       | 127 |
| 4  | Sunray Major (GB)  | Dubawi (Ire)            | Juddmonte                   | John & Thady Gosden | Frankie Dettori    | 127 |
| 5  | Alcohol Free (Ire) | No Nay Never            | Mr J. C. Smith              | Andrew Balding      | Rob Hornby         | 124 |
| 6  | Lights On (GB)     | Siyouni (Fr)            | Cheveley Park Stud          | Sir Michael Stoute  | Ryan Moore         | 124 |

Breeders: 1-Jon & Julia Aisbitt, 2-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 3-Mrs J E Laws, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Churchtown House Stud, 6-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd

**Friday, Sandown, post time: 14:25**

**THE BET365 GORDON RICHARDS S. (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, £80,000, 9f 209y**

| SC | HORSE             | SIRE          | OWNER                            | TRAINER             | JOCKEY        | WT  |
|----|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1  | Mostahdaf (Ire)   | Frankel (GB)  | Shadwell Estate Company Ltd      | John & Thady Gosden | Jim Crowley   | 129 |
| 2  | Foxes Tales (Ire) | Zoffany (Ire) | King Power Racing Co Ltd         | Andrew Balding      | David Probert | 126 |
| 3  | Juan Elcano (GB)  | Frankel (GB)  | Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum | Kevin Ryan          | Kevin Stott   | 126 |

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 2-Manister House Stud, 3-Mr & Mrs David Brown

**Friday, Sandown, post time: 15:35**

**THE BET365 CLASSIC TRIAL (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, £80,000, 9f 209y**

| SC | HORSE               | SIRE             | OWNER                                    | TRAINER             | JOCKEY          | WT  |
|----|---------------------|------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1  | Cash (Ire)          | Shamardal        | The Honorable Earle I. Mack              | David Simcock       | Jamie Spencer   | 127 |
| 2  | Frantastic (GB)     | Frankel (GB)     | Mr A. E. Oppenheimer                     | John & Thady Gosden | Frankie Dettori | 127 |
| 3  | Franz Strauss (GB)  | Golden Horn (GB) | Godolphin                                | John & Thady Gosden | James Doyle     | 127 |
| 4  | Goldspur (Ire)      | Dubawi (Ire)     | Godolphin                                | Charlie Appleby     | William Buick   | 127 |
| 5  | Groundbreaker (Ger) | Oasis Dream (GB) | Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum         | Andrew Balding      | David Probert   | 127 |
| 6  | River Thames (Ire)  | Churchill (Ire)  | M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien       | Ryan Moore      | 127 |
| 7  | Westover (GB)       | Frankel (GB)     | Juddmonte                                | Ralph Beckett       | Rob Hornby      | 127 |

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 3-Razza del Sole Societa Agricola SRL, 4-Godolphin, 5-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 6-Mountain View Stud & JC Bloodstock, 7-Juddmonte Farms Ltd

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4.40 p.m.**

**FWD QE II CUP-G1, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,439,936/€2,932,335/A\$4,294,414/US\$3,186,815), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)**

| SC | PP | HORSE                    | SIRE                | JOCKEY   | TRAINER | WT  |
|----|----|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|-----|
| 1  | 5  | Russian Emperor (Ire)    | Galileo (Ire)       | Shinn    | Whyte   | 126 |
| 2  | 9  | Ka Ying Star (GB)        | Cityscape (GB)      | Ferraris | Cruz    | 126 |
| 3  | 2  | Tourbillon Diamond (Aus) | Olympic Glory (Ire) | Badel    | Shum    | 126 |
| 4  | 6  | Columbus County (NZ)     | Redwood (GB)        | Moreira  | Fownes  | 126 |
| 5  | 7  | Panfield (Chi)           | Lookin At Lucky     | Hamelin  | Millard | 126 |
| 6  | 1  | Reliable Team (NZ)       | Reliable Man (GB)   | Leung    | Lor     | 126 |
| 7  | 8  | Savvy Nine (Fr)          | Anodin (Ire)        | Chadwick | Whyte   | 126 |
| 8  | 4  | Romantic Warrior (Ire)   | Acclamation (GB)    | Teetan   | Shum    | 126 |
| 9  | 3  | Cheerful Days (Aus)      | Smart Missile (Aus) | Purton   | Lui     | 126 |
| 10 | 10 | Zebrowski (NZ)           | Savabeel (Aus)      | Ho       | Fownes  | 126 |

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, Lauri Macri & Partners, 2-Kingsclere Stud, 3-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd (NSW), 4-D W Mayers & Mrs S J Taylor, 5-Agricola Taomina Ltda, 6-Tullycrine Ltd, 7-Jan Krauze, 8-Corduff Stud & T J Rooney, 9-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, AD Mitchell, H J Mitchell, E & J Rea (NSW), 10-Windsor Park Stud Ltd

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4.05 p.m.**

**FWD CHAMPIONS MILE-G1**, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,951,852/€2,345,986/A\$3,436,162/US\$2,549,480), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

| SC | PP | HORSE                    | SIRE                     | JOCKEY  | TRAINER | WT  |
|----|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----|
| 1  | 2  | Golden Sixty (Aus)       | Medaglia d'Oro           | Ho      | Lui     | 126 |
| 2  | 1  | More Than This (GB)      | Dutch Art (GB)           | Teetan  | Shum    | 126 |
| 3  | 3  | Waikuku (Ire)            | Harbour Watch (Ire)      | Borges  | Size    | 126 |
| 4  | 8  | Mighty Giant (NZ)        | Power (GB)               | Leung   | Yiu     | 126 |
| 5  | 4  | Healthy Happy (Aus)      | Zoustar (Aus)            | Shinn   | Lor     | 126 |
| 6  | 6  | Champion's Way (Aus)     | Hinchinbrook (Aus)       | Hamelin | Size    | 126 |
| 7  | 7  | Excellent Proposal (Aus) | Exceed and Excel (Aus)   | Moreira | Size    | 126 |
| 8  | 5  | California Spangle (Ire) | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Purton  | Cruz    | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld), 2-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 3-Shane Molan, 4-Mrs C & L R Beckett, 5-Lachlan River Bloodstock (Vic), 6-G Bunt (NSW), 7-Holloway Equine Pty Ltd (NSW), 8-M Enright

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3.00 p.m.**

**CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE-G1**, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,951,852/€2,345,986/A\$3,436,162/US\$2,549,480), 3yo/up, 1200mT (PPs)

| SC | PP | HORSE                | SIRE                     | JOCKEY   | TRAINER | WT  |
|----|----|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|-----|
| 1  | 6  | Sky Field (Aus)      | Deep Field (Aus)         | Shinn    | Fownes  | 126 |
| 2  | 9  | Wellington (Aus)     | All Too Hard (Aus)       | Badel    | Gibson  | 126 |
| 3  | 11 | Lucky Patch (NZ)     | El Roca (Aus)            | Chau     | Lui     | 126 |
| 4  | 7  | Stronger (Aus)       | Not A Single Doubt (Aus) | Ho       | Whyte   | 126 |
| 5  | 3  | Hot King Prawn (Aus) | Denman (Aus)             | Moreira  | Size    | 126 |
| 6  | 2  | Sight Success (Aus)  | Magnus (Aus)             | Purton   | Size    | 126 |
| 7  | 5  | Super Wealthy (Aus)  | Epaulette (Aus)          | Currie   | Hayes   | 126 |
| 8  | 8  | Master Eight (Aus)   | Oamaru Force (Aus)       | Teetan   | Lor     | 126 |
| 9  | 1  | Computer Patch (Aus) | Exceed and Excel (Aus)   | Chadwick | Ting    | 126 |
| 10 | 10 | Lucky Express (Aus)  | Toronado (Ire)           | Hamelin  | Size    | 126 |
| 11 | 4  | Kurpany (Fr)         | Mayson (GB)              | Ferraris | Fownes  | 126 |

**Breeders:** 1-M Ryan (NSW), 2-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW), 3-G Harvey, 4-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred (NSW), 5-Torryburn Stud, 6-G R Daws (WA), 7-Kerry O'Brien Thoroughbreds P/L (SA), 8-Noor Elaine Farm (Vic), 9-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW), 10-C Jackson (Vic), 11-Erwan Robin & SCEA De Keranna

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## NEWGATE SETS FEES, EXTREME CHOICE AT \$275K



Extreme Choice will stand for \$275,000 inc. GST | Newgate Farm

by Jessica Owers

Newgate Farm has released its stallion roster for 2022, with **Extreme Choice** leaping his way to elitism and four new sires jumping in, and we spoke with studmaster Henry Field about all this, plus the overwhelming depth of the youthful lineup.

The extraordinary story of Extreme Choice continued its merry way this week, with Thursday's announcement of the 2022 Newgate stallion roster. The superstar sire, who heads a 13-strong roster for the spring upcoming, will stand at \$275,000 (inc GST).

It propels Extreme Choice, who stood for just \$22,000 (inc GST) two years ago, as the highest announced fee and deservedly positioned amongst the elite stallions in Australia, but, according to Newgate's General Manager, Henry Field, it's simple economics.

"We've had a huge amount of enquiry from people wanting to use him, and there's only limited availability," Field said. "Some of the shareholders will potentially sell their nominations too, so we had requests to set a fee."

Last season, Newgate advertised Extreme Choice as 'fee on application' and, in the end, the horse covered only two outside mares from a book of 76.

"Given what he's achieved, which is nothing short of extraordinary, we thought this was a fair fee for a horse that is the elite of the elite, and with a very limited supply of him on the market."

### *The Exclusive Choice*

The story of Extreme Choice's subfertility is a remarkable chapter in the modern industry. As a racehorse, the son of Not A Single Doubt was a G1 Blue Diamond S. winner that was sharp enough to also win the G1 Moir S. and G3 Chairman's S.

From eight starts and four wins, Extreme Choice won close to \$2 million in prizemoney and, while it was alarming that his first season at stud produced just 48 live foals from a book of 118, the results from that crop have been roof-raising.

"As a stallion, he's achieving remarkable things from tiny opportunity," Field said. "When a stallion has 38 runners, seven stakes winners and four Group 1 performers, plus two Group 1 winners of which one is a Golden Slipper winner, it's bordering on freaky territory."

"He looks like he's going to be one of the world's elite stallions statistically, and there's a massive oversupply of demand from people that simply want the best of the best."

Last spring, Extreme Choice sired 57 foals. The year before it was 31 and, in his second crop (which followed his first crop of 48), his number was just 29. The figures are extremely low for a modern commercial stallion, but Extreme Choice has defied them.

"It's distressing to have a horse of his calibre breed only very limited numbers of mares," Field said. "We try to keep him to approximately one cover a day, just to give those mares the best possible chance of getting in foal. But we're incredibly grateful to have such an amazing stallion on our roster, despite the difficulties."

Managing Extreme Choice's stud career is a precise task for Newgate Farm and, with a service fee of \$275,000 (inc GST), the operation is looking to foal-share arrangements for its valuable asset.

"We're very open to foal shares," Field said. "In some ways we'd prefer to do them than pay nominations because we want to own his stock as much as we possibly can. We'll only do them with very high-class mares, and the bottom line is that there is only a very limited number available."



Henry Field | TDN AusNZ

“As word started to get around that his fee might be at that level, we had most of the smart guys in the game ring us up and try to get access to him, so the situation for him will be a combination of nominations and foal-shares, and the majority of those nominations will be shareholders supporting the horse.”

As Field mentioned, a number of shareholder nominations will be sold before the spring.

In recent weeks, the first round of supplementary entries to the Inglis Chairman's Sale included a breeding right to Extreme Choice, while Wednesday's release of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale catalogue featured a share in the stallion in the main book.

### *The Stable Soldiers*

As Extreme Choice commands the highest of Newgate's service fees this spring, and the highest in the short history of the operation overall, **Capitalist** was announced on Thursday with a fee unchanged at \$99,000 (inc GST).

Currently, the 8-year-old stallion sits atop the second-season sire' table in Australia by a long way on winners, with 50 as against his nearest rival, Shalaa (Ire), on 34. On earnings, Capitalist sits behind only Maurice (Jpn), whose dual Derby winner Hitotsu has put him comfortably ahead.

In every way, Capitalist has been a gang-buster sire for Newgate Farm, serving books of no less than 208 since he debuted at stud in 2017, and his overall winners in just two crops of racing age currently stand at 64 from 159 runners.

Alongside him, **Deep Field** is also unchanged in service fee at \$88,000 (inc GST), and this pair are the stable soldiers of the Newgate brand.

“Capitalist has had eight stakes winners and 19 stakes horses, which is a phenomenal number from a horse that's only got 3-year-olds running,” Field said. “And Deep Field, year in, year out, just gets a lot of consistent winners and black-type horses.

A horse like him, they're so important for a stud farm to have. He's a real staple stallion.”

Field said that Capitalist's success, which has come thick and fast, must also be measured in his two very commercial sons going to stud this year. Both Captivant and **Profiteer**, the latter joining his sire at Newgate Farm, are high-profile sons at stud for Capitalist.

Profiteer will debut for Newgate at \$16,500 (inc GST), as will the Extreme Choice colt **Tiger Of Malay**. This pair is two of four new horses on the roster, along with **Stay Inside** at \$77,000 (inc GST) and **Wild Ruler** at \$38,500 (inc GST).

### *The Russian*

As Capitalist and Deep Field have remained unchanged, the rising 9-year-old, **Russian Revolution**, has spiked significantly, his fee going up from \$44,000 (inc GST) last year to \$71,500 (inc GST) this year.

It's not a surprising development given the success of the horse's first crop this racing season, because from 23 runners to date, the stallion has had seven winners for 10 wins, among them the Group 2 winner Revolutionary Miss and the Group 3 winner Rise Of The Masses.

“He's a very dominant first-season sire, and we've priced him very, very competitively,” Field said. “As a farm and as major shareholders, we wanted to play the long game, and just organically build their fees up. I think that we wanted to give breeders the opportunity to access a lot of these top-calibre, young, proven stallions at a commercial fee where they can make money.”

Field said that Russian Revolution, Capitalist and Deep Field were the best of the highly commercial speed sires in Australia, each of which was sought-after at stud and, in particular, by the colts' syndicates in the sale ring.



Russian Revolution has made a strong start at stud | Newgate Farm

Field added that it was important to him that breeders could get in at fees that would later allow them to make money.

“Breeders need to get a return,” the studmaster said. “That’s important to the longevity of our stallions at stud.”

### *The Newbies*

New sire Stay Inside was announced by Newgate some weeks ago at \$77,000 (inc GST), and Field said that figure made absolute sense.

“When you’ve got a dominant Golden Slipper winner like him by a freak sire in Extreme Choice, you know you’re going to be run over by demand,” he said. “Stay Inside is fully booked at this stage, and we’ve kept a small number of openings for elite mares that come out of the Chairman’s Sale or the Gold Coast next month, but certainly at this stage he’s as good as book-full.”

Among the four new guns on the roster, Stay Inside is the most expensive by a considerable way. However, Field said that Wild Ruler, at \$38,500 (inc GST), is going like the clappers.

“The market has gone gangbusters for Wild Ruler,” he said.

“He’s that fast, Australian speed horse like Snitzel, and he profiles as similarly as Russian Revolution going to stud.

Field said that, equally, Tiger Of Malay and Profiteer had been put up with waiting lists.

“I love having new stallions,” he added. “We’re in a really unique position here at Newgate where we have a strong hand

of high-class and young, proven sires with a good number of freshman sires, and we’re getting Golden Slipper horses and Group performers from them all. It’s the stuff that dreams are made of.”

### *Just the Beginning*

The 2022 Newgate roster boasts 13 sires. **North Pacific’s** fee has remained unchanged at \$22,000 (inc GST), as has **Tassort** at \$11,000 (inc GST). **Brutal (NZ)** has dropped slightly from \$27,500 (inc GST) to \$22,000 (inc GST), and the Group 1-winning **Flying Artie** has also eased from \$33,000 (inc GST) to \$22,000 (inc GST). Whipping them in is **Cosmic Force**, who drops from \$16,500 (inc GST) to \$11,000 (inc GST).

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