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TAKING STOCK: MO DONEGAL HAS CHARACTER OF CRAWFORD



Jerry Crawford leading in Mo Donegal | Sarah Andrew

By Sid Fernando

Affable Iowan Jerry Crawford, a longtime client of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, runs the successful racing partnership Donegal Racing, which was established in 2008 with the specific goal of winning the GI Kentucky Derby. That may have sounded like wishful thinking at the time, but Crawford's stable has made it to Louisville on average every three years or so, with live runners, and with horses that haven't been purchased for exorbitant sums: Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}), a \$105,000 Keeneland September purchase and among the first yearlings bought by the fledgling stable, was third in 2010; Dullahan (Even the Score), a \$250,000 Keeneland September buy, was third in 2012; and Keen Ice (Curlin), who was purchased for \$120,000 at Keeneland September, was seventh in 2015.

Despite Derby losses, all three nevertheless became Grade I winners at 10 furlongs, which is what the meticulous Crawford seeks in prospective yearling purchases; simply put, he's not interested in yearlings that could potentially become stakes winners at sprint and mile distances, and he's passed on several that have gone on to do so in order to find ones that can get the Derby trip.

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HALF TO JEAN GROS TOPS FASIG APRIL DIGITAL SALE

Broodmare **Wrong Color** (Gemologist) topped the Fasig-Tipton April Digital Select Sale, which closed Tuesday. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent II as **hip 4**, the stakes-placed earner of \$122,838 was picked up by Anglo Saxon Bloodstock for \$400,000. Having produced a **War Front** colt this term who was not part of the offering, the 6-year-old was sold on a Mar. 22 **Caravaggio** cover.

The mare's stock has risen of late as her 3-year-old half-brother Jean Gros (**More Than Ready**) capped a three-race win streak in the Apr. 9 G2 New Zealand Trophy in Japan. He is expected to next contest the G1 NHK Mile Cup. Bred and campaigned by Blackstone Farm, Wrong Color is also a half to MGSW millionaire Tom's Ready (**More Than Ready**).

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by Sid Fernando



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That's the ethos that defines Crawford, and he's back to the Derby this year with another serious contender in **Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo)**, the GII Wood Memorial winner who was purchased for \$250,000 at Keeneland September. Like the others noted above, Mo Donegal is bred for the distance and appears to be peaking at the right time for trainer Todd Pletcher.

It just so happens that come-from-behind types, or at least horses that come mid-pack from off the pace, happen to characterize the Donegal runners. You won't find Donegal silks on the front end or attending the pace from the get-go. Mo

Donegal runs from off the pace. It's how Paddy O'Prado, Dullahan and Keen Ice ran. It's how Grade I winner Finnegan's Wake (Powerscourt {GB}), a rare Crawford homebred, ran. The same is true for Donegal Grade I winners Arklow (Arch) and Carrick (Giant's Causeway). Donegal's GII Remsen S. winner O'Prado Again came from off the pace in 2011 to win the same

race in the same style that Mo Donegal did last year.

The Remsen at nine furlongs late in the year is as far as 2-year-olds are asked to race in this country, and it's a race suited for horses with stamina. Unfortunately, the winners of this race are asked to come back as early 3-year-olds on the Classics trail in shorter races against faster horses, and this doesn't suit all of them.

Frequently some go wrong after cutting back in distance, while others get injured. O'Prado Again, for example, was on the



Mo Donegal winning the Wood Memorial | Sarah Andrew

shelf for 10 months after his Remsen. **Cont. p4**

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Coolmore America's young stallion Mo Town (Uncle Mo), who is bred similarly to Mo Donegal (both are out of A.P. Indy-line mares), won the Remsen in 2016 but never got back on track until late at three, when he won the GI Hollywood Derby at Del Mar in November.

Darby Dan's **Modernist**, who like Mo Town is from a Bernardini mare, won his first stakes race at three, the GII Risen Star S. at nine furlongs, and his second, the GIII Excelsior, at four. Current Derby contender Un Ojo, who is by the late Uncle Mo horse Laoban from an A.P. Indy mare, won his first and only stakes race at three this year, the GII Rebel S.

Recently, Jerry and I had a discussion about Mo Donegal's pedigree and its aptitude for stamina and later development, after he'd read an article that suggested Mo Donegal had more speed in his makeup than what he's shown on the track. With Jerry's permission, I'm reproducing here my unedited email response to him, which came after Mo Donegal's rallying third-place finish in the GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream over 1 1/16 miles.



Mo Donegal gallops last week at Churchill | Coady Photo

I wrote: "It's a very positive piece, obviously. Your horse is training well, and if there were ever a year to get the Derby, this is it. However, when **Uncle Mo** and AP Indy are crossed in pedigrees, what usually results is more of a stamina horse than a speed horse; that means a horse that could win at 2, but late in the year, and this is what Mo Donegal showed. Moreover, winning the Remsen at 2 demonstrated his stamina, because 9F at 2 is as far as horses that age run in the US.

"In my opinion, he actually shows more stamina at this stage of his career than what's optimum for him, and when you cut back to 1 1/6 miles at 3, it was too sharp for him. However, White Abarrio and Simplification have proven to be good horses, and likewise, the two that beat Zandon are the same, which points to a lot of class. The danger, as I pointed out years ago to you after winning the Remsen with O'Prado Again, is keeping these types sound enough to make the Derby. **Cont. p5**

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"**Mo Town**, bred on same cross as Mo Donegal, also was a late 2yo winner at 8F, then won the Remsen at 9F. He was 5th in the Risen Star at 3 in his debut at 3. He didn't win his first GI race until the Hollywood Derby late at 3.

"I think Mo Donegal fits the profile of these types, but if he can get into the Derby, he will have a great chance this year. However, his best should come in the second half of the year and at 4."

Pedigree



Uncle Mo | Coolmore

Coolmore America's **Uncle Mo** is one of the best stallions in the country. Trained by Todd Pletcher, he was a man among boys at two, both physically and by racing performance, winning all three starts impressively. Injury and illness abbreviated his 3-year-old campaign, but he certainly has enough stamina markers in his pedigree--his dam was sired by Arch--to stay 10 furlongs on paper.

Of course, it's not a theoretical exercise anymore; he sired a Derby winner in his first crop in **Nyquist**, whose dam was by the fast Forestry and came from a family that produced a lot of speedy types, even by sires with stamina, and this underscores the stamina that **Uncle Mo** frequently imparts.

Mo Donegal's dam is Callingmissbrown, a Pulpit mare who won two of her four starts, both from off the pace at sprint distances.

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Combining **Uncle Mo** and A.P. Indy, in this case through Pulpit, adds a fair bit of stamina to this pedigree, as noted earlier, but the female family itself contains more stamina within it as the pedigree unfolds. Callingmissbrown's dam is GI Acorn S. winner Island Sand, a daughter of GI Preakness and Belmont S. winner Tabasco Cat. Island Sand also won the GII Delaware H. at 10 furlongs and was second in the GI Kentucky Oaks. The next dam is by Travers winner Forty Niner, and the fourth dam, by Nureyev, produced Niigon, a colt who won the Queen's Plate at 10 furlongs.

This is the type of pedigree that Crawford mines, and it looks like he's hit another mother lode with Mo Donegal, who, true to the Crawford form, will be running late in the Derby. Hopefully for him, it will be in time to win the race he's been seeking.

Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.

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The second-priciest lot of the digital auction was 3-year-old racing/broodmare prospect **Power Surge** (Straight Fire), who was last seen belying 76-1 odds to take the Evening Jewel S. for Cal-breds Apr. 9 at Santa Anita. Consigned by her trainer Blaine Wright as **hip 22**, Power Surge fetched \$370,000 from Samantha Siegel's Jay Em Ess Stable.

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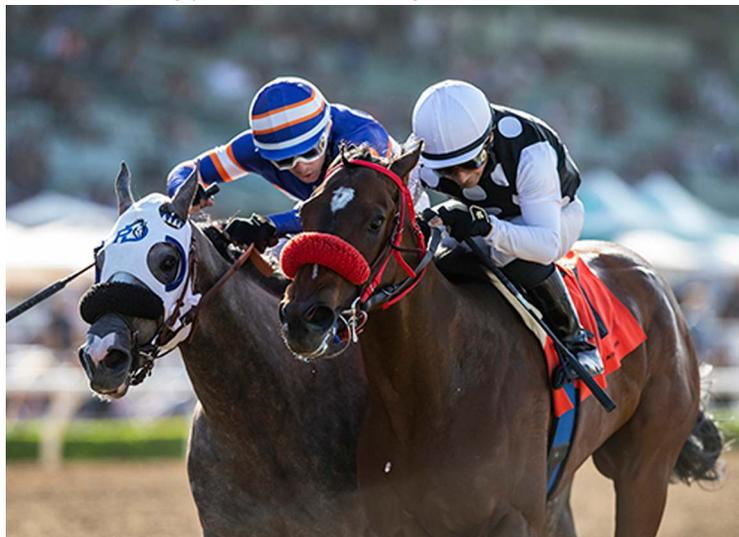
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"Timing is everything. We had the right horse to sell--a filly by a hot sire, just won a stake, good looking and with clean vetting. All too often this update is lost waiting for a sale," said Jason Litt, who was one of the partners in Power Surge. "The Fasig-Tipton Digital auction platform gave us exposure to the top buyers from around the world and our filly didn't miss any training and got to sleep in her own stall. I would encourage anyone with the right horse to sell on the platform."

Siegel said, "The digital format was seamless and easy to use, and the bidding process was exciting!"



Power Surge (inside) | Benoit Photo

"We were very pleased with the April Digital Sale," said Leif Aaron, Fasig-Tipton Director of Digital Sales. "We are continuing to grow and seeing new clientele. It was great to see the spirited bidding in California and we are happy for both Samantha Siegel and the partners in Power Surge."

Would-be topper **Philanthropic** (Malibu Moon) was a \$590,000 RNA. Offered with her **Not This Time** filly foal at her side, the stakes-placed 6-year-old from the immediate family of **Curlin** was offered back in foal to another in-demand young stallion in **Constitution**. Philanthropic was consigned by Bedouin Bloodstock as **hip 12**.

In total, 15 horses changed hands for gross receipts of \$1,664,000 at an average of \$110,933.

The next Fasig-Tipton digital sale, a **dispersal of the late Glen Todd's Thoroughbred holdings**, will open Wednesday, Apr. 27 and conclude May 3.

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KEENELAND ADDS 11 MORE SUPPLEMENTS TO FRIDAY'S HRA SALE



B Dawk | *Coady Photo*

Keeneland has added 11 more entries to its April Horses of Racing Age Sale to be held this Friday at the conclusion of the venue's spring race meet. The auction will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. ET.

The latest supplements are as follows:

- **Atras**, a 3-year-old gelding by **Astern (Aus)** who scored a 2 1/2-length victory at Keeneland on Apr. 23. He is consigned by Oliver Racing Stable, agent.
- **B Dawk**, a 3-year-old colt by Gormley who won at Keeneland by 11 1/4 lengths on Apr. 24, earning a 9 Ragozin. Consigned by Bluewater Sales, agent, B Dawk is from the family of Grade I winner Bullards Alley, Grade II winner Karibu Gardens and Grade III winner Nessay. (B Dawk's catalog page will be online Wednesday.)
- **Brody's Jessica**, a 3-year-old winning, stakes-placed filly by Brody's Cause consigned by Buckland Sales, agent.
- **Frageelay**, a 3-year-old daughter of **Union Rags** from the family of multiple Grade I winner Paradise Woods and Grade III winner Tajaweed. She is consigned by Buckland Sales, agent.
- **Ibrim**, an undefeated 3-year-old colt by **Cairo Prince** out of stakes winner Strut the Canary (**Mineshaft**). Hunter Valley Farm, agent, consigns Ibrim, who is from the family of multiple Grade I winner Island Fashion. He captured races on Mar. 2 at Turfway Park and Apr. 17 at Woodbine.

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 - **Niceno**, a 5-year-old winning daughter of Karakontie (Jpn) consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent. A half-sister to Grade II winner Hillhouse High, she is out of the stakes-placed Coronado's Quest mare Pleasant Laughter.
 - **Shannon**, a 3-year-old **Nyquist** filly who won at Keeneland Apr. 22. Consigned by I.C. Racing, agent, she is a half-sister to stakes winner Fact Finding out of the stakes-winning, Grade II-placed Sweet Belle by Deputy Commander.
 - **Speaks for Itself**, a 4-year-old Malibu Moon filly who won her April 14 debut at Aqueduct by 5 1/2 lengths to earn a 9 3/4 Ragozin. Consigned by ELITE, agent, Speaks for Itself is out the Giant's Causeway mare Una Mac Cool and from the family of Grade I winners Secret Status and Dunbar Road along with Grade II winner Private Mission.
 - **Stay Restless**, a 3-year-old Empire Maker colt consigned by ELITE, agent. Out of the Salt Lake mare Saltendipity, Stay Restless is from the family of Grade I winners Fantastic Look and Designed for Luck, as well as Grade II winner Macho Macho.
 - **Winward Flo**, a 3-year-old two-time winning daughter of Verrazano. Consigned by Foundations Farm, Winward Flo is out of stakes winner Wind Flow, by Indian Charlie.
- Keeneland will continue to accept approved supplemental entries up until the date of the sale. [Click here](#) for more.

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WEST VIRGINIA IN LIMBO OVER HISA

by T. D. Thornton

The West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) opted to take no action either way Tuesday on whether to collect and remit fees on behalf of the new Authority created by the federal Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA).

States are facing a May 1 deadline to declare "in or out" middleman status pertaining to the safety portion of the HISA program that will go into effect July 1. This first phase-in of oversight does not include HISA's drug testing and medication control programs, which aren't expected to be up and running until 2023.

"I'm not going to make a decision to say yes to that today," said WVRC chairman Ken Lowe, Jr., adding that he wants feedback from the state attorney general and/or the governor's office on how to proceed on the matter.

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Over the course of the past year, Lowe has repeatedly spoken out against HISA, portraying it as a federal statute crafted by elitists within the racing industry whose interests aren't aligned with the realities of small-circuit racing in West Virginia.

But since the input that Lowe wants from West Virginia's state officials is unlikely to materialize in the next four days, the HISA Authority will likely treat the WVRC's in-limbo response to the May 1 opt-in deadline as a "no."

According to WVRC executive director Joe Moore, "The one real issue here by not agreeing to it, what [the HISA Authority] will do is now pass [responsibility and costs] to each of our tracks, Charles Town and Mountaineer."

Last week California and Minnesota became the first two state racing commissions to agree to work with HISA by paying their pro-rated portions of costs. They also have to figure out how to use state employees (like stewards) to enforce federal-level safety rules (like whip-use guidelines).

Racing commissions in New Jersey, Maryland and Texas have already said no to HISA, with several citing as a reason that they don't have the statutory ability to make budgetary and spending changes that involve federal or private entities.

West Virginia is also a plaintiff in an active federal lawsuit joined by several other states aiming to get HISA voided for alleged constitutional violations before the Authority even goes into effect.

That case is currently facing a motion to dismiss; it is separate from the federal lawsuit spearheaded by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) that got thrown out of court several weeks ago.

Charles Town HBPA president Jim Miller told commissioners that HISA was "a great overreach" that amounted to an "abomination."

But Miller was also cognizant that by not signing off on acting as an intermediary, the WVRC will be essentially passing on the Authority's costs to the horsemen on a per-start basis.

"If [the commission or the tracks] don't pay HISA, we lose our right through the Interstate Horse Racing Act to simulcast, which, of course, is a big issue for us as well," Miller said.

"We're looking at what revenues we trade one way to go the other way," Miller continued. "This will be a big burden for both the tracks and a huge burden on horsemen. We definitely cannot afford it at a time when, hay, oats, feed, veterinary; all those costs have gone up dramatically in the past couple months." **Cont. p11**

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Moore also articulated a concern that opting into the safety part of the Authority's program would bind the WVRC to also go along with the medication and doping controls, too.

"We can't even tell anyone how much this is going to cost," commissioner J.B. Akers added, alluding to the drug and medication control assessments that would follow.

Akers also questioned "the so-called equitable nature of this assessment," which he said seemed to be calculated too high for a relatively small state like West Virginia.

Added Moore: "This is a mess whether you agree to do their work for them [via] this voluntary agreement or not. Because whether or not our stewards are carrying out their functions, if here's a violation under their code, the recourse of appeal is not to our stewards at Charles Town or Mountaineer Park. It automatically goes to a HISA-appointed Authority."

With regard to the costs borne by the horsemen and the tracks, Moore said there could be a possible state legislative solution in the pipeline, but that it would be at least two years before it could be implemented.

Tracks and horsemen having to pay directly "could be avoided in future years should we all agree on some additional revenue stream to the racing commission passed through legislation," Moore explained.

"We could work together on figuring out a revenue stream that gave the racing commission an amount of money to absorb that assessment that would then come back from the racetracks and the horsemen [in a way that] wouldn't be as sudden and impactful as maybe just a direct assessment," Moore said.

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KHRC APPROVES TRANSPARENCY REGS

by T. D. Thornton

With zero debate or discussion preceding unanimous votes on two separate agenda items, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) adopted rewritten rules aimed at increasing transparency Tuesday.

The major changes include lifting prohibitions on the public disclosure of alleged violations, new guidelines that establish a 60-day time frame for holding hearings, and the opening of those hearings to anyone who wants to observe them.

Tweaks to the equine drug-testing process are also in the pipeline. They include a requirement for owners and trainers to select an approved lab for split-sample testing within five days of being provided with the list of accredited facilities, and for the KHRC to send off the sample within seven days instead of "as expeditiously as possible."

The KHRC on Apr. 26 approved the set of proposed changes that had been hammered out and unanimously recommended during a meeting of its rules committee one week earlier.

Rules changes at the commission level in Kentucky typically take about seven months to implement because the measures have to go through the state's separate administrative certification process.

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LIFETIME BANS UPHELD FOR BUZZER-TOTING PATIN BROTHERS

by T. D. Thornton

The Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) affirmed lifetime bans for two sibling jockeys from the Patin family on Tuesday related to the brothers' criminal convictions for possessing illegal horse-shocking devices in races at Evangeline Downs in 2015.

The hearings concluded in bizarre fashion when Joseph Patin Jr., 58, apparently slipped out of the meeting room without telling anyone after first hearing that his younger brother, Billy Patin, 53, wasn't going to be allowed to work as an exercise rider despite Billy previously agreeing to a lifetime ban of his license as a jockey.

LSRC commissioner Eddie Delahoussaye, a retired Hall of Fame jockey, addressed Billy Patin directly prior to the vote on his request. But he then launched into an admonition aimed at all jockeys who cheat and harm the reputation of the sport.

"I want to ask something. Billy, why would you want to be on this racetrack?" Delahoussaye said.

"Just to make a living," Billy Patin replied in a barely audible voice. "I do kind of landscaping, but..."

"You know, you guys--I rode, and I tried to respect the rules [and] the integrity of this racing industry," Delahoussaye interjected, frustration evident in his tone.

"And all y'all do is blackball it," Delahoussaye continued. "My opinion is, why would you want to come back here? The temptation is too much here for you. That's my feeling. You've been caught--I don't know how many times--with a 'machine' trying to fix a race. And I just can't see you coming back, myself. That's up to the commission. I know you're a nice guy and stuff. But the temptation's too great for you."

The Patins are no strangers to brushes with the law and racing infractions.

After a 30-1 win by the maiden Valhol in the 1999 Arkansas Derby, Billy Patin served a five-year suspension after a video showed him dropping an electrical item that was later recovered on the track at Oaklawn Park.

Joe Patin's riding career was interrupted several times by lengthy suspensions and arrests related to narcotics abuse. In 2013, he was escorted from Evangeline in handcuffs after an altercation with jockey Diego Saenz.

In 2015, the two Patin brothers, plus a third jockey, LeSean Conyers, were arrested by Louisiana State Police and charged with "willful pulling of the reins and cheating and swindling" in relation to a June 19 race. Later, the Patin brothers were additionally charged with "unnatural stimulation of horses" related to separate incidents July 4.



Evangeline Downs

According to evidence read into the record at the Apr. 26 LSRC commission, the race-fixing charges were later dropped by the prosecutor, but the charges related to the shocking device resulted in felony convictions for the Patin brothers (the status of Conyers' case was not a part of Tuesday's proceedings).

Patin Brothers cont.

"Evidence in two separate races on July 4, 2015, revealed that the [Patin] possessed hand held shocking devices," a state police press release had stated at the time of the arrests.

Initially, the commission-level adjudication of the Patin brothers' licensure came up at the January 2022 LSRC meeting.

At that time, Billy agreed to a lifetime ban as a jockey. But, having already completed his probation and having received a first-time-offender pardon, he wanted the commission's approval to go back to work as an exercise rider. That request was tabled until April's meeting, as was the entire matter of Joe's jockey license adjudication.

Now fast-forward to Tuesday, when Joe Patin's adjudication first came back up. He at first could not be located, even though LSRC members and staffers had initially seen him enter the meeting room.

So Joe's case got pushed back until after a brief recess while the LSRC attempted to figure out if he was going to speak on his own behalf or be represented by the attorney that Billy had retained.

The commission then moved on to other business and eventually heard Billy's request for exercise rider licensure. After Delahoussaye's terse comments, a motion was quickly made to deny Billy Patin the privilege of going to work exercising horses. It passed via voice vote with one (or possibly two--it was difficult to hear amid crosstalk) commissioners voting "no."

Joe's case was then called for the second time. He had been located during the timeout and it was affirmed that he would not be sharing a lawyer with his brother. But an attorney speaking on behalf of the LSRC seemed newly flustered in noting that--once again--the older Patin had apparently pulled another disappearing act without notifying anyone on the commission.

Without Joe Patin being in the room to answer to the allegations, the LSRC--on the basis of Joe having been convicted of the same electrical-device crimes as Billy--voted unanimously to give him the same lifetime ban as a jockey.

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JORDAN FISHMAN WANTS PRISON DELAY

by T. D. Thornton

Two weeks before he's supposed to report to federal prison to serve a 15-month sentence, Jordan Fishman, the convicted Massachusetts-based drug formulator who made illicit substances that were later injected into racehorses, asked the judge to delay his reporting date by one month.

The reason? More than 2 1/2 months after **his sentencing**, the Bureau of Prisons still hasn't told Fishman which facility he's supposed to turn himself in to May 9.

Fishman also wants the judge to consider a pandemic-related health concern that would give him an extra month of freedom.

Patrick Jouyce, Fishman's attorney, articulated his client's concerns in a one-page letter filed Apr. 25 in United States District Court (Southern District of New York).

"I also regret to inform the Court that Jordan's ex-wife, with whom he works in close proximity at his business, has just contracted COVID-19 and in all likelihood, Defendant has as well even though as of today, he tested negative. For these reasons, Defendant respectfully requests that the Court adjourn Jordan's surrender date until June 9, 2022.

Back in October, Fishman, 64, had pleaded guilty to one count of adulteration and misbranding of purportedly performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs).

Jordan Fishman is unrelated to--but had a professional working relationship with--Seth Fishman, the convicted veterinarian who is awaiting sentencing and faces 20 years in prison for his role in the horse-doping conspiracy.

Lisa Giannelli, an assistant to Seth Fishman, was supposed to go on trial at the same time as Seth Fishman back in January. But she had her case declared a mistrial after her attorney tested positive for COVID-19. Her new trial begins Apr. 27.

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**LOUISIANA DOWNS APPOINTS MITCH DENNISON TO GENERAL MANAGER OF RACING**

Louisville's Mitch Dennison has been named general manager of racing at Louisiana Downs. Dennison will oversee racing, mutuels, facility projects, and sponsorships at the Bossier City racetrack and casino.

Dennison has served as an assistant to Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen for the past 13 years, overseeing strings at Ellis Park and Louisiana Downs. He had also previously been affiliated with the D. Wayne Lukas barn. Despite his experience on the backside of the track, Dennison said he had an eye on racetrack management.

"I have been active in both Kentucky and Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) for many years," said Dennison. "Understanding the concerns of horsemen is very important and should be vital to racetrack management. Kevin [Preston, owner of Louisiana Downs] is new to racing, but immediately recognized that. I have never been more excited about working in this industry!"

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The Thoroughbred meet at Louisiana Downs kicks off on Kentucky Derby Day. The 84-day live racing season will run Saturdays through Tuesdays until Sept. 27.

“Mitch is extremely knowledgeable and shares my commitment to showing respect to each of the horsemen and their workers as well as ensuring the safety and integrity of our racing operation,” said Preston. “I like his energy and look forward to a very successful racing season.”

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Apr. 30	GII Californian S.	Santa Anita	
	GII Santa Margarita S.	Santa Anita	
	GII Charles Whittingham. S.	Santa Anita	
	GIII Kona Gold S.	Santa Anita	
	GIII San Francisco Mile	Golden Gate	
May 1	GIII Wilshire S.	Santa Anita	
May 6	GI Longines Kentucky Oaks	Churchill	
	GI La Troienne S.	Churchill	
	GII Alysheba S.	Churchill	
	GII Edgewood S.	Churchill	
	GII Eight Belles S.	Churchill	
	GII Twin Spires Turf Sprint	Churchill	
	GIII Modesty S.	Churchill	
	May 7	GI Kentucky Derby	Churchill
	GI Churchill Downs S.	Churchill	
	GI Derby City Distaff S.	Churchill	
GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic	Churchill		
GII Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	Churchill		
GII Pat Day Mile	Churchill		
GII American Turf	Churchill		
GII Fort Marcy S.	Belmont		
GII Sheepshead Bay S.	Belmont		
GIII Westchester S.	Belmont		
GIII Senorita S.	Santa Anita		

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4	War Like Goddess	English Channel	George Krikorian	Mott	Rosario	118
5	Stand Tall	Uncle Mo	Humphrey, Jr., G. Watts and Ashbrook Farm	Arnold, II	Geroux	118
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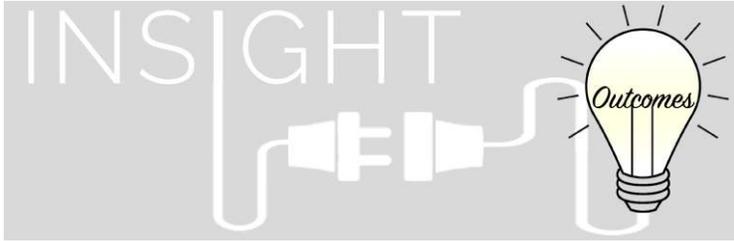
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Gun Runner (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 2	6	14	4	10	2	2	56	14	785,000	3,102,106
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$125,000						Cyberknife	
2	Not This Time (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> Crops: 3	4	7	2	4	--	1	43	18	880,000	2,346,677
				Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$45,000						Epicenter	
3	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by <i>Empire Maker</i> Crops: 10	4	8	3	6	--	--	36	12	389,800	1,637,734
				Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)						Tawny Port	
4	Munnings (2006) by <i>Speightstown</i> Crops: 9	5	7	2	3	--	--	41	14	291,200	1,259,056
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$85,000						Zozos	
5	Laoban (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> Crops: 3	3	4	1	1	--	--	28	10	656,250	1,393,698
				Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)						Un Ojo	
6	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by <i>El Prado (Ire)</i> Crops: 15	3	8	2	6	--	--	40	15	200,520	1,165,264
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$100,000						Grand Sonata	
7	More Than Ready (1997) by <i>Southern Halo</i> Crops: 19	4	6	1	3	--	1	59	18	154,980	1,115,188
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000						Bubble Rock	
8	Street Sense (2004) by <i>Street Cry (Ire)</i> Crops: 12	4	4	1	1	--	--	59	14	167,640	766,586
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$75,000						Whelen Springs	
9	Great Notion (2000) by <i>Elusive Quality</i> Crops: 15	3	4	--	--	--	--	16	8	255,000	629,972
				Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$7,500						Luna Belle	
10	Straight Fire (2014) by <i>Dominus</i> Crops: 2	3	4	--	--	--	--	11	6	190,040	521,476
				Stands: Legacy Ranch CA Fee: \$7,500						Smuggler's Run	
11	Uncle Mo (2008) by <i>Indian Charlie</i> Crops: 8	2	7	2	3	--	1	52	16	424,000	1,724,038
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$160,000						Mo Donegal	
12	Into Mischief (2005) by <i>Harlan's Holiday</i> Crops: 11	2	10	1	5	--	--	92	20	154,500	1,610,775
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$250,000						Doppelganger	
13	Upstart (2012) by <i>Flatter</i> Crops: 3	2	2	2	2	1	1	34	15	613,500	1,438,563
				Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000						Zandon	
14	Violence (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> Crops: 6	2	4	1	3	--	--	61	11	513,334	1,379,145
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$25,000						Newgrange	
15	Practical Joke (2014) by <i>Into Mischief</i> Crops: 2	2	4	2	2	--	--	78	19	110,000	1,308,304
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$35,000						Wit	

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INSIGHT OUTCOMES: FIRSTERS SIMPLY SUPER AND TALKIN PHAROAH DUEL

by Jill Williams

As Keeneland winds down and Derby week visibly looms on the horizon, it was quiet on the Insights front this past week, with just two races highlighted and one of the major contenders scratching. Previous GI Kentucky Derby winners *Super Saver* (2010) and *American Pharoah* (2015) had juveniles step up with a stretch battle in their career debuts.



Simply Super gets the job done at Keeneland | Coady

WEDNESDAY'S INSIGHTS: **Tapit** Half to Dual GISW Debuts at KEE

4th-Keeneland, \$58,964, Msw, 4-20, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.33, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

With the featured **Magic Tap (Tapit)**--a half to MGISW and \$3-million Fasig-Tipton buy American Gal (Concord Point)--a late scratch, firster **SIMPLY SUPER (c, 2, Super Saver--So You Know, by Jump Start)** picked up the slack to get his debut win. Simply Super tracked also-highlighted **Talkin Pharoah (American Pharoah)** behind :22.98 and :45.92 fractions, drawing on even terms in the lane. The two duelled down the stretch with Simply Super kicking clear late to get the better of Talkin Pharoah by 1 1/2 lengths. A Mike Maker pupil, the winner was a \$30,000 private purchase by Legion Bloodstock at Fasig-Tipton's

Midlantic Fall Yearlings sale and is from the last U.S. crop by his now-Turkish-based sire. The runner-up is a Wesley Ward trainee who brought \$260,000 at Keeneland September. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

SATURDAY'S INSIGHTS: \$550k **Uncle Mo** Colt Kicks Off at Keeneland

2nd-Keeneland, \$100,000, Msw, 4-23, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.94, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

It was **ATRAS (g, 3, Astern {Aus})--All About Allison, by City Zip** who covered the most ground in this maiden, circling the field after sitting midpack to accelerate down the center of the course, finishing a much-the-best 2 1/2-length victor for trainer Vicki Oliver. The big-blazed sophomore is a member of the first crop of **Medaglia d'Oro's** fellow Darley-based son **Astern**.

'Insighted' Wesley Ward trainee **Lawmaker (Uncle Mo)** broke sharply, pressing the pace while three wide, but dropped back on the turn and faded to follow the field home. The \$550,000 Keeneland September purchase was making his career debut. He had shipped from Keeneland to the Spa last summer, got in one work over Saratoga's training track, then didn't reappear until a work at Keeneland in late fall. He's been steadily preparing for this unveiling with 14 official works in the books since November and undoubtedly got an education here. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Parx Racing, \$47,208, Msw, 4-26, 2yo, 2f, :23.27, ft, 1 length.

FERRARI KID (c, 2, Goldcents--Catch the Flag, by A.P. Indy) justified favoritism in this debut, going right to the front and never looking back for a one-length graduation. Hesfiredup (Friesan Fire) was the runner-up. The winner is a half to Checkered Past (Smart Strike), MSW, \$334,284. Catch the Flag had a Vino Ross filly last year and was bred back to **Global Campaign**. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Richard Malouf; B-Pippa's Hurricane LLC (KY); T-Scott A. Lake.

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27***2022 Stud Fees Listed***American Freedom** (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000

191 foals of racing age/32 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Thistledown, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Vavite, 5-2

\$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte Farms

224 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners

1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Bright Spark,

3-1

Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, \$17,500

187 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Megan's

Noel, 10-1

\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 EAS

MAY 2yo

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

174 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners

8-Keeneland, 4:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Lotta Roses, 20-1

\$21,000 KEE NOV wnl

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Winter Love,

10-1

Divining Rod (Tapit), Country Life Farm

96 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner

4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Climber, 7-2

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, \$125,000

245 foals of racing age/40 winners/11 black-type winners

1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Levy, 6-1

\$40,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

7-Evangeline Downs, 9:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Ricky Bobby, 9-2

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m,

Sixtythreecaliber, 5-1

\$225,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl

Hootenanny (Quality Road), Ward Ranch

29 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner

6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Lady Vanier,

10-1

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$7,500

191 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner

1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Fast Ice, 5-2

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Keen Ice

Sight, 15-1

\$4,000 KEE SEP yrl

7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Let's

Duet, 12-1

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

282 foals of racing age/46 winners/1 black-type winner

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Verklimt, 4-1

\$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Lord Nelson (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm

159 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner

8-Keeneland, 4:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Aboukir Bay, 6-1

\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$375,000 OBS APR 2yo

6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Trafalgar

Shore, 6-1

\$30,000 KEE NOV wnl

Mr. Z (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, \$2,500

57 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Z Zs Red, 3-1

True to the Moon (Yes It's True)

3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

3-Penn National, 6:54 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, True Success, 10-1

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

194 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners

1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Marital Bliss,

2-1

\$70,000 FTK SEL yrl; \$130,000 EAS MAY 2yo

8-Keeneland, 4:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Under One Sky, 15-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

10th-Parx Racing, \$53,170, 4-26, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.34, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

MOJOVATION (g, 7, Quality Road--Starship Warspeed, by Congrats) Lifetime Record: 36-8-6-4, \$335,128. O-Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger Inc.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$330,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Shedaresthedevil (**Daredevil**), MGISW, \$2,366,458.



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5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000, (S), 4-26, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 5f, :59.79, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

THEDEVILSALGORITHM (g, 5, Algorithms--No Little Angel, by Lord Carson) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$73,220. O/B-Spooky Hollow Racing, Inc. (IN); T-John L. Langemeier.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,520, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.07, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

LADY FROSTED (f, 4, Frosted--Indulgence {GISP, \$239,116}, by Macho Uno) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-1, \$158,226. O-Maggi Moss; B-Willow Oaks Stable, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTSAUG.



ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

5th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 4-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.66, ft, 3/4 length.

GONE IN A FLASH (g, 3, Flashback--Beija Fleur, by Quaker Ridge) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$51,580. O-Marion F. Gorham; B/T-Robert M. Gorham (OH).

8th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 4-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.64, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

QUIET AMIGO (g, 4, Senor Amigo--Without a Sound, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-6, \$69,635. O-Holly Delaney; B-Lowell F. Allen (OH); T-Richard Zielinski.

7th-Thistledown, \$28,000, 4-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.66, ft, nose.

PURITY (f, 3, Violence--Maybellene {SW & GISP, \$276,444}, by Lookin At Lucky) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$48,640. O-Namir Zaiber; B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY); T-Michael L. Rone. *\$130,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.



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7th-Turf Paradise, \$25,130, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000-\$12,500), 4-25, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.77, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.
T BONES TRICK (g, 6, Midnight Lute--Hopeful Union, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 32-7-7-8, \$134,852. O-Woolley, Jr., Bennie L. and Woolley, Mary Ann; B-Tenlane Farm (KY); T-Bennie L. Woolley, Jr. *\$150,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

5th-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080, (S), 4-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.57, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

INCA EMPIRE (g, 3, Midshipman--Inca Miss, by Kipling) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$46,187. O/B-Bryan Hawk (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

8th-Finger Lakes, \$24,000, (S), 4-26, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.87, sy, 1/2 length.

MACHO BOY (g, 5, Mucho Macho Man--Truly Charming, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 37-4-3-5, \$127,204. O-Aaron Racing Stables; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *\$60,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$55,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$23,826, 4-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.85, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

GRAND ROYALE (g, 6, Cairo Prince--Helluva Hangover, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 21-6-3-3, \$90,668. O-Steve F. Williams; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Steve F. Williams. *\$65,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '18 FTFMAR; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '18 EASMAY; \$75,000 3yo '19 OBSWIN.

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4th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,776, (S), 4-25, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:01.30, ft, head.

MADDY MACHEN (m, 6, Machen--Miss Maddy Moo, by Bellamy Road) Lifetime Record: 17-2-2-3, \$36,976. O/B/T-J. Michael Baird (WV).

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Roadtriptonowhere, g, 3, **Air Force Blue**--Sure Route (GB) (MSP, \$201,163), by Ishiguru. Parx Racing, 4-26, 1m 70y, 1:44.93. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$54,120. B-Peter Magnier (KY). *\$80,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$90,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Divine Image (Scat Daddy), Hwt.-UAE- at 7 - 9 1/2 f., GSW-UAE, \$391,535.

A Wish for Trish, f, 3, **Creative Cause**--Boozin' Susan (SW-USA, GSP-Can, \$256,338), by French Deputy. Finger Lakes, 4-26, 4 1/2f, :53.91. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$21,739. B-Huntertown Farm LLC (KY). \$29,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. *1/2 to Be Mine (**Twirling Candy**), MGSP, \$103,395.

Colby Girl, f, 3, **Freud**--Smartlee Away (MSP, \$140,980), by Skip Away. Finger Lakes, 4-26, 4 1/2f, :53.58. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$21,518. B-David L. Smart (NY).

Cry Macho, c, 3, **Goldencents**--Union Mettle, by Dixie Union. Thistledown, 4-26, 5 1/2f, 1:06.40. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$20,640. B-Hardacre Farm LLC (FL). *\$30,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

Sweet Outlook, f, 3, **Outwork**--Moonlight Shea, by Colonel John. Thistledown, 4-26, (S), 6f, 1:13.20. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$23,520. B-Catherine B. Jacob & Paul Doughty (OH). *\$3,000 2yo '21 KEEDIG.

Celtic Heart, c, 4, **Malibu Moon**--Miss Valentine (MSW & GSP, \$602,500), by Afleet Alex. Parx Racing, 4-26, 7f, 1:26.40. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-3, \$53,530. B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY). *\$10,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.

Ridge. ALW, 4-26, Thistledown

Freud, Colby Girl, f, 3, o/o Smartlee Away, by Skip Away. MSW, 4-26, Finger Lakes

Frosted, Lady **Frosted**, f, 4, o/o Indulgence, by Macho Uno. AOC, 4-26, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Goldencents, Cry Macho, c, 3, o/o Union Mettle, by Dixie Union. MSW, 4-26, Thistledown

Goldencents, Ferrari Kid, c, 2, o/o Catch the Flag, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 4-26, Parx Racing

Machen, Maddy Machen, m, 6, o/o Miss Maddy Moo, by Bellamy Road. ALW, 4-25, Mountaineer

Malibu Moon, Celtic Heart, c, 4, o/o Miss Valentine, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 4-26, Parx Racing

Midnight Lute, T Bones Trick, g, 6, o/o Hopeful Union, by Dixie Union. AOC, 4-25, Turf Paradise

Midshipman, Inca Empire, g, 3, o/o Inca Miss, by Kipling. ALW, 4-26, Will Rogers

Mucho Macho Man, Macho Boy, g, 5, o/o Truly Charming, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 4-26, Finger Lakes

Outwork, Sweet Outlook, f, 3, o/o Moonlight Shea, by Colonel John. MSW, 4-26, Thistledown

Quality Road, Mojovation, g, 7, o/o Starship Warspeed, by Congrats. ALW, 4-26, Parx Racing

Senior Amigo, Quiet Amigo, g, 4, o/o Without a Sound, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 4-26, Thistledown

Violence, Purity, f, 3, o/o Maybellene, by **Lookin At Lucky**. ALW, 4-26, Thistledown

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Algorithms, Thedevilsalgorithm, g, 5, o/o No Little Angel, by Lord Carson. ALW, 4-26, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Cairo Prince, Grand Royale, g, 6, o/o Helluva Hangover, by Grand Slam. ALW, 4-26, Will Rogers

Creative Cause, A Wish for Trish, f, 3, o/o Boozin' Susan, by French Deputy. MSW, 4-26, Finger Lakes

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WC EQUINE BUILDING ON POSITIVE BEGINNINGS



Consigning duo Ellie Whitaker & Tegan Clark

By Nancy Sexton

Ellie Whitaker and Tegan Clark clearly remember the empty silence that followed an email blast out to the industry upon the launch of WC Equine.

"We had a list of trainers' emails," recalls Clark. "And we put together an email saying we're here, this is what we're doing, along with background of what we've done before, and emailed 93 of them."

Whitaker takes up the story. "We got three responses, all saying good luck! It's about selling a product at the end of the day and we didn't have a product to show people. We had all our social media set up but nothing to show for it. We just needed one person to send us one horse."

It is to the pair's credit, however, that they had already secured the regard of trainer Roger Varian as well as Brendan Morrin of Pier House Stud. A base at Robert Cowell's Bottisham Heath Stud in Six Mile Bottom also had plenty to recommend it, allowing Whitaker and Clark to take advantage of Newmarket's facilities without being in the hustle and bustle of the town itself. And so with a barn and the hope of a handful of horses to come, WC Equine was launched.

"We started with no horses," says Whitaker. "Then Kevin Philippart de Foy, who is a good friend of Tegan's, sent us our first yearling. [Cont. p2](#)

KINGMAN'S BOOK 1 SENSATION SCORCHES TO TDN RISING STARDOM

There was a buzz at the seaside track of Yarmouth surrounding **Akhu Najla (GB) (Kingman {GB})** on Tuesday and the Roger Varian-trained half-brother to Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) did not disappoint as he became the latest **TDN Rising Star** in 2022. Now the 17th of that ilk for the Banstead Manor resident, KHK Racing Ltd's top-priced colt at the 2020 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 at 2.7million guineas slammed the well-regarded Gosden runner **Knight of Honour (Ire)** (Decorated Knight {GB}) in the Norfolk venue's QuinnBet Best Odds Guaranteed Maiden S. over a mile. A neck second to Shadwell's exciting Ikhtiraaq (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) when Knight of Honour was a short head back in third on debut over seven furlongs at Leicester in October, the 8-11 shot travelled easily for David Egan racing away from the remainder in a share of the early lead. [Cont. p6](#)

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"We had also worked with Brendan Morrin at Pier House Stud and I would joke with him at the sales. If something good didn't sell, we'd keep asking 'can we breeze it, can we breeze it?'"

If you don't ask, you don't get, so the saying goes, and so it was with two Pier House Stud-bred fillies that WC Equine entered the breeze-up sector at last year's Tattersalls Guineas Sale. In the meantime, Varian had stuck to his word and sent a group of youngsters to the pair for pre-training. Their gratitude is tangible but it works both ways and Varian was evidently impressed enough to send another sizeable batch of young horses to them this season.

"I worked for Roger around the time he had Postponed, and he had always said 'give me a call when you set up'," says Clark. "And so I rang him to say we had a few boxes and he said, 'I'll definitely support you'.

He basically kept us afloat that first year--he was very good to us, and we've done a few more for him this year.

"But then I think the breeze-ups really motored us forward and sparked a bit of interest."

Of course, there is no better place to advertise than the public arena and while Clark and Whitaker were gaining respect as for their pre-training ability, it was arguably their debut effort at last year's Guineas Sale that drew greater attention to their name.

WC Equine headed to the sale with two fillies on behalf of Pier House Stud, namely a first-crop daughter of Aclaim (GB) and another from the first-crop of Galileo Gold (GB). Both found new homes but particularly impressive was the Aclaim filly,

who changed hands for 60,000gns to Rabbah Bloodstock.

"We liked her and we knew she was the better of the two," says Clark.



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"You'd pull up after a gallop and think, yes this is nice."

Whitaker adds, "We thought she was a nice filly but we went there thinking we'd be happy at 30,000gns. We kept her under wraps for the majority of the winter. The horse physically was always going to get there but it was about training her mind as much as anything else."

Sent to James Tate and named Royal Aclaim (Ire), she made a smart winning debut against colts less than a month later over 5f at Newcastle where her victims included none other Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}), subsequently winner of the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. who is now around a 10-1 shot for the 2000 Guineas, and Fearby (Ire) (Havana Gold {GB}), who would go on to run second in the G3 Molecomb S.

"The money wasn't the be all and end all," says Whitaker. "It was a bonus but it was seeing her go out and win, and saying the proof is in the pudding, we've done the job essentially. That was more rewarding than having a bit of cash in your pocket."



Ellie Whitaker & Tegan Clark of WC Equine

Fast-forward a year and WC Equine is thriving. By mid-March, the pair had broken in 60 yearlings in batches, with a waiting list of others to come in. Included in the mix are five breeze-up horses slated to fly the flag at this week's Tattersalls Guineas Sale in Newmarket.

It is the result of a deep grounding within the business allied with an appreciation of hard work and love of the animal.

"I was two when my mother first sat me on a horse," says Whitaker. "I did a lot of hunting and eventing. I sort of fell into racing.

"I was about 15 when I went to work for Mark Dwyer and I was there for about four years. I did the sales circuit for a year and then went to Roger Marley's [Church Farm Stables]. I went in as a head girl, I was 18 and chucked in at the deep end but I learnt a lot in a short space of time. I think you take a piece out of everything and put it into your own."



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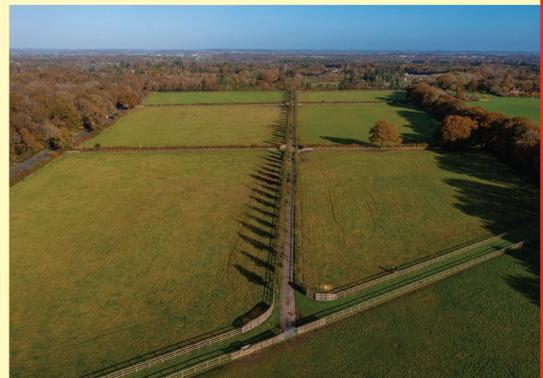
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"You learn in abundance with people like that--and also how not to do it. They both work extremely hard. Both him and Mark rode out back then. They'd get up, muck out, feed and ride out.

"Roger has been very helpful to us, and Mark and Blarney [Brendan Holland of Grove Stud] would be the same. They're always there to help. It's so competitive but they've been there to help and assist, and congratulate as well."

She continues, "I was with Roger for about a year and a half and from there I went to Newmarket and to the Godolphin pre-training yard on Hamilton Road, which was a whole different way of doing things. When they dispersed, I went to Charlie Appleby's at a time when he had good horses like Cross Counter and Line Of Duty. I broke in Pinatubo--it was year of some seriously good 2-year-olds there. It's not often you get on every lot and you go 'wow, that's ok'. It was a real eye-opener.

"And after that I came here to Robert's [Cowell]. I did two and a half years as a work rider and then launched WC."

South African-born Clark has a similarly deep background in racing.

"My first job in racing was with Olly Stevens and before we started here, I had worked in Newmarket for about four years," she says. "I did a season with Roger Varian and then worked the rest of time for Simon Crisford, who gave me the opportunity to go out to Dubai.

"I've been very lucky to be involved with some lovely horses. I remember riding Lightning Thunder, who was second in the 1000 Guineas. I took her up the canter and remember thinking 'this is a different class'. There was a real class to her, she did it

so easily and professionally.

"Postponed was at Roger Varian's when I was there, and just to be involved with a horse like him was amazing. When I was at Simon Crisford's, he had [G2 winner] Ostilio and [G1 miler] Century Dream. Ostilio was in my section, I had a couple of spins on him, and he was a lovely horse to deal with. I also did a

couple of seasons breaking in some horses with Richard Morgan-Evans. It's a seriously good operation, they work so hard, and he was very willing to help and teach."

Whitaker and Clark today operate at Bottisham Heath out of two barns and a stable block. They have access to a variety of gallops but also the luxury of being able to work the horses in town if needed.

"They will go into town for an educational canter," says Whitaker. "They'll do three or four bits in town but they'll do

most of their work here. We've proven that we can get them fit here.

"We've got walkers and we put in a lunge pit ourselves, which works well as an arena. We can put them in the dummy stalls, which are great, and there's the opportunity to turn them out as well."

Clark adds, "It's a good place to chill out, they can relax coming from town.

"This is something that we've always wanted to do. It's pretty basic but it works. They're really healthy barns. And we ride them all ourselves. When we had 15, we did everything pretty much ourselves--muck out all morning and ride all afternoon. Now we've got two riders coming in. So between all of us, we'd do five or six lots each."



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Lot 315 - Filly, Awtaad (IRE) x Hawaafez (GB)



- ▶ Half-sister **Rogue Millennium (IRE)** won on debut at Wetherby on Sunday
- ▶ Dam **Hawaafez (GB)** is Group 3 stakes winner (Cumberland Lodge S., Ascot)

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This year's WC Equine Guineas draft kicks off with **lot 146**, a first-crop daughter of **Sioux Nation**. By a sire quick off the mark with his runners, she is a half-sister to four winners and out of Luxie (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), a half-sister to the fast listed winner Mister Manannan (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}).

A real feather in the cap of their draft is the presence of a **Zarak (Fr)** filly. Catalogued as **lot 198**, she is the only filly to be catalogued to the sale by her sire, one of the most exciting young stallions in Europe, and is a granddaughter of G2 May Hill S. winner Nasheej (Swain {Ire}).

She is followed immediately into the ring by a **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** colt (**lot 199**), who is a half-brother to three winners and a member of the Doff The Derby (Master Derby) dynasty.

The draft is rounded out by a colt from the second crop of **Caravaggio (lot 227)**, who is closely related to G1-winning sprinter The Right Man (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), and a colt from the first crop of Cracksman (GB) (**lot 313**), who is a half-brother to listed winner Panstarr (GB) (Pivotal {GB}).

"We started with seven this season but that's down to five, which isn't bad although we'd like to have more," says Clark.

"It keeps us really busy. If you start expanding, what you do can be diluted and we're very hands-on, and we want to keep enjoying it. Yes we'd like to expand more but definitely not over the 50 mark overall. We're lucky to have a fantastic client base, they're very good to us and have been very supportive."

Whitaker concurs. "We'd be comfortable if the breeze-up side keeps expanding," she says. "We've gone from two to five. It's a big jump for us but still not as many we'd like."

She adds, "I think we have a nice bunch. But you've got to be realistic, you've got to know what you're galloping next to. We're riding them and that's an advantage as we know when they feel a bit off and you've got to take a pull, or if they're a bit fresh and you have to give them more. You've got to manage your expectations. Everything will happen on the day and we'll just have to see."

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Akhu Najla becomes new TDN Rising Star cont. from p1

In command before he was shaken up approaching the furlong marker, the bay opened up to beat his old rival by 6 1/2 lengths as Canters Well (Ire) (**Caravaggio**), who had useful form in Ireland last term, chased the runner-up a farther 3 1/4 lengths away. Varian is looking at the Listed Heron S. at Sandown May 26, with a view to using that race as a stepping stone to the June 14 G1 St James's Palace S. at the Royal meeting. Interestingly, that was also the route taken in 2018 by Without Parole (GB) (**Frankel** {GB}), who had also impressed at Yarmouth when making his 3-year-old bow at this meeting. "That was impressive and I think we'll stick to the mile with him just now, although he could get further," his trainer said.

The aforementioned Galileo Gold, who was the first foal out of Galicuix (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), captured the G1 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace as well as the G2 Vintage S., MG1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$1,369,565. Galicuix is a half to Goldream (GB) (**Oasis Dream** {GB}), who took the G1 King's Stand S., G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp and G3 Palace House S., while the third dam Cuixmala (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}) is a half-sister to the brilliant European champion and distinguished

sire Montjeu (Ire). After Akhu Najla, the dam has a yearling filly by Too Darn Hot (GB).

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2nd Dam: Clizia (Ire), by Machiavellian

3rd Dam: Cuixmala (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr)

(2,700,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,469. O-KHK Racing Ltd; B-Pantile Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian.

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Akhu Najla (Kingman) became the latest TDN Rising Star in 2022. Now the 17th of that ilk for the Banstead Manor resident, KHK Racing Ltd's top-priced colt at the 2020 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 at 2.7million gns won by 6 /2 lengths.

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WORDSWORTH TESTS CUP CREDENTIALS

One of Ballydoyle's most idle performers, the talented **Wordsworth (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) gets to go over two miles for the first time on Wednesday as he warms up for the Royal meeting in Ascot's G3 Longines Sagaro S. While the G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up and G1 Irish Derby third hardly quickens the pulse with his dour galloping style, the full-brother to Kew Gardens (Ire) could be a G1 Gold Cup horse through-and-through and we will know more after his encounter with the 2020 G1 Prix du Cadran heroine and 2021 Gold Cup runner-up **Princess Zoe (Ger)** (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) here.

The card also features the G3 Merriebelle Stables Commonwealth Cup Trial, or Pavilion S. as it is registered, where the G2 Railway S. winner and GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint runner-up **Go Bears Go (Ire)** (Kodi Bear {Ire}) pits his wits against the G2 Mill Reef S. one-two **Wings of War (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) and **Hierarchy (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) and a dark one in Shadwell's **TDN Rising Star Ehrasz (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}).

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TENDON INJURY COULD SEE OXTED OUT FOR 2022

Signs of tendon injury following preliminary scans could rule out Group 1-winning sprinter **Oxted (GB)** (Mayson {GB}) from a return to action for the year, his trainer Roger Teal has revealed. The winner of the G1 Darley July Cup in 2020, Oxted races for Tony Hirschfeld, Stephen Piper, David Fish and John Collins, and he added victory in last year's G1 King's Stand S. to his tally before finishing third when bidding to retain his July Cup crown. Now six, he has not been seen on the track since last summer after undergoing knee surgery to remove a floating bone chip. Teal had been aiming Oxted towards a seasonal comeback in the G2 Duke Of York S. at York's Dante meeting but an issue with his near foreleg prompted a scan of the potential injury.



Oxted last season | Emma Berry

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Wexford Native	Teofilo	Jim Bolger
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Nashwa	Frankel	John/Thady Gosden
Aesop's Fables	No Nay Never	Aidan O'Brien
Deneuve	No Nay Never	Aidan O'Brien
Akhu Najla	Kingman	Roger Varian



No Nay Never has two TDN Rising Stars in 2022. | Photo credit: Coolmore

"We are still not 100 per cent clear how bad the injury is, but obviously it has knocked us out of York and will probably knock us out for the rest of the season," said the trainer.

"We are going to have him re-scanned again next week and

then maybe, if there is some sort of miracle. I've been in this game long enough. It's probably more doubtful than not he will run again this year."

He continued, "He has a small tear in his tendon. Sometimes you can get away with a knock, so that's why we have to have him re-scanned, but we fear the worst. Once you have something there, it often develops into something worse."

"He is still relatively young as far as sprinters go and if we look after him now, hopefully

we can get him back."

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GODOLPHIN DUO SET FOR GUINEAS TEST



Native Trail after the G3 Craven S. | Emma Berry

Dual Derby-winning trainer Charlie Appleby came close to winning last year's QIPCO 2000 Guineas when Master Of The Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) was narrowly beaten by Poetic Flare (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**), and his Godolphin stable appears to hold two aces for the opening Classic of the British season. G3 Craven S. winner **Native Trail (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and **Coroebus (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) are currently first and second favourites for the 2000 Guineas ahead of the Aidan O'Brien-trained Luxembourg (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**).

"William [Buick] sat on Native Trail on Saturday and was very pleased with the way he galloped, and from what we have seen to date we are very pleased with how he has come out of the gallop most importantly," Appleby said in an update Godolphin.com. "James [Doyle] will get the ride on Coroebus. He sat on him on Saturday. He sat on him midweek as well as he hasn't ridden him in any of his races to date. He looks great and has definitely come forward for that racecourse gallop at Newmarket."

"We go in there with two live chances and we are very much looking forward to it. It will be an exciting weekend."

Appleby also runs G3 Fred Darling S. winner **Wild Beauty (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) in Sunday's QIPCO 1000 Guineas.

"[Wild Beauty] is a Grade I stakes winner in Canada. In the trial over seven [furlongs] in the Fred Darling she put up a brave performance and did it the right way round," he said. "We are confident going back up to the mile will see some further improvement from the trial."

The opening day of the Guineas meeting, which has reverted to a three-day format this year, sees the return to Britain of the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf winner Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The 4-year-old gelding was last seen finishing runner-up in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in March and on Friday he contests the

G2 Betfair Exchange Jockey Club S.

"Hopefully that will springboard him on to a trip to America for the Man O' War S.," said Appleby.

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INTERNATIONAL CAST EYE ROYAL MEET

Entries from nine countries appear on course for the eight Group 1 races at Royal Ascot, headlined by the world's three highest-rated sprinters: **Nature Strip (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}) (Australia, 124), **Golden Pal (Uncle Mo)** (USA, 121) and **Home Affairs (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) (Australia, 120). The Australian pair--who may face Golden Pal in the G1 King's Stand S. or contest the G1 Platinum Jubilee S.--are joined by fellow Australian invader **Artorius (Aus)** (Flying Artie {Aus}) (Anthony & Sam Freedman), set to run on the final day of the meeting.

Last year's G1 Everest winner Nature Strip has annexed eight Group 1 victories, including the G1 T J Smith S. at Randwick Apr. 2. Home Affairs took the G1 Lightning S. at Flemington in February. The race has been a key stepping-stone for Australia's five Royal Ascot winners--Choisir, Takeover Target, Miss Andretti, Scenic Blast and Black Caviar all winning the five-furlong King's Stand.

"We have nominated both Nature Strip and Home Affairs for the King's Stand S. and the Platinum Jubilee S. This is to keep our options open as anything can happen with horses but we should have an exciting Royal Meeting, that is for sure," said Chris Waller's assistant trainer and racing manager Charlie Duckworth. "Nature Strip has just come back into the stable after a short break following a busy racing preparation, while Home Affairs is back in work and going well. The plan is for both horses to do the majority of their work on home soil prior to travelling to England."



Golden Pal blitzing last season's G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint competition | Horsephotos

Cont.

Standing in the way of the Australian runners in the King's Stand is Golden Pal, sparkling winner of last fall's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. The four-year-old kicked off this season with a win in the G2 Shakertown S. at Keeneland Apr. 9.

"Golden Pal is doing great, he really is," said trainer Wesley Ward. "It was a powerful performance from him in the Shakertown--but it was a comeback and I really think his next run is going to be something special. He is a once in a lifetime horse--certainly the best I have ever had--and I think he will stamp that with his performance at Ascot if he runs like I am expecting him to.

"Physically, he is an awesome specimen now and mentally he is really coming into his own. I am just so excited to get him back over there."

Also slated to contest the Royal meeting for Ward, Platinum Jubilee S. contender **Campanelle (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) will bid to join a select group of horses to have won three different Royal Ascot races in successive years. The 4-year-old captured the G2 Queen Mary S. in 2020 and last year was second past the post in the G1 Commonwealth Cup before the placings were reversed due to interference.

"Barbara Banke [owner] and her team are so excited to get Campanelle back over there," added Ward. "She had a strong performance on her comeback win at Keeneland the other day. If you watch that race against some of the fastest fillies in the country, what she did was pretty impressive."

Representing Japan in the G1 Prince of Wales's S., G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner, **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) may accompanied from Japan by fellow Group 1-winning contender **Grenadier Guards (Frankel {GB})**, who will target the Platinum Jubilee.

Hideaki Fujiwara, trainer of Shahryar, said: "I discussed with the owner [Sunday Racing Co Ltd] about future plans after Shahryar won the Dubai Sheema Classic and we agreed that the next target for Shahryar must be the races with the highest profile in the world. I believe the Prince of Wales's S. is the ideal spot for the horse."



Shahryar winning on DWC night | Horsephotos

There are 16 entries representing the USA at today's Group 1 entry stage. Among them is a host of runners trained by Graham Motion (**Spendarella (Fr)** (Common Grounds {GB}), G1 Coronation S. and **Sy Dog (Slumber {GB})** (G1 St James's Palace S.) in addition to Brad Cox (**Caravel (Mizzen Mast)** (G1 King's Stand S.) or G1 Commonwealth Cup). Christophe Clement, who is responsible for last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner **Pizza Bianca (Fastnet Rock {Aus})**,

is targeting the Coronation S. The 3-year-old filly is owned by celebrity chef, Bobby Flay.

Clement said, "All options are open for Pizza Bianca after her second at Aqueduct last weekend. I am yet to have a discussion with the owner and suspect we will make a decision in the next two or three weeks. There is another stakes race in four weeks at Pimlico that she could go for and then from there you can go to Ascot. The filly will tell us what she wants to do but at the moment all options are wide open."

Clement may also be represented by **Slipstream (More Than Ready)** and stakes winner **Derrynane (Quality Road)**.

"Slipstream is very much on course for the Commonwealth Cup," he confirmed. "He won [the Listed Palisades S.] impressively at Keeneland in April and I don't think I will run him back before Ascot. This horse has a very good mind and goes on any ground. He is very mature as well having been a good 2-year-old last year. I think he is a good horse."

"I have also nominated a very fast filly called Derrynane. She is top-class but needs the ground on the firmer side. Similarly with Pizza Bianca, there is a stakes race for her [in the US] in late May and we may go there before deciding about the Commonwealth Cup."

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TOUR OF ROYAL YARDS TO CELEBRATE PLATINUM JUBILEE



Guided tours of the Royal Yards will be offered to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Royal trainers William Haggas, Michael Bell and John and Thady Gosden will open the doors of their stables for a series of Royal Yard Tours this summer to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Discover Newmarket will host the tours, which offer visitors a behind-the-scenes look at Somerville Lodge, Fitzroy House, and Clarehaven, where Her Majesty has horses in training. The royal trainers will also take guests to the Gallops--the training grounds around Newmarket. The full-day tour includes a visit to the National Stud, where a stallion parade will be conducted by the former manager of The Royal Studs in addition to a visit to the National Horseracing Museum, which The Queen opened in 2016 on the original site of Charles II's Palace and Stables.

Discover Newmarket is also providing the Newmarket's Racing Royalty Tour, which explores the town's connections with the monarchy for over 350 years, since Charles II's horse won the very first recorded horse race in history. A guided tour of Palace House is also included.

Royal Yard Tours cost £165 per person and are available May 31 (Somerville Lodge), July 1 (Fitzroy House), and a date to be announced (Clarehaven).

The Newmarket Racing Royalty Tour is offered at £40 per person and is available May 7, June 20, Sept. 3 and Oct. 14, or as a private tour for a £50 supplement.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, April 27

UNITED KINGDOM

Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}), Banstead Manor Stud
97 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:00-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Coraje (GB)
13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020; 6,000gns
Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2021

Havana Grey (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
115 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
17:00-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Mai Alward (GB)
15,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2021
17:00-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Topo Chico (Ire)
15,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2021

Massaat (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Mickley Stud
70 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:00-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Favourite Queen (GB)
5,500gns RNA Tattersalls February Sale 2021; £12,000 Goffs UK
Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud
162 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-ASCOT, 5f, Bakeel (GB)
€31,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2020; €77,000
Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2021

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700,000GNS BK 1 BUY DEBUTS AT ASCOT

15.00 Ascot, Cond, £20,000, 3yo, f, 7f 213yT

Godolphin's 700,000gns Tattersalls Oct Book 1 acquisition **ETERNAL PEARL (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**), representing Charlie Appleby and set to sport a first-time hood in this unveiling, is out of a stakes-winning half to last term's MGSW G1 Matron S. and G1 Prix de la Foret runner-up Pearls Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Her five opponents include Anthony Oppenheimer's once-raced winner **Kings Joy (GB)** (**Kingman (GB)**), who is out of a half-sister to G1SW sires **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** (Giant's Causeway) and Pedro The Great (Henrythenavigator), from the John and Thady Gosden stable.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

BRITISH EBF SUPPORTING RACING TO SCHOOL

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OAKS-Listed, £55,000, Nottingham, 4-26, 4yo/up, f, 10f 50yT, 2:13.21, g/f.

1--**NOON STAR, 126, f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Midday (GB)**

(Hwt. Older Mare-Eng- at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, MG1SP-Ire, \$3,438,502), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (KY); T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Ryan Moore. £31,191. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 6-3-1-1, \$78,049. *1/2 to Mori (GB) (**Frankel (GB)**), SW & GSP-Eng, \$101,596; Full to Midterm (GB), GSW-Aus, GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$381,378.

2--**Technique (GB)**, 126, f, 4, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Lifting Me Higher (Ire), by Sea the Stars (Ire). (24,000gns RNA Wlg '18 TATFOA; 40,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Mantonbury Stud; B-The Pocock Family (GB); T-Martyn Meade. £11,825.

3--**Angel Power (GB)**, 126, m, 5, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Burning Rules (Ire), by Aussie Rules. (35,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; 150,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT). O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Mrs James Wigan (GB); T-Roger Varian. £5,918.

Margins: HD, 3/4, 5HF. Odds: 0.73, 5.00, 3.30.

Also Ran: Lasting Legacy (GB). Scratched: Abstinence (GB).

Labelled a **TDN Rising Star** after her decisive defeat of Loving Dream (GB) (**Gleneagles (Ire)**) at Wetherby almost a year to the day, Noon Star found herself playing second fiddle to that subsequent G1 Prix de Royallieu heroine when sixth behind her on what would be her final start of 2021 in Royal Ascot's G2 Ribblesdale S. In between, the blueblood had split Snowfall (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Teona (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in the G3 Musidora S. at York so she remained an exciting 4-year-old prospect from Sir Michael Stoute's legion. Fresh and keen tracking the leader Angel Power throughout the early stages, the bay had her measure approaching the furlong pole and kept digging to ward off the G1 Nassau S. fourth Technique.

Noon Star is the sixth foal out of the outstanding triple G1 Nassau S. heroine Midday, who also annexed the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille. Her first was Galileo's Midterm (GB), winner of the G3 Sandown Classic Trial and G3 Manion Cup, while her second was the Listed Height of Fashion S. scorer and G2 Ribblesdale S. runner-up Mori (GB) (**Frankel (GB)**). A half to the G3 Hoppings S. winner Sun Maiden (GB) also by **Frankel** and the G3 Nell Gwyn S. scorer Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) from the family of Reams of Verse and Elmaamul, her 3-year-old colt High Moor (**War Front**) has yet to race while she also has a yearling filly by Shamardal.

1st-Brighton, £7,800, Nov, 4-26, 2yo, 5f 60yT, 1:01.68, g/f.

JUMBEAU (GB) (f, 2, Brazen Beau {Aus}--Jumeirah Street, by Street Cry {Ire}) broke and raced in a handy fourth through the initial fractions of this first go. Angled outside for a clear passage approaching the two pole, the 7-2 chance quickened to the front entering the final furlong and was pushed out to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Mustango (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}). Jumbeau, half-sister to a yearling colt by Harry Angel (Ire), is the first of two foals produced by Jumeirah Street (Street Cry {Ire}), herself out of a winning full-sister to MGSW GI Acorn S. runner-up Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union). Sales history: 2,000gns Ylg '21 TATFEB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,367.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-LPOG21 & Partners; B-Aileen Chua (GB); T-Tom Clover.

1st-Nottingham, £7,000, Novice, 4-26, 2yo, f, 5f 8yT, :58.43, g/f.

LOST ANGEL (IRE) (f, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Last Bid {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Vital Equine {Ire}), third on debut at Newmarket Apr. 12, showed instant pace to dispute the lead near the rail. In front at halfway, the 5-1 shot held on to beat Pillow Talk (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by half a length. The first two foals out of the speedy listed-placed dam were Dark Angel's dual listed-placed Maggies Angel (Ire) and Listed Knockaire S. third San Andreas (Ire), SP-Ire, \$181,399. From the family of the G3 Ballyogan S. winner Golden Nun (GB) (Bishop of Cashel {GB}), her yearling is also by Dark Angel. Sales history: 150,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,468.

O-Atlantic Equine; B-Grangemore Stud (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

ELLIOTT BLOODSTOCK SERVICES

2nd-Nottingham, £7,000, Novice, 4-26, 3yo, 8f 75yT, 1:44.96, g/f.

MARSOUL (FR) (c, 3, Shalaa {Ire}--Fazendera {Ire}, by Elusive City), who had disappointed when well-beaten in a Newbury maiden Apr. 16, raced in rear early. Brought to bear on the long-time leader New Dimension (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}) inside the final 150 yards, the 25-1 shot found more to upset that 1-3 favourite by a neck. The winner is the first foal out of a relative of the G3 Premio Mario Incisa scorer Aynthia (Zafonic), who also produced the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac third Copperbeech (Ire) (Red Ransom). Her 2-year-old filly is a full-sister to the winner. Sales history: €75,000 Wlg '19 ARQDE; 100,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$4,816.

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Dunmore Stud Limited (FR); T-Richard Hannon.



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2nd-Great Yarmouth, £7,300, Mdn, 4-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f 3yT, 1:23.08, g/f.

SHINING AL DANAH (IRE) (f, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Signora Queen {Fr} {SW-Ger}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who registered an Apr. 13 debut fifth going seven furlongs at Newmarket in her only prior start, broke smartly and gained an immediate lead underneath the stands' side fence. Untroubled on the front end throughout, the 5-2 second choice was hustled along just before the quarter-mile marker and lengthened further clear before gearing down late to prevail by four lengths from Aiming High (GB) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Shining Al Danah, kin to a 2-year-old colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus), is the second foal and scorer out of Listed Baden-Baden Cup victrix Signora Queen (Fr) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), herself the leading performer produced by an unraced daughter of G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning European champion Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,023.

O-Saeed Jaber; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-John & Thady Gosden.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Espresso (GB), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Elas Diamond (GB) (SP-Eng), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Ayr, 4-26, 7f 50yT, B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *65,000 RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT. **1/2 to Elas Ruby (GB) (Raven's Pass), SW-Eng & GSP-Fr.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Lyon Parilly, €27,000, Cond, 4-26, 2yo, 5fT, :58.71, vsf.
MANHATTAN JUNGLE (IRE) (f, 2, Bungle Inthejungle {GB}--Skylight {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), who snagged a five-furlong newcomers' heat at Chantilly in her Apr. 13 unveiling last time, was swiftly into stride and led from the outset of this return. In command throughout, the 7-5 favourite was pushed along with 350 metres remaining and ridden out in the closing stages to easily account for Sabya (Fr) (Pedro The Great) by 1 3/4 lengths. Manhattan Jungle is the third foal and scorer produced by a winning granddaughter of Listed Criterium de l'Ouest and Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit placegetter Plissetskaia (Fr) (Caerleon). The January-foaled bay is kin to a yearling filly by **Sioux Nation**. Sales history: €20,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €27,000. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
 O-MacAuliffe, Don, De Souza; B-P F Headon (IRE); T-A Murphy.

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6th-Lyon Parilly, €20,000, Cond, 4-26, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.62, vsf.
NORWEGIAN SIR (FR) (h, 5, Kendargent {Fr}--Norwegian Princess {Ire}, by Fairy King) Lifetime Record: 28-5-3-3, €130,761. O-Guy Pariente & Cedric Boutin; B-Guy Pariente Holding & Cedric Boutin (FR); T-Cedric Boutin. *Full to Princegargent (Fr), SW & GSP-Fr, \$104,617; and 1/2 to Private Jet (Fr) (Aussie Rules), SW & GSP-Fr, \$216,333.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pendulum Valley (Fr), c, 3, Attendu (Fr)--Galilee (Fr), by Mr. Sidney. Lyon Parilly, 4-26, 12fT, 2:44.72. B-Haras du Quesnay (FR). *€47,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Gourmet (Fr) (Dunkerque {Fr}), MSP-Fr.
Tekao (Fr), c, 3, Doctor Dino (Fr)--Texaloula (Fr), by Kendor (Fr). Lyon Parilly, 4-26, 10fT, 2:15.56. B-SCEA des Prairies, Benoit & Thomas Jeffroy (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Franky-fourfingers (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}), GSW-UAE, MSP-Fr & SP-Spa, \$546,842; and Cap Sizun (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}), SP-Fr.
Ability (Ger), f, 3, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Atiara (Ger), by Pivotal (GB). Lyon Parilly, 4-26, 12fT, 2:44.72. B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Areo (GB) (Medicean {GB}), MGSP-Ger; Atiara (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), SP-Ger; and Area (Ger) (Maxios {GB}), SP-Ger.



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Wednesday, Ascot, post time: 15:35

THE LONGINES SAGARO STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3) (A GOLD CUP TRIAL)-G3, £80,000, 15f 209y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Calling The Wind (Ire)	Authorized (Ire)	Mrs J. A. Wakefield	Richard Hughes	Pat Dobbs	128
2	Enemy (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Tracey Bell & Caroline Lyons	Ian Williams	William Buick	128
3	Nayef Road (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr Mohamed Obaida	Charlie & Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	128
4	Quickthorn (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Lady Blyth	Hughie Morrison	Tom Marquand	128
5	Tashkhan (Ire)	Born To Sea (Ire)	Mr P. Boyle	Brian Ellison	Ben Robinson	126
6	Wordsworth (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	126
7	Princess Zoe (Ger)	Jukebox Jury (Ire)	Patrick F. Kehoe/Mrs.P.Crampton	Anthony Mullins	Joseph Sheridan	125

Breeders: 1-Mount Brilliat Broodmares 11 LLC, 2-Ecurie des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc, 3-B V Sangster, 4-Lemington Grange Stud, 5-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC, 6-Barronstown Stud, 7-Gestut Hony-Hof

Wednesday, Ascot, post time: 16:10

THE MERRIBELLE STABLES COMMONWEALTH CUP TRIAL STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3) (REGISTERED AS THE PAVILION STAKES)-G3, £80,000, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wings of War (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Isa Salman Al Khalifa	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	131
2	Ehraz (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Richard Hannon	Jim Crowley	127
3	Go Bears Go (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Amo Racing Limited & P Waney	David Loughnane	Rossa Ryan	127
4	Hierarchy (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mr David Howden & Qatar Racing	Hugo Palmer	Cieren Fallon	127
5	Space Cowboy (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Rebel Racing Premier IV	Richard Spencer	Ryan Moore	127

Breeders: 1-Grangemore Stud, 2-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 3-Micheal D Ryan, 4-Mountain View Stud & Tally-Ho Stud, 5-Lemongrove Stud

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I AM INVINCIBLE BACK TO CAREER HIGH



I Am Invincible will stand for \$274,500 | Yarraman Park

By Jessica Owers

Yarraman Park Stud announced its stallion fees on Tuesday and with I Am Invincible climbing back to his career-high fee, we caught up with Director Arthur Mitchell about the decision to keep the star sire at a 'fair and reasonable' figure, and how it might shape the rise of Hellbent.

On Tuesday, Yarraman Park Stud released its fees for its pair of stallions, the elite I Am Invincible and his Group 1-winning son Hellbent. There were few surprises when I Am Invincible, heading into his 13th breeding season, was announced at \$247,500 (inc GST).

It brings the rising 18-year-old stallion back to his career-high stud fee, equalling his pre-COVID, 2019 figure and, according to Arthur Mitchell, co-director of Yarraman Park Stud, it's both fair and reasonable.

"He's back to that pre-COVID fee or thereabouts," Mitchell said. "We reduced him for 2020, thinking we were going to hit a bit of a downturn, so we've just brought him back up to that fee that he was at a couple of years ago.

"Most people we've spoken to, and the horse is fully booked already, are very happy with the fee. They think it's fair and I do too."

I Am Invincible was reduced to \$209,000 (inc GST) two years ago, and last year he crept up to \$220,000 (inc GST).

Throughout, his books remained robust at 193 mares.

"We've put him at that fee this year and, to be honest, I think we could have stood him at more," Mitchell said. "But we thought that was a fair fee because a lot of people have supported him for a long time now, so it was the right fee to put him at to give everyone a chance."

By Name, by Numbers

Right now, I Am Invincible sits just behind So You Think (NZ) on the sires' premiership by earnings. By winners, he's clear of Written Tycoon and Snitzel.

The stallion's overall stats read remarkably, with 75 stakes winners for 45 Group winners. His progeny has netted close to \$130 million in earnings, and his winners to runners ratio is 78 per cent.

This season, he's had Home Affairs win the G1 Lightning S. and, in New Zealand, Imperatriz a pair of Group 1 races. He's had Marabi win the G1 Oakleigh Plate, not to mention the eight total stakes winners he's clocked this racing year alone.

"He has worked pretty hard to get to where he is," Mitchell said. "He started at a very low base, and for the first four years he didn't cover that many exciting mares. So in the last five years, he has probably covered the good mares, and now he's covering the elite mares."



Arthur Mitchell | Bronwen Healy

I Am Invincible entered stud in 2010. For the first four years he was \$11,000 (inc GST), after which he spiked to \$27,500 (inc GST) and then \$55,000 (inc GST), where he stayed for two years before reaching a six-figure fee.

Mitchell says it was a humble rise to excellence, and he's still hoping the horse can land the sires' premiership this year.

"I'd like to hope we can get Champion Sire this year," he said. "That's what we're dreaming about, but the wet tracks work against him quite a lot. Obviously, this eastern seaboard wet-weather has made it tricky for him because his progeny aren't really effective on wet tracks."

I Am Invincible is in the rarest air among sires this spring upcoming.

Last week, Extreme Choice was announced at \$275,000 (inc GST), while Arrowfield put Snitzel back to his pre-COVID best of \$220,000 (inc GST).

"Talking to people, I haven't heard anyone say anything negative about the fee we've set," Mitchell said.

"I've heard a bit of whingeing about some other stallions, but I think a lot of people thought we would stand him for a good bit more.

"It's what we decided to do because we wanted to be fair, and as long as people want to send their mares to him, it's important to us that they can get a return in the sale ring or on the racecourse."

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Hellbent on Success

Since 2010, Yarraman Park Stud has managed the progression of I Am Invincible to his dizzy heights. In a way, it's been good fodder for his son Hellbent, who is entering his fifth spring on the farm.

Hellbent has been announced this week at an unchanged fee of \$22,000 (inc GST), which will mark three years at that service fee.

"Hellbent had a better start to stud than I Am Invincible because he was syndicated," Mitchell said. "I think Hellbent has had better mares, and we think he's started well. Again, he's a bit held back by these wetter tracks, but he certainly had stronger books of mares than I Am Invincible at comparative points of their careers."

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