

## GODOLPHIN MARES STAR AS KEENELAND JANUARY CONTINUES TO PRODUCE STRONG RESULTS



Carella | Keeneland photo

by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, KY - During a session dominated by offerings from the powerful Godolphin operation, the four-day Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale continued to churn out strong results as it entered its second half Wednesday.

Through three sessions, 721 horses have sold for \$41,732,600. The average of \$57,882 is up 5.31% from a year ago, while the median is up 8.00% to \$27,000.

At this same point at the 2022 sale, 770 horses had grossed \$42,320,400 for an average of \$54,962 and a median of \$25,000.

Mares from Godolphin occupied five of the day's six top spots, with Walmac Farm making the day's highest bid when acquiring **Carella (Tapit)** from Sheikh Mohammed's operation for \$260,000. In all, 27 mares from Godolphin sold for \$1,798,700 and an average of \$66,619.

A colt by Vekoma was the day's highest-priced short yearling, selling to G1 Investments from the supplemental section of the catalogue. The youngster was consigned by Archie St. George's St. George Sales.

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## 2023 MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: JIM CONNOR

As we approach the opening of the 2023 breeding season, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. Up this week, Jim Connor.

**GIBBET (m, 8, War Front--Cross, by Mighty), in foal to Liam's Map and going to Practical Joke in 2023**

I own this mare in partnership with my cousin Vincent Colbert, who bred Chocolate Gelato, so he is a big **Practical Joke** fan...didn't take much to convince me. We take turns picking the stallions, but she threw two beautiful colts from Arrogate and **Volatile** in the last 2 seasons--both sold at Keeneland this past year. Really looking forward to this year's **Liam's Map** foal as well.

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*Pursuit of Justice, a 2019 son of Bourbon Courage out of Soigne, is currently in **Ben Massam's stall** at **New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program** in Lexington, KY. This New York-bred gelding came to New Vocations via the NYTHA Take the Lead program. He has been fully rehabbed and is currently going through retraining for his second career as a sporthorse. | New Vocations*

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## BOB HUTT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PTHA 12

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**Keeneland January, cont. from p1**

"I think the market overall is solid," St. George said. "It's been a good January sale. Any quality stock sells well. It's the old saying, if you tick all the boxes, you do good."

Hunter Valley Farm sold two of the session's eight six-figure offerings, with Juddmonte's 4-year-old **Gilded Ruler** (Into Mischief) selling for \$130,000 to Shepherd Equine Advisors and a short yearling filly by **Tiz the Law** selling for \$100,000 to Headley Bell's pinhooking partnership, Sycamore.

"I don't think there is too much wrong with the market today," said Hunter Valley's Adrian Regan. "For what's on offer, I think they are selling pretty good. Anything with any little bit of upside or a weanling with any bit of scope and quality, they are selling really well."

The Keeneland January sale concludes with a final session Thursday. Bidding begins at 10 a.m.

**Godolphin Mares in Demand**

As the Keeneland January sale moved into its second half, it was a group of 27 offerings from Godolphin that took center stage, occupying five of the session's top six spots and accounting for five of its eight six-figure prices. Leading the way was **Carella (Tapit) (hip 1140)**, who was purchased over the internet by Walmac Farm for \$260,000. The 10-year-old mare is a daughter of Cara Rafaela and is a half-sister to Bernardini. She sold in foal to **Kantharos**. Also selling via an internet bid was **Orchestrate (Tiznow) (hip 984)**, who sold to J.S. Company for \$200,000.



**Michael Banahan** | Keeneland photo

"It was a fantastic sale for us," said Godolphin's Director of Bloodstock Michael Banahan. "The response was exceptionally strong down at the barn yesterday. We ended up having as many people looking as we had in two days last year. So we were inundated with lookers. **Cont. p4**



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**Keeneland January, cont. from p3**

Banahan continued: "We thought the mares would sell well, but we were probably surprised how well they sold. There was a great appetite for our mares. There were a lot of nice, young mares in there that people want to have with great pedigrees. I understand why people want to get involved in mares that we are culling out of our program. People have done well with them before. They were all sold, they were all over their reserves and I think people will be very pleased with what they've got off us."

Lynn Hancock acquired two Godolphin mares on behalf of her family's Stone Farm. She signed for the 4-year-old **Omkara (Ghostzapper) (hip 980)**, in foal to **Cairo Prince**, for \$160,000 and came back later to acquire the 4-year-old **Brookwood Hills (More Than Ready) (hip 1127)** for \$52,000.

"Godolphin obviously has some really great families and they can't keep all of the fillies out of them," Hancock said. "We thought they had some great physicals with some really good female families. It looked like a good opportunity to get in on some active families."

Omkara is a daughter of stakes-winner Kareena (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and her half-sister Padma (**Tapit**) was second in the Cash Run S. at Gulfstream Park on New Year's Day. Her second dam is multiple graded-stakes winner India, a half-sister to the dam of To Honor and Serve and Angela Renee.

"It's a super active female family," Hancock said of the mare. "There are so many daughters producing in that family. There are some good runners on the page and it's a great family. So we thought we would take a swing."

Banahan admitted he had fielded some questions about why

Godolphin would sell a half-sister to a recent stakes-placed runner.

"We own three more fillies out of the mare," Banahan said. "You can't keep them all. We want to keep the quality as high as we can. So we are going to have ones that we have to offload."

Of the popularity of the Godolphin mares at Keeneland Wednesday, Hancock said, "You can't hide a good horse from the market, no matter where they are placed or when they are selling. I think the people are keyed in and looking at those mares and some of them are selling very well."

Godolphin has now dominated the third session of the Keeneland January sale for two years in a row. Last year, the operation sold three of the day's top four prices, including the \$480,000 session topper.



**Lynn Hancock** | Keeneland photo

"It's worked very well for us," Banahan said of the day three placement in the January sale. "We had a group of them in November as well, but we feel we get them in here, everyone is at the sale, it's a four-day sale, everyone is going to be able to see them and we are not going to have to divide them up into two or three different books. We can group them together a lot nicer than we can in November. Maybe we are a bigger fish in a smaller pond in January. Our mares stand out here."

The January consignment also gives students in Godolphin's Flying Start program the opportunity to participate in the auction.

"The Godolphin Flying Start group comes into town right around New Year's and they've helped us out in the last couple of years," Banahan said.

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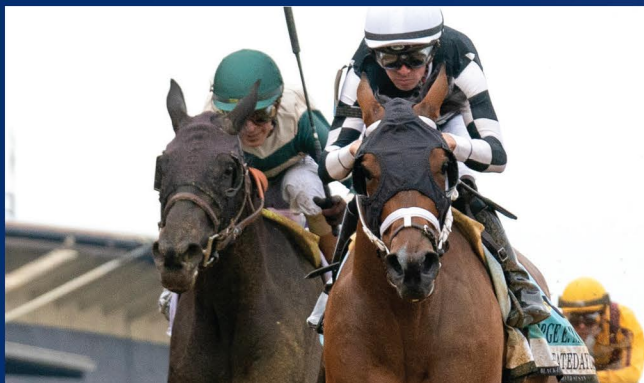
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**Keeneland January, cont. from p4**

"They've enjoyed it. It's their only opportunity to work a sale. Not that we did it on purpose, but that was an offshoot of it. And they enjoyed it and we enjoyed having them helping us out as well."

**Vekoma Colt Leads Yearlings Wednesday**

A colt by Vekoma was the top-priced short yearling of Wednesday's third session of the Keeneland January sale when selling for \$180,000 over the internet to GI Investments. The chestnut colt is out of stakes winner and graded-placed Inconclusive (Include). Archie St. George purchased Inconclusive, with the colt in utero, for \$75,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale and he co-bred the yearling with Lee Mauberret and Gary Joyner.

"He was a very nice colt, very straightforward," St. George said. "We had him on the farm and he showed himself very well and he put on a good show in the back ring. We'd like to thank the buyers and everyone who was interested in him."

The colt was originally slated to sell at the November sale.

"He was in November, but we scratched him just because I wanted to give him more time," St. George said. "This was just the right spot for him."



Hip 1220 | Keeneland photo

The colt became just the latest supplemented offering to the auction to be in demand this week.

"It's really nice to be able to supplement them," St. George said. "Keeneland does a great job with promoting it. It's nice to have a horse in here. Any time you have more horses in front of buyers, it's a good opportunity." **Cont. p6**



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**McKinzie** won the 2018 GI Pennsylvania Derby and GI Malibu S., as well as the 2019 GI Whitney S. and the 2017 GI Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity. He was second in the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Classic.



Hip 835 | Amy Lanigan

On the board in 14 of 18 starts for owners Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman and trainer Bob Baffert, **McKinzie** earned \$3,473,360 on the racetrack and retired to Gainesway where he stood his initial season in 2021 for \$30,000.

During Book 1 at Keeneland this week, the 8-year-old stallion had seven yearlings sell for \$910,000 for an average of \$130,000.

Peter O'Callaghan and Brian Graves purchased the sale's top-priced short yearling by **McKinzie**, going to \$250,000 to acquire a colt (**hip 835**) from the Four Star Sales consignment.

"Obviously, it's redundant to say it was an awfully nice horse, but we thought it would hit the market well," said Four Star Sales' Kerry Cauthen. "We were thinking in the \$150,000 to \$175,000 range, but when you bring up the really good ones, and two people obviously thought he was a really good one--you get rewarded."

Cauthen continued, "I have seen quite a few McKinzies and quite like them as a whole. I think he's been fairly consistent in producing a good-looking animal."

Also during the January sale, South Carolina horseman Peter Pugh purchased a filly by the sire (**hip 190**) for \$220,000 from the Hunter Valley Farm consignment. **Cont. p7**



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While Pugh said he hadn't seen many of the **McKinzie** foals, he was impressed by the filly he plans to pinhook later in the year.

"She was very smooth," Pugh said. "She was a very pretty filly who looked like she was going to frame out nicely. All the stuff you want."

McKinzie bred 214 mares in his first season and 180 in his second.

"I am really excited about what we are seeing in the market with **McKinzie**," said Graves, who serves as Gainesway's general manager. "Before the sales started, I thought that **McKinzie** was really stamping his offspring and now he has left no question on that matter. They are all very leggy with streamlined shape and athleticism, which is my favorite type. They have sold at the highest level, to the best judges, and it's rewarding to see. I think he's going to be a huge presence at the yearling sales later this year."

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• No. Offered	298	298
• No. Sold	246	259
• RNAs	52	39
• % RNAs	17.45%	13.09%
• High Price	\$260,000	\$480,000
• No. Over \$100k	8	8
• Gross	\$5,605,700	\$5,471,700
• Average (% change)	\$22,787 (+7.86%)	\$21,126
• Median (% change)	\$8,000 (-20.00%)	\$10,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2023	2022
• Catalogued	1247	1246
• No. Offered	948	959
• No. Sold	721	770
• RNAs	227	189
• % RNAs	23.95%	19.71%
• Gross	\$41,732,600	\$42,320,400
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### KEENELAND JANUARY

#### WEDNESDAY'S TOP MARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
1140	Carella	I/f to Kantharos	260,000
(10, <i>Tapit</i> --Cara Rafaela, by Quiet American)			
Consignor: Property of Godolphin			
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<b>984</b>	<b>Orchestrate</b>	<b>I/f to Frosted</b>	<b>200,000</b>
	(9, Tiznow--Contrive, by Storm Cat)		
	Consignor: Property of Godolphin		
	Purchaser: J.S. Company, Limited		
<b>841</b>	<b>Face Paint</b>	<b>I/f to Frosted</b>	<b>175,000</b>
	(4, <i>Candy Ride {Arg}</i> --Game Face, by Meniffee)		
	Consignor: Property of Godolphin		
	Purchaser: Park City Investments		
<b>980</b>	<b>Omkara</b>	<b>I/f to Cairo Prince</b>	<b>160,000</b>
	(4, <i>Ghostzapper</i> --Kareena, by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> )		
	Consignor: Property of Godolphin		
	Purchaser: Stone Farm		
<b>881</b>	<b>Hidden Wonder</b>	<b>I/f to Street Boss</b>	<b>150,000</b>
	(4, <i>Curlin</i> --Carella, by <i>Tapit</i> )		
	Consignor: Property of Godolphin		
	Purchaser: Adena Springs		

**WEDNESDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS**

<u>HIP</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>SIRE   DAM</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>
<b>1220</b>	<b>Colt</b>	<b>Vekoma--Inconclusive, by Include</b>	<b>180,000</b>
	(\$75,000 I/U KEENOV '21)		
	Breeder: Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret & Gary Joyner (KY)		
	Consignor: St George Sales, Agent IV		
	Purchaser: G1 Investments		

<b>1151</b>	<b>Filly</b>	<b>Tiz the Law--City Sister, by Carson City</b>	<b>100,000</b>
	Breeder: Charles & Caroline Hynes (KY)		
	Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, agent		
	Purchaser: Sycamore		
<b>1051</b>	<b>Colt</b>	<b>Dialed In--Strike First, by Smart Strike</b>	<b>90,000</b>
	Breeder: Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamps Stables (KY)		
	Consignor: Gainesway, Agent VIII		
	Purchaser: