



## RECORDS FALL AS MIDLANTIC SALE CONCLUDES



**Bernardini colt tops FT Midlantic Tuesday | Fasig-Tipton**

by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, MD - With a \$3.55-million son of Bernardini providing the auction's biggest fireworks, the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale concluded another record-setting renewal in Timonium Tuesday.

At the conclusion of business, 391 horses had sold for a gross of \$37,297,700--bettering the sale's previous high mark of \$33,692,000 set just last year. The average of \$95,391 was another record, bettering the mark of \$94,375 set last year. The median dipped to \$47,000, just 6% off the 2020 record of \$50,000.

"Last year was such a wow year and, when I come to the next year, I always ask, can we exceed what we did last year," said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sales Director Paget Bennett. "And we certainly blew it out of the park. Next year could be tough. We are tickled to death with records for average and gross and record price for a horse sold in Maryland."

The median was the auction's only statistic to fail to surpass its 2021 high-water mark.

"The middle market was a little tough," Bennett admitted. "People were commenting that they couldn't sell a horse for \$40,000 or \$50,000, but they were selling them for \$20,000. And then they were selling for \$100,000 or \$200,000. That was a surprise and some people asked where were the Maryland trainers. I guess they felt some were missing." **Cont. p3**

## DON'T FORGET THE OTHER NAME ON THE TICKET by Chris McGrath

Most of us have voted early, and voted often, when it comes to the biggest impact recently made by a new stallion--and now, it seems, we've celebrated his official inauguration. Because a Classic winner for **Gun Runner** rounds out the narrative that so excited everybody last year, when his first juveniles showed such startling speed and precocity relative to his own Horse of the Year campaign, around two turns as a 4-year-old. Sure, **Gun Runner** himself managed to win his first two (of three) juvenile starts, and then added the two big Fair Grounds trials before making the GI Kentucky Derby podium. But it was only in maturity that he reached full potential, streaking through five Grade 1s by an aggregate 27 1/2 lengths. Given the Classic influences in his pedigree, he was surely only getting started when a GI Hopeful winner and champion 2-year-old filly contributed to a first-crop earnings record of \$4.3 million. **Cont. p9**

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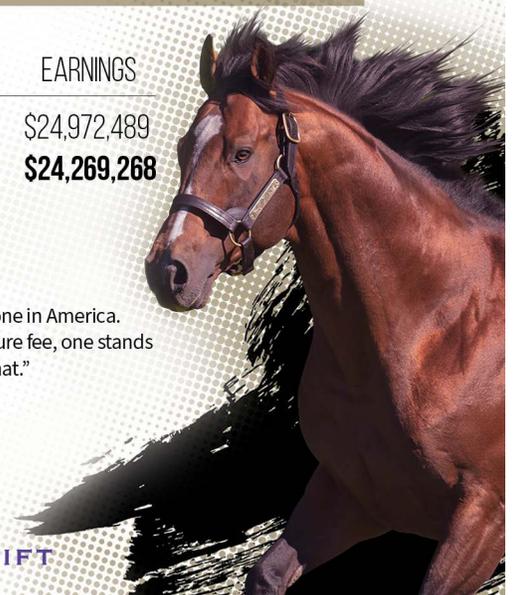
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*Hip 385 sells for a sales-record \$3.55 million on Tuesday at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. | Fasig-Tipton*

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**F-T Midlantic Sale cont.**

Some buyers stepped in to take advantage of the softer middle market. David Meah of Meah/Lloyd Bloodstock was pleased with the six horses he is taking home from Timonium.

“I found a lot of very nice horses here,” Meah said. “It’s a great sale. I think the market has leveled out a little bit, so it’s a bit easier to buy, which is great for me personally. We managed to buy six so far, so we’ve been very happy with the market and what was on offer here.”

Meah continued, “It’s been extremely hard to buy for the last 12, even 18 months, but I think it’s just diluted a little bit now, come May. I found it a lot easier to buy horses this week.”

Raul Reyes’s Kings Equine sold 25 of 33 horses through the ring this week and enjoyed a number of pinhooking scores.

“I think the market was great,” Reyes said.

Of a potentially soft middle market, he added, “It’s been that

way ever since I can remember.”

With an eye-catching **:9 4/5** bullet breeze, **hip 385** was no secret when he entered the sales ring Tuesday and when the dust had settled after a bidding duel between West Point



Tuesday’s session topper | Fasig Tipton

Thoroughbreds and Gary Young, Young had secured the youngster for Amr Zedan for a sale record \$3.55 million. The colt was the most expensive Thoroughbred ever sold at public auction in the state of Maryland, bettering the previous record of \$1.8 million set by Gamine at the Midlantic auction in 2019. It was the eighth straight year that the Midlantic sale had produced a seven-figure juvenile.

“It just goes to show people can feel confident about bringing

that type of horse to the marketplace here in Maryland,”

Bennett said of the record colt. “My goal has always been to have two seven-figure horses, but I will take a \$3.55 million one. I hope we get him on the cover one day.”

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## Bernardini Smashes Records in Timonium

A colt by Bernardini (**hip 385**), who advertised himself with a :9 4/5 work last week, ignited a bidding duel between West Point Thoroughbreds and bloodstock agent Gary Young in the Midlantic sale ring Tuesday. Young, doing his bidding out back while standing alongside advisor Charlie Boden and trainer Bob Baffert and on the phone with Saudi businessman Amr Zedan, answered every bid from the West Point team doing its bidding at the back of the pavilion to ultimately secure the colt for a sales-record \$3.55 million.

“Obviously, we thought he was a standout and other people did as well,” Young said. “Mr. Zedan was on the phone with me. Originally, we were going to go to \$2.5 million, but he just kept answering. He said, ‘Up to \$2.5 million, it’s yours. After that, you’ve got to have me on the phone.’ I kept asking and he kept answering.”



Becky Thomas | Fasig Tipton

The juvenile was consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock on behalf of his breeders Chester and Mary Broman. He is out of G Note (**Medaglia d'Oro**), a daughter of graded winner Seeking the Ante (Seeking the Gold) and half to stakes winner Mineralogist (**Mineshaft**), as well as to the dam of this year's GII Rebel S. winner Un Ojo (Laoban).

“He did everything,” Young said. “He went :9 4/5 and in the videos, sometimes horses when they straighten up the backstretch they are pretty well spent, but he just kept firing up the backstretch. His third furlong was super.”

On behalf of Zedan, Young purchased a son of **Uncle Mo** (**hip 206**) for \$2.3 million and a colt by **Justify** (**hip 11**) for \$600,000 at the OBS Spring sale last month. At the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream, Zedan purchased a colt by **Nyquist** (**hip 62**) for \$700,000.

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## SIX FIGURE SUCCESS AT FT TIMONIUM

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Hip 516, c, \$300,000

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Consignor: Wavertree Stables Inc.,  
(Ciaran Dunne) Agent IX



HIP 516, \$300,000



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All four purchases reflect Zedan's desire to get back to the GI Kentucky Derby, where he was represented last year by the ill-fated Medina Spirit (Protonico).

"You don't think of Bernardinis as :9 4/5 horses, as much as he's been a good sire for a long time, you think of horses that run longer," Young said. "And that's what Mr. Zedan wants. He has Derby fever. That's his main focus. We will know in about five or six months how this turns out."

Young said Tuesday's acquisition would likely conclude Zedan's 2-year-old purchases this year.

Hip 385 is the most expensive Thoroughbred sold at public auction in the state of Maryland, surpassing the \$1.8 million set by Gamine at this sale in 2019. It was the eighth consecutive year that a horse selling at the Midlantic 2-year-old sale sold for seven figures.

Longtime New York breeders, the Bromans began selling select offerings as part of an estate planning program four years ago. The planning got a jump start with the \$2-million Chestertown (Tapit), who topped the 2019 OBS March sale and is campaigned by a partnership that includes West Point Thoroughbreds and the Bromans themselves. Chestertown's half-brother by Into Mischief sold for \$1 million at this year's March sale.

"It's huge," Sequel's Carlos Manresa said of Tuesday's record-setting result. "It just goes to show how much the Bromans can be rewarded for the time that they have put into breeding these mares and keeping these families. It's especially wonderful to have Mr. Broman here for the sale. Whenever we feel like we have something that we think is really going to be exciting, he likes to be here for it. This was certainly an event that called for him to be here."

Describing the colt's progression, Manresa said, "He's always been really calm around the barn. He is really well behaved and really well mannered. He gallops so calmly, but when we asked him to go fast, he went really fast."

The colt became the first horse in a decade to shade :10 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds when he worked during last week's under-tack show.

"We knew he would go fast, we just didn't know he'd go quite that fast," Manresa admitted. "We never expected a :9 4/5, but we were very pleased that he gave it to us."

Manresa said the result was gratifying for the entire Sequel team.

"Any time you can be part of a horse that brings seven figures, it's really special," he said. "Not just for me, but for everyone at the farm. Everyone is watching from home and they are all texting me and congratulating us, from the grooms, to the guy who does our track, to the blacksmith that does his feet every month. It's a wonderful team."

### Patience Pays for Kinder



Hip 443 breezes :10 1/5 last week | Fasig-Tipton

Breeders Ralph Kinder and Erv Woolsey had no hesitation when taking home their American Pharoah filly (hip 443) after she RNA'd for \$145,000 at the OBS March sale following a :10 1/5 work over the synthetic surface in Ocala. Rerouted to Maryland, the filly worked a furlong in a bullet :10 flat over the dirt last week and rewarded the partners' decision when selling for \$500,000 to trainer Cherie DeVaux.

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“She did not like the surface down there, she didn't relax over the surface,” Kinder said of the OBS work. “She's a better horse on the dirt. She galloped out great here and her video was off the chart.”

The filly is out of Jordan's Henny (Henny Hughes), who won the 2018 GIII Hurricane Bertie S. and placed in four additional graded races for Woolsey and Kinder, and is a third generation product of their breeding program.

“We raised her and still have her granddam--all three generations--that's the third generation,” Kinder said. “We were a little hesitant to sell her because we race as well.”

Asked why the partners had decided to sell the filly, Kinder laughed and said, “Economics.”

### Another Filly for Black Type Team

The Black Type Thoroughbreds partnership has already had success buying gray fillies from Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables consignment and went back to that formula when purchasing a daughter of Malibu Moon (**hip 487**) for \$500,000 Tuesday in Timonium. The group, founded by Jake Ballis, purchased Grade I placed Up in Smoke (**The Big Beast**) for \$230,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale.

“We love fillies,” Black Type's Maddie Mattmiller said after signing the ticket on the filly alongside Ballis and television personality Jonathon Kinchen, a newcomer to the partnership. “We have had good luck with gray fillies off of Ciaran Dunne. He has always given us good advice when we've found one we like over there.”

Hip 487 is out of Lorelei True (Unbridled's Song), a half-sister to graded winner Sparky Ville (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). The juvenile's third dam is Win Crafty Lady (Crafty Prospector), who produced Harmony Lodge, Graeme Hall and Win McCool.



Hip 487 | Fasig-Tipton

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“She was a big filly with a ton of leg under her,” Mattmiller said of the filly’s appeal. “She looks like she can go two turns. She carried herself well and she has good pedigree behind her, out of an Unbridled’s Song mare.”

The Lehigh Bloodstock pinhooking partnership that includes Dunne and Kirk Wycoff purchased the filly for \$110,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. A newcomer to the Black Type partnership, Kinchen also teamed up with Ballis and Mattmiller to purchase a colt by Mosler (hip 454) for \$165,000 earlier in the session. “I’ve known Maddie and Jake for a long time, so when I decided to do this, I was obviously going to do it with their guidance,” Kinchen said. “We are excited about it. [Hip 487] will go to New York and likely be with George Weaver. We can keep an eye on her all summer while we are up in Saratoga. It should be a lot of fun.”

Mattmiller added, “We love Jonathon’s support. We are excited to have him in the Black Type team. We have a good group of guys, so Jonathon only adds to that excitement.”

### Reyes Scores With Bolt d'Oro Colt

Raul Reyes of Kings Equine cashed in on the popularity of first-crop sire Bolt d'Oro Tuesday in Timonium when selling a colt by the Spendthrift stallion (hip 364) for \$500,000 to Holly and David Wilson. Reyes purchased the youngster for \$40,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“He looked really nice, very strong and very handsome,” Reyes said of his initial impressions of the colt. “I got lucky. He was late on a day in the sale and I had a chance to buy him right. He kept developing the right way. He got bigger and he never went the other way.”

Out of Australian stakes winner Forever Discreet (Aus), the dark bay colt worked a furlong in a bullet :10 flat during last week’s under-tack show.

“Every year, I try something different,” Reyes said of his approach to the Maryland sale. “You don’t always hit it. I brought the Bolt d'Oro, a first-year sire, and he did great. You never know what horse is going to work out. Just when you think you’ve got it, it goes different.”

Eight juveniles by Bolt d'Oro sold at the two-day auction for an average of \$309,625, topped by a \$675,000 colt sold by Pike Racing to Spendthrift Farm and Frank Fletcher Racing during Monday’s first session.

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE TUESDAY'S TOP COLTS

HIP	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (\$)
385	<b>Bernardini--G Note</b> <i>Breeder: Chester &amp; Mary Broman (NY)</i> <i>Consignor: Sequel Bloodstock,</i> <i>Agent for Chester &amp; Mary Broman</i> <i>Purchaser: Gary Young, agent for Zedan Racing</i>	3,550,000
364	<b>Bolt d'Oro--Forever Discreet (Aus)</b> <b>(\$40,000 yrl '21 KEESEP)</b> <i>Breeder: Spendthrift Farm (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Kings Equine, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Holly &amp; David Wilson</i>	500,000
515	<b>Justify--Mezinka</b> <b>(\$275,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR; \$150,000 yrl '21 KEESEP)</b> <i>Breeder: Breed First (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds, Agent IV</i> <i>Purchaser: Harlo Stable</i>	400,000
399	<b>Bolt d'Oro--Halo Hollie</b> <b>(\$200,000 yrl '21 FTKOCT)</b> <i>Breeder: Four Bucks Racing (Pa)</i> <i>Consignor: Julie Davies LLC, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Cash Is King LLC</i>	350,000
542	<b>Bolt d'Oro--My Fair Lily</b> <b>(\$75,000 i/u '19 KEENOV)</b> <i>Breeder: Forty Oaks (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Randy Miles, Agent XII</i> <i>Purchaser: West Bloodstock, Agent for Repole Stable</i>	335,000



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• Catalogued	316	303
• No. Offered	251	216
• No. Sold	219	187
• RNAs	32	29
• % RNAs	12.7%	13.4%
• High Price	\$3,550,000	\$625,000
• No. Over \$500k	4	1
• Gross	\$21,542,000	\$17,865,500
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HIP	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (\$)
<b>487</b>	<b>Malibu Moon--Lorelei True</b> (\$110,000 yrl '21 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Machmer Hall (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VIII</i> <i>Purchaser: Maddie Mattmiller, agent for J Kinchen &amp; Black Type Thoroughbreds</i>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>443</b>	<b>American Pharoah--Jordan's Henny</b> <i>Breeder: Erv Woolsey &amp; Ralph Kinder (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: McKathan Bros. Sales, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Cherie DeVaux, agent</i>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>474</b>	<b>Justify--Lemhill Basr</b> (\$140,000 yrl '21 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Tom McCrocklin, Agent II</i> <i>Purchaser: Robert Garrett/Scattered Acres, Chris Hartman, agent</i>	<b>450,000</b>
<b>414</b>	<b>Nyquist--How My Heart Works</b> (\$200,000 yrl '21 EASOCT) <i>Breeder: Bowman &amp; Higgins Stable (Md)</i> <i>Consignor: Cary Frommer LLC, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Oracle Bloodstock, agent</i>	<b>450,000</b>
<b>330</b>	<b>Cloud Computing--Elbe (GB)</b> (\$135,000 yrl '21 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Barbazon Racing &amp; Racing and Pedigree Partners (Fl)</i> <i>Consignor: Top Line Sales LLC, Agent III</i> <i>Purchaser: Cherie DeVaux, agent</i>	<b>400,000</b>

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## FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE -- TUESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<b>330</b>	filly	<b>Cloud Computing</b>	<b>Elbe (GB)</b>	<b>400,000</b>
Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, agent Purchased by Cherie DeVaux, agent Bentley Bloodstock purchased this filly for \$135,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.				
<b>339</b>	filly	<b>Upstart</b>	<b>Etsu</b>	<b>350,000</b>
Consigned by Mason Springs LLC, agent Purchased by First Row Ptns, BSW/Crown, agent Crystal and Marcus Ryan's Mason Springs purchased this filly for \$47,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.				
<b>348</b>	colt	<b>Curlin</b>	<b>Faypien</b>	<b>165,000</b>
Consigned by De Meric Sales, agent Purchased by John Servis, agent Tami Bobo's First Finds purchased this colt for \$55,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.				
<b>364</b>	colt	<b>Bolt d'Oro</b>	<b>Forever Discreet (Aus)</b>	<b>500,000</b>
Consigned by Kings Equine, agent Purchased by Holly & David Wilson Raul Reyes's Kings Equine purchased this colt for \$40,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The operation enjoyed further success Tuesday when selling a filly by Violence (hip 480) for \$150,000 to trainer Linda Rice. The New York-bred, who worked a bullet furlong in :10 flat, had been purchased for \$30,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Yearlings Sale.				
<b>381</b>	filly	<b>Central Banker</b>	<b>Glaze</b>	<b>135,000</b>
Consigned by Classic Bloodstock, Agent XII Purchased by Mentz/Harson/Robertson EXL Racing purchased this New York-bred filly for \$15,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October sale last year.				
<b>414</b>	filly	<b>Nyquist</b>	<b>How My Heart Works</b>	<b>450,000</b>
Consigned by Cary Frommer LLC, agent Purchased by Oracle Bloodstock, agent Cary Frommer purchased this filly out of the Timonium sales ring for \$200,000 at last year's Midlantic Fall sale.				



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CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2022	2021
• Catalogued	636	587
• No. Offered	482	426
• No. Sold	391	357
• RNAs	91	69
• % RNAs	18.9%	16.2%
• High Price	\$3,550,000	\$1,500,000
• No. Over \$500k	9	4
• Gross	\$37,297,700	\$33,692,000
• Average (% change)	\$95,391 (+1.1%)	\$94,375
• Median (% change)	\$47,000 (-6.0%)	\$50,000

**454 colt Mosler Keep Right 165,000**

Consigned by Grassroots Training and Sales LLC  
 Purchased by Maddie Mattmiller,  
 agent for J Kinchen & Black Type TB

David McKathan and Jody Mihalic's Grassroots Training and Sales acquired this colt for \$27,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall sale. Later in the session, the operation sold a colt by Golden Lad (**hip 523**) for \$215,000 to Rockingham Ranch. The chestnut had bene purchased for \$32,000 at the Fasig Midlantic Fall sale.

**456 filly Friesan Fire Kiss in the Forest 350,000**

Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, Agent XII  
 Purchased by Murette Farrell, Agent for Exline-Border Racing LLC

Tom McCrocklin signed the ticket at \$50,000 to acquire this filly for \$50,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

**538 filly Sharp Azteca Munjazaat 300,000**

Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, Agent V  
 Purchased by Ten Strike Racing

Omar Ramirez purchased this filly for \$50,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. The youngster, from the first crop of GI Cigar Mile H. winner **Sharp Azteca**, turned in a bullet furlong work in **:10 flat** last week.

**575 filly Brody's Cause Pinch Me 250,000**

Consigned by Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent I  
 Purchased by Tom Durant

Woodford Thoroughbreds acquired this filly for \$120,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

**602 filly Klimt Queen Mercury 205,000**

Consigned by De Meric Sales, agent  
 Purchased by Commonwealth New Era Racing

Bloodstock agent Nick Hines signed the ticket at \$20,000 to take this filly home from the Fasig-Tipton October sale.

**Gun Runner cont. from p1**

Sure enough, this spring **Gun Runner** had already followed through with winners of the GI Arkansas Derby and GI Santa Anita Derby, and now Early Voting has sealed the deal in the GI Preakness S.

We know that a ruthless price is exacted from young stallions if failing to capitalize on the one opportunity they tend to be given by commercial breeders, and even **Gun Runner**--despite having absolutely lived up to his billing at the yearling sales--was trimmed by Three Chimneys last year from \$70,000 to \$50,000, just to keep him in the game pending the launch of his first runners. But while many peers have meanwhile begun the usual, inexorable slide, he had already been hoisted to \$125,000 for this spring and has been quick to reassure investors that his advent among the elite will be as lasting as it has been unmistakable.



**Gun Runner** | *EquiSport Photos*

By this stage, then, nobody still needs to be told that **Gun Runner** is a landslide success. But let's not forget the second name on the ticket. Because the other half of his genetic equation is certainly going to assist **Early Voting**, as and when he gets the chance to open up the next frontier for **Gun Runner**--as a sire of sires.

Pitch it short or drive it long, Early Voting's maternal family will sit very prettily in a stallion brochure. His dam is a Tiznow half-sister to an outstanding stallion in **Speightstown**; and full sister to a highly accomplished runner in the tragic Irap. And the quality of this dynasty--which eventually unspools, as seventh dam, to the Virginia matriarch Hildene--can be judged by reminding ourselves that **Speightstown**, though a first foal, brought \$2 million as a yearling.

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The line admittedly tapers pretty thinly by the time it reaches Hildene, foaled in 1938 and a foundation mare at Christopher T. Chenery's Meadow Farm, eventually famed for the nativity of Secretariat. Though Hildene (like her first two dams) was mediocre on the track, and apparently a bleeder, her five stakes winners included Hill Prince, Horse of the Year in 1950; and First Landing, champion juvenile of 1958.

First Flush was one of Hildene's less distinguished foals, unplaced in a light career. But if that seemed unsurprising in view of her paternity--her sire had won steeplechases in France--the fact is that she went on to prove a fertile source of stakes performers and/or producers. These included Copper Canyon, whose sire Bryan G. had been selected after coming up with triple champion Cicada from one of First Flush's half-sisters. Three of Copper Canyon's daughters would go on to produce Grade I winners, including an unraced daughter of the great Buckpasser named Insilca who delivered GI Turf Classic Inv. scorer Turk Passer (Turkoman).

Insilca's daughter by Bold Ruler's son Chieftain, Silken Doll, ran up a sequence of four as a sophomore (crowned with a stakes win) before in turn becoming quite a useful producer. Her foals included a Group 1-placed juvenile (admittedly regressive after) in Britain by Silver Hawk; the dam of GII Indiana Derby winner/GI King's Bishop runner-up Star Dabbler (Saint Ballado); and a Storm Cat filly named Silken Cat, whose three proessional wins round Woodbine qualified her as Canada's leading 2-year-old filly of 1995.

Silken Cat, who had been bred in Quebec by Ferme Du Bois-Vert and sold to Sam-Son Farm as a yearling, was at this point acquired by Aaron and Marie Jones but had to be retired after a single sophomore start (and first defeat) in California. Any disappointment was soon assuaged, however, when her first yearling colt, by Gone West, brought that \$2 million from Eugene Melnyk. Though **Speightstown** took his time to repay his investment, at one stage surfacing only twice in 30 months, he put it all together as champion sprinter at six, bowing out in style at the Lone Star Breeders' Cup.

On the face of it, Silken Cat then appeared to produce a series of costly duds. There was a winner in Malaysia, but that was it.



**Early Voting wins the Preakness | Jim McCue**

Three never even made the starting gate: a \$1.5 million sister to **Speightstown**; a \$1.75 million Tiznow filly; and a colt by Unbridled's Song, plainly unraceable, discarded for just \$8,000 as a 2-year-old at the Keeneland November Sale. By the time the very difficult delivery of a Tiznow colt caused her retirement, 16 years after she had produced **Speightstown**, Silken Cat had burned enough fingers for her final son to fail to reach his yearling reserve at \$140,000.

Pinhooker Bobby Dodd did a deal, however, and managed to advance the colt's value to \$300,000 at OBS the following March. The very same day, Silken Cat lay down peacefully in her

paddock at Taylor Made and died. Her work, albeit protracted and fitful, was done: 11 yearlings sold for over \$8.5 million.

Her final bequest, this Tiznow colt, was always campaigned like a talented horse by Doug O'Neill and a shock success in the GII Blue Grass S. showed why. Irap later added the GIII Ohio Derby and GIII Indiana Derby before making the podium in the GI Travers, only to succumb to laminitis that fall.

In the meantime, two of those ostensible "dud" siblings have

enhanced their dam's legacy in astounding fashion. The Unbridled's Song colt written off for \$8,000 was bought by John McKee, who offered him to West Virginia breeders at Beau Ridge Farm as a half-brother to **Speightstown**. Fiber Sonde has since accumulated 21 black-type winners, two at graded stakes level, including the 15-for-27 millionaire and Charles Town stalwart Runnin'toluvya.

And then there was that very expensive Tiznow filly, named Amour d'Ete, unraced after her acquisition as a yearling by incoming Three Chimneys chairman Goncalo Borges Torrealba at the 2013 September Sale. Evidently a stunning physical, she apparently suffered a fungal infection in training that nearly cost her an eye. The Three Chimneys team did try to cash her in, with a Super Saver cover at the November Sale of 2016, but in the end held their nerve and retained her at \$725,000.

That has turned out to be an inspired gamble. True, her daughter by Super Saver was sold as a yearling for barely a tenth of that sum, at \$75,000, and only won a maiden claimer. But how Ten Strike Racing must be congratulating themselves after claiming this filly for \$50,000 at Churchill in November!

Because she now finds herself half-sister to a Preakness winner. Things had started to turn round for Amour d'Ete immediately after she was retained at the November Sale, her full-brother Irap coming good the following spring. And fortunately her 2019 foal by the farm's rookie stallion **Gun Runner** (apparently still immature when making \$200,000 at the Keeneland September Sale, to join Klaravich Stables) was striking enough for her to be bred straight back.

As a result, Three Chimneys find themselves not only with both the sire and dam of a Preakness winner, but also a full-sister--along with several other new shoots on this long-flourishing family tree, Amour d'Ete having otherwise produced only fillies. Her first foal, by Distorted Humor, required patience but did break her maiden stylishly at four; after Early Voting's sister, now two, came a yearling by another recent breakout sire in **Constitution**; while just last month the farm welcomed a filly by **Volatile**.

So let's now just take a step back and consider the mating that produced a Preakness winner. Apart from sheer quality of blood--both **Gun Runner** and Amour d'Ete, after all, are real aristocrats--the first thing that stands out is a nice echo behind Silken Cat, blue hen as she has unmistakably become, and **Gun Runner's** great damsire Giant's Causeway. Because Early Voting's second dam, as noted, is by Storm Cat out of Chieftain's daughter Silken Doll; and Giant's Causeway, also by Storm Cat, was out of a granddaughter of a Chieftain mare.

While his contribution to the package is plainly limited, Chieftain is a wholesome kind of brand to find top and bottom. Though he never established his own branch of the Bold Ruler line, he was a conduit not just for speed and durability but for some regal genes: he was a half-brother to Tom Rolfe, while their dam was out of How, the Kentucky Oaks winner whose sister delivered Sham.

How sire Princequillo tends to recur in almost any worthwhile American pedigree and this one is no exception. For instance, he also helps to lace together the very familiar pedigree of Quiet Dance, whose mating with Giant's Causeway produced the dam of **Gun Runner**.



**Early Voting as a foal with dam Amour d'Ete** | *EquiSport Photos*

(Quiet Dance, of course, also gave us Saint Liam by Saint Ballado.) Quiet Dance's second dam was by a son of Princequillo, while the famously close inbreeding to Dr. Fager in her sire Quiet American was in each case via daughters of Princequillo's prolific producer Cequillo.

Turning to those opposing strands of Storm Cat, his damsire

Secretariat--besides being another son of Bold Ruler--introduces more Princequillo through his dam Somethingroyal. For the little it may be worth, moreover, Tiznow's damsire Seattle Song combines a Bold Ruler line with a mare by a son of Princequillo. Doubtless these are fairly random tints to pick from a complex palette. In broader brushstrokes, however, we can say that Early Voting's prestigious family has had the benefit of commensurate seeding throughout--first four

dams by Tiznow, Storm Cat, Chieftain and Buckpasser--and that there won't be a chink in his genetic armor when he goes to stud. His four grandparents are a developing sire of sires in **Candy Ride (Arg)**; a half-sister to Saint Liam; a broodmare sire now up to 29 graded stakes winners, following We the People (**Constitution**) only the previous weekend; and the dam of **Speightstown**, Irap and Fiber Sonde.

To me, that's what makes a copper-bottomed pedigree: when all genetic contributors have established their worth through horses other than those who actually put them on the page in front of you.

**Gun Runner's** first crop has already drawn alongside that of **Speightstown**, which eventually mustered five Grade I winners. These largely proved typical of **Speightstown's** stock overall, however, in tending to need time to mature. For his half-sister by another fairly slow burner in Tiznow to have produced a Classic winner, then, certainly attests to the striking dynamism we're seeing in **Gun Runner**.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. The previous Preakness winner in Early Voting's maternal line, Hill Prince, was also from his sire's debut crop. As we've just seen in this pedigree, that was the start of a road that led to one of the commanding summits of the modern breed. If **Gun Runner** can go on and become even half as influential as Princequillo, then he will indeed be looking at greatness.

## “FLASH SALE” A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR READY MADE RACING TEAM *by Bill Finley*



Dazzlingdominika | Coady

When **Dazzlingdominika** (Ghostzapper) won a May 13 maiden special weight race at Churchill her connections were ready to pounce. The 2-year-old filly had become a hot commodity and they wanted to cash in. In year's past that would have meant selling her privately or waiting for the next horses of racing age sale on the calendar.

Instead, she will be sold Thursday by Fasig-Tipton in a one-horse digital, “flash sale,” a new means of selling horses that promises to make it easier for those looking to move horses fast.

“This seems like a good way to do it,” said Taylor Made's Frank Taylor, who heads the Ready Made Racing LLC ownership group. “It's a good way to get people focused on a horse and sell them when they're marketable and hot. Everyone wants to buy something that just won and everybody wants to buy a Kentucky bred. Hopefully, we can get people focused on this.”

Dazzlingdominika is trained by Will Walden, the son of WinStar CEO and President Elliott Walden. **Will Walden got off to a late start to his training career because he had been dealing with substance abuse issues.** When his life started to turn a corner last summer and he felt it was time for him to begin training, he felt like he needed something to distinguish himself at the start.

He came up with the idea of buying relatively inexpensive yearlings and running them in maiden races restricted to horses that sold for less than a certain amount at the sales. Dazzlingdominika was bought at Keeneland September for \$30,000. The race she won at Churchill, which was her second career start, was restricted to horses that sold or RNA'd for \$45,000 or less in the their most recent auction. Should they win one of those maiden races or show signs of promise they would be sold.

It was a new take on pinhooking, selling yearling buys not at the 2-year-old sales but after they had distinguished themselves in races for 2-year-olds. Taylor came on board as his principal owner and formed Ready Made Racing.

“We came up with a game plan six, seven months ago,” Walden said. “In order for Ready Made to do this again next year we have to sell these horses in order to raise money to go the sales again. This has been the plan all along. We aren't selling the ones we don't like and keeping the ones we like. Everything in my stable is for sale. That was target goal when I came up with this idea back in August and we mean to see it through.

“Hopefully, I'd like to get to a place some day where the stable gets to recruit 2-year-olds we can race through their careers. Starting out training, we have to take an edge where we can get one. And this was an idea that sounded appetizing to the guys. We wanted to try something new, a different way of pinhooking horses.”

Before pop-up or flash sales came to be, selling Dazzlingdominika would have been a lot harder to pull off. The best way to do so may have been a private sale. That would have required Walden and Taylor to get the word out that the filly was for sale and then field phone calls from prospective buyers.

“Why just take individual phone calls and bat a number back and forth when you can let all the potential buyers bat it out in the ring?” Walden said.

It is not Taylor's first experience with a flash sale. In Fasig-Tipton's first ever flash sale, Taylor sold Sweet Tea (Into Mischief) for \$320,000. The broodmare prospect had been owned by late Rick Porter.

“When we sold Sweet Tea it was a big success,” Taylor said. “We're trying it again with this filly. She won impressively and came back well. She's ready to move forward.”

In the case of Dazzlingdominika, prospective buyers will not only have to look at her race record, but project what she might do going forward. Walden believes that her future is bright.

“Personally, I don't train super aggressively,” he said. “I want to sell these horses with their best days in front of them and not behind them. Just like any seller would want, I want these horses to go on and have careers outside of this barn and go on win more races. We've done the bare minimum with her, without running them too unfit or running them unprepared or run in place where they could get injured. We had her ready but haven't tapped into the real meat of the horse.”

The bidding on Dazzlingdominika began Monday. At deadline for this story, the bidding was up to \$70,000. The sale closes 2 p.m. (EDT) Thursday.

**F-T Flash Sale cont. from p12**

Taylor said that his team has been working behind the scenes to let as many people as possible know that a nice prospect is about to be sold through the digital sales ring.

“Some people think in a sale like this you don’t need an agent,” he said. “Actually, you need an agent more than you would in a normal sale. You can’t just throw it out there and say here it is. We have a team calling trainers and buyers, calling people who like to buy these kinds of horses. We’ve been dialing for dollars all day. We’re getting a lot of responses and there’s already been a lot of active bidding.”

It’s anyone’s guess so far as what she will sell for, but whatever it is, it will no doubt represent a healthy profit for her original investors. She cost just \$30,000 at the sales, has earned \$53,720 on the racetrack and will no doubt sell for six figures.

“This gives you a chance to market a horse when the timing is at the very best,” Taylor said.

With this filly, Walden’s plan has worked perfectly, thanks, in large part, to a new way of selling horses.

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**TAKING STOCK**  
by Sid Fernando



**GUN RUNNER IN HEADY COMPANY**

Two weeks ago, when I wrote the column "First Crops Yield Derby and Oaks Winners," I'd expected to write about Taiba (**Gun Runner**) and Secret Oath (Arrogate), the two I'd liked the most in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks, respectively. I'd spoken mainly about those two on Steve Byk's popular SiriusXM program "At the Races," and my feeling was that **Gun Runner** in particular was on a trajectory to get a first-crop Classic winner. His start at stud had been exceptional with his first juveniles, and the momentum was carrying forward with his 3-year-olds, headed by Taiba, who'd won the GI Santa Anita Derby in only his second start; Cyberknife, who'd accounted for the GI Arkansas Derby from a field that included Secret Oath; and Early Voting, who'd lost the GII Wood Memorial in a photo to Mo Donegal (**Uncle Mo**) in only his third start. Instead, my column was about Rich Strike (Keen Ice) and Secret Oath. Last week, Byk asked for my opinion on the GI Preakness. My choices, I told him, were Early Voting (**Gun Runner**) and Secret Oath. **Cont. p14**

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**Gun Runner** | Sarah Andrew

There were plenty of reasons and handicapping angles for which to like Early Voting, entering the Preakness on a similar path traveled by his connections' 2017 Preakness winner Cloud Computing, a first-crop Classic winner for **Maclean's Music**. But my primary reason for picking Early Voting, like Taiba in the Derby, was all about **Gun Runner**. "I just think, Steve, that **Gun Runner** is such a good stallion, and he's going to get a first-crop Classic winner," I'd said.

Early Voting defeated race favorite Epicenter (**Not This Time**) to land the Classic, his first top-level win.

After the race, Steve Asmussen, who trains Preakness and Derby runner-up Epicenter and conditioned **Gun Runner**, told the Pimlico media team: "The silver lining on that is **Gun Runner** is probably the greatest sire of all time. He's incredible."

That's hyperbole, of course, but **Gun Runner** is certainly on a special trajectory, and who knows? Before Early Voting, **Gun Runner** had already sired four Grade I winners from his first crop, and now he has an astonishing five, with plenty of racing yet to come for his 3-year-olds, who could become even better at four and five, as he did. **Gun Runner** didn't win his first top-level race until late in his 3-year-old season, and at four he was outstanding, winning four Grade I events. At five, he won the GI Pegasus World Cup in January before entering stud at Three Chimneys, which campaigned the horse with Winchell Thoroughbreds, the owner of Epicenter.

Could **Gun Runner** end up with six or seven Grade I winners from his first crop? It's a jaw-dropping possibility, but having five already is heady enough. With the massive books stallions cover these days, it's unfair to compare horses from different eras purely by first-crop Grade I winners, but suffice to say **Gun Runner** has sired more of them than any other active sire in North America, which includes such outstanding stallions as Into Mischief, **Tapit**, **War Front**, **Curlin**, **Uncle Mo**, **Quality Road**,

**Speightstown**, **Medaglia d'Oro**, and his own sire, **Candy Ride (Arg)**, who got four in his first crop.

In a different era, Gainesway's **Blushing Groom (Fr)**, a foal of 1974, sired five first-crop Grade/Group 1 winners, and in Europe, the iconic **Sadler's Wells**, a foal of 1981, got six. More recently, **Sadler's Wells's** son **Montjeu (Ire)**, a foal of 1996, got five Northern Hemisphere-bred Group 1 winners from his first crop, and **Frankel (GB)**, who was born in 2008 and is by **Sadler's Wells's** greatest sire son, **Galileo (Ire)**, got six. This isn't necessarily a comprehensive list, but it paints the picture of the company that **Gun Runner** is rubbing shoulders with as his stud career unfolds, and it's safe to say he's sired his first five Grade I winners quicker than any of them. All of these named here with five or more also sired a first-crop Classic winner.

## Sire Line

Most stallions tend to have their best results in their first crops. Three Chimneys is certainly aware of this, having stood **Slew o' Gold**, who got four Grade I winners in his first crop and nothing thereafter approaching that level of success. Exceptional stallions, however, will gut it out with their second, third, and fourth crops and rebound as they get better mares again.

Likewise, exceptional sires will sometimes appear from unlikely branches of major stallions. This was the case with California-bred **Tiznow**, the broodmare sire of **Early Voting**. **Tiznow** was sired by the stakes-placed California stallion **Cee's Tizzy**, a son of the In Reality horse **Relaunch**.

More recently, **Uncle Mo** is such an example. His California-bred sire **Indian Charlie** was by California-based **In Excess (Ire)**, a son of the **Caro (Ire)** stallion **Siberian Express**.



**Tiznow**, broodmare sire of **Early Voting** | Mary Ellet

Both Caro and In Reality were outstanding sires who had a number of top sons at stud, but the existence of their lines in North America now runs through obscure branches that resuscitated them after the bigger names failed to carry on the lines. The same paradigm is true for **Gun Runner**, who traces to Fappiano through the sequence **Candy Ride**/Ride the Rails/Cryptoclearance/Fappiano.

Fappiano is mainly represented in North America through Unbridled's sire sons Empire Maker and Unbridled's Song, both of whom are now dead. Empire Maker's son Pioneer of the Nile, also dead, is the sire of **American Pharoah**, while Unbridled's Song's son Arrogate, also dead, is the sire of Secret Oath. **Candy Ride**, who entered stud for only \$10,000, improbably brought his branch of Fappiano to the fore to compete with the established lines of Fappiano, and now his son **Gun Runner** is blowing it up to a level that may surpass the tail-male influences of Empire Maker and Unbridled's Song. And **Gun Runner** isn't the only one; **Candy Ride** is also the sire of the excellent **Twirling Candy**--responsible for last year's Preakness winner Rombauer--plus a bunch of other young stallions with runners on the way.

Here's something else that makes this story even more interesting: Bred by Haras Abolengo, **Candy Ride**, who isn't a particularly eye-catching or sizable individual, had several veterinary issues and twice failed examinations before selling to Gumercindo Alonzo for the equivalent of \$12,000 as a yearling. Nonetheless, he was an exceptional if brittle racehorse, undefeated in three starts in Argentina and three starts in North America.

At stud, **Candy Ride** had a great affinity for mares with Storm Cat in their pedigrees, and **Gun Runner**, who's from a Giant's Causeway mare, is one such example.

This same affinity for Storm Cat is evident in **Gun Runner's** early success as well. Early Voting's second dam is by Storm Cat, who's also in the pedigrees of two other Grade I winners by the stallion. In fact, five of **Gun Runner's** Graded winners have Storm Cat in their pedigrees, and altogether six of his 11 black-type winners do.

After **Gun Runner** was first retired to Three Chimneys, I had the opportunity to inspect him and was struck by how balanced he was, so much so that he didn't appear to the eye to be as tall as the 16.2 hands he is. At the time, he was five and had furnished significantly from his days as a somewhat immature-looking 3-year-old, but nonetheless he carried some refinement to him that seemed as if it would complement more muscular physiques, like the ones provided by Storm Cat. It made sense then, and judging by results, it makes sense now. *Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.*

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## 2022 BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE SERIES FEATURES 82 QUALIFYING RACES

The 2022 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In schedule will feature 82 qualifying races in 11 countries, Breeders' Cup announced Tuesday. Winners, as usual, will receive automatic qualifying positions, and fees paid, into a corresponding race in the 2022 Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Horses from around the globe will be qualifying through the Win and You're In program for the 39th Breeders' Cup World Championships, consisting of 14 Grade 1 races and purses and awards totaling \$31 million. This year's Championships will be held at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky., on Nov. 4-5. The first U.S. Breeders' Cup Challenge Series race of the year will be the GI Shoemaker Mile S. at Santa Anita Park May 30. The Breeders' Cup Challenge Series, now in its 15th year, will be hosted at many of the world's premier racetracks in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Ireland, Japan, Peru, South Africa, and the United States.

The 2022 series in the U.S. has been restructured into a regional qualifying program to balance divisional competition across the country. In 11 of the 14 race divisions, there will be one Breeders' Cup Challenge Series race per region, identified as East, Midwest, and West. Breeders' Cup Challenge qualifying races in the Juvenile Turf and Juvenile Fillies Turf Divisions will be limited to two races. Breeders' Cup will promote these regional rivalries on the road to the World Championships.

The exception to the regional format will be in the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic Division, which will have six domestic races in this year's series. The complete 2022 schedule is available [here](#).

"We're excited to introduce our restructured regional format for the year's domestic Challenge Series to better identify our top qualifiers from each part of the country as they move on to the World Championships," said Dora Delgado, Breeders' Cup Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Officer. "The Win and You're In format has been in place since 2007 and provides a fast track to the World Championships through an automatic selection into the race and free entry fees. We look forward to working again with our racetrack partners in conducting the Challenge Series races around the world this year."

Last year, 40 Breeders' Cup Challenge winners competed in the World Championships at Del Mar, including five Championship race winners: **Knicks Go**, Yibir (GB), Ce Ce, Echo Zulu and Corniche. As part of the benefits to horsemen, Breeders' Cup has allocated \$5,180,000 in free entry fees for this year's Challenge Series. Breeders' Cup will pay the entry fees and guarantee a starting position in a corresponding Championships race for all Challenge Series race winners.

If not already Breeders' Cup nominated, the Challenge winner must be nominated to the Breeders' Cup program by the Championships' pre-entry deadline of Oct. 24 to receive the rewards. In addition, Breeders' Cup will provide a \$10,000 travel allowance for all starters within North America that are stabled outside of Kentucky and a \$40,000 travel allowance to the connections of all Championship starters from outside of North America.

Complementing the season in North America, there will be 39 international Breeders' Cup Challenge races. The international portion of the series began on Dec. 11 when the 7-year-old Village King (Arg) captured the G1 Gran Premio International Carlos Pellegrini at Hipodromo de San Isidro in Argentina to gain the first automatic starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf.

In support of the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), which was signed into law in the U.S. in 2020, medications will not be permitted to be administered within 24 hours for all Breeders' Cup Challenge Series races.

NBC and CNBC will televise the "Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In--presented by America's Best Racing," featuring nine live programs in the U.S. this summer and fall. The full 2022 television schedule will be announced on Wednesday, May 25.

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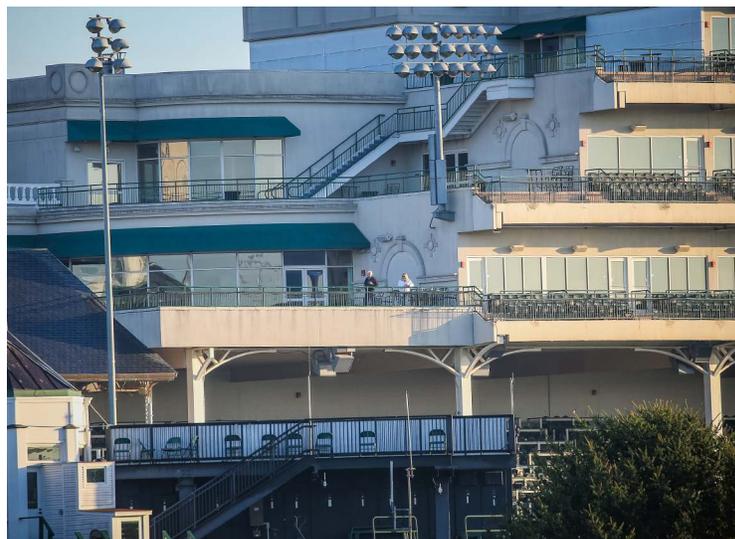
## BAFFERT: CHURCHILL A 'PUBLIC PARK,' NOT PRIVATE PROPERTY *by T. D. Thornton*

Trainer Bob Baffert, in his attempt to reverse a two-year ban from tracks operated by Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), underscored in a May 23 court filing that because CDI in 2002 transferred its flagship Louisville facility to the city and then leased back the land as part of a lucrative redevelopment financing deal, the gaming corporation that controls the GI Kentucky Derby gave up its right to exclude individuals based on private-property rights.

"CDI conveyed the Churchill Downs Racetrack to the City to convert the 'racetrack facility' into a 'recreation park' that 'will be utilized to make horseracing, entertainment, dining, pari-mutuel wagering and other recreational activities available to the public,'" Baffert's legal team argued, quoting from a 20-year-old municipal lease and citing documents that CDI had filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission at the time of the transaction.

"In so doing, CDI declared its purpose to devote the racetrack, the underlying real estate, and the facilities thereon 'to the public use,' which effected a dedication and a forfeiture of exclusion rights," the filing stated.

According to Baffert's **initial complaint**, the lease, which runs through 2032, was part of a tax increment financing agreement between CDI, the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, and the Louisville Development Authority. The city took title to the property, advanced funds to CDI, and designated the track as a "recreation park" within the meaning of Chapter 103 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Under the terms of the lease and Churchill Downs's designation as a development area, the track is exempt from taxation by the city "and other political subdivisions in Kentucky to the same extent as other public property used for public purposes." Thus, as it applies to the federal lawsuit Baffert initiated Feb. 28 against CDI, its chief executive, Bill Carstanjen, and corporate board chair, Alex Rankin, "Defendants have excluded Mr. Baffert from a municipal park, an action which has regularly been held to be a traditionally exclusive public function," the filing stated.



**Baffert in the distance at Churchill Downs in 2021**  
*Horsephotos*

"Mr. Baffert has a protected liberty interest in plying his trade at Churchill Downs Racetrack, a public park.." the filing continued. "Mr. Baffert clearly has liberty interests in using public property for its intended purposes and to enjoy it in the manner he is expressly permitted to do by law, and Defendants interfered with those interests." The beef over whether CDI is overstepping its power by excluding Baffert from a purportedly public space isn't the only issue that the plaintiff raised in Monday's filing, which took the form of a response to CDI's May 2 **motion for dismissing the suit**. Baffert also took umbrage with CDI's alleged restraint of his ability to participate in interstate commerce, CDI's supposed "usurping" of the powers of the state racing commission to police the sport, and a purported "conspiracy" by CDI's higher-ups to "deprive [Baffert's clients] of their freedom to select their chosen trainer for their Derby horses while leaving the licenses of their own trainers unencumbered."

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June 2 will mark the one-year anniversary of **CDI's ruling-off** of the Hall-of-Fame trainer whose horses have crossed the finish wire first in the Derby a record seven times.

But one of those winners-Medina Spirit in 2021-is facing an under-appeal disqualification from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission because a post-race test detected an overage of betamethasone.

That failed test, plus Baffert's history of equine drug positives in major races in the year prior to the '21 Derby, were the stated catalysts for CDI moving to exclude him.

"This lawsuit is as meritless as all of his others," CDI had stated three weeks ago when asking the judge to toss Baffert's suit. "Baffert's claims fail as a matter of law, and this Court should dismiss his complaint in its entirety."

"Whatever his theory may be, Baffert is wrong in contending that CDI had no right to exclude him," CDI stated in that motion to dismiss, asserting that legal precedents have established that Churchill Downs is "a private facility" that may "exclude whomever it desire[s] from the track."

Baffert's filing on Monday reiterated what his lawyers had previously alleged in the initial complaint: "that individuals within CDI entered into an unlawful contract, combination, or conspiracy to exclude Baffert (and, thus, owners who use Mr. Baffert's services) from participating in the market for Derby horses; that members of this conspiracy own and race horses, and that they were the moving force behind the suspension."

Those actions amount to a smear campaign, the filing implied.

"Over the last year, Defendants have wielded their substantial resources to spearhead a media campaign, to construct a strawman with the likeness of Bob Baffert, and to fashion it a scarecrow. They have defamed Mr. Baffert, impugned his integrity, and accused him (baselessly) of criminal conduct," the filing stated.

At a different point, Baffert's filing outlined the purported motives of the alleged CDI conspirators, framing the argument through the lens of the highly competitive quest to win the Kentucky Derby and then reap substantial bloodstock benefits when the champ retires to stud.

"Only a handful of trainers can reliably produce a Derby horse," Baffert's attorneys wrote. "The operation and effect of this conspiracy therefore deprives the conspirators' competitors of the elite training services offered by Mr. Baffert, decreasing their horses' ability to qualify for and compete effectively in the Kentucky Derby and its qualifying races, and ultimately reducing their horses' value as breeding stock.

"At the same time, the conspirators remain able to utilize the elite training services of their choosing. This restraint opens the door to otherwise-lower-performing horses succeeding in races

where they otherwise would have failed, thus inflating their value. In that way, the conspirators' horses' increase in value not because of the superior efficiency of their breeding and training operations but from their control over the facility that determines their horses' values. The special disability imposed on the 'relationships the competitors need in the competitive struggle' is the exact competition-reducing restraint on trade antitrust laws forbid."

CDI, according to Baffert, is also going against the intent and spirit of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA).

