FOR BLUE-COLLAR CLAIMERS, BLACK-TYPE THANKSGIVING FEAST

The Week in Review by T.D. Thornton

The annual Claiming Crown races were two weeks ago. But a surprise black-type feast for blue-collar campaigners took place over Thanksgiving weekend, when horses once claimed for tags as low as $10,000 and $16,000 ran away with three of five stakes at Laurel Park, and an 8-year-old gelding bought last year for $10,000 topped a blanket-finish trifecta of previously claimed sprinters in the GIII Fall Highweight H. at Aqueduct.

The relic known as the Fall Highweight—in which nominees are assigned weights scaled several notches above today's norms—is very much a throwback concept. So it was only fitting that the 109th edition of this six-furlong sprint was won by an old-school, powerhouse grinder under a 130-pound impost.

Greeley and Ben (Greeley's Conquest), who tied for second-winningest horse in North America in 2021 with 11 trips to the winner's circle, scored his seventh win this season Nov. 26. That runs his lifetime record to a hefty 23-7-2 from 39 starts. This earner of $882,698 has been an overachiever since the outset. Written off at 94-1 odds in his Oct. 15, 2016 debut at Keeneland, Greeley and Ben just missed, running second, beaten a head.

DEFUNDED DOMINANT IN 'DIVER'

Grade I winner Defunded, who skipped a shot at the Breeders' Cup, kept it rolling with a popular score in the GIII Native Diver S. Sunday at Del Mar.

A second-out graduate last March at Santa Anita, the gelding was fourth in both the GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby and GII Pat Day Mile S. before running second in the GII Affirmed S. and GII Los Alamitos Derby. Scoring a pair of blowout allowance/optional claiming victories, he was a hard-fought runner-up in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup S. May 30, but finished off the board in the GII San Diego H. and GII Pat O'Brien S. here this summer.

Going wire to wire to capture the GI Awesome Again S. last out Oct. 1 in Arcadia, the chestnut was knocked down to odds-on in this spot and broke awkwardly. Cont. p6

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GAN TEORAINN SELLS AT TATTS SCEPTRE

Boherguy Stud's Clare Manning is excited about the prospects of Classic-contender Gan Teorainn, who sells at Tattersalls' Sceptre Session Tuesday.

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GRADE I-WINNING OWNER JED COHEN DIES

Jed Cohen, who campaigned several Grade I winners with his family’s Red Baron’s Barn and Rancho Temascal, died at the age of 89 in Del Mar.

CANDY OVERLOAD CLOSES TO TAKE KENNEDY ROAD

Candy Overload (Reload) became the first graded stakes winner for his Ontario-based sire when closing from well back to take Sunday’s GII Kennedy Road S. at Woodbine.
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Proving the effort was no fluke, he won start number two, and even though he didn’t progress to stakes as a juvenile or sophomore, he kept company at allowance levels against contemporaries who eventually ran in the 2017 GI Kentucky Deby and future editions of the Breeders’ Cup.

Although Greeley and Ben was a six-time winner by the start of 2021, there were no takers the first two times the strapping bay showed up for a $10,000 tag at Oaklawn Park. This was likely because of the gelding’s precipitous drop out of a $32,000 claiming win at Churchill Downs. Was the downward plunge in class by then-trainer John Ortiz a red flag or a bluff?

Trainer Karl Broberg was willing to gamble $10,000 to find out, and when he dropped a slip on behalf of his own outfit (End Zone Athletics) the third time Greeley and Ben was entered at that level (after previously winning and running second), he had no idea the gelding would blossom into a three-time stakes winner for him, bankrolling roughly 45 times that initial claiming investment in purses at Oaklawn, Prairie Meadows, Remington Park, Delta Downs, Fair Grounds, and Sam Houston.

Broberg’s stunning run with Greeley and Ben would last until Apr. 24, 2022, when he dropped the gelding from Grade III sprint company into a $62,500 optional-claimer at Oaklawn. Pounded to 2-5 favoritism, Greeley and Ben won again that afternoon at Oaklawn, but was claimed by trainer Melton Wilson.

After running second and fourth in stakes this past spring and summer at Monmouth and Delaware for trainer Bonnie Lucas, Greeley and Ben was auctioned for $80,000 at July’s Fasig-Tipton sale for horses of racing age.

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The gelding spent time in the barns of David Jacobson and Jeffrey Englehart through the fall, and while Greeley and Ben had to get used to new surroundings every few weeks, his output remained consistent: Claimed for $40,000 out of a win at Saratoga Sept. 4, he then ran second while not entered for a tag in an optional $55,000 claimer at Laurel Oct. 8.

It is the last four weeks, though, that are emblematic of what Greeley and Ben is all about. On Oct. 29, he finished a very credible fourth--beaten only three-quarters of a length at 20-1 odds--in the GIII Bold Ruler S. at Aqueduct, coming off Lasix (as required in New York stakes races) for the first time in his career after making all previous 36 starts on it.

Twelve days later, on Nov. 10, Greeley and Ben got wheeled back in a $10,000 starter allowance, also at Aqueduct, and won as the crushing 1.5-to-10 fave.

Then on Saturday, firing back in 16 days, the gelding was let go by bettors at 7-1 odds in the Fall Highweight. Jockey Manny Franco patiently saved ground at the fence, and when Greeley and Ben cut the corner for home, he was full of run.

The competition counter-punched, though, and Greeley and Ben tenaciously had to reclaim the lead not once, but twice in deep stretch after getting headed. He prevailed by a neck in a furious photo finish with the two favorites right behind him, separated by head bobs. The 98 Beyer Speed Figure for the no-Lasix stakes score represented a career best for the 8-year-old.

Darryl Abramowitz owns Greeley and Ben, and the Fall Highweight was the first graded stakes victory for New Jersey-based conditioner Faith Wilson, who has only been a licensed trainer for 18 months.

Meanwhile, in Maryland...

Friday’s 5 3/4-length trouncing of the $75,000 Politely S. for Maryland-breds at Laurel was administered by another on-the-rise claimer once bought for $10,000.

Fille d’Esprit (Great Notion) is now 12-for-23 lifetime, and has won five stakes so far in 2022, including open-company races while winning her division of the MATCH series and the $100,000 Maryland Million Distaff. Since that Aug. 21, 2020, claim, the 6-year-old mare has been trained by John Robb and owned by the partnership of C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm.

Saturday at Laurel featured three open-company stakes for $100,000, and two them were won by relative bargains at the claim box.

Swayin to and Fro (Straight Talking) captured the Safely Kept S. by 3 1/4 lengths at 6-1 odds for Baxter Racing Stable and trainer Mario Serey, Jr. Cont. p5
The win came exactly six months to the date of that outfit claiming the 3-year-old filly for $16,000 out of an 8 1/4-length maiden romp. Including the win on the day she was claimed, Swayin to and Fro is now 6-for-10 on the year, with two stakes victories.

Armando R (Blame) was another runner you could have bought out of a winning effort for $16,000, which is exactly what current owner Ronald E. Cuneo and trainer Damon Dilodovico did a year ago, on Nov. 28, 2021. This 6-year-old gelding has since won through his ‘2x’ allowance condition, and in the span of the past 60 days has won two hundred-grand listed stakes at Laurel, the off-grass Japan Turf Cup S. at 10 furlongs in the slop Oct. 1, and the Richard Small S. over nine furlongs on fast dirt Nov. 26.

Six for the road...

News quiz: Can you name the jockey who won six races in one day of racing over the holiday weekend? In case you need a hint, his last name contains only four letters and ends in a Z.

If you guessed the mid-Atlantic based Angel Cruz, you are correct.

But Cruz is probably not the first jockey you thought of. You’d also be correct if you guessed Luis Saez, whose six wins at Churchill Downs on Saturday rocketed him to the top of the meet standings there and to the top of the national news cycle. No disrespect to the world-class Saez, but Cruz rarely gets much ink in the press, which is why we’re highlighting him here.

Plus, Cruz’s feat was a little more unique because he had to hit the road to earn his six-pack.

On Friday afternoon, Cruz, who is currently second in the Laurel standings, won the $75,000 Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S. aboard Maryland-bred Alwaysinahurry (Great Notion).

Cruz then commuted roughly 90 minutes west to ride under the lights at Charles Town Races, where he swept races two through six (and barely lost the eighth race, running second with his only other mount of the night).

Serving up a fitting moniker for a horse who just completed a six-pack, the name of Cruz’s final winner Friday was Always Drinking (Speightster).

Monday walk in the ‘Park’

It wouldn’t seem right to complete a column about the upward mobility of lower-level claimers without getting in a mention about Beverly Park (Munnings), the continent’s winningest horse so far in 2022. The 5-year-old will be aiming for win No. 13 in his 28th start of the year Monday when he goes up against starter-allowance company in the sixth race at Mahoning Valley.

That Nov. 28 race is restricted to horses who have started for a claiming tag of $8,000 or less over the past two calendar years. Beverly Park won a N2L $5,000 claimer by 15 lengths at Belterra Park back on July 8, 2021. Next time out, he was claimed for $12,500 by his current owner/trainer, Norman Lynn Cash, whose horses race under the name Built Wright Stables.

Beverly Park has not started for a tag since being claimed, feasting exclusively on starter allowances, optional claimers in which he was not entered for a tag, and in the $100,000 Ready's Rocket Express on the Claiming Crown card two weekends ago.
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In the span between Cash’s claiming him and a second-place finish at Charles Town Nov. 19, Beverly Park is 19-for-35 with $453,688 in purse earnings (roughly 36 times that original $12,500 claim investment). His lifetime record stands at 22-7-4 from 44 starts.

**Defunded Dominant in Native Diver cont. from p1**

Soon rushing up to press the pace three wide, Defunded moved into second past a :23.62 quarter and drew alongside the longshot pacesetter through a sharp half in :46.41. Poking his head in front five-sixteenths out, the favorite kicked clear into the lane and bounded away to score as much the best, well ahead of stablemate Azul Coast.

“He came away from there a little bit slow, but I wasn’t concerned. This horse doesn’t need to be in front,” said winning rider Edwin Maldonado. “He’s won from off the pace before. I rode him with confidence all the way. On the [far] turn he wanted to lean on the horse inside us, but I got him going straight and it all worked out from there.”

“Edwin said Defunded was kind of wanting to sit back and when that happens and they sit back when the gate opens, then you’re going the wrong way,” added Jimmy Barnes, assistant to winning trainer Bob Baffert. “Luckily they were going slow enough he was able to recover and get back in a good position. He’s always had talent. It’s just that he’s been a little aggressive in the paddock on us at times. But he went through the paddock good, he went to the gate good so maybe we’ve got him straightened out.”

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Pedigree Notes:
One of 22 stakes winners, eight graded stakes winners and three Grade I winners for Darby Dan’s Dialed In, Defunded is the third black-type performer out of her four-time stakes-placed dam, a daughter of a SW Wind Tunnel. That mare is a half to GSW Reunited (Dixie Union), who produced MGISW Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}). Bought by the winner’s breeder for $37,000 at Keeneland November in 2016, Wind Caper has an unraced 3-year-old Maclean’s Music filly, an unraced juvenile Lookin At Lucky filly named Capital Lights and a yearling full-sister to the winner named Ringy Dingy who sold to Oracle Bloodstock for $200,000 at Fasig-Tipton October.

Sunday, Del Mar
NATIVE DIVER S.-GIII, $150,500, Del Mar, 11-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.12, ft.
1--DEFUNDED, 125, g, 4, by Dialed In
  1st Dam: Wind Caper (MSP, $194,286), by Touch Gold
  2nd Dam: Wind Tunnel, by Summer Squall
  3rd Dam: Tivli, by Mt. Livermore
($210,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman; B-Athens Woods LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Edwin A. Maldonado. $90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 13-5-3-1, $608,100. *1/2 to Lookin At Roses (Lookin At Lucky), SP, $251,910. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*.
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EATON SALES
Sold
2--Azul Coast, 121, h, 5, Super Saver--Sky Treasure, by Sky Mesa. ($150,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $320,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP).
O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. $30,000.

WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE
Sold
3--Newgrange, 120, c, 3, Violence--Bella Chianti, by Empire Maker. ($125,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $325,000 3yo '22 FTKHRA).
O-David A. Bernsen, LLC, Little Red Feather Racing & Rockingham Ranch; B-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Philip D’Amato. $18,000.

Also Ran: Go Joe Won, Tizamagician, Parnelli. Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJClS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
“We really like the $300,000 F-T Midlantic 2YO we bought, she heads to Brad Cox this week. Just like his sire, he throws durable, tough racehorses and having 6 Stakes Horses and 3 Breeders’ Cup runners shows they are running to their looks.”

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RED BARON’S BARN AND RANCHO TEMESCAL’S JED COHEN DIES AT 89

California's Red Baron’s Barn and Rancho Temescal—the nom de course of the Cohen family—lost the stable founder and the Cohen family patriarch, Jed Cohen, Sunday, Nov. 27. Cohen passed away in Del Mar at the age of 89 after battling health issues for the past few years.

Among the top horses raced by the Cohens—sometimes in partnership—were GSWs Janet (GB) (Emperor Jones), River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), and Dr. Schivel (Violence). The stable most recently took the leading owner title at the 2022 Santa Anita fall and winter meets and is currently leading the Del Mar meet. Their most recent win came in the final race Saturday at Del Mar in an optional allowance with Percolate (Ire) (Sir Percy [GB]). The operation often bought ready-made racehorses in Europe and had success in bringing them to compete stateside.

According to his son, Tim Cohen, Jed Cohen had been involved in horse racing for about 61 years and was brought to the sport through his own father’s pocket-change forays in the Big Apple.

“His father loved horse racing,” said Tim. “His father and three other people would pool 50 cents together to make a $2 bet in New York.”

A backbone of the California racing industry for decades, Jed Cohen’s “greatest achievement,” said Tim, was the “the achievement of others. He was always immensely happy with everyone associated in the victories. His greatest victory was the joy of others.”

That, “and he just had this genuine love of people and horses,” said Tim. “We never wanted the last race out of a horse. We always wanted them treated the right way. If there was a problem, we stopped. He never wanted a horse to run if it wasn’t exactly right.” Cont. p9
Former trainer Darrell Vienna, who enjoyed tremendous success with horses racing in Cohen’s colors, concurs.

“He was the perfect owner. If a horse needed rest, he absolutely insisted on it. His attitude was, ‘let’s do the best by the horse,’” said Vienna, who estimated that he had known Cohen for more than 30 years.

“He was just a really special person,” Vienna said. “After I retired from training, we kept in close contact. We spoke regularly about racing, about life and politics.” Though an astute handicapper, Cohen kept it small—like his own father. “A big bet for him would be $20. He just loved analyzing races,” said Vienna. “I’ll miss having access to his wisdom and his kindness. He was an exceptional listener—he was always paying attention. He was just a unique, extraordinary person. He’s a big loss to horse racing but an even bigger loss to anyone who knew him.”

Cohen is survived by his wife, Bobbie; as well as his children Tim, Mark, and Linda; and two grandsons.

Candy Overload, a narrow second in a Grade II two back, broke through at the level with a score in Sunday’s GII Kennedy Road S. at Woodbine.

Winning just two of his first 11 outings—albeit with five seconds—the gelding rallied to a local allowance/optional claiming victory July 22 before finishing a half-length runner-up in the GIII Bold Venture S. Aug. 13 in his final start for trainer Krista Cole-Simpson. Fifth with some traffic trouble when favored in the GIII Vigil S. first out for this barn off the private purchase Sept. 25, the bay drifted up to 7-1 here as the money poured in on even-money chalk Arzak (Not This Time) and settled second last behind a :22.41 quarter. Angled five wide on the latter half of the turn, Candy Overload picked it up approaching the furlong grounds and surged past Ice Chocolat (Brz) in the final sixteenth to prevail under a jubilant Sahin Civaci. Arzak never factored, beating just one rival home.

Sunday, Woodbine
KENNEDY ROAD S.-GII, C$203,300, Woodbine, 11-27, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.17, ft.
1--CANDY OVERLOAD, 120, g, 4, by Reload
1st Dam: Mini Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg)
2nd Dam: Ministerette, by Deputy Minister
3rd Dam: Crownette, by Seattle Slew
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O-Leonard Schleifer, Wachtel Stable & Gary Barber; B-Northern Dawn Stables Inc. & Denny Andrews (ON); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Sahin Civaci. C$126,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-1, $275,991. Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Ice Chocolat (Brz), 121, g, 4, Goldikovic (Ire)--Amor Chocolat (Brz), by Northern Afleet. O-Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Peter Deutsch; B-Haras Niju (BRZ); T-Mark E. Casse. C$35,000. 3--Lucky Score, 123, g, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Miss Matzo, by Royal Academy. ($50,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $35,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN). O-Domenic Liscio & Danny Iandoli; B-James & Janeve Everatt & Arika Everatt-Meeuse (ON); T-W. V. Armata. C$21,000.

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On Breeders’ Cup Saturday, 4 of the 9 Championship races were won by the progeny of Hill ‘n’ Dale stallions.

On Breeders’ Cup Friday, the winner of the Juvenile (G1), who emerged as the likely Eclipse Champion 2YO Colt and early favorite for the Kentucky Derby (G1), is also the progeny of a Hill ‘n’ Dale Stallion.
Sunday, Churchill Downs
*COMMONWEALTH TURF S., $300,000, Churchill Downs, 11-27, 3yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.39, sy.
1--TRADEMARK, 118, g, 3, by Upstart
   1st Dam: Creative Trick, by Creative Cause
   2nd Dam: Don’t Trick Her, by Mazel Trick
   3rd Dam: Lucy Sims, by Northjet (Ire)
   ($37,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $42,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $275,000 RNA 3yo ’22 KEENOV). O-BBN Racing, LLC;
   B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver; J-Martin Garcia. $183,450. Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-0, $463,689.

EATON SALES SOLD
[Image of horse]
2--Stolen Base, 123, c, 3, Bodemeister--Running Wild, by Indian Charlie. ($45,000 2yo ’21 OBSAPR; $335,000 2yo ’21 KEENOV). O-Three Diamonds Farm & Deuce Greathouse;
   B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. $59,500.

3--Red Danger, 118, c, 3, Orb--Forget It, by Distorted Humor.
   ($17,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV). O-Silverton Hill LLC; B-Datt Farm LLC (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch. $29,750.

Also Ran: Actuator, Fighter in the Win, Play Action Pass.
Scratched: Barberini, Mount Rundle, Portfolio Company, Ready to Purrform, Running Bee.

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*The Commonwealth Turf S. was originally carded as a Grade III event, but was automatically downgraded when the race came off the turf.

Trademark, a breakthrough allowance winner at a big price last out at Keeneland, proved that race was no fluke with a convincing score in the off-turf Commonwealth Turf S. Sunday at Churchill, the final stakes at the Louisville oval until GI Kentucky Derby week in 2023.

Breaking his maiden by five lengths over this track last Halloween, the $42,000 Keeneland September grad repeated by three lengths in a local allowance exactly a year ago before finishing out of the trifecta in seven consecutive starts, all of which came in stakes company. Finally back down against allowance/optional claiming foes Oct. 20 at Keeneland, the gelding responded with a 3 3/4-length triumph at over 23-1 and was made the distant second choice behind odds-on Actuator in this spot. Away well and showing the way early, the bay deferred to sit second behind a :23.61 quarter. Taking command under his own power heading into the far bend as fading pacesetter Fighter in the Win (Creative Cause) forced the favorite to shuffle back, Trademark was taken on by Stolen Base entering the lane. It was down to those two the rest of the way, with Trademark proving superior by the eighth pole and keeping clear to the wire. Red Danger completed the trifecta ahead of a well-beaten Actuator.

“I first have to thank all of the valets and pony people for helping all of us get to the gates on a day like this,” said winning rider Martin Garcia. “This horse does some of his best running when he’s outside of horses. So, up the backside I kept him out of trouble. Around the turn you could tell I had a lot of horse left."

“I was happy Martin sort of took him off the early pace up the backside,” added winning trainer Vicki Oliver. “We always knew the Commonwealth would be an option but the Clark was coming up a short field. So we entered him in both spots to keep our options open. Maybe we flattened him out a little bit trying the Derby trail and now he’s really come back around.”

Pedigree Notes:

The 11th stakes winner for Airdrie's third-crop stallion Upstart, Trademark is out of an unraced half-sister to MGISW Include Me Out (Include) and GISW Check the Label (Stormin Fever). Second dam Don't Trick Her is a half to the dams of GISWs Sam's Sister (Brother Derek) and Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever). Creative Trick is responsible for a yearling full-sister to Trademark who sold to Lothenbach Stables for $155,000 at Keeneland September and produced a filly by Complexity this season before visiting Beau Liam.
Powerful at Churchill, and Renegade Rebel in the G3 Mazarine at Woodbine. **Two two-year-old Stakes winners** for the stallion with more two-year-old Graded Stakes horses from three crops than any other American stallion ever. Just imagine.

Hello, hello, Elo...
And on Sunday, Eloquist in the Discovery at Aqueduct is **Nyquist’s third Stakes winner of the weekend**. Plus, the Tepin runner-up Smokie Eyes is yet another Stakes-performing juvenile. No stallion under $100k can beat Nyquist’s total of 23 Black Type horses in 2022.
Helping the under-served groups of the world was modeled to me from a young age. My parents had worked in Mexico before raising our family, and I have had relatives who served in China, Turkey, India, and Spain as engineers, teachers, and musicians. This was foundational in my upbringing, and it instilled in me a passion to use my individual interests and skillsets to help those in need.

While pursuing my Bachelor’s in Animal Science at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, I had colleagues who were part of organizations such as Engineers Without Borders and Doctors Without Borders. I saw a breach in the care for the animals that support the livelihood of people living in under-served parts of the world. I reached out to several of my professors, and one connected me with a humanitarian organization called The Free Burma Rangers (FBR). This group helps refugees in the jungles of Southeast Asia and uses a pack animal team comprised of mules and Mongolian ponies to carry supplies to remote villages, where they have no veterinary care.

On my initial trip, the refugees had lost several of their pack animals due to an unknown illness, and diagnosing the lethal disease became the focus of my first trip to Southeast Asia. I had little veterinary training at the time but connected with my future professor, Dr. Eric Davis, at UC Davis who guided me in sample collection and provided the lab upon my return. We diagnosed the disease as trypanosomiasis, which is carried by a tsetse fly vector and is endemic in Asia and Africa.

I returned two years later while I was a veterinary student at UC Davis. The pack animal team had stayed relatively healthy, so the focus of my second trip was to branch out to help other species. The villages we visit are far off the grid and we backpacked 10 hours into the jungle through steep mountains to reach our first village. Those villagers had never met a veterinarian, and although I was not officially a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) yet, I provided training in basic animal husbandry. I experienced the gratitude they shared by improving the health of their animals who were essential to their livelihood. It was apparent that the villagers appreciated their animals and were providing the best care they knew under limited conditions and no training. I helped them with their water buffalo, pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, and even a monkey.

I am sitting in the airport about to embark on my third trip, my first as an official DVM. Just weeks after breezing some of the top Thoroughbreds in the world in preparation for the Breeders’ Cup, I now have the opportunity to work with some of the most underrated equids I know: tough, selfless, and also life-changing to their owners. I think that is one of the beautiful things about horses worldwide: to witness the important role they play in a wide variety of uses.

The Free Burma Rangers reached out to me this past spring, as they had lost four members of their pack animal team this year, three of which I had worked with on previous trips. The symptoms sound like a combination of parasites, colic, and malnutrition. Their base camp lost their entire flock of chickens and herd of swine this year, so there have been some devastating losses. The base camp provides essential medical care, as it is the only medical facility of its kind within days of travel. FBR has trained local medics and built a basic facility to care for people. In previous trips, I witnessed a woman who had walked all night in labor to reach the medical facility. I also met a man who had traveled for several days with a snake bite that needed treatment. To realize that the medics serving at the base camp lost two important food sources in their pigs and chickens is very concerning.

When my plane lands in Southeast Asia, I will connect with a mentor of mine, Dr Peter Quesenberry, who is also a UC Davis Veterinary School alumni and has dedicated his career to the underserved animals and their owners in Asia. He wrote the book "Where There Is No Animal Doctor," inspired by "Where There Is No Doctor," the most widely used health care manual in the world. I use Dr. Quesenberry’s book in my training sessions with the villagers. We can turn to the same page and while I read in English they follow along from their copies written in their own language and accompanied with simple illustrations. It has been instrumental in the language hurdle.

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Dr. Quesenberry will take me to local shops in town to purchase the rest of the supplies I need: vaccines, dewormers and ointments to name a few. While I am bringing a large pack with me from home, it is important to source as much as possible from local stores. This supports their economy and familiarizes the local people with the brands of vaccines and medications so that they can purchase more on their own for long-term care. Through the generosity of my supporters, I will be stocking up on essential supplies before I head off the grid.

I will backpack in everything needed to live off the grid for two weeks. Anyone who has backpacked understands the delicate balance of bringing the necessities while keeping your pack as light as possible. On my first trip, I started handing off the snacks I had packed out of desperation to lighten my load as we ascended yet another mountain. The 10 hours of backpacking is up and down steep mountains. Upon reaching the summit of one mountain, you have to go back down the other side, only to do it all over again on the next mountain. FBR makes these trips during the dry season, which is our winter and early spring, as they say it is too difficult to travel during the rainy season. I have been training for the mountainous terrain as best I can by running hills and stairs in Kentucky, but I know it cannot compare. It is always humbling as I agonize up a mountain, despite fitness and proper hiking gear, and then look over to see a villager easily traversing the same terrain in plastic flip flops. I am always impressed by how tough these people are who have never known the comforts I take for granted.

The first leg of the trip ends with a bit of trouble, as my flight to London arrives late and I miss my connection by 15 minutes. But all in all, it’s a small price to pay, and I appreciate the encouragement and support of others who helped make this happen- my connections in racing who support my absence from the circuit for a few weeks, Back on Track USA who helped with outfitting me for the trip, and every one who donated through www.freeburmarangers.com.

Tomorrow: Day 1—What’s On Tap
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

DISCOVERY S., $150,000, Aqueduct, 11-27, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:53.33, my.

1—ELOQUIST, 120, g, 3, by Nyquist
   1st Dam: Our Gal El, by Tapit
   2nd Dam: Shop Here, by Dehere
   3rd Dam: Shopping, by Private Account
   ($70,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; B-Idlewood Farm & Indian Creek (KY); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.; J-Paco Lopez. $82,500. Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-0, $243,010.

2—Barese, 120, c, 3, Laoban--Right Prevails, by Successful Appeal. ($150,000 2yo '21 FTTFMAR). O-Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. $30,000.

3—Naval Aviator, 118, c, 3, Tapit--Cherokee Queen, by Cherokee Run. ($285,000 Ylg '20 FTTELD). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-JKX Racing; B-Doug & Felicia Branham & Tapit Syndicate (KY); T-Michael E. Jones, Jr. $18,000.


Also Ran: Winit, Affable Monarch, Saint Tapit, Be Better.

Eloquist came into the Discovery off a pair of optional-claiming scores at one mile and 70 yards, first at Parx Sept. 24 and most recently at Delaware Park Oct. 27.

“He’s another advertisement for castration,” said winning trainer Butch Reid, Jr. “We gelded him a little while ago and since then he’s been a different racehorse and really turned it around. I can’t say enough about Paco, who has done a sensational job with this horse.”

Eloquist took on some major competition without success earlier in this career. He was fifth in last year’s GII Remsen S. and was last of nine when eased in the GIII Holy Bull S. in February.

“We thought [he was a stakes horse] earlier, but it was a little disappointing that he took so long," Reid said. “We thought enough of him down at Gulfstream Park and we were thinking big thoughts with him. He’s a better and much gamer horse now.”

Eloquist (inside) outbattled Barese

Of potential next starts for the gelding, Reid said, “I’m not sure. We took our shot here because it was the last chance against 3-year-olds, so he might get a little bit of a break. He’s had a long, hard summer.”

Our Gal El, who sold in foal to Practical Joke for $55,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale, is a half-sister to graded-placed Fifth Avenue (Monarchos), as well as to the dam of multiple graded-stakes winner Imprimis (Broken Vow) and to the dam of multiple Grade I-placed Shoplifted (Into Mischief). Under the winner’s third dam are Grade I winners Miss Shop and Power Broker.

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AUTUMN DAYS S., $150,000, Aqueduct, 11-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:11.78, gd.

1--STAR DEVINE (IRE), 120, f, 4, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Stars At Night (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (200,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Lawrence Goichman; B-Rockhart Trading (IRE); T-J Abreu; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $82,500. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, $313,165.

2--Change of Control, 125, m, 6, Fed Biz--America's Blossom, by Quiet American. ($27,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $95,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT). O-Perry Harrison; B-John O'Meara (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. $30,000.

3--Lady Edith, 125, f, 4, Street Boss--Lady Grantham, by Yankee Gentleman. ($370,000 4yo '22 FTKFEB). O-Abbondanza Racing, LLC & Omar Aldabbagh; B-J. David Richardson & Sandra New (KY); T-Christophe Clement. $18,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 3.20, 3.50, 2.10.

Also Ran: Honey Pants, Athwaaq, Gogo Shoes, Hit the Woah, Mail Order. Scratched: Betsy Blue, Can't Buy Love, Itsakeyper, Lemos Cunha, Self Isolation, Snicket, Stolen Holiday.

No wind and no rain was keeping Star Devine out of the winner's circle as she rode the front-end bias to a comfortable victory in the Autumn Days S. Sunday at Aqueduct.

Having faced much tougher competition several times in her career--she ran third behind GI Breeders Cup Turf Sprint shocker Caravel (Mizzen Mast) in the GIII Franklin S. last out Oct. 16 and sixth behind globetrotter Campanelle (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), as well as Gilli Chilukki S. winner She Can't Sing (Bernardini) two back Sept. 10 in the GIII Mint Ladies Sprint--it was no surprise to see Star Devine the well-supported 3-1 second choice here.

Moving up to press the pace from the outside of the course early through :23.05 and :46.83 splits, she vied with the rivals attached to her hip from the two path as they swung into the turn. Taking the lead at the quarter marker, she turned back the threat of Change of Control and gamely held her 1 1/4-length margin to the wire. Familiar foe Lady Edith came on from the back after a slow start to round out the trifecta.

“Today, it looks like the speed has been holding up. Jose [Ortiz] knows her from before when he rode her at Kentucky Downs. I told him to warm her up pretty well and keep her forwardly placed just because of how the track has been playing today,” said conditioner Jorge Abreu. “She'll go to the farm for 60 days and we'll regroup next year and see how everything plays out. She'll go to Nick de Meric and we'll get her back at Palm Meadows and then get her going.”

The first winner for her young dam, Star Devine has an unbeaten 3-year-old full-brother in England named Poker Face (Ire) who won his handicap debut Oct. 17 by an impressive 8 1/2 lengths at Pontefract Racecourse. Their 2-year-old full-sister Star Rockette (Ire) is unraced and the dam has a fourth full-sibling in her yearling colt. Stars At Night is a half-sister to MGISW and English highweight filly Blue Bunting (Dynaformer), who herself was a stakes producer as the dam of SP Blue Creek (GB) (Street Cry [Ire]). This is the female family of MGISW Mister Sicy (Fr) (Sicyos).

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TEPIN S., $120,000, Aqueduct, 11-27, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.49, gd.

1--SWEETLOU'SGOTACES, 118, f, 2, by Constitution 1st Dam: Kayce Lu, by Lonhro (Aus) 2nd Dam: Kayce Ace, by Tiznow 3rd Dam: Sweet Damsel, by Turkman ($65,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; $60,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Twin Sports Racing; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & George Saufley (KY); T-Raymond Handal; J-Joel Rosario. $66,000. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $104,750.

2--Smokie Eyes, 120, f, 2, Nyquist--Smoke Signals, by Street Sense. ($160,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG). O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Darlene Bilinski, & Steven Rocco; B-Kathleen Schweizer & Daniel Burke (NY); T-Joel Rosario. $24,000.

3--Alluring Angel (GB), 120, f, 2, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--All of Me (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). (48,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA). O-Lawrence Goichman; B-Michael E Wates CBE (GB); T-Jorge R. Abreu. $14,400. Margins: 4, HD, HD. Odds: 2.25, 5.70, 3.10.

Also Ran: Bulsara, Lifelovenlaughter, Private Credit, Next Episode, The Classy One, Agua Dulce (GB), Thirty Thou Kelvin. Scratched: Gambling Girl, Interpolate, La Vita Sofia, Shidabhuji.
After recording the highest Beyer Speed Figure in the field (85) when runner-up by just a nose last out over this course in a six-furlong maiden special weight Nov. 4, Sweetlou'sgotaces broke her maiden in Aqueduct's Tepin S. when stretched to a mile for the first time. She was also a narrow second on debut Sept. 1 at the Spa and off the board Oct. 8 in the GIII Matron S. at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet.

In the Tepin, Sweetlou'sgotaces broke from the rail and was sent up with the first flight to duel briefly with Private Credit (Into Mischief) from the inside. She wrenched the lead away from that one and had the clear advantage, getting her early splits in :24.76 and :49.23 with her ears pricked. Private Credit made another run at her on the turn, but the dark bay opened up despite staying belatedly on her incorrect lead and bounded home four lengths in front of a closing Smokie Eyes.

"I just let Joel [Rosario] do his thing, give him the keys to the car and decide, but I felt pretty good going into the first turn," said winning trainer Ray Handal. "She went :24 and 3 and then you see all the kickback, so it’s nice to be getting the fresh part of the ground and dictating things. She was just traveling so well all the way around there. It felt pretty good to watch."

A $60,000 OBS 2-year-old this spring for Handal Racing, Sweetlou'sgotaces has a yearling half-brother by Into Mischief who sold at the recent Keeneland September yearling sale for $210,000 to Lynwood Stable. Her dam, a half to GSW & MGISP Comical (Into Mischief), was barren this year, but was bred back to Maclean's Music for next term. She hails from the immediate family of MGISW Colonel John (Tiznow). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
Fine Candy, who sold for $10,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton February sale, produced a colt by Tapiture in 2021 and a colt by Cupid this year. Her Tapiture yearling sold for $32,000 earlier this year at the Keeneland January sale. She was bred back to Independence Hall. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, $153,960.

O-Antonio Donato; B-Serendipity Farm, Seaboard Brokers & Paul Morgano (KY); T-Armando Hernandez.

2nd-Del Mar, $72,500, (S), Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 11-27, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.72, ft, 1/2 length.

GEEZER (g, 2, Merit Man--Pat Olcott, by More Than Ready) rolled home an eight-length winner last time out Oct. 30 against open-level optional claimers to win his second straight. Sent off at 4-5 off that effort, he got shuffled back to mid-pack to be fourth through a :22.30 opening quarter and found himself chasing while four wide into the far turn. Outside of leader Mystic Flyer (Danzing Candy) past the eighth pole, he assumed command and held off that rival to the wire to win by a half-length. Pat Olcott produced back-to-back fillies by Gato Del Oro in 2021 and 2022. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $89,760.

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O-Royalty Stable; B-Melody Conlon & Hector Palma (CA); T-Hector O. Palma.

9th-Gulfstream, $44,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 11-27, 2yo, 1m, 1:37.93, ft, 3 lengths.

LEGACY ISLE (c, 2, Shackleford--Queenameina, by Read the Footnotes) stayed undefeated, parlaying his Sept. 24 five-length maiden special weight win over 6 1/2 furlongs on this surface into another daylight win Sunday. The dark bay bumped with his outside rival at the start and took back kindly to race near the back of the compact field through :22.86 and :45.47 splits, then inched up on the rail, cut the corner, and emerged from the fray with the advantage as the heavy 4-5 choice. A busy stretch ride from Emisael Jaramillo propelled him three in front of Live Is Life at the wire. Legacy Isle is a half to Queen Ofthe Temple (Temple City), MGSP, $137,840; and has yearling and weanling half-sisters by Mucho Macho Man and Global Campaign, respectively. The yearling was a $17,000 RNA at Keeneland January. The winner's dam has been bred back to Good Samaritan. Sales History: $210,000 2yo ‘22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $50,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Daniel L. Walters, Dennis G. Smith, Anthony Smith, & Rohan Crichton; B-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder (KY); T-Rohan Crichton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Del Mar, $73,500, (S), Msw, 11-27, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.46, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BELLY UP (c, 2, Into Mischief--Spun Cap {MSP, $178,875}, by Hard Spun)--a late 2-year-old not foaled until July 11, according to The Jockey Club–finished eighth and last as the favorite in his lone previous start, a five-furlong Gulfstream maiden over the all-weather surface Sept. 17 while trained by Tom Proctor as a Glen Hill homebred. The bay has since gained a slew of ownership partners, shipped across the country, and moved to Michael McCarthy’s barn. Off at 5-2 here, Belly Up broke sharply, set a pressured :22.48 first quarter, relinquished the lead before the :46.13 half, and came on again to battle from the rail and best Rhythem On Stage by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner's dam, a $100,000 Glen Hill purchase at the 2019 Keeneland January sale, has a weanling Sir Prancealot (Ire) filly and was bred back to Halladay. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $42,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Cedros, Glen Hill Farm, Burt & Jane Bacharach, & Richard Schatz; B-Glen Hill Farm (CA); T-Michael W. McCarthy.
1st-Aqueduct, $70,000, (S), Msw, 11-27, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20.85, ft, head.

STARRY MIDNIGHT {f, 2, Connect--Street Singer, by Street Cry {Ire}} was away slowly and trailed the field while racing awkwardly behind fractions of :23.04 and :47.33. Angled to the outside approaching the stretch, the 5-1 shot made rapid progress in upper stretch and surged past Vax (Sharp Azteca) in the final strides. The game favorite battled back, but just missed retaking the lead in the final jump. Street Singer produced a colt by Central Banker this year and was bred back to King for a Day.

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Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $38,500.

O-Bloodlines Racing Partnerships; B-James Randall McGlinn (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

6th-Fair Grounds, $50,000, Msw, 11-27, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.40, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MACHINE GUN MAN {c, 2, Mor Spirit--Siege Gun, by Congrats} was a distant seventh on unveiling last out Oct. 21 at Delta Downs, but took a step forward here as the longest shot on the board to graduate from the front end. Putting up a :22.19 opening quarter, he was clear through the turn and kept on despite shifting out a path in the stretch and scored by 1 1/2 lengths. Favorite Rally Board (Into Mischief) chased gamely, but could not catch the winner. Machine Gun Man is his freshman sire (by Eskendereya)’s 15th winner. The victor is the second winner from as many to the track for his dam. He has a yearling half-brother by Connect and a 2022 weanling half-sister by Speightsong. The dam went back to that sire for 2023. Sales history: $11,000 2yo ‘22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $30,000.

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O-J. Patrick Lee Racing LLC; B-St. Simon Place LLC (KY); T-Howard Alonzo.

4th-Gulfstream, $42,000, Msw, 11-27, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :55.77, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

NEW YORK THUNDER {c, 2, Nyquist--Start Over, by Midshipman} was hustled out to the early lead and was in control through fractions of :21.49 and :44.06 before binding home to score by 6 1/2 lengths at 4-1. Longshot Cutie (Chitu) was second. AMO Racing USA purchased New York Thunder for $130,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. He was entered in the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale, but was withdrawn and repatriated to the U.S.

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O-AMO Racing USA; B-Gatewood Bell & Forgotten Land (NY); T-Jorge Delgado.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Churchill Downs, $129,426, 11-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.36, sy, 3 lengths.

NAPA CANDY {f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Calistoga {GSP, $131,151}, by Speightstown} Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, $145,040. O-Donald R. Dizney LLC; B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC & W. S. Farish (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. *$55,000 Ylg ‘20 FTOKCT.

7th-Woodbine, C$88,366, 11-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.56, ft, nose.

BREEZE EASY (GB) {f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)–Polar Circle (SW-Eng), by Royal Academy} Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng, GSP-US, 14-2-3-2, $119,021. O-R A Hill Stable & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Lofts Hall Stud & B. Sangster (GB); T-Christophe Clement. *30,000gns Ylg ‘20 TATTOC; £240,000 2yo ‘21 TATGOR; 250,000gns 2yo ‘21 TATMA. **1/2 to Arctic Sound (GB) (Poet's Voice [GB]), GSW-Eng, GSP-Ger, $287,090.

5th-Del Mar, $80,412, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 11-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.95, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

LADY CLEMENTINE (GB) {f, 3, Churchill [Ire]--Wind Fire {MSW & MGSP-Eng, $201,294}, by Distorted Humor} Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, $107,981. O-Qatar Racing Limited, Marc Detampel & Fergus Galvin; B-The Wind Fire Partnership (GB); T-George Papaprodromou.

3rd-Del Mar, $80,116, (NW1$L)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 11-27, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.16, fm, 1 length.

MOTORIOUS (GB) {g, 4, Muhaarar (GB)–Squash (GB) {MGSP-Eng}, by Pastoral Pursuits (GB)} Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, $79,944. O-Anthony Fanticola; B-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor (GB); T-Philip D’Amato. *$55,000 Ylg ’19 TATOCT; 220,000gns 3yo ‘21 TATAHI.
9th-Del Mar, $75,796, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 11-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.10, fm, 1 length.

PERCOLATE (IRE) (c, 3, Sir Percy {GB}--Rubileo {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, $92,480. O-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Peter Reynolds & Robert Dore (IRE); T-Michael W. McCarthy. *€50,000 Wlg '19 GOFO; 80,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. **Full to Pantsonfire (Ire), GSW, $238,736; and to Bomar (Ire), Ch. 3-year-old Colt-Sca, SW-Swe, SP-Nor, $348,367.

3rd-Fair Grounds, $51,000, (S), 11-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.54, ft, 7 lengths.

WUPKAR (f, 3, Bind--Anne Margaret, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $66,120. O-Wayne Sanders, and Larry Hirsch; B-Terry Adcock (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *$13,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL; $150,000 2yo '21 TTAAPR. **1/2 to Adrianne G (Indygo Shiner), MSP, $346,012.

8th-Gulfstream, $50,300, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 11-27, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), :56.25, ft, neck.

MAMBA ON THREE (g, 4, Big Drama--Miss Grandiose, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-2, $184,200. O-Palm Beach Racing; B-Carl Bowling & Hallmarc Stallions LLC (FL); T-Carlos A. David.

7th-Gulfstream, $50,300, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 11-27, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.72, fm, nose. Purchased by Jacob West Bloodstock

6th-Delta Downs, $37,420, 11-26, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.37, my, 3 lengths.

IMA DISCREET LADY (m, 6, Discreet Cat--I'm Discreet {MSP}, by Too Much Bling) Lifetime Record: MSW, 40-12-8-7, $522,258. O-Raymond Todd White & Duane Coker; B-Barry S Huntsinger (TX); T-Karl Broberg. *$38,000 2yo '18 TTAAPR.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, $36,970, 11-26, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.49, ft, 3/4 length.

HIIS REINA (f, 3, Empire Maker--Haas, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $41,340. O-Siegel, Inc.; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. *$610,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **$1,200 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $150,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

7th-Charles Town, $36,300, (C)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 11-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.34, ft, head.

SHOSHONI MOON (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Alydarla {GSP}, $150,650), by Henny Hughes) Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, $112,813. O-Gryphon Investments LLC & Havensgate Farm, LLC; B-Gryphon Investments & Randy Reed (KY); T-Stephen S. Lyster. *$135,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $170,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Bethlehem Road (Quality Road), MSW, $147,570.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bobby the Tank, c, 2, Carpe Diem--Greeley Greeley, by Mr. Greeley. Aqueduct, 11-27, (S), (C), 1m, 1:42.21. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $44,015. O-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Stephanie S. Lyster. *$65,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

Katalima (m, 5, Limehouse--Karate Kat (MSP), by Eastover Court) Lifetime Record: 39-5-14-4, $163,113. O-Lela G. Hanagan; B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV); T-Lela G. Hanagan. *1/2 to Black Belt (Prized), MSW, $397,062.

THE BACKSTRECHT DUDE, g, 2, Old Forester--Show Me the Euros, by Hold for Gold. Woodbine, 11-27, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19.17. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $26,567. O-Anthony B. Russo & Leslie L. Russo (ON). *C$3,000 2yo '20 CANSEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Evanesco, g, 3, Mr. Prankster--Prospective Peace, by Medford. Charles Town, 11-26, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.53. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, $37,637. B-Tabitha M Brady (WV).

Free Love, f, 3, Outwork--Lipstick, by Ghostzapper. Hawthorne, 11-27, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $28,220. B-Silver Springs Stud, LLC (KY). *$7,500 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; $5,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $25,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

Rubiana, f, 3, Proudinsky (Ger)--Sweet Ava Jane, by Early Flyer. Fair Grounds, 11-27, 5 1/2f, 1:05.80. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $30,000. B-Jones Alto Colorado Ranch, LLC (TX). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Precious Baby, f, 3, Tom's Tribute--Pure, by Quality Road. Del Mar, 11-27, (S), 1mT, 1:36.26. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $42,000. B-DP Racing, LLC (CA). $20,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTCAYR. *Full to Tom's Regret, SW, $161,105. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Today's Flavor, g, 4, Laoban--Evangelical, by Speightstown. Aqueduct, 11-27, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18.37. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, $84,780. B-Joseph Calvo (NY). *$80,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG.

Supermazel, g, 4, Palace Malice--Giant Sensation (MSP, $168,842), by Giant's Causeway. Golden Gate Fields, 11-27, 1mt, 1:38.70. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $27,600. B-Overbrook Farm & Kildare Stud (KY). *$75,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; $25,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.
**Nyquist**, Eloquist, g, 3, o/o Our Gal El, by Tapit. Discovery S., 11-27, Aqueduct
**Nyquist**, New York Thunder, c, 2, o/o Start Over, by Midshipman. MSW, 11-27, Gulfstream
**Old Forester**, Thebackstretchduke, g, 2, o/o Show Me the Euros, by Hold for Gold. MOC, 11-27, Woodbine
**Outwork**, Free Love, f, 3, o/o Lipstick, by Ghostzapper. MSW, 11-27, Hawthorne
**Palace Malice**, Supermazel, g, 4, o/o Giant Sensation, by Giant’s Causeway. MSW, 11-27, Golden Gate
**Proudinsky (Ger)**, Rubiana, f, 3, o/o Sweet Ava Jane, by Early Flyer. MSW, 11-27, Fair Grounds
**Reload**, Candy Overload, g, 4, o/o Mini Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). GII Kennedy Road S., 11-27, Woodbine
**Shackleford**, Legacy Isle, c, 2, o/o Queenameina, by Read the Footnotes. AOC, 11-27, Gulfstream
**Sharp Azteca**, Cotton Candy Annie, f, 2, o/o Fine Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 11-27, Churchill Downs

**Sir Percy (GB)**, Percolate (Ire), c, 3, o/o Rubileo (GB), by Galileo (Ire). AOC, 11-26, Del Mar
**Slew’s Tiznow**, Kodiaction, g, 4, o/o Shot In The Sun (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). ALW, 11-26, Golden Gate
**Tapiture**, Spanning the Globe, f, 2, o/o Betterlethergo, by Hold Me Back. MSW, 11-27, Golden Gate
**Tom’s Tribute**, Precious Baby, f, 3, o/o Pure, by Quality Road. MSW, 11-27, Del Mar
**Upstart**, Trademark, g, 3, o/o Creative Trick, by Creative Cause. Commonwealth Turf S., 11-27, Churchill Downs
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MANNING: ‘GAN TEORAINN THE MOST EXCITING HORSE I’VE HAD TO SELL’

By Brian Sheerin

NEWMARKET, UK—Classic contender Gan Teorainn (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}) has been described by Clare Manning of Boherguy Stud as the most exciting horse the 29-year-old has ever had the chance to consign ahead of the eagerly-anticipated Sceptre Session at Tattersalls Tuesday.

Trained by her grandad Jim Bolger, Gan Teorainn advertised her Classic credentials when second in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac at ParisLongchamp in October and can be backed at odds of 25-1 for next year’s Oaks. The Ennistown Stud-owned filly also boasts a rock-solid pedigree to match her ability given she is a half-sister to eight winners, three of which are black-type performers, including Puncher Clynch (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), who Bolger trained to win the G3 Ballysax S. at Leopardstown in 2010.

Manning said, “She is the highest profile horse I have ever had to sell. I’ve sold plenty of relations to good horses but this is a 2-year-old who is already Group 1-placed and has a Classic campaign ahead of her so she’s certainly the most exciting horse I’ve ever had the chance to sell. It’s very exciting.”

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SO JUST WHO WAS SCEPTRE?

By John Berry

Tattersalls could not have chosen a better name than ‘Sceptre’ for the elite sessions of the mares’ section of the December Sale, the first of which takes place today. The word ‘Sceptre’ is redolent of majesty but Sceptre the horse was even more special. Furthermore, hers was a story in which Tattersalls plays a prominent part.

Hugh Grosvenor, 1st Duke of Westminster, was one of the most successful owners of the Victorian era. He raced some magnificent homebreds including the mighty Ormonde, whom John Porter trained to win the Triple Crown in 1886. Sadly, the Duke died in December 1899 and the terms of his will meant that the estate had to put his horses up for sale. Tattersalls’ July Sale at Park Paddocks in 1900 was the chosen auction.

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Manning continued, “Gan Teorainn is by a young and exciting sire who is going places. She has won over a mile and is out of a Rainbow Quest mare [Dance Troupe (GB)] who’s had 11 foals, 10 runners and eight winners. There are plenty of black-type horses under the first dam and, as a breeding prospect on a catalogue page, it’s all there.”

Gan Teorainn translates from Irish to unlimited or infinite, and Manning says that the filly her father Kevin partnered to all bar one of her seven starts in the final season of a spellbinding career that lasted over 40 years will appeal to just about everyone at Tattersalls.

Manning explained, “She has shown it on the track and, given she has a 1000 Guineas and Oaks entry for next year, I think that she will be pretty popular. There is real international appeal to Gan Teorainn and she really could go anywhere.

“There are lots of high-class mares in the sale and you can’t pick out one filly or mare and say, ‘this is the best in the session,’ as there are several there. Gan Teorainn is the highest-rated 2-year-old in the sale. Some of them will be sold as broodmare prospects while others will have racing careers ahead of them so I suppose our filly is a little unique in the sense that she is sold with a Classic campaign ahead of her as well as having that broodmare career to look forward to further down the line.” Should Gan Teorainn play a prominent role in the Sceptre Sessions at Tattersalls, it would crown another excellent year for the burgeoning Boherguy Stud after a sales-topping Autumn Yearling Sale at Goffs with a colt by Dawn Approach (Ire) and a number of other productive sales either side of the Irish Sea.

Manning said, “It’s been another good year. It would be absolutely amazing if we could end it on a positive note. I think she will be well-received so I can’t see why we wouldn’t.”

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It’s very hard to top the Orby or even a Book 2 here at Tattersalls. Those sales are just so strong. To top any sale is great and we got a lot of pleasure out of the Autumn Yearling Sale. To do it with a Dawn Approach, who isn’t the most commercial sire but gets Group 1 winners, was sweeter because he’s down at Granddad’s place in Redmondstown.

“We’d a good mares’ sale, a great February Sale, a good Fairyhouse—we didn’t go in there and make headlines but horses sold above their asking price and a lot of our clients were very happy. Placing horses in the right sale is one of the most important things in this game. You can have a lovely horse but, if it’s in the wrong sale, you can get overlooked.”

She added, “Granddad and Dad have been very supportive of me. Neither of them pushed me to work with horses or to go into this industry. If anything, they probably tried to steer me in a different direction. But they have been great. The first year, I wanted to get horses and showcase how I could prep them for a sale and Granddad let me do that with some of his better horses. It has helped me get clients in the door and to advertise how we do things at Boherguy. Without that, I wouldn’t be where I am now; I’d still be trying to make a name for myself whereas now, Boherguy is beginning to get recognised at the sales in Britain and Ireland.”

It was just last month when Kevin Manning announced his retirement at the age of 55. He rode his first winner back in 1983 and had been stable jockey for Bolger since 1993. Together, Manning and Bolger won eight Classics in Britain and Ireland, with Clare pointing to the particular significance surrounding the first with Margarula (Ire) (Doyoun {GB}) in the Irish Oaks back in 2002.

She said, “A lot of people ask me about how hard Dad worked down through the years and how he looked after his weight. It’s a hard question for me to answer because Dad was a jockey before I was even born so I have never known it to be any different. For me, the way he eats, sweats and the work he does, it’s just normal to me. He never stops. He’s mad into his shooting and has his gun dogs. He’s two young pups he’s bringing on and he also gives me a hand in the yard. Shooting season goes on for another three months and he’s happy to tip away at that for now.”

Manning added, “But the one day that really sticks out for me was Margarula winning the Irish Oaks in 2002. She was 33-1 on the day and, just as we were about to sit down and watch the race, I said to Granddad that I was going to run down to put a bet on her. He told me not to do it so, when she crossed the line in front, I turned around and looked at him without saying anything. To be fair to him, he handed me 50 quid to make up for it!”
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“It was great because Granny owned the mare and she was Dad’s first Classic winner. No sooner had the presentation finished, Grandad and I hopped into the car and headed off down to Portlaoise to see Wexford lose to Clare in the quarter final of the All-Ireland hurling championship. I think I was eight at the time so it’s a great memory to have.

“Trading Leather (Ire) was another great day. Grandad promised Granny that he’d train a Derby winner for her one day so for Trading Leather to carry her colours in the Irish Derby meant a lot. Grandad bred, trained and owned him and Dad rode it. Not only that, but we had a lot of family there on the day and for it to be at the Curragh, it was absolutely brilliant. Poetic Flare (Ire) winning the St James’s Palace S. was the one that I probably enjoyed the most, though. He had won the 2000 Guineas and confirmed himself a top-class colt at Ascot that day.”

The spotlight turns to Clare at the Sceptre Sessions at Tattersalls this week. Should Gan Teorainn capture the imagination of buyers, it would represent another day to remember for the family.

**Sceptre cont. from p1**

The young 2nd Duke of Westminster, grandson and heir of the 1st Duke, wished to retain the cream of the stud but could not be there as he was overseas (on active service in the Boer War) so he deputed his agent Cecil Parker to accompany John Porter to Park Paddocks, with instructions that they should buy whichever Porter regarded as the best prospects.

Also bound for Newmarket in July Week 1900 was the redoubtable Robert Standish Sievier, one of the great racing characters of that (or any other) age. As a huge punter, he was often completely broke, but by chance he happened recently to have had a good run on the horses. In those days in which the old-school aristocratic owner/breeders reigned supreme, the best-bred young horses almost never came up for sale. Sievier had scented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy some top-class prospects and was determined to have the cream of the Eaton Stud consignment, whatever the price.

With Sievier nothing was straightforward. On this occasion, his little prank was to deposit funds (£20,000 in £500 bills) with Somerville Tattersall in advance, but only after the banks had closed the previous evening, thus ensuring that Mr Tattersall spent a nervous and sleepless night locked in his room in the White Hart Hotel, conscious that his cash-stuffed pockets made him an obvious target for villains!
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It was widely agreed that the cream of the Eaton draft included a filly from the first crop of Persimmon out of Ormonde’s full-sister Ornament. She was not the only perceived diamond in the mine, however, and two lots before her came a magnificent colt by the Ormonde horse Orme out of Kissing Cup. John Porter advised Parker that this colt should be bought, but Sievier wanted him too. The bidding quickly sped past the existing record price for a yearling (6,000 guineas) until, Sievier having bid 9,000 guineas, Porter raised it by another 100 guineas. Sievier admitted defeat.

The Orme colt’s price stunned the audience, but it didn’t remain a record for long. Two lots later, the Persimmon filly out of Ornament entered the ring.

Sievier opened at 5,000 guineas before the bidding followed the same pattern as the auction for the Orme colt. However, this time, when Porter bid 9,100 guineas, Sievier immediately bid 10,000.

The problem for Porter and Parker was that the young Duke had not specified any sums. Porter had already steered Parker into spending 18,000 guineas of the Duke’s money, and things now seemed to be getting out of hand. The two men reluctantly decided that enough was enough. Sceptre was now Bob Sievier’s horse, at 10,000 guineas, a record which stood for 19 years.

All told, Sievier spent 22,500 guineas at that sale, the bulk of it on Sceptre and a colt by Orme out of Gantlet for whom he paid 5,600 guineas and whom he, rather cheekily, named Duke Of Westminster. His final purchase was not one of the Westminster horses but a massive colt by the 1894 Derby winner Ladas called Lavengro, bred by Lord Rosebery, for whom he gave 700 guineas.
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Sievier put Sceptre, Duke Of Westminster, Lavengro and the others into training with Charles Morton at Letcombe Regis, near Wantage. The string enjoyed a very successful summer in 1901, not least because both Lavengro and Duke Of Westminster won at Ascot. Morton had to race Sceptre sparingly because she jarred up on the firm ground, but she won the Woodcote S. at Epsom and the July S. at Newmarket. All should have been rosy in Sievier’s world, but it wasn’t.

By the end of the year, Sievier was in trouble, as usual his punting having proved his undoing. Furthermore, it wasn’t just that he had no money; he had no trainer either. Morton had received an offer to become private trainer for Jack Joel, an offer too good to turn down. Joel and Sievier were deadly enemies, not least because Sievier had developed the habit of goading Joel in his newspaper The Winning Post, and it was generally felt that Joel’s principal motivation in hiring Morton was to disrupt Sievier’s racing operations.

Even though he urgently needed money, Sievier rejected out of hand an offer of £60,000 for the three star juveniles. However, he had to sell something as his creditors were circling, and he finally accepted a bid of £25,000 from John Porter (on behalf of Mr George Faber) for Duke Of Westminster.

Temporarily, Sievier had some cash, but he still had no trainer. Undaunted, he did what he generally did, i.e. he took the unconventional option, which in this case meant deciding to train Sceptre himself. Fortunately, he was able to rent (from John Porter) a suitable property: Elston House at Shrewton in Wiltshire.

Sceptre’s first run of the year was in the Lincolnshire H., a bizarre choice as a Classic trial but a big betting race which provided Sievier with the opportunity to have a serious ‘tilt at the ring’. She ran really well, but not quite as well as Sievier needed: she finished second, beaten a head.
Undaunted, he pressed on to Newmarket. First came the 2,000 Guineas, in which she and Duke Of Westminster started joint-favourites. During the race she never saw her former stable-companion as she made all the running to win in race-record time. Two days later she backed up in the 1,000 Guineas and again made all to set a new race-record.

At Epsom, everything went wrong for Sceptre in the Derby, including missing the start and then making up the lost ground far too quickly. She finished fourth behind Ard Patrick, leaving the impression that she would have won easily with a better jockey on board. It can only have been partial consolation for Sievier that Sceptre cantered home in the Oaks two days later.

Ascot was on the horizon, but that couldn’t come soon enough for Sievier. In the interim he sent her to Longchamp for France’s premier Classic, the Grand Prix de Paris. Again Herbert Randall (a former amateur whom Sievier used for no reason other than that he distrusted all the established riders) rode badly. Even so, she still finished within two lengths of the winner Kizil Kourgan, who herself was regarded in France as a true champion. Back in England in time to go to Ascot, Sceptre was beaten in the Coronation S. under another shocker from Randall. Sievier finally decided that enough was enough, and engaged Hardy, the apprentice who had ridden her in the Lincoln, to ride her the following afternoon in the St. James’s Palace S. She won in a canter, beating Rising Glass who had finished second in the Derby.

Sievier ran Sceptre twice at Goodwood too. She was beaten in the Sussex S. but blew very hard afterwards. Sievier’s response was to give her three more gallops before the Nassau S., which was only two days later. These unconventional methods clearly worked as she hacked up in her second assignment.

At Doncaster she won the St Leger hard-held by three lengths. Sievier, of course, couldn’t resist the temptation to run back her up two days later in the Park Hill S. Starting at 1/5, she raced like what she was, a tired horse, but finished second even so. Even Sievier accepted that Sceptre had had enough for the year, and scratched her from the Cambridgeshire. With his creditors closing in, he reluctantly entered her in the December Sale, but rumours that she had broken down meant that she did not reach her 24,000-guinea reserve.

Sievier had ended the 1902 season as champion owner with stakes of £23,686 and as the only owner/trainer ever to be Britain’s champion trainer, a distinction which he is likely to hold forever. However, his disastrous punting meant that he began 1903 virtually penniless. The only way to keep his creditors at bay was to sell his pride and joy, which he did in the spring, for £25,000 to William Bass, who sent her to Manton to be trained by Alec Taylor Jr.
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Alec Taylor Sr. had been renowned for working his horses hard but his son took the opposite approach. Sceptre thus found herself enjoying a lifestyle very different from what she had previously known. Her first run of the summer came at Ascot (where she must have been surprised to discover that it was possible to go to a major meeting and run only once!) where she won the Hardwicke S. However, she was unimpressive and blew hard afterwards, forcing Taylor to concede that Sievier’s old-school regime might actually have suited her.

Next came 'the race of the century', a legendary Eclipse S. fought out by the winners of eight British Classics, ie Sceptre, Ard Patrick (who had beaten her in the Derby) and Rock Sand, who ended that season as winner of the Triple Crown. Taylor was working Sceptre harder by this time, but even so had come to realise that she still wasn’t fully fit. Despite not yet being at her peak, she failed by only a neck to beat Ard Patrick at the end of a battle royal up the Sandown straight, with Rock Sand wilting in the final furlong to finish third.

Sceptre went through the rest of the season unbeaten. At the end of the year, the observation was made to Taylor that, had he trained Sceptre from the outset, she would have gone through her career undefeated. Taylor's typically modest answer, itself something of a compliment to Sievier, was thought-provoking: "Very possibly. But if I had trained her throughout, she wouldn't have won four Classics."

The story of Sceptre, who stayed in training as a 5-year-old but was past her best by then, was far from over. She paid two more visits to Park Paddocks (for the July Sales of 1911 and '17). On the first of these, Somerville Tattersall, realising that she was about to be bought for export, knocked her down to himself (for 7,000 guineas) before subsequently selling her to John Musker. On the latter occasion she was bought, aged 18 and with what turned out to be her final foal at foot, for 2,500 guineas by Lord Glanely, at whose stud in Exning she died in February 1926, aged 27. It goes without saying that Sceptre did not breed anything nearly as good as she herself had been. How could she have done? Even so, she still produced a 1,000 Guineas runner-up (Maid Of Corinth, by Cyllene). Maid Of Corinth's sister Maid Of The Mist was very smart too, and then did even better at stud, where she bred two Classic winners: Sunny Jane, winner of the Oaks in 1917, and Crag An Eran who in 1921 won the 2,000 Guineas and then finished second in the Derby to Joel’s Morton-trained Humorist. Sceptre’s descendants have continued to breed good horses, including the 1963 Derby winner Relko (Fr) and the 2000 Preakness S. winner Red Bullet.

The chapters on Sceptre are nowadays a long way back in racing’s history books. However, she will never be forgotten, and Tattersalls are to be applauded for this extremely appropriate way of keeping the legend alive.
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GUNThER INVites bReedERS TO UNLOck FREE NOMINATION TO WITHOUT PAROLE

By Brian Sheerin

Owner-breeder Tanya Gunther has invited people to unlock a free nomination to Without Parole (GB), the G1 St James’s Palace S. winner whose first foals sold well at Tattersalls this week, by offering a limited number of keys to those interested in breeding to the Newsells Park Stud-based stallion. Just one of those keys will unlock the free nomination that is hidden in one of three boxes at the Newsells Park consignment at Tattersalls for the December Mares Sale. The majority of the keys have been sent out to breeders who have already supported the stallion, whose 15 foals sold for an average of 28,100gns at last week’s December Foal Sale, including colts for 58,000gns and 52,000gns, respectively. However, there are still a limited number of keys available, with Gunther urging those interested to make their way down to the Highflyer Paddocks this week.

Gunther explained, "We devised a promo that we thought would be a little bit of fun. We are inviting breeders to unlock a free nomination from behind bars during the December Mares Sale this week at Tattersalls. The people who have supported Without Parole have already received an email and a key but, basically, we have three boxes down at the Newsells consignment at Tattersalls and behind one box is a nomination to Without Parole and in the other two have champagne in them.

"None of the boxes have been opened yet and, while there is a limited supply, we invite breeders who may be interested in using Without Parole to come and visit the hospitality suite at Newsells and get their key before they are all gone."

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“It’s a pretty fun way to get talking to the breeders about the stallion and we’d love to talk to people who may be interested in using him in the future.”

Bred by Gunther’s father John, Without Parole won four times for John Gosden before joining Chad Brown, for whom he placed third in the 2019 GI Breeders’ Cup Mile at Santa Anita.

He joined the Newsells roster in 2021 at a fee of £10,000 and is set to stand for just £7,000 in 2023. Gunther described herself to be delighted with the feedback from breeders at Tattersalls and said that she thinks Without Parole represents good value.

She said, “I wasn’t sure what to expect going around looking at the Without Parole foals last week because, before this sale, all I had really seen from him were my own foals. I have to say that I was very happy with what I saw in his offspring and he seems to be throwing some very good stock and is putting quality into his offspring so you can’t really ask for much more than that.

“Of course, it is only the first step but we are really pleased with how things are going with him so far and we’re all quite happy about it. We hope that breeders are as happy as we are and, to hear comments like ‘he is throwing horses with a touch of class’ or that ‘there is a resemblance of Frankel,’ I mean you couldn’t ask for much more than that. It’s lovely to hear that Without Parole resembles Frankel who we all know had such an amazing season and is riding the crest of a wave.”

She added, “We are very happy with the results. We hope that the buyers will make some money on their Without Parole pinhooks and feel that people didn’t go too crazy at every level so, hopefully, they have a really great chance to do well. It’s comparable to going around and looking at a bunch of your children when viewing the foals of Without Parole and it’s just very rewarding to see that they have been well received. He looks as though he represents good value.”
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Yoshiro Kubota’s hitherto untried 360,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 acquisition DRAGON ICON (IRE) (Lope De Vega (IRE)) is a Roger Varian-trained full-brother to GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Aunt Pearl (IRE). The April-foaled bay faces a baker’s dozen, which includes George Strawbridge’s €200,000 Arqana August graduate Brightly (Fr) (Sea The Stars (IRE)), who is out of a half-sister to MG1SW distaffer Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), representing the John and Thady Gosden stable.

Sunday’s Results:
PRIX MAX SICARD-Listed, €60,000, Toulouse, 11-27, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:37.80, hy.
1-- HOMO DEUS (FR), 128, g, 4, Intello (Ger)--Cubiste (Fr), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€19,000 Ylg ’19 AROCT). O-Jacques Liscia & Gerard Steibel; B-Renaud Bagueneault de Puchesse (FR); T-Francois Monfort; J-Anthony Crastus. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 23-6-1-1, €92,760.
2-- Olympia (Ire), 125, m, 5, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Celebre (Fr), by Peintre Celebre. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier. €12,000.
3-- Pouvoir Royal (Ire), 128, c, 4, Mayson (GB)--Hawaiian Heat (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€50,000 Ylg ’19 AROCT). O-Ecurie Friedrider & Free Man Racing; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €9,000.
Margins: HF, 2HF, HD. Odds: 27.70, 6.60, 5.80.
Also Ran: Prince De Montfort (Fr), Circe (Fr), Equinoxe (Fr), Say Good Buy (Ger), Up Helly Aa (Ire), Santa Zoo (Fr), Qatar River (Fr), Blue Swan (Fr), Jo Pickett (Fr), Control Tower (Fr), Maracay (Spa), Nearlo Of Saints (GB), Diva Donna (Fr), Royal Force (Fr).
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Don’t miss Emma Berry and Brian Sheerin’s tour of Newmarket on Sunday. Alpinista, Baaeed (pictured with Chris Palmer) and Stradivarius all feature. | Emma Berry
Homo Deus, who saluted in a Sept. 22 conditions heat at Lyon-Parilly, collected minor prizes in handicaps at ParisLongchamp and Saint-Cloud in the interim and stepped up to claim a career high on black-type debut here. Swiftly into stride and positioned on the front end throughout, he poached a decisive advantage off the home turn and was driven out inside the final 300 metres to hold the closing pack in game fashion.

Homo Deus, who becomes the 21st stakes winner for his sire, is the second of four foals and one of two scorers produced by a multiple-winning granddaughter of Ring Beaune (Bering {GB}), whose trio of stakes winners is headed by dual GI Eddie Read H. victor Special Ring (Nureyev). The February-foaled bay’s fourth dam, G3 Prix Cleopatre victrix Alexandrie (Val De l’Orne {Fr}), is responsible for five black-type winners including G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero and G1 Prix du Jockey Club second Poliglote (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) and G2 Prix de Malleret-winning G1 Oaks third Animatrice (Alleged). Animatrice, in turn, is the dam of G3 Prix de Royaumont victrix Sadler’s Flag (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) and also the ancestress of GSW G1 Irish Oaks heroine Margarula (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}, herself the dam of G1 Sydney Cup hero Grand Marshal (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Sales history: €61,000 Ylg ‘21 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €4,200.

Sunday’s Results:
1st-Mulheim, €7,000, Mdn, 11-27, 2yo, 10fT, 2:13.93, sf/hy. MOUKOKO (FR) (c, 2, Protectionist (Ger)–Muriel (Ire) (GSP-Ger), by Fath), an Oct. 30 debut fifth going nine furlongs at Hoppegarten in his only prior start, broke well from the outside box to stalk the pace in second and inched ahead before halfway in this return.

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Coolangatta, winner of the A$2 million Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the A$1 million Moir Stakes
The reign of 2005 G1 Japan Cup hero Alkaased (Kingmambo) will have to stand as testament as the last foreign-bred winner to claim the 2400-metre contest for another year once again, as Vela Azul (Jpn) (Eishin Flash {Jpn}), under an icy Ryan Moore steering job, prevailed for Japan. A Carrot Farm silksbearer, the 5-year-old was three-quarters of a length to the good of 2021 G1 Japanese Derby and 2022 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic victor Shahryar (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) on the line. Grand Glory (GB) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), who is bound for broodmare duty in the Land of the Rising Sun for Shadai’s Teruya Yoshida, was best of the international raiders, running sixth.

Third choice at 7-2 in this Group 1 bow, Vela Azul raced in the back half of the field as Unicorn Lion (Ire) (No Nay Never) cut out steady fractions of :24 flat and :48.80. In close quarters entering the clubhouse turn, the Shiraoi Farm-bred was in a good rhythm, and held his position as he edged up to midpack. The pacesetter threw in the towel with a quarter mile remaining, as several foes loomed up with chances in the straight.

Stonewalled behind a wall of horses in upper stretch, gaps kept slamming in Moore’s face, and it was not until the 200-metre mark, that a razor-thin hole appeared. Just as Moore was sending Vela Azul through, that too, disappeared, and the Englishman redirected his charge back toward the inside. Miraculously a path opened 100 metres from home, and Vela Azul bullied his way through, hitting the front in the dying strides to clinch the victory. Favoured at 12-5, Shahryar, too, came from well off the pace, to master Weltreisende (Jpn) (Dream Journey {Jpn}) who had briefly anchored the vanguard and was a neck back in third. Tom Marquand was a half-length behind aboard Japanese Filly Triple Crown Winner Daring Tact (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) in fourth. 2022 G1 Grand Prix de Paris scorer Onesto (Ire) (Frankel {GB})’s momentum was halted 400 metres from the wire, and he also lacked racing room in deep stretch to take seventh.

“He broke OK,” said trainer Kunihiko Watanabe. “The pace was rather slow, but my horse has a good late charge and I trusted him to make a good run and. He was in good condition coming into this race but he exceeded our expectation. He is five years old but he gets better and better and still has room for improvement. The reason for racing him on dirt early in his career was because he had leg issues [fractures] as a young colt and in order to race him with less risk he was raced on dirt. However, I did think he had an aptitude to race well on turf and it was only a matter of timing as to when to shift to turf racing.”

“I was very lucky to ride a talented horse,” said Moore, who was winning his second Japan Cup after piloting Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) to her second consecutive edition in 2013. “The pace was very steady for the Japan Cup. The horse never had much room, but when he did he quickened up very well so he was very impressive today. I had a good horse that got me out front and we had a nice spot–it wasn’t too far off the pace and following a good horse, the horse in front was having to wait and I was having to wait too, and when he found a bit of room he quickened up very well. I suppose for today being towards the inside wasn’t a disadvantage.”

Making his first 16 starts on dirt, without a black-type race on his resume, although he did win once at three and once last term, Vela Azul became an entirely different creature switched to firm turf second up this year, running off with the Awaji Tokubetsu over 2600 metres in March. Third in both the Sunshine S. and Ryokufu S. at Nakayama in April and Tokyo in May, respectively, the 5-year-old sealed the first half of his season with an 1 3/4-length score in the June S. over course and distance on June 11. He returned on Oct. 10 to take the G2 Kyoto Daishoten from off the pace at Hanshin by 2 1/2 lengths in 2:24.30 against several of these as second favourite.
**Pedigree Notes**

Tops of a trio of stakes winners for his G1 Japanese Derby/G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn)-winning sire, Eishin Flash, Vela Azul is the son of King’s Best’s first scorer at Group 1 level. He becomes the fifth top-shelf victor for the French Deputy horse Kurofune as a broodmare sire. The sixth of seven foals of racing age and one of five winners for his dual-winning dam who did her best work when breaking her maiden in the mud going 1800 metres at Hanshin at three and over a fast dirt strip at Fukushima over 1800 metres later that year, Vela Azul is by some margin the best of the septet. Vela Blanca (Jpn) (Kurofune)’s latest progeny is a yearling filly by World Ace (Jpn), and, although she was covered by Bago (Fr) later that spring, she did not produce a foal this term. Second dam Admire Sunday (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), runner-up at listed level, did an admirable job in the paddocks with five black-type horses to her credit led by G1 Shuka Sho heroine and Japanese Champion 3-Year-Old Filly Adventura (Jpn) (Jungle Pocket (Jpn)). Adventura’s full-sister, Tall Poppy (Jpn), was also a Classic winner and a champion of her generation as a juvenile. Third dam Moon Indigo (El Gran Senor), herself a half-sister to Group 1 winner Moonlight Dance (Alysheba), is a product of French champion and Group 1 winner Madelia (Fr) (Caro {Ire}), who claimed both the 1977 French 1000 Guineas and the French Oaks alongside the Prix Saint-Alary.

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

JAPAN CUP-G1, ¥765,580,000, Tokyo, 11-27, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:23.70, fm.

1--VELA AZUL (JPN), 126, h, 5, Eishin Flash (Jpn)

1st Dam: Vela Blanca (Jpn), by Kurofune
2nd Dam: Admire Sunday (Jpn), by Sunday Silence
3rd Dam: Moon Indigo, by El Gran Senor

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Carrot Farm; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); T-Kunihiko Watanabe; J-Ryan Moore. ¥403,906,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-4-5. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Shahryar (Jpn), 126, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Dubai Majesty, by Essence of Dubai. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥161,116,000.

2--TOSHIN MACAU (JPN), 121, c, 3, by Big Arthur (Jpn)

1st Dam: Yukino Mermaid (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Suspense Queen, by Woodman
3rd Dam: Moon Indigo, by El Gran Senor

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Sato Inc.; B-Hattori Farm (Jpn); T-Mizuki Takayanagi; J-Katsuma Sameshima. ¥41,567,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0. *1/2 to Besten Dank (Jpn) (Taiki Shuttle), MSW & GSP-Jpn, $1,995,576. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

3--Smart Courage (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Leger Tosho (Jpn), by King Halo (Jpn). *1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE*. O-Toru Okawa; B-Ito Bokujo (Jpn); ¥10,081,000. Lifetime Record: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 2. *1/2 to Besten Dank (Jpn) (Taiki Shuttle), MSW & GSP-Jpn, $1,995,576. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

KEIHAN HAI-G3, ¥78,110,000, Hanshin, 11-27, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.20, fm.

1--TOSHIN MACAU (JPN), 121, c, 3, by Big Arthur (Jpn)

1st Dam: Yukino Mermaid (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Suspect Queen, by Woodman
3rd Dam: Moon Indigo, by El Gran Senor

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Sato Inc.; B-Hattori Farm (Jpn); T-Mizuki Takayanagi; J-Katsuma Sameshima. ¥41,567,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0. *1/2 to Besten Dank (Jpn) (Taiki Shuttle), MSW & GSP-Jpn, $1,995,576. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.