"[B]ecause Defendants attempt to impose conditions on Mr. Baffert's ability to race horses in interstate commerce, federal public policy must be taken into account," the filing stated. "Congress has created [HISA] and vested it with 'independent and exclusive national authority' over 'anti-doping and medication control matters.' Defendants' conduct would frustrate the express purpose of this Act, which replaces the current entity-by-entity regime with a national set of rules that 'should be uniform and uniformly administered nationally.'"

Baffert's filing also included-without citing the names of any contemporaries-a brief discussion about how his history of overages for permitted therapeutic medications is "comparable to or better than most at his level."

Baffert also stated how racing's long-standing "absolute insurer" rule that applies to trainers is "a draconian combination of strict liability and assumption-of-risk which neither assigns personal fault nor depends upon any finding of culpability."

And when charged with an infraction under the absolute insurer rule, how does a trainer defend himself?

According to Baffert's filing, the "only practical defense is to mitigate the inevitable penalty by showing, for example, that the overage was the result of a simple miscommunication, an oversight, or environmental contamination."

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## HANDICAPPER, SAM HOUSTON RACECALLER NICK TAMMARO JOINS BETTOR THINGS

Nick Tammaro has been known in public handicapping and tournament circles for nearly a decade now, having proven his sharp opinion on the New York Racing Association's Talking Horses pre-race handicapping show and in contest spots as prominent as the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge. But Tammaro took on what he calls the "biggest professional challenge" of his life earlier this year at his hometown track, Sam Houston Race Park, when he started his first job as a full-time racecaller.

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Tammaro just wrapped up his first Thoroughbred meet as the announcer at the player-friendly track and took a break before calling quarter horses Friday night to join the third episode of *Bettor Things with Joe Bianca*, *TDN's* handicapping-focused one-on-one conversation podcast. Bianca and Tammaro had an engaging, funny and illuminating 40-minute discussion that touched on a wide variety of topics: the debate over the Triple Crown's spacing, sports betting, fixed-odds wagering, how to keep your mind focused during the chaos of a major handicapping tournament, their shared schadenfreude for James Harden's playoff failures, what the racing and handicapping landscape will look like in 10-15 years and much more. Then, in his future bets segment, Bianca gave out bets for the French Open, two each on the men's and women's sides.

Click [here](#) to watch the show; click [here](#) for the audio-only version or find it on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

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## HASTINGS GAMING INSPECTOR ALLEGEDLY TOOK BRIBES FOR FAKE LICENSES

by T. D. Thornton

A racetrack and gaming inspector for the province of British Columbia is due in a Vancouver court May 26 to answer to 36 breach-of-trust and bribery charges that allege he took money from Hastings-based trainers in exchange for supplying fake racing licenses so Mexican nationals without work permits could be employed as grooms. Canada's CBC News first broke the story Tuesday, citing information contained in a search warrant involving Darren Scott Young. The investigation dates to 2018, and was fleshed out after sources came forward to the government when immigration officials raided the Hastings backstretch in August 2019.

According to the CBC report, Young—who has been employed by the province's Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch since 2005 and previously worked as a security guard at Hastings—is accused of "falsifying information on registration and licensing documents and substituting names and photos of illegal workers onto existing horse racing licenses."

Young's other alleged method of operation involved registering Mexicans who were in British Columbia on tourist visas as Thoroughbred owners, a capacity that does not require the submittal of a work permit. Then he purportedly went back into the online system after the license was issued to change the occupation to groom, thus getting around the requirement to produce a work permit at the time of licensure.

"It is common knowledge at the Hastings Racecourse that the horse trainers pay Young unknown sums of money to facilitate the fraudulent issuance of horse racing licenses to foreign nationals," one unnamed source is quoted in the court documents obtained by CBC. "Young has been getting kickbacks from trainers for a long time for getting people horse racing licenses."

CBC reported that a different source—an unnamed trainer—told investigators that Young tried to cover his alleged falsifications by telling people on the backstretch he was simply acting as a middleman who took foreign workers to a lawyer's office for the completion of legal immigration paperwork.

Young reportedly charged trainers \$725 in Canadian funds for this service—claiming that \$695 was the attorney's fee and \$30 was for the racing license. The illegal licensees then had to pay back the trainers out of their earnings as grooms, the CBC reported.



Hastings Racecourse

According to the search warrant, an investigator asked the unnamed trainer if she thought it was "suspicious" that Young wanted the checks made out to "cash" and not the name of an attorney.

"I wondered about that too," the trainer said. "I did kind of think that was a little odd, but he said it was just easier to do it that way."

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**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 05/20/2022**

**Licensee: Tyler Baze, jockey**

**Penalty: \$500 fine**

**Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

Explainer: Jockey Tyler Baze is fined \$500.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on May 15, 2022.

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 05/21/2022**

**Licensee: Librado Barocio, trainer**

**Penalty: \$500 fine, ½ point assessment on license**

**Violation:** Medication violation (horse working for removal from vet's list)

Explainer: Trainer Librado Barocio, who worked the horse Super Chief for removal from the Veterinarian's List at Santa Anita Park on March 31, 2022, is fined \$500.00 and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires 5/21/23) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and Rule #1866(h) (Veterinarians List) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1588(a)(15) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race), Rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4] – First Offense in 365 days).

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 05/21/2022**

**Licensee: Diego Herrera, jockey**

**Penalty: Three-day suspension**

**Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

Explainer: Jockey Diego Herrera is suspended for 3 racing days (May 28, 29 and 30, 2022) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – fourth offense in the last sixty (60) days) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on May 20, 2022.

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 05/22/2022**

**Licensee: Kyle Frey, jockey**

**Penalty: \$500 fine**

**Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

Explainer: Jockey Kyle Frey is fined \$500.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2022.

## WEEKLY RULINGS

**MAY 17 – MAY 23**

Every week, the TDN publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

Here's a **primer** on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

### CALIFORNIA

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 05/20/2022**

**Licensee: Abel Cedillo, jockey**

**Penalty: \$500 fine**

**Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

Explainer: Jockey Abel Cedillo is fined \$500.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on May 15, 2022.

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 05/20/2022**

**Licensee: Rob Henie, owner**

**Penalty: Restoration of standing**

**Violation:** N/A

Explainer: Owner Robert Henie, Jr. (dba Palm West Stable), having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$6,000 to trainer Monty Meier) is restored to good standing. LAFP #004 ruling issued at Los Angeles County Fair on September 8, 2008, is set aside.

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**Track: Santa Anita****Date: 05/22/2022****Licensee: Victor Espinoza, jockey****Penalty: \$750 fine****Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

Explainer: Jockey Victor Espinoza is fined \$750.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – second offense in the last 60 days) during the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2022.

**Track: Santa Anita****Date: 05/22/2022****Licensee: Diego Herrera, jockey****Penalty: \$1,500 fine and three-day suspension****Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

Explainer: Jockey Diego Herrera is suspended for 3 racing days (June 3, 4 and 5, 2022) and fined \$1,500.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8)(d) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – fifth offense in the last sixty [60] days) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on May 21, 2022.

**NEW YORK****Track: Belmont Park****Date: 05/19/2022****Licensee: Richard Gazer, clocker****Penalty: \$2,500 fine and 30-day suspension (stayed pending appeal)****Violation:** Altering published work

Explainer: Mr. Richard Gazer (Clocker) is hereby suspended 30 Calendar days and fined the sum of \$2,500 dollars, for altering a published work of a horse to make the horse eligible to race. Having appealed a stay has been granted.

*Read more about the issue [here](#).*

**Track: Belmont Park****Date: 05/20/2022****Licensee: Ray Handal, trainer****Penalty: \$500 fine****Violation:** Failure to report shockwave treatment

Explainer: Mr. Raymond Handal has been fined the sum of \$500.00 dollars for failing to report a shockwave treatment. Note that the above data is current as of 1:02 PM EDT, Tuesday, May 24, 2022, and subject to change as more information becomes available.

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## JOCKEYS AND JEANS TO BE HELD AT CHURCHILL DOWNS JULY 2

Jockeys and Jeans, a group founded by former jockeys to raise funds for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, will hold their eighth annual fundraising event at Churchill Downs July 2. The popular event will take place on the final day of Churchill Downs's Spring Meet and include a day of live racing featuring the GII Stephen Foster S.

The event has been scheduled to take place at Churchill Downs since 2020, but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic until 2022. In a show of support and recognition that the need for funding still exists through a pandemic, those committed partners turned their event sponsorship into cash donations. Jockeys and Jeans came roaring back in 2021 with its event at Monmouth Park raising a one-year record of \$342,000.

"This is our first event in Kentucky," said Jockeys and Jeans President, Barry Pearl. "For us it's an opportunity to have those in the Bluegrass area who have so generously helped this cause to come out and meet some of those severely injured jockeys they have consistently supported and say hello to a large group of Hall of Famers there to honor their fallen brothers and sisters."

The 17 Hall of Fame Riders scheduled to attend include Braulio Baeza, Bill Boland, Don Brumfield, Steve Cauthen, Pat Day, Early Fires, Julie Krone, Chris McCarron, Laffit Pincay Jr., Craig Perret, Edgar Prado, Jose Santos, Alex Solis, Gary Stevens, Jacinto Vasquez, and Jockeys and Jeans committee Member Sandy Hawley. Hall of Famer Jerry Bailey will be present as part of NBC's Stephen Foster Stakes broadcast team and will take part in Jockey and Jeans's meet and greet segment.

Other notables scheduled to attend include two of the five living Triple Crown winning jockeys: Jean Cruguet who won the 1977 Triple Crown on Seattle Slew and Steve Cauthen who won the 1978 Triple Crown aboard Affirmed.

All funds raised will go to the PDJF, which makes monthly payments of \$1,000 to 60 severely injured former jockeys. The all-volunteer group has raised over \$2 million for the charity.

The event begins at 11:00 a.m. in Churchill Downs' Triple Crown Room. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased [through Ticketmaster here](#) or can be accessed at [www.jockeysandjeans.com](http://www.jockeysandjeans.com) and [www.churchilldowns.com](http://www.churchilldowns.com). Lunch is included in the event ticket price.

Noted Keeneland Sales Auctioneer Ryan Mahon will host an auction that will feature rare racing memorabilia and guests will have the opportunity to bid on rare silent auction items. The riders, including those permanently disabled, will sign special autographed posters and other memorabilia brought by fans at a special signing in the grandstand that will be open to the general public.

If you have questions, contact Barry Pearl at [jockeysandjeans@gmail.com](mailto:jockeysandjeans@gmail.com) or (717) 503-0182 or Eddie Donnelly at [Edjockeysandjeans@gmail.com](mailto:Edjockeysandjeans@gmail.com) or (818) 653-3711.

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## NYRA INTRODUCES SARATOGA BREAKFAST & BREEDING FARM TOUR

The New York Racing Association, Inc. kicks off the first-ever Breakfast and Breeding Farm tour package at Saratoga Race Course July 15. The Saratoga Breakfast and Breeding Farm tour, presented by the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), will be offered every Friday and will accommodate up to 40 guests.

The all-inclusive fan experience package features:

- Buffet breakfast at Saratoga Race Course
- Attend morning training
- Round-trip, open-air trolley ride from Saratoga to Old Tavern Farm
- 90-minute guided walking tour of an active Thoroughbred breeding farm
- Admission to Saratoga Race Course

The Saratoga Breakfast and Breeding Farm package is available for \$55 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for each weekly Friday tour, beginning July 15. Tickets may be purchased at [www.NYRA.com](http://www.NYRA.com).

The package begins with Breakfast at Saratoga, featuring a buffet breakfast at Saratoga between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. with a backdrop of morning training. Guests may arrive at any time for breakfast during these hours.



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Following the conclusion of breakfast, fans will board an open-air trolley, courtesy of CDTA, at the clubhouse entrance and embark on a 15-minute ride along picturesque Saratoga Lake to Old Tavern Farm for a 90-minute experiential and educational walking tour of one of the region's breeding farms. Fans will arrive back at Saratoga at approximately 11:45 a.m., in advance of post time for the start of racing at approximately 1 p.m.

For more information about Saratoga Race Course visit [www.NYRA.com/Saratoga](http://www.NYRA.com/Saratoga).

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## '21 DR. TONY RYAN BOOK AWARD SEMIFINALISTS

Six semifinalists for the 16th annual Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award have been selected by a panel of judges and were split evenly this year between fiction and non-fiction. The semifinalists were chosen from nearly two dozen submissions.

The six semifinalists for books published in the 2021, listed alphabetically by title, are as follows:

- Death by Equine, by Annette Dashofy
- Dinky Becomes a Racehorse, by J. M. Chodkowski
- Head to Head, Conversations With a Generation of Horse Racing Legends, by Lenny Schulman
- Run With a Mighty Heart, by Jennifer Morrison
- The Magic of Horses, edited by Joe Clancy and Nina Gardner

With a \$10,000 winner's prize, the award was launched in 2006 by the late businessman and philanthropist Dr. Tony Ryan.

Three finalists will be announced via press release in June and a winner will be crowned on Nov. 3 at a by-invitation winner's cocktail reception to be held at the Ryan family's Castleton Lyons farm near Lexington. For more information, contact Betsy Hager at [bhager@castletonlyons.com](mailto:bhager@castletonlyons.com).

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Gutierrez	124
2	Tesoro	Anchor Down	Glen Road Racing, LLC, Highland Yard LLC and Raygoza, Ben	Jauregui	Leon	118
3	Mine That Star	Pioneerof the Nile	Judge Lanier Racing, LLC	Ashford, Jr.	Purcell	120
4	Sheriff Brown	<b>Curlin</b>	Peacock Family Holdings L.P.	Fincher	Goncalves	122
5	Elector	<b>Constitution</b>	West Point Thoroughbreds, Barker, Edwin S. and Sandbrook, William	Sadler	Espinoza	118
6	Mish	Field Commission	C2 Racing Stable LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	120
7	Popular Kid	Popular	George A. Sharp	Davis	Alvarez	120
8	Shaaz	<b>Uncle Mo</b>	Michael Lund Petersen	McCarthy	Geroux	120
9	Flash of Mischief	Into Mischief	Jerry Namy	Broberg	Eikleberry	120
10	Silver Prospector	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Elliott	118

**Breeders:** 1-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 3-Phil & Judy Needham, Bena Halecky & WinStar Farm LLC, 4-Joe Peacock, 5-Cloyce C. Clark, 6-Joyce Mary Kielty, 7-Rod Rodriguez & Lorraine Rodriguez, 8-William M. Backer Revocable Trust, 9-Jerry Namy, 10-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC



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## 2022 Leading Sires of 3-Year-Olds by Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, May 23

Earnings represent North American & European figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 2	6	16	4	11	3	3	65	21	1,267,500	4,796,496
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$125,000						Early Voting	
2	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by <i>Harlan's Holiday</i> Crops: 11	2	11	1	6	--	--	107	31	159,500	2,491,696
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$250,000						Doppelganger	
3	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> Crops: 3	4	10	2	6	--	2	51	23	1,810,000	3,808,848
				Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$45,000						Epicenter	
4	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> (2006) by <i>Empire Maker</i> Crops: 10	4	8	3	6	--	--	44	20	571,200	2,353,203
				Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)						Matareya	
5	<b>Quality Road</b> (2006) by <i>Elusive Quality</i> Crops: 9	2	8	--	5	--	--	55	26	341,400	2,032,589
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000						Ethereal Road	
6	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by <i>Speightstown</i> Crops: 9	6	8	3	4	--	--	52	17	291,400	1,976,136
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$85,000						Jack Christopher	
7	<b>Classic Empire</b> (2014) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 2	4	8	2	3	--	1	60	24	261,725	1,640,005
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$17,500						Interstatedaydream	
8	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by <i>El Prado (Ire)</i> Crops: 15	3	8	2	6	--	--	48	18	200,520	1,429,401
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$100,000						Grand Sonata	
9	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by <i>Indian Charlie</i> Crops: 8	2	7	2	3	--	1	58	17	514,000	2,172,547
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$160,000						Mo Donegal	
10	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by <i>Southern Halo</i> Crops: 19	4	7	1	3	--	1	69	26	616,126	2,102,130
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000						Jean Gros	
11	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by <i>Pulpit</i> Crops: 15	3	6	--	2	--	1	48	15	230,400	1,280,062
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000						Charge It	
12	<b>Caravaggio</b> (2014) by <i>Scat Daddy</i> Crops: 2	2	6	1	2	--	--	91	21	127,628	785,902
				Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$35,000						Maljoom (Ire)	
13	<b>Keen Ice</b> (2012) by <i>Curlin</i> Crops: 2	2	5	1	1	1	1	82	29	1,932,500	3,082,007
				Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Rich Strike	
14	<b>Arrogate</b> (2013) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> Crops: 2	2	5	1	1	1	1	45	18	1,229,250	2,363,157
				Stands: Juddmonte Farms USA (Dead/Retired)						Secret Oath	
15	<b>Nyquist</b> (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> Crops: 3	2	5	2	3	--	--	64	13	295,000	1,363,583
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$55,000						Slow Down Andy	

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## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 2022 Stud Fees Listed

**American Freedom** (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000  
191 foals of racing age/39 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Delaware, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Believe in Freedom, 9-2  
\$27,000 KEE SEP yrl  
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Mint Julius, 3-1  
\$19,000 TTA YHR yrl

**Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$10,000  
144 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
3-Canterbury, 7:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Back to Selling, 5-1  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Bella  
**Astern**, 12-1  
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$165,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000  
148 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Belterra, 2:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Bali Bear, 2-1  
\$50,000 RNA OTB OMX 2yo  
4-Presque Isle Downs, 2:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Raw Honey, 5-1  
\$20,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Blofeld (Quality Road)**, Murmur Farm  
50 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
10-Parx Racing, 4:58 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, My Dixie Lass, 5-2

**Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, \$17,500  
187 foals of racing age/39 winners/6 black-type winners  
2-Delaware, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Fishers, 8-5  
\$12,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$132,000 KEE SEP yrl  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Megan's  
Noel, 15-1  
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 EAS  
MAY 2yo  
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Sassy Sagey,  
3-1  
\$45,000 FTK SEL yrl

**Connect (Curlin)**, Lane's End Farm, \$25,000  
194 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners



Keen Ice | Sarah Andrew

7-Presque Isle Downs, 4:12 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Mirth 'n  
Merriment, 3-1  
\$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$32,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo  
4-Belterra, 2:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Weekender, 7-2

**Cupid (Tapit)**, Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
174 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners  
9-Canterbury, 10:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Tonka Warrior, 8-5  
\$52,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$160,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Gormley** (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
199 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners  
10-Parx Racing, 4:58 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Eighty Eight Keys, 8-1

**Greenpointcrusader** (Bernardini), Ocala Stud, \$3,500  
54 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Will Rogers Downs, 3:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Dragging Main,  
8-1  
\$6,200 OBS OPN 2yo

**Keen Ice (Curlin)**, Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
192 foals of racing age/36 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Icy River, 6-1  
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl  
9-Canterbury, 10:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Keen Response, 10-1  
\$19,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$11,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Klimt (Quality Road)**, Jockey Club of Turkey, \$7,500  
282 foals of racing age/50 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Delaware, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Abby the Bull Dawg, 12-1  
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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4-Will Rogers Downs, 3:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Vienna Prize, 8-5

**Lord Nelson** (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm  
159 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Lady Abril, 6-1  
\$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mo Tom** (Uncle Mo), Red River Farms, \$2,000  
64 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Evangeline Downs, 8:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, K V Squared, 8-1  
\$1,200 ESL MIX yrl

**Noble Bird** (Birdstone), Ocala Stud, \$4,000  
73 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Delaware, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mygidgetmarie, 10-1

**Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$35,000  
268 foals of racing age/46 winners/6 black-type winners  
5-Delaware, 2:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Romantic Comedy, 3-2  
\$60,000 FTK SEL yrl; \$160,000 FTF MAR 2yo; \$7,000 E '21 KEE  
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**Takeover Target** (Harlan's Holiday), Red River Farms  
51 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Cherokee  
Takeover, 4-1  
\$2,500 OBS OCT yrl

**Tu Brutus** (Chi) (Scat Daddy), Tur  
28 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Alw 4 1/2f, Payito, 6-1

**Wildcat Red** (D'wildcat), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000  
29 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Thistledown, 1:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Wildcat Bill, 5-2  
\$26,000 OTB OMX yrl



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Parx Racing, \$62,290**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 5-24,  
3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.72, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**KING KUMBALAY** (g, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Lovely Stay, by Flower  
Alley) Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$173,640. O-Kingsport Farm;  
B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA); T-David P. Duggan. \*\$35,000 Ylg '19  
KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Daisy (Blame), GSW, \$162,925.

**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$44,640**, 5-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up,  
f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.14, ft, 2 lengths.

**VERRY AMELIA** (f, 4, Verrazano--Flor de Amelia {SP, \$129,388},  
by Cape Town) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-5-1-3, \$151,867.  
O/B-Rancho Monarca, LLC (IN); T-Antonio Duran. \*1/2 to Cap de  
Fuego (Morning Line), MSP, \$192,666.

**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000**, (S), 5-24, (NW3LX),  
3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.33, ft, head.

**BELLA BOLLE** (f, 3, Mondavi--Colton's Dilemma, by Timeraker)  
Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$84,900. O/B/T-Marvin A. Johnson  
(IN). \*Full to Ron, SW, \$208,382.

**5th-Thistledown, \$38,400**, (S), 5-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m,  
1:40.28, ft, 11 1/2 lengths.

**R THREE ANGELS** (f, 3, Kiss the Ghost--Hot Tub Holiday, by  
Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$65,975. O/T-Jason  
DaCosta; B-CFP Thoroughbreds LLC (OH). \*\$3,000 Ylg '20  
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**4th-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,  
1:12.68, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

**PERFECTINGTHEVIEW** (m, 5, William's Kitten--Vicki Jo, by  
Mercer Mill) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-3, \$63,329. O-Marcus  
Yagour LLC; B-Eyes of a Child Stable (OH); T-Rodrigo Madrigal,  
Sr.

**11th-Parx Racing, \$35,250**, (S), 5-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 7f,  
1:23.63, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.

**FAR MO POWER** (g, 4, Uncle Lino--J. D. Safari {MSP, \$209,879},  
by Power by Far) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$135,740. O-Joseph  
E. Sutton; B-Peter Giangliulo (PA); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr.

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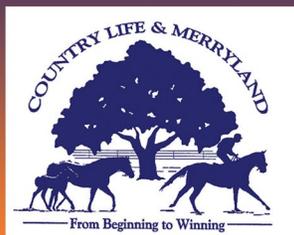
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**6th-Presque Isle Downs, \$35,020**, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.45, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**HARD COUNT (g, 6, Run Away and Hide--Five Yard Penalty {SP}, by Consolidator)** Lifetime Record: 39-4-10-7, \$177,782. O/T-Mark Hoffman; B-Barbara A Nelson (KY). \*\$6,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '18 BARAPR.

**1st-Presque Isle Downs, \$33,660**, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.10, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**AMERICAN GODDESS (m, 5, American Pharoah--Thunders Dove {MSW & GSP, \$287,715}, by Thunderello)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$111,820. O-Warriors Reward, LLC & Premier Stable; B-Windmill Manor Farm, Inc. & Petaluma Bloodstock (KY); T-Tim Girten. \*\$25,000 5yo '22 KEEJAN.

**8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$33,000**, (S), 5-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.92, sy, 3/4 length.

**SHANNON C (g, 7, Latent Heat--Miranda Diane {MSW, \$416,258}, by Fistfite)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 31-9-12-2, \$422,848. O/B-B and S Racing (OK); T-Scott E. Young.

**3rd-Prairie Meadows, \$33,000**, 5-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.16, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**(DH) HERD IMMUNITY (g, 4, Union Rags--Enhanced, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-4-3-1, \$141,464. O-Jerry Caroom; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. \*\$12,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

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**(DH) WYOMING CONQUEST (g, 5, Greeley's Conquest--Kitty's Charge, by Exchange Rate)** Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-3, \$67,480. O/T-Veronica Chavez; B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (WY).

**4th-Prairie Meadows, \$33,000**, 5-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.97, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**ROME (c, 3, Empire Maker--Gracer {MSW & GSP, \$243,000}, by Exchange Rate)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$63,610. O-Lucky Thunder Stables; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Schuyler Condon. \*\$385,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$50,000 2yo '21 KEENOV.

**6th-Prairie Meadows, \$33,000**, 5-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.10, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**UPTOWN QUEEN (m, 5, Big Drama--On the Dole, by Speightstown)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-5-0, \$89,860. O-Danny Stafford; B-Harold L. Queen (FL); T-Jon G. Arnett.

**6th-Belterra, \$28,500**, (S), 5-24, (NW16MX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.67, ft, 1/2 length.

**FIRST SONG (g, 4, Itsthesameoldsong--Mini Mostest, by Atticus)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-5-1-2, \$144,078. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**1st-Finger Lakes, \$25,800**, 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.14, ft, neck.

**SHESASCOLDASICE (f, 3, Keen Ice--Shesastonecoldfox {MSW, \$216,409}, by Foxhound)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$37,000. O-Langpap Stables; B-Dennis & Deborah Petrisak (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro. \*1/2 to Fox Rox (Officer), SW, \$561,343; Fox Rules (Roman Ruler), MSW, \$686,660; Elusive Fox (E Dubai), SP, \$169,235.

**8th-Finger Lakes, \$25,800**, 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.25, ft, 4 lengths.

**GIMMEDAMONEY (c, 3, Central Banker--Sabael, by Hook and Ladder)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-2-2, \$89,579. O-Our Blue Streaks Stable; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro. \*\$30,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$22,000 2yo '21 EASDEC.

**6th-Finger Lakes, \$25,700**, 5-24, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.68, ft, neck.

**MIND OF GOLD (m, 5, Tale of Ekati--Bitter Gold, by Midas Eyes)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-4, \$102,985. O-Rosaury Birriel Pizzaro; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-David Oyola. \*\$30,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$20,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG.

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**4th-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080**, (S), 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.77, sy, nose.

**LAVA BOMB (g, 3, Latent Heat--Awesome Bankroll, by Awesome of Course)** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$28,250. O/B-Carter Thoroughbreds (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

**4th-Finger Lakes, \$24,000**, (S), 5-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.91, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

**BARBARA'S BANK (m, 5, Bank Heist--Barbara's Beauty, by Bandini)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$81,969. O/T-Jeffrey S. Englehart; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY).

**3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,140**, 5-23, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.52, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

**SMOOTH RITHMS (f, 4, Algorithms--Satin Smooth, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 21-3-4-2, \$59,047. O-Tijuana Racing Stables & Rick Hamilton; B-Highclere Inc. (KY); T-Juan Pablo Silva. \*\$4,500 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$20,000 Ylg '19 WASSEP.



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**Cinco Quince**, f, 2, **First Samurai**--Island Village, by Flat Out. Louisiana Downs, 5-24, 4 1/2f, :53.71. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. B-Philip & Brenda Robertson (KY). \*\$30,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Tizzy Jojo**, f, 2, **Tiz Sardonic Joe**--Quiet Illusion, by Quiet American. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-24, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.43. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Marvin A. Johnson (IN). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*First winner for freshman sire (by Tiznow).

**Maker's Please**, g, 3, **Pass Rush**--Maggie Slew (MGSP, \$203,237), by Seattle Slew. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.74. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$34,650. B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN). \*Full to Mack the Slew, MSW, \$126,571.

**Persistent Danger**, g, 3, **Speightster**--Leigha Renee, by Mizzen Mast. Finger Lakes, 5-24, 6f, 1:12.42. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$38,510. B-Hilltop Stables (NY).

**Wildcat Lady**, f, 3, **Wildcat Red**--Sugar Lane, by Bold Truth. Belterra, 5-24, (S), 5f (off turf), 1:00.00. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,700. B-Maccabee Farm (OH). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Inside Job**, c, 4, **American Pharoah**--Star Act (SP, \$147,605), by Street Cry (Ire). Will Rogers Downs, 5-24, 6f, 1:11.04. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,832. B-George Krikorian (KY). \*\$120,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**My Buckaroo**, g, 4, **Strong Contender**--Chantilly's Friend, by Crafty Friend. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.56. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$33,450. B-Richard L. Batz & R Star Stallions (IN). \*\$3,750 Ylg '19 INDMIX.

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**Algorithms**, Smooth Rhythms, f, 4, o/o Satin Smooth, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 5-23, Mountaineer

**American Pharoah**, American Goddess, m, 5, o/o Thunders Dove, by Thunderello. ALW, 5-24, Presque Isle Downs

**American Pharoah**, Inside Job, c, 4, o/o Star Act, by Street Cry

(Ire). MSW, 5-24, Will Rogers

**Bank Heist**, Barbara's Bank, m, 5, o/o Barbara's Beauty, by Bandini. ALW, 5-24, Finger Lakes

**Big Drama**, Uptown Queen, m, 5, o/o On the Dole, by **Speightstown**. ALW, 5-23, Prairie Meadows

**Central Banker**, Gimmedamoney, c, 3, o/o Sabael, by Hook and Ladder. ALW, 5-24, Finger Lakes

**Empire Maker**, Rome, c, 3, o/o Gracer, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 5-23, Prairie Meadows

**First Samurai**, Cinco Quince, f, 2, o/o Island Village, by Flat Out. MSW, 5-24, Louisiana Downs

**Greeley's Conquest**, Wyoming Conquest, g, 5, o/o Kitty's Charge, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 5-23, Prairie Meadows

**Itsthesameoldsong**, First Song, g, 4, o/o Mini Mostest, by Atticus. ALW, 5-24, Belterra

**Keen Ice**, Shesascoldasice, f, 3, o/o Shesastonecoldfox, by Foxhound. ALW, 5-24, Finger Lakes

**Kiss the Ghost**, R Three Angels, f, 3, o/o Hot Tub Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 5-24, Thistledown

**Latent Heat**, Lava Bomb, g, 3, o/o Awesome Bankroll, by Awesome of Course. ALW, 5-24, Will Rogers

**Latent Heat**, Shannon C, g, 7, o/o Miranda Diane, by Fistfite. ALW, 5-24, Will Rogers

**Mondavi**, Bella Bolle, f, 3, o/o Colton's Dilemma, by Timeraker. ALW, 5-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Pass Rush**, Maker's Please, g, 3, o/o Maggie Slew, by Seattle Slew. MSW, 5-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Run Away and Hide**, Hard Count, g, 6, o/o Five Yard Penalty, by Consolidator. ALW, 5-24, Presque Isle Downs

**Shanghai Bobby**, King Kumbalay, g, 4, o/o Lovely Stay, by Flower Alley. AOC, 5-24, Parx Racing

**Speightster**, Persistent Danger, g, 3, o/o Leigha Renee, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 5-24, Finger Lakes

**Strong Contender**, My Buckaroo, g, 4, o/o Chantilly's Friend, by Crafty Friend. MSW, 5-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Tale of Ekati**, Mind of Gold, m, 5, o/o Bitter Gold, by Midas Eyes. ALW, 5-24, Finger Lakes

**Tiz Sardonic Joe**, Tizzy Jojo, f, 2, o/o Quiet Illusion, by Quiet American. MSW, 5-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Uncle Lino**, Far Mo Power, g, 4, o/o J. D. Safari, by Power by Far. ALW, 5-24, Parx Racing

**Union Rags**, Herd Immunity, g, 4, o/o Enhanced, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 5-23, Prairie Meadows

**Verrazano**, Verry Amelia, f, 4, o/o Flor de Amelia, by Cape Town. ALW, 5-23, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Wildcat Red**, Wildcat Lady, f, 3, o/o Sugar Lane, by Bold Truth. MSW, 5-24, Belterra

**William's Kitten**, Perfectingtheview, m, 5, o/o Vicki Jo, by Mercer Mill. ALW, 5-24, Thistledown

## EPSOM BECKONS ONCE MORE FOR AL SAGAR



Imad Al Sagar, owner/breeder of Oaks contender Nashwa  
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By Emma Berry

It is 15 years since Authorized (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) streaked down the hill at Epsom to give Frankie Dettori his first win in the Derby. For the colt's owners Imad Al Sagar and Saleh Al Homaizi it was also a first Derby victory, but it was their second Classic winner in as many years as Araafa (Ire) (Mull Of Kintyre {Ire})) had landed the previous season's Irish 2000 Guineas before going on to win the St James's Palace S.

Such success at the highest level for the duo who had previously been champion owners in their native Kuwait then kindled an interest in breeding which led to the purchase of two farms on the outskirts of Newmarket. Together they would become known as Blue Diamond Stud.

Now solely under the ownership of Imad Al Sagar, the stud is a thriving concern, with 40 broodmares in its paddocks and more than 20 horses in training in Britain, predominantly homebreds, with John and Thady Gosden, Roger Varian, Clive Cox, Roger Charlton, Archie Watson, and Andrew Balding. The fruits of the Blue Diamond team's labours, in the paddocks and at the sales grounds over the years, are being enjoyed especially this season, most notably in the prospect of another Classic contender, this time in the Oaks. **Cont. p2**

## LYNAM EYES GROUP-1 DOUBLE AT ROYAL ASCOT WITH ROMANTIC PROPOSAL

By Brian Sheerin

Only Choisir (Aus) and Blue Point (Ire) have managed to win the King's Stand and the Platinum Jubilee in the same year, but Eddie Lynam has opened the door to his Group 1-winning sprinter **Romantic Proposal (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) emulating those legendary speedsters at Royal Ascot next month and is eyeing an audacious tilt at the double.

Romantic Proposal showed blistering speed in winning the G1 Flying Five S. at the Curragh last season and, despite treating the Listed Woodlands S. at Naas like a piece of work on her comeback, the star sprinter will not run again before the royal meeting and will be kept fresh by Lynam.

"We were delighted with her comeback and decided to leave it at that with her because we're trying to keep her fresh for Royal Ascot," Lynam told *TDN Europe* on Tuesday. **Cont. p5**

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### Imad Al Sagar Cont. from p1

**Nashwa (GB)**, a daughter of **Frankel (GB)** and the former Blue Diamond Stud colourbearer Princess Loulou (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), trained by John and Thady Gosden, was this week confirmed as being on course for Epsom. This followed some deliberation between remaining in England or heading to France for the shorter option of the Prix de Diane.

"Winning the Derby was incredibly special," says Al Sagar. "It was a dream come true and it is a very exciting time now, with history repeating itself in a way, to be able to go to Epsom with another Classic contender."

The breeder admits that choosing between Epsom and Chantilly was not easy, particularly as Nashwa's own stable contains the current Oaks favourite Emily Upjohn (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). But Nashwa, whose dam, purchased as a yearling by Tony Nerses, won a 10-furlong listed contest in testing conditions and was runner-up in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet, has given Al Sagar cause for optimism. Her most recent win, and her second of the year, came over 10 furlongs in the Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies' Trial at Newbury, and he points to another facet of the filly which may help her in the Oaks.

He says, "She is improving and the progress she has made from two to three is enormous. Especially in the the last two months she has really flourished. She has become a lot stronger physically and mentally.

"We agreed to have an open mind; it was a difficult decision. Nashwa has not yet run over a mile and a half. The filly has abundant speed as she showed over a mile at Haydock. But pedigree-wise, I know the family, and **Frankel** throws horses who compete over all kinds of distances. She is the type of filly who relaxes very well. She has a great temperament and she switches off in her races."

Al Sagar adds, "We are not sure, of course. But she's laidback



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and also she has a very good turn of foot, so these things I think will help her to get a mile and a half.

"It is a nice problem to have. I hope all our problems are like this."

Thus far it has been a season with problems mostly far from his mind. In some ways, Al Sagar has already celebrated a Classic winner, even if it was at a slight remove. Back in 2019 at Arqana he bought Zotilla (Ire) from Ecurie des Monceaux for €75,000. Her Dark Angel (Ire) filly foal born earlier that year was subsequently retained by Monceaux and its partners after failing to reach her reserve at the yearling sales, and last Sunday, as Mangoustine (Fr), she won the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches.

"I bought Mangoustine's dam Zotilla and Manasarova, the dam of Sicilian Defense (GB) on the same day and then both of them had runners in the French Guineas," he notes. "Sicilian Defense actually ran a very good race when she was short of room."

Blue Diamond Stud is also home to the well-related Tisa River (Ire) (Equiano {Fr}), purchased in 2020 when her family had come to life through her consecutive Breeders' Cup-winning half-siblings Iridessa (Ire) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}) and Order Of Australia (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**). The pedigree was subsequently enhanced by another sibling, Santa Barbara (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), the winner last season of the GI Belmont Oaks and GI Beverly D. S. **Cont. p3**



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### Imad Al Sagar Cont.

Tisa River is currently in foal to **Frankel**, as is Princess Loulou, carrying a full-sibling to Nashwa. Meanwhile Zotilla is in foal to Dubawi (Ire) with a Too Darn Hot (GB) filly foal at foot.

Queen of the paddocks, however, is Pearling (Storm Cat), the sister to Giant's Causeway and Coolmore blue hen You'resothrilling. She gave Blue Diamond Stud its first homebred Group 1 winner when her son Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) won the Jebel Hatta at Meydan and then followed up with victories in the Tattersalls Gold Cup and Irish Champion S. for Roger Charlton during a glorious 2017 season.

Decorated Knight, a close relative to the high-achieving Classic family of **Gleneagles (Ire)**, Marvellous (Ire) and Happily (Ire), is now a resident of the Irish National Stud and has been well supported by his co-owner/breeder.

Al Sagar may yet also have an interest of sorts in this year's Derby field, as still engaged at this stage is Masekela (Ire), whom he pinhooked as a foal after he had admired Masekela's sire El Kabeir at Yeomanstown Stud. The pinhook project just about broke even, but more important was the vindication in Al Sagar's judgement when Masekela won on debut, finished runner-up in the G2 Superlative S.—beaten a short-head by Native Trail (GB), no less—and then subsequently landed the Listed Denford S. for Andrew Balding and owners Mick and Janice Mariscotti.

Al Sagar's main focus, however, is on his burgeoning breeding operation. At the end of 2018 he and Al Homaizi went their separate ways, with much of the stock being offered at auction to dissolve their partnership. Al Sagar bought back a number of the mares, including Pearling, and earlier this year he announced a major restructuring of the Blue Diamond Stud team. Lord Grimthorpe was appointed as racing manager, with Ted Voute becoming chief executive officer, Gerry Meehan announced as yearling manager and Nancy Sexton as bloodstock and media advisor.

"I think Blue Diamond deserved the time and investment and I decided that restructuring was very important for the future of the stud," he says. "I am very much comfortable with my team and we have started to see very positive results on the ground which I hope will help us to achieve our future goals."

Al Sagar visits the Newmarket farms, spread across 330 acres, as often as he can from his home in Kuwait, and he likes to be hands-on when it comes to matings.

"I very much enjoy it, especially over the last six or seven years," he says. "When we first started breeding horses in 2007 we made many mistakes, but I am happy we did it because we learned a lot from it and now we can see things are moving forward with the progeny. With breeding you don't know what you will get, so now our strategy is to upgrade the quality of mares." **Cont. p4**

**Imad Al Sagar Cont.**

He added, "Broodmares are the foundation for any farm and our strategy is to improve the quality and to have a wide spectrum of bloodlines, such as Scat Daddy, what is remaining of the Roberto line, Blushing Groom line. It is these things that we are focusing on to improve our progeny."

The owner took some by surprise when announcing Hollie Doyle as his retained jockey in 2020. She remains in that position, with Martin Dwyer as second jockey. The arrangement has already been a successful one, with Doyle having ridden not just Nashwa, but also Nazanin (GB), Majestic Noor (GB) and Extra Elusive (GB) to stakes victories in the green and silver silks of Blue Diamond Stud.

"Things have changed," says Al Sagar on the topic of retaining

a woman as principal rider. "It wasn't an easy decision, but in my opinion Hollie ticks all the boxes as a jockey. I do believe that the gender shouldn't be an obstacle to being a good jockey. Hollie has the brain, has the strength, has the courage, and this is what you need in a jockey. This is now the third year and we are extremely happy."

Should Doyle become the first woman to ride a British Classic winner when she partners Nashwa in the Oaks, it would doubtless be a moment in which horseracing makes the front pages of the national newspapers for all the right reasons. It would not only be a well deserved success for one of the outstanding jockeys of her generation, but also for the man

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"She has entries in the King's Stand and the Platinum Jubilee and we're going to bring her over there fresh," he said. "We'll run her on the Tuesday, all going well, and then we'll see how she recovers. If we're happy with her, she will take her chance on the Saturday as well."

Lynam added, "If you mind them when they are young, they can pay you back in spades when they get older, but that's easy for me to say as I have the owners who will let me do that. She was never going to be a 2-year-old and has developed from being a premier handicapper to making the big jump last year at five."

"You could say that she has improved again judging by that Naas performance as, while it probably wasn't the strongest listed race ever run, she was very impressive."

Romantic Proposal can be backed at 10-1 for the King's Stand while odds of 16-1 are available for the Platinum Jubilee.

According to Lynam, the King's Stand is the preferred target for the mare, who will only back up if her main assignment goes to plan.

He explained, "I'm not saying she can do the double but it's tempting. I was going to do it before with Sole Power (GB)

(Kyllachy {GB}) but I didn't because he wasn't equally as good over six furlongs as he was over five. We won't back her up unless we're happy with her."

Lynam added, "The King's Stand is the preferred target of the two and it's shaping up to be a real international race. Golden Pal (**Uncle Mo**) was very impressive in America recently so if he shows that sort of form we could be in trouble as he would be difficult to beat.

"Nature Strip (Aus) (Nicconi {Aus}) also has to be respected, as does any Australian sprinter, given the history of Choisir, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** and all the rest of them. The Queen looks like she has a good one [King's Lynn (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire})] and Ireland will be well-represented with A Case Of You (Ire) (Hot Streak {Ire}) so it looks a top race."

Should Romantic Proposal shine on the biggest of stages, she would once again highlight the prowess of Lynam's daughter Amy, who pinhooked the Clipper Logistics-owned star as a foal.

Amy was also responsible for sourcing Soffia (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), who won a Group 2 for her father, and plans on capitalising on the recent run of success by making a go of it as a bloodstock agent. **Cont. p6**



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She explained, "I'm over the moon with what Romantic Proposal has done. From her and Soffia before that, I am hoping to pick up some orders for the yearling sales. I always thought that being a bloodstock agent would be a great job but didn't know if I'd be any good at it. Thanks to the two of them, I might try and give it a go."

Lynam added, "I bought a brother to Mums Tipple (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) at the November Foal Sale at Goffs last year and the plan is to pinhook him. He's very nice and is the only one I have at the moment but I'd like to try and fill a few orders if I can. I wanted to prove that I was good enough to do it first before I started spending people's money."

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**SWEET LADY TO THE FORE IN THE CORRIDA**

by Sean Cronin



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Gemini Stud's **Sweet Lady (Fr)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}--High Heel Sneakers {GB}, by Dansili {GB}) posted a career high in October's G3 Prix de Flore at Saint-Cloud and lined up for Tuesday's G3 Prix Corrida back over the same 10 1/2-furlong distance at the Paris venue returning off a second in April's Listed Prix Lord Seymour at ParisLongchamp. The 5-2 second favourite adopted her usual patient tactics and was positioned off the tempo in fifth for the most part. Nudged along to close with 500 metres remaining, she quickened in smart fashion to launch her challenge entering the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to assert superiority. Last term's Listed Prix La Camargo victrix and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches fourth hit the line with a half-length advantage from **Burgarita (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**).

"She is a very smart filly who is much more mature than she

was last season," explained trainer Francis-Henri Graffard. "We did well to run her over 1 1/2 miles last time to teach her more about how to settle and the experience did her a lot of good. We also made the right decision to pass on the G3 Prix d'Hedouville and wait for this race. If only because we avoided fast ground and hot temperatures. The softer it is, the better it is for her and we are convinced that the second half of the season will give her more opportunities.

"She will be entered in the [G1] Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud here and the [G1 Prix] Jean Romanet at Deauville, but there will be no rush to run if conditions are not suitable. The [G1] Yorkshire Oaks is also a possibility and of course she is entered in the [G1] Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. We will take the time we need to decide what is next and, for the time being, she has enriched her resume and we're delighted."

**Pedigree Notes**

Sweet Lady is the last reported foal produced by Listed River Eden S. victrix and G2 May Hill S. runner-up High Heel Sneakers (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who also produced Listed Oaks Trial winner Toujours L'Amour (GB) (Authorized {Ire}). Sweet Lady's third dam Charmie Carmie (Lyphard) is the dam of MG1SW Peruvian champion Faaz (Fappiano) and her descendants also include G1 SA Fillies' Classic heroine Zaitoon (SAf) (Count Dubois {GB}). Charmie Carmie is kin to MG1SW American Fillies' Triple Crown heroine Chris Evert (Swoon's Son), whose own descendants are headed by GI Belmont S.-winning sire Chief's Crown (Danzig), GI Frizette S. and GI Gazelle S. heroine Classic Crown (Mr. Prospector) and MG1SW dual GI Beldame S. victrix Sightseek (Distant View). **Cont. p7**



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### CACHET PLEASING HERBERT AHEAD OF CORONATION S.

G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas winner **Cachet (Ire)** (Aclaim {Ire}) is pleasing Highclere Racing's Managing Director Harry Herbert in advance of the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. The '**TDN Rising Star**' is poised to face the electric G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas victress Homeless Songs (Ire) (**Frankel (GB)**) in the race. After taking the G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. last month, she ran out a neck winner in the Guineas and was second by a head to Mangoustine (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at ParisLongchamp on May 15.

"The winner of the Irish Guineas was mightily impressive--seriously, seriously good," said Herbert. "We'll have our work cut out in the Coronation, but Cachet has had the most

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## KINGSCOTE TO RIDE DESERT CROWN IN CAZOO DERBY



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Saeed Suhail's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Desert Crown (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), who won the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S. at York on May 12, will continue his association with jockey Richard Kingscote in the G1 Cazoo Derby on June 4, according to trainer Sir Michael Stoute. A Nottingham maiden winner in November, the colt delivered a 3 1/4-length victory in the Dante and would become the sixth winner of the Blue Riband for the veteran trainer if he captured the 1 1/2-mile contest.

"He has ridden him [for] plenty of work and won twice on him and he gets on well with him, so we will go down that route," said Stoute of the reasoning behind the decision. "The owner is happy to have him on and so am I, so we will go down that route.

"It doesn't feel strange [that Ryan Moore] is not on board as he has been doing it for years. He has been riding horses for Aidan [O'Brien] in important races for a long time."

Desert Crown has turned in one six-furlong work since his Dante triumph, and the colt is pleasing Stoute and his team less than two weeks from the big day.

Added, Stoute, "He was a good-looking horse with a good temperament, but we had to learn something about him on the racecourse and it was a positive.

"He had just one piece of work since the Dante. It was just a loosen-up really. He went six furlongs quite comfortably. He is workmanlike and not spectacular at home.

"He wouldn't have to come on too much but it was a good performance that puts him in the reckoning. He did surprise me [at York].

"If you win the Dante you don't have to improve much to win The Derby. He has still got to do it though. He is a nice athlete and has a lovely temperament. All good horses are important

and it is nice to have them and it has given the yard a great lift."

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## KING'S STAND STILL THE AIM FOR WINTER POWER

King Power Racing's Group 1 winner **Winter Power (Ire)** (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}) has exited her eighth-place finish in the G2 Temple S. at Haydock in good order and is still targeting the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot, according to trainer Tim Easterby. Successful in the G1 Nunthorpe S. last term, she was unplaced in both the G1 Flying Five S. at the Curragh in September and at ParisLongchamp in the Oct. 3 G1 Prix de l'Abbaye. Easterby is putting her performance down to a lack of conditioning and is confident that his filly will improve from the run.

"She's fine. She's come out of it sound and well," said Easterby. "She just had a blow and needed the race, but she seems all right. That [King's Stand] is the idea."

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## HORTON PLANNING FIRST ROYAL ASCOT RAID

James Horton, who made a dazzling start to his training career with a treble at Redcar on Easter Monday, is now focusing his attention on saddling his first runners at Royal Ascot.

A former assistant to Sir Michael Stoute in Newmarket, Horton is now training at John and Jess Dance's Manor House Farm stables in Middleham. He plans to run Sunday's York sprint winner **Asjad (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) at the Royal meeting as well as the G2 July S. third **Sam Maximus (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}).

"The Wokingham is the plan next," said Horton of 4-year-old Asjad, who was bought from Shadwell at the Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale and has won two of his three starts since joining his stable. [Cont. p9](#)



James Horton | Tattersalls

**Horton Cont.**

He added, "I think Ascot will suit him, I think he wants a level track. I probably shouldn't have run him at Newmarket, he hated the track and I probably brought him back a bit quick after Redcar. So he'll have a nice bit of time now between York and the Wokingham and that will be plan A."

The G1 Commonwealth Cup is on the cards for Sam Maximus, who has made just one start for Horton, finishing third in the Listed Carnarvon S. on May 14 at Newbury after being group-placed at two for Tom Dascombe.

"He was only just up to a race when we ran him, he kind of needed a race to bring him forwards," said Horton, who has now saddled seven winners from his 25 runners to date.

"I thought he ran really well and he just got tired in the last half-furlong, he had a real good blow and I think he should step forward from that.

"He's in the Commonwealth Cup and the two that finished in front of him at Newbury will probably run in it. They were match-fit and we went there half expecting to blow up, so I'd like to think he could get closer to them with another effort and the plan is to run him at Ascot and go from there."

He added, "The programme for 3-year-old sprinters kind of maps itself out. We'll then see if he can mix it with the best sprinters or maybe have to go back and find a little listed race somewhere."

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**IRISH CESAREWITCH TO CARRY €600,000 PRIZE FUND**

One of the most valuable staying contests of the European season will be staged at the Curragh on Sept. 25 when the Irish Cesarewitch is run for a total prize fund of €600,000.

A group of supporters of Ireland's flagship racecourse have united under the banner of 'Friends of the Curragh' to back the prestigious two-mile contest in a three-year sponsorship commitment. The race will now take place earlier than usual, with permission having been granted by the European Pattern Committee to move the G3 Loughbrown S. to a later date in October.

The Friends of the Curragh Irish Cesarewitch will now take place on the second day of a new two-day Autumn Festival which also features the Goffs Million.

The new initiative was brought about by former Horse Racing Ireland chairman Joe Keeling, who said, "I am very pleased to have been involved in the redevelopment of the Curragh into a world-class facility for which a number of people deserve great credit and thanks. I am delighted to play a small part in supporting this new initiative and hope it will build a race which attracts national and international interest. The two-mile track at the Curragh is a great test of a horse's speed and stamina and the race will take plenty of winning."

Up to 30 runners will be permitted for the 0-110 handicap, and the winners of several staying Premier Handicaps run at more than 12 furlongs through the season will be exempt from the ballot at the final forfeit stage.

Brian Kavanagh, chief executive of the Curragh Racecourse, added, "This is a really exciting initiative and we are delighted to stage such a high-value race. Joe's passion for and commitment to the Curragh is palpable and he is the driving force behind the creation of this race. We hope that trainers and owners from Ireland and overseas will target this race and we look forward to a full field doing battle over the Curragh's longest distance."

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**Huge sponsorship boost for new two-day Autumn Festival at the Curragh**

## THE QUEEN'S FORMER RACEHORSES TO PARADE AT EPSOM ON DERBY DAY



**Barbers Shop & Katie Jerram-Hunnable in front of The Queen at Windsor | Retraining of Racehorses**

A quintet of Her Majesty The Queen's former racehorses--**Barbers Shop (GB)** (Saddlers' Hall {Ire}), **First Receiver (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}), **Quadrille (GB)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), **Prince's Trust (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), and **Forth Bridge (GB)** (Bernardini)--will parade at Epsom Downs Racecourse on Cazoo Derby Day, June 4. The parade, which is part of a tribute to The Queen's contribution to the horseracing and breeding industry, was organized by Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) and The Jockey Club. The monarch will be in attendance for the G1 Cazoo Derby, which is part of the official Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This event will be in addition to a **Guard of Honour** of 40 jockeys who have ridden for The Queen, who will greet her arrival dressed in her famous silks at the track on the day.

Phil White, London Regional Director at The Jockey Club, said, "We're delighted that Retraining of Racehorses will be bringing some of Her Majesty's former racehorses to parade on Cazoo Derby Day.

"We know The Queen is incredibly fond of all of her horses, whether they are racing or involved in other disciplines, so this will be a great way to combine her passion for the Thoroughbred with a chance to educate people about the work RoR do and the lives racehorses live once their careers on the track have come to an end."

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## PHILIPPA WINTER APPOINTED MAYOR OF NEWMARKET

At a meeting of Newmarket Town Council on Monday evening, one of the most popular members of Newmarket's racing community, Philippa Winter, became Mayor of the town, a position which she will hold for the next 12 months.

Philippa Winter's late husband John was one of Newmarket's most successful and respected trainers from the late 1960s and through the '70s and '80s. Based in Highfield in Newmarket's Bury Road, John Winter, younger brother of the National Hunt legend Fred and son of the former leading jockey and trainer Fred Winter, Sr., trained for several of the sport's leading owners and prepared some very successful horses including **Realm (GB)** (**Princely Gift (GB)**), **Double-U-Jay (GB)** (**Major Portion (GB)**) and the top-class full-brothers **Balidar (GB)** (**Will Somers (GB)**) and **Balliol (GB)**.

Philippa Winter has been one of Newmarket's most active Town Councillors in recent years, most notably as the Chair of the Community Services Committee, in which role she has done a lot of work to improve the appearance of the town. The vote to appoint her as the town's Mayor was unanimous and reflects the respect which she has earned from her colleagues. She succeeds the outgoing Mayor Michael Jefferys, who will now serve as her deputy.

She is the latest of several figures from within the racing community to serve as the town's Mayor in recent years, following both Rachel Hood (wife of multiple champion trainer John Gosden) and John Berry, whose roles within the sport include both trainer and occasional *TDN* columnist. Another recent Newmarket Mayor with strong connections to the sport has been popular local businessman Andy Drummond who, through his company Lettergold, has been a long-standing and loyal race-sponsor at Newmarket. [Cont. p11](#)



**Philippa Winter, Mayor of Newmarket**

**Philippa Winter Cont.**

Philippa Winter stands as an independent on the Newmarket Town Council, a body on which the majority of the Councillors are independents.

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**GODOLPHIN FLYING START INTAKE FOR 2022-2024 REVEALED**

The 2022-2024 Godolphin Flying Start Class was announced on Tuesday. The 12 trainees for the two-year Thoroughbred Industry Management and Leadership Programme are from five different countries and will begin the course on Aug. 15, 2022. They will spend time in Ireland, the UK, the USA, Australia and Dubai throughout the programme. In addition, the course is accredited by University College Dublin Michael Smurfit Business School as a Graduate Certificate in Management. The dozen trainees are as follows:

- Annabel Adams, New Zealand
- Liam Cunningham, New Zealand
- Sarah Kelly, Ireland
- Orlaith Nangle, Ireland
- David O’Farrell, Ireland
- Megan O’Leary, Ireland
- Anne O’Rourke, UK
- Susannah Jeffrey, UK
- Jamie Smith, UK
- Edmond Ryan, Ireland
- Alexander Sausville, USA
- Ben Triandafillou, Australia

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**QUEEN OF THE STAGE SETS GOFFS ONLINE RECORD**

**Queen Of The Stage (Ire)** (King’s Theatre {Ire}) (lot 1), the dam of dual Grade 1 winner **Constitution Hill** (GB) (Blue Bresil {Fr}), brought £340,000 from Jayne McGivern’s Dash Grange Stud on Goffs Online. The price is a new record for a horse sold via the Goffs Online timed auction platform. The 12-year-old mare, carrying a full-sibling to **Constitution Hill**, was consigned as the property of Phil and Sally Noott.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said, “Today’s online auction produced a superb price and we would like to thank Phil and Sally Noott for entrusting their Grade 1-producing mare to sell with Goffs via our proven online platform. Queen Of The Stage is the second high-class NH mare to be sold by Goffs this year with Put The Kettle On selling at our Aintree Sale, so to have achieved wonderful prices both in the ring, and online, is very pleasing and demonstrates Goffs’ ability to deliver in both

spheres.

“Constitution Hill certainly shapes as one of the most exciting NH horses-in-training, he looks to have a huge future in front of him and we wish the Dash Grange Stud team all the very best of luck with her.”

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Queen Of The Stage | Goffs Online

**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2022:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}), Banstead Manor Stud  
 97 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Explicit (Ire)  
 30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2021

**Harry Angel (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
 105 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 17:25-RIPON, 6f, Hardy Angel (GB)  
 £14,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

**Rajasinghe (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), The National Stud  
 25 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 17:25-RIPON, 6f, Little Edi (GB)  
 9,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2020

**Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Nunnery Stud  
 69 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Unitarian (GB)  
 23,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2021

**Unfortunately (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}), Springfield House Stud  
33 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Rock Opera (GB)  
£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021

**Washington DC (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), Bearstone Stud  
47 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Montelusa (GB)  
17:25-RIPON, 6f, West By East (GB)  
£7,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2021



Rajasinghe has a runner at Ripon | Amy Lanigan

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### SON OF MOONLIGHT CLOUD SET FOR BEVERLEY DEBUT

**15.40 Beverley, Nov, £7,700, 3yo/up, 7f 96yT**  
George Strawbridge's homebred **MOON WATCH (IRE)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is a son of six-time elite-level distaffer and three-time G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest heroine Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The March-foaled bay is opposed by seven in this belated debut for John and Thady Gosden.

### HOW THEY FARED

**14.25 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 12fT**

The Niarchos Family's **Tabarin (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), a homebred half to G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Canadian International hero Erupt (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), was never a serious threat in this first go, but made late headway in the straight to finish a never-nearer seventh of 13.

### 6.00 Newcastle, Nov, £7,300, 3yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT)

KHK Racing's TDN Rising Star **Eldar Eldarov** (Dubawi {Ire}), a 2021 £480,000 Arqana Breeze Up acquisition, made his long-awaited return here and justified market support to win by 2 1/4 lengths as the 6-4 favourite.

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## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**4th-Newcastle, £14,800, Nov, 5-24, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), 1:02.43, st/sl.**

**ELVENIA (IRE)** (f, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Pixeleen {GB}) {MSP-Eng, \$114,191}, by Pastoral Pursuits {GB} lobbed along in a close-up second through the early fractions of this first go. Stoked up at halfway, the 9-2 chance came under sterner urging approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to overcome greenness in the latter stages, hitting the line a neck ahead of the pacesetter Daytona Lady (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}). Elvenia, full to a yearling filly, is the second foal and scorer produced by Listed Cathedral S. and Listed Boadicea S. third Pixeleen (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}), herself out of a winning half-sister to G2 Temple S. victrix Priceless (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Sales history: 225,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,060. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

**4th-Lingfield, £7,800, Nov, 5-24, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.46, st.**

**MALRESCIA (IRE)** (f, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Tecla {Ire}, by Whipper), who impressed with a May 13 daylight success going just over five furlongs at Hamilton last time, was the sharpest of eight into stride and seized an immediate lead. In command under a firm grip for the most part, the 5-6 favourite was never seriously threatened and powered clear off the home turn to easily outclass The Xo (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) by an impressive 4 1/2 lengths. Malrescia, the latest of five foals, is one of four scorers out of a half to G1 Criterium International second and GSW sire Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), G3 Prix de Flore victrix Albisola (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and G3 Pris des Reservoirs third Bufera (Ire) (King's Best). Albisola, in turn, is the dam of last term's G1 Criterium International third and Sunday's G1 Irish 1000 Guineas sixth Purplepay (Fr) (Zarak {Fr}). **Cont. p13**

**4th-Lingfield Cont.**

Descendants of her Listed Prix Imprudence-winning second dam Mahalia (Ire) (Danehill) also include MG1SW sire **Ectot (GB)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}), G1SW sire Most Improved (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and G1 1000 Guineas third Daban (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). The April-foaled bay is a full-sister to Listed Prix de la Cochere victrix Testa (Ire) and kin to G3 Henry II S. winner Lismore (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Sales history: €140,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$16,627. O-Mrs A G Kavanagh; B-Airlie Stud & Mrs S M Rogers (IRE); T-George Boughey.

**2nd-Lingfield, £7,300, Nov, 5-24, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:03.32, st. GOEMON (GB) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Spangled {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$106,651}, by **Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), who finished last of 11 behind subsequent G2 German 2000 Guineas hero Maljoom (Ire) (**Caravaggio**) in his Mar. 27 debut over seven furlongs at Doncaster last time, raced towards the rear through the early fractions of this return. Making rapid headway from the three-furlong pole, the 33-1 outsider went six at the top of the straight and thundered home under continued rousing to deny Return To Dubai (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) by a neck in the dying strides. Goemon is the first of two foals out of G3 Sceptre S. victrix**

Spangled (GB) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), herself a half-sister to Listed Westow S. third Jumira Bridge (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) produced by a daughter of MG1SW European champion Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo). The March-foaled grey is a half-sister to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Glistened (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). Sales history: 125,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,962. O-Mohamed Khalid Abdulrahim; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian.

**3rd-Newcastle, £7,300, Nov, 5-24, 3yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:12.96, st/sl.**

**ELDAR ELDAROV (GB) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--All At Sea {GB} {MSW-Fr, \$133,622}, by **Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who attained TDN Rising Stardom with a taking five-length win going an extended mile at Nottingham in his Oct. 13 debut last time, was well away to track the leaders in fourth after the early exchanges of this sophomore return. Sent wide to the stands' side rail into the straight, the 6-4 chalk was ridden to gain a narrow advantage passing the two pole and kept on strongly in the closing stages to outpoint 13-8 market rival Post Impressionist (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) by 2 1/4 lengths. [Cont. p14](#)**



Eldar Eldarov (Dubawi {Ire}) pictured as an Arqana 2-Year-Old at Doncaster in 2021. Oliver St. Lawrence purchased him for £480,000, after Mags O'Toole/Oak Tree Farm picked him at Goffs Orby for £110,000 the previous year. [Race replay](#). | Arqana

### 3rd-Newcastle Cont.

Eldar Eldarov, a G1 Irish Derby entry, is the third of five foals and one of two scorers produced by Listed Prix de Liancourt and Listed Prix Zarkava winner All At Sea (GB) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), herself kin to five stakes performers out of three-time Group 1 winner Albanova (GB) (Alzao). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to last term's Listed Rothesay S. third A La Voile (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Kingswood (GB) (Roaring Lion) and a yearling filly of Study of Man (Ire). Sales history: £110,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR; £480,000 2yo '21 ARQDEA. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,099. **'TDN Rising Star'**.

O-KHK Racing Ltd; B-Kirsten Rausing (GB); T-Roger Varian.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Spangled Mac (Ire)**, g, 3, [Starspangledbanner \(Aus\)](#)--

Intermittent (GB), by Cacique (Ire). Bath & Somerset County, 5-24, 5f 160yT, 1:11.83. B-Intermittent Partnership (IRE).

\*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*€66,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 140,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; £16,800 3yo '22 TATBRG.

## IRELAND

#### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-Gowran**, €18,000, Cond, 5-24, 3yo/up, f, 9f 100yT, 2:05.21, gd/yl.

**ONE FOR BOBBY (IRE)** (f, 3, [Frankel {GB}](#)--[One Spirit {Ire}](#) {SW & MGSP-Ire, \$102,541}, by [Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)), who graduated by 2 1/4 lengths over course and distance in her May 4 debut last time, raced in a handy fourth through halfway in this return. Making headway in the straight to go second at the quarter-mile marker, the 7-4 favourite was ridden to challenge approaching the final furlong and driven out in the closing stages to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Show of Stars (GB) ([Showcasing {GB}](#)). "Ben [Coen] said it was a little bit tactical, they went steady enough and it was a bit of a sprint up the straight," said trainer Johnny Murtagh. "It was a nice race for her and she learned plenty the first day, but it would have been a bit unfair to go straight into stakes company from that. It was a very nice performance and, hopefully, she'll now be able to step up again. I think 10 furlongs is a good trip for her and she's exciting, but I won't rush her as she's after doing plenty in the last couple of weeks. There is nothing until [G1 Irish] Derby day, so maybe from then on we'll look for a stakes race." One For Bobby, the fourth of five live foals and half to a 2-year-old colt by Lope de Vega (Ire), is one of two winners out of MGSP Listed Owenstown Stud S. victrix [One Spirit \(Ire\)](#) ([Invincible Spirit {Ire}](#)), herself a full-sister to G3 Fairy

[Bridge S.](#) runner-up [Some Spirit \(Ire\)](#). The April-foaled bay's second dam [Recite \(Jpn\)](#) (Forty Niner) is a half-sister to MG1SW sire [Diktat \(GB\)](#) (Warning {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$20,857.

O-Miss A H Marshall; B-Frank Dunne (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**La Dame Blanche (Ire)**, f, 3, [Fast Company \(Ire\)](#)--[Aching Heart \(Ire\)](#), by [Showcasing \(GB\)](#). Gowran, 5-24, 8fT, 1:43.87. B-Noel Cogan (IRE). \*€3,000 RNA Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £17,000 RNA 2yo '21 TATGOR.

**Flying Dolphin (Ire)**, g, 3, [Zoffany \(Ire\)](#)--[Kebaya \(GB\)](#), by [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#). Gowran, 5-24, 9f 100yT, 2:04.02. B-Aston House Stud (IRE). \*100,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT.

## FRANCE

#### Tuesday's Results:

**7th-Saint-Cloud**, €35,000, Cond, 5-24, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.61, sf.

**SUN FLARE (GB)** (f, 3, [Exceed and Excel {Aus}](#)--[Rose et Or {Ire}](#), by [Iffraaj {GB}](#)), who graduated over this course and distance in her Apr. 29 debut last time, trailed all six rivals for most of this one. Under pressure and going nowhere in early straight, the 9-10 chalk picked off rivals one-by-one inside the final quarter mile and quickened smartly under a late drive to nail [Missyouni \(Ire\)](#) ([Siyouni {Fr}](#)) by 3/4-of-a-length in the dying strides. Sun Flare, half to a yearling filly by [Bated Breath \(GB\)](#), is the second of four foals and lone scorer produced by a dual-winning half-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine [Coquerelle \(Ire\)](#) ([Zamindar](#)) and G3 Prix du Lys victor [Spring Master \(GB\)](#) ([Mastercraftsman {Ire}](#)). [Cont. p15](#)



Sun Flare | Scoop Dyga

**7th-Saint-Cloud Cont.**

Descendants of the February-foaled chestnut's second dam Cracovie (GB) (Caerleon), herself half to sires Roi Normand (Exclusive Native) and Luth Dancer (Blushing Groom {Fr}), also include Listed Prix Yacowlef-winning G3 Cornwallis S. third Barbill (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), G3 Prix Chloe placegetter Magnolea (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and Sweden's Listed Lanwades Stud S. victrix Victoria Placa (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**). Sales history: €280,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €31,000.

**Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Godolphin; B-Noir et Or Elevage (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

**3rd-Saint-Cloud, €34,000, Cond, 5-24, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.79, sf. BELBEK (FR) (c, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Bee Queen {GB}, by Makfi {GB}),** who ran eighth behind Royal Ascot-bound Manhattan Jungle (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}) in his Apr. 13 debut over five furlongs at Chantilly last time, was steadied to race third after an alert getaway in this step up to six furlongs. Angled to the outer with 500 metres remaining, the 19-5 third choice was pushed along to challenge approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under whipless coaxing in the closing stages to deny Swing For Me (GB) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) by an ultimately snug 3/4-of-a-length. Belbek is the second of two foals and first scorer produced by a half-sister to G3 Hampton Court S. victor Sangarius (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) and G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial third Emergent (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). The February-foaled homebred bay's third dam is MG1SW European and US champion Banks Hill (GB) (Danehill), herself one of six elite-level performers out of storied blue hen Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €17,000. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Sumbe (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

**4th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 5-24, unraced 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:40.70, sf.**

**LOTS OF MAGIC (IRE) (f, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Mimalia, by Silver Hawk)** found a rhythm behind the leaders in seventh for most of this unveiling. Rowed along rounding the home turn, the 47-10 chance made continued headway in the straight to seize control approaching the final furlong and drew off late to easily account for Agile (Ire) (**Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**) by 4 1/2 lengths. Lots of Magic is the latest of one dozen foals and sixth scorer produced by a half-sister to G1 Derby-winning sire Kris Kin (Kris S.). The May-foaled homebred chestnut, whose second dam is MGISP G3 Prix de Psyche victrix Angel In My Heart (Fr) (Rainbow Quest), is kin to G3 Neville Sellwood S. victor Mount Popa (Ire) (Maxios {GB}), MGSP Listed Fairway S. winner Unnefer (Fr) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and to the dam of the dual stakes-placed Saqr (Fr) (Dutch Art {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

**Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Niarchos Family (IRE); T-Pascal Bary.



Lots Of Magic | Scoop Dyga

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Hollyhock (Fr), g, 3, Attendu (Fr)--Makisarde (Fr), by Xaar (GB).** Saint-Cloud, 5-24, 8fT, 1:43.54. B-Mme Josseline Hulin & Jean-Claude Hulin (FR). \*1/2 to Snow Bell (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), SW-Fr, \$145,585.

**Bob La Bidouille (Fr), g, 3, Toronado (Ire)--Ebareva (Ire), by Machiavellian.** Saint-Cloud, 5-24, 12fT, 2:41.78. B-SARL Darpat France (FR). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*€25,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. \*\*\*1/2 to Ederan (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), SP-Fr.

ITALY

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Diamond Angel (GB), c, 2, Cracksman (GB)--Lone Angel (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire).** Rome, 5-24, Deb. (€14.3k), 1400mT, 1:27.06. O/T-A. Botti. B-Natton House Thoroughbreds, Ltd. (GB). \*6,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. \*\*3rd winner for his first-season sire (by **Frankel {GB}**).



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**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

**Bai Yu Qi Tian (Ire)**, h, 6, **Vale Of York (Ire)**--Quickstep Queen (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). Yulong, 5-21, 1200m (A\$10,616), sand track, 1:22.40. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-J & P Mcloughney (Ire). **VIDEO**. \*€5,000 Ylg '17 GOFOCT. \*\*1/2 to Hurricane Ivor (Ire) (Ivawood {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$195,104.



**LAMMERSKRAAL STUD REDUCTION SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE**

The **catalogue** for the Lammerskraal Stud Reduction Sale is now online, Bloodstock South Africa announced. Slated for Lammerskraal Stud on June 10, the sale, which includes 39 lots, will begin at noon. Breeders will be able to purchase well-bred mares in foal to stallions like Elusive Fort (SAf), Erik The Red (SAf), Futura (SAf), Gimmethgreenlight (Aus), Hawwaam (SAf), Legislate (SAf), Master Of My Fate (SAf), One World (SAf), Querari (Ger) and The United States (Ire). There are also weanlings set to go under the hammer by such sires as Erupt (Ire), Global View, Master Of My Fate, Querari, One World, Visionaire and William Longsword (SAf), as well as yearlings by Gimmethgreenlight, Lancaster Bomber, Var and Visionaire.

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**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

**Zi You Zhan Shi (Aus)**, h, 6, **Animal Kingdom**--Simply Put (Aus) (GSP-Aus, \$155,664), by Charge Forward (Aus). Yulong, 5-21, 1600m (A\$14,863), sand track, 1:58.00. O-Heli Horse Industry. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty. Ltd. (NSW). **VIDEO**.

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## YULONG SPENDS \$16.48 MILLION, AWAY GAME TOPS MAGICS



**Away Game** | *Magic Millions*

by Lydia Symonds

Yulong's investment in their broodmare band hit stratospheric heights at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale on Tuesday when the powerful Victorian operation purchased 37 horses for an aggregate of \$16.48 million. Their purchases were headlined by star mares **Tofane (NZ)** (Ocean Park {NZ}) and **Away Game** (Snitzel) who they bought for a combined \$7.1 million.

### At A Glance

- At the close of trade, Magic Millions reported that 180 mares sold for an aggregate of \$44,935,500 at a clearance rate of 87.38%, while the average was reported as \$249,642 and the median stood at \$120,000.
- Comparisons with last year are unfair given the presence of the Shadwell Dispersal, but the sale is on track to eclipse the 2020 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale, which finished with a gross of \$57,079,000 and an average of \$139,217.
- A total of eight lots broke the magical seven-figure barrier, with the super fast filly **Away Game** (Snitzel) the highlight of the day when she sold to Yulong for a massive \$4 million.

- Yulong added three more seven-figure gems to their burgeoning broodmare band on Tuesday when they purchased **Tofane (NZ)** (Ocean Park {NZ}) for \$3.1 million, talented 3-year-old **Mac 'N' Cheese** (Sebring) for \$1.6 million and they also took home **Forever You (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) for \$1.35 million.
- International agent Dermot Farrington signed for two lots on the first day of the sale, purchasing Group 1 winner **Lighthouse (USA)** (Mizzen Mast {USA}) for \$1.7 million and **Swift Witness** (Star Witness) for \$1 million.
- The Rowsthorn family's Morningside teamed up with James Harron for two lots when they purchased **Rubisaki** (Rubick) early on in the day for \$1 million and they were on the buyers' sheet again when they paid \$775,000 for G2 Reising S. winner **Glistening** (Zoustar).
- China Horse Club were also active at the sale with three lots bought for an aggregate of \$1,650,000, headed by dual listed winner **Ballistic Lover** (Smart Missile) who they purchased for \$1 million.

### Yulong's Got Game

**Away Game** (Snitzel) and **Tofane (NZ)** (Ocean Park {NZ}) were touted to be the stars of an action-packed week and they did not disappoint with **Tofane** making \$3.1 million early on in the day, with Yulong doing the bidding online.

However, the daughter of Ocean Park (NZ) proved to only be the entrée with the main course served an hour later, when Yulong showed their firepower once again, coming out on top of a ferocious bidding battle with Coolmore for the honour to take super fast filly **Away Game** home for an eye-watering \$4 million.

Only minutes after **Away Game** stepped into the ring, the opening bid was already \$1.5 million. As the bidding climbed up past \$2 million, a hush came over the sales complex, with the auditorium spellbound watching the popular mare calmly make her way round the ring. As buyers began to fall away, it was left to Yulong and Coolmore's Tom Magnier to fight it out, with Yulong eventually outlasting Magnier to win the ultimate prize to leave the sales complex with the exciting daughter of Snitzel.

Fairgray said **Away Game** would get a few more chances to add that elusive Group 1 to her CV and the first of those will come in Saturday's G1 Kingsford-Smith Cup at Eagle Farm, while the mare could also line up in the G1 Stradbroke H. or G1 Tattersall's Tiara later on in the season, before retiring to the Victorian Stud where she will likely go to resident sire Written Tycoon.

"She's been a fantastic racemare and she's a beautiful-looking specimen so we're really pleased to take her home," Fairgray said. "She'll have a couple more starts and then have a date with Written Tycoon.

"She's already done enough but if she happened to pick up a Group 1 then that's a bonus.

"We've seen the market is so strong on these fillies that have been very dominant, especially with 2-year-old form the way she did so you've got to front up. If she leaves progeny looking like herself then they will definitely do well in the sales ring."

Tuesday was Away Game's second visit to the Magic Millions Sales complex with the mare having been purchased by Kerri Radcliffe for \$425,000 at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale in 2019 from the draft of her breeders Mill Park Stud.

The daughter of Snitzel has been a headline horse for Ciaron Maher and David Eustace, handing the powerhouse training partnership their first win in the R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic as a juvenile, a year which also saw her land the G3 Widden S. and G2 Percy Sykes S., while she was also runner-up in the G1 Golden Slipper S., leading to her being crowned Australia's Champion 2-Year-Old Filly.

A winner of \$3,727,425 in career prizemoney, Away Game finished in the frame at Group 1 level on four occasions, including most recently in the G1 Robert Sangster S. earlier in the month.

Away Game is out of the stakes-placed Elusive Quality (USA) mare Elusive Wonder, making her a sister to listed winner Modern Wonder. Further back the mare hails from the same family as Group 3 scorer Freedom Fields (NZ) (Bluebird {USA}).

This was the second investment Yulong have made into Away Game's family with the operation, under the guise of the Written Tycoon Syndicate, having snapped up her three-quarter sister Pippa Charlotte (Not A Single Doubt) for \$375,000 at last year's National Broodmare Sale.

### **Plans Fluid for High-Class Tofane**

Tofane, meanwhile, could also race on with Fairgray leaving the door open for the Mike Moroney-trained daughter of Ocean Park (NZ) to carry on her career next season, with Written Tycoon also lying in wait when the mare does eventually retire

to the breeding shed.

"I'd say Written Tycoon will be high up on the cards," said Fairgray. "We might give her a couple of runs through the spring and breed to her. She's no certainty to go to stud this year. She has shown in the last year that she's getting better as she gets older, so if she's still got an interest in racing then we may race her on."

A winner of four Group 1s, Tofane's most recent elite-level win came when she took out the G1 CF Orr S. in February, having landed her first top-flight race in the 2020 G1 All Aged S., while in 2021 she triumphed in the G1 Stradbroke H., which duly followed up with a win in the G1 Tattersall's Tiara.

Yulong have had past dealings with the mare's now former owner Rupert Legh, having purchased their resident sire Alabama Express from him in 2020, while Tofane represented the operation in the 2020 edition of The Everest and Fairgray admitted on Tuesday they had tried and failed to buy her previously.

"She's obviously a fantastic race mare and she was on the Yulong slot in The Everest," Fairgray said. "We have really liked her for a few years and we've spoken to Rupert Legh on several occasions to try to buy her, so it's great to finally get her today (Tuesday).

"I'd say Written Tycoon will be high up on the cards (to serve her) but after the sale we'll sit down and have a look at what we do."

### **Continued Investment into Blue-chip Stock**

Over the past few years Yulong has continued to make significant investments in broodmares, including purchasing Group 1 winner Unforgotten (Fastnet Rock) for \$2.75 million at the

2020 edition of this sale, while in that year they also paid \$2.55 million for Viddora (I Am Invincible).

At the sale last year, Yulong forked out \$2.6 million for multiple Group 1-winning mare Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and Greysful Glamour (Stratum) for \$1.5 million, having also purchased In Her Time (Time Thief) for \$2.2 million at the Inglis Chairman's Sale that same year.

Later on in the evening, Sam Fairgray and his team added another star of the show to their portfolio, when they beat out Widden Stud's Antony Thompson to buy talented 3-year-old Mac 'N' Cheese (Sebring) for \$1.6 million.



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**Dermot Farrington** | *Magic Millions*

Trained by Tony and Calvin McEvoy and offered as part of the Spendthrift Farm dispersal, Mac 'N' Cheese has the respectable record of three wins and three placings from nine lifetime starts to date. She has competed in the Spendthrift silks throughout her young career and, following her win in the Listed Clare Lindop in late March, the filly was third in the G3 Auraria S. before finishing unplaced in Group 1 company last time out. The 3-year-old is the third surviving foal and first filly from the late broodmare Bonnie Mac (NZ) (Thorn Park), who herself was a stakes winner in South Australia before an extraordinary breeding career.

Bonnie Mac--who died in 2020--is also the dam of the Vinery Stud resident Exceedance, a winner of the G1 Coolmore Stud S. and G3 San Domenico S., and Exceedance's brother and dual Group-winner Oxley Road (Exceed And Excel).

Just as with Tofane and Away Game, the daughter of the late Widden sire Sebring will race on for Yulong and the McEvoy.

"She has a strong pedigree behind her and is well-performed herself so this is another nice mare to add into the broodmare band. When you want to get these mares you have to front up and spend up to buy them.

"We are building a strong broodmare band of great quality so that's what we continue to do. She'll continue to race on after a spell now and she's only going to mature more as she gets older so we'll keep her going. At this stage she will race with the McEvoy team."

Yulong's quartet of \$1-million mares was completed by three time-winning daughter of Galileo (Ire) Forever You (Ire), who they snapped up for \$1.35 million. The Victorian farm owns the Forever You's sister You Only You (Ire), who provided them with a memorable result earlier this year when they sold her colt by Lope De Vega (Ire) for \$340,000 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Fairgray said they liked investing in families and the Annabel

Neasham-trained Forever You would likely stay in training, before retiring as a broodmare.

"She's from a fantastic family," Fairgray said of the Blue Sky Premium-consigned mare. "We actually own her full-sister and we sold a Lope De Vega colt for \$340,000 here at the Magic Millions Sale.

"With the farm it's all about trying to build pedigrees so if you can get a few fillies from the same family and put them to nice stallions to build those families you will hopefully see the benefit on the track [of mating plans]. We'll wait and see, we'll probably keep her in work and give her a couple of starts to see how she goes."

Fairgray said it was a really exciting time for the farm and they were beginning to reap the benefits for their huge investments over the last few years at the broodmare sales.

"It's really exciting. Viddora has a really nice Snitzel filly, In Her Time (Time Thief) (\$2.2m) has an I Am Invincible colt and Unforgotten has a beautiful I Am Invincible filly. They're all starting to come through the system now so I think we'll see them entering the yearling sales which is exciting," said Fairgray.

"Plus, obviously we've got Melody Belle and Greysful Glamour due to foal down to Written Tycoon this year so in years to come there's going to be some really nice progeny coming through."

### ***Farrington Swoops For Lighthouse***

Dermot Farrington is a familiar face on the Gold Coast and on Tuesday the Irish bloodstock agent made his presence felt at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale dual hemisphere-winning stakes mare Lighthouse (USA) (Mizzen Mast {USA}) for \$1.7 million. The agent said the mare would stay in Australia and would be mated to one of the country's elite stallions.



**Lighthouse, lot 273** | *Magic Millions*

Lighthouse, a stakes winner in the United States, has made a significant impression in her 10 starts in Australia for Ciaron Maher and David Eustace. She won five of them, culminating in her victory in the G1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill last month. The LNJ Foxwoods-owned mare also tasted stakes success in the Listed Chester Manifold S. while she was second in both the G1 CF Orr S. and the G1 Surround S. and has won \$1.4 million in prizemoney.

Farrington made his presence felt earlier in the day, when he purchased Group 2-winning and Group 1-placed mare Swift Witness (Star Witness) for a cool \$1 million. Buying the mare on behalf of an unnamed client, Farrington said he rated her among the best-looking mares on the complex and, while he said he had to fight hard to secure the mare, he believed she was worth every penny.

"She is just one of the best types here and with one of the best race performances here, so she was one of those ones that we thought we'd have to fight hard to get her, and we did, so we're delighted to get her," said Farrington.

"Bought for an overseas client. She will stay here and be bred in this country. I'll leave that up to the client. They will probably ask me (for my opinion) but I will leave that up to the client. She obviously deserves to go to a very good horse."

### **Outstanding First Day**

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Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch described the day as 'a lot of fun' and was satisfied with the buoyancy of trade throughout the session.

"It was a lot of fun. It was really enjoyable out there. A lot of work goes into pulling a session of race fillies together like this. We've been excited for six weeks since we knew what we had to sell and have built on that through a strong supplementary

catalogue," said Bowditch.

"Trade was fantastic, the room was full, there was a lot of electricity in it. Eight \$1-million race fillies is a huge start to the session and what was pleasing is a very, very healthy clearance rate, an outstanding average at a quarter of a million dollars (\$250,000) and a lot of happy vendors out there. There's plenty of buyers out there who are still looking to spend money which is great. I felt from the first lot, all the way through it just had a great zing about it.

"We try to make this a big day for the industry, there's a lot of owners in the room with expectations that are selling their pride and joys, horses who have given them so much joy on the racetrack. To share these moments with them is very important.

"I'm grateful to the syndicators, to the owners of these horses and the consignors for trusting Magic Millions to get the results that they've got in the ring today. The buoyancy in the middle was really pleasing, when you have an average of \$250,000, a very strong median, listed winners making a million dollars and city winners selling for good money it's just good, healthy trade.

"It was a quality catalogue with good physicals, good pedigrees, good race results. At the start they were very confident but to eclipse what last year's race fillies session did on gross was probably unexpected but something that we'll be high-fiving ourselves about."

Day 2 of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale will recommence at 10 a.m. AEST.

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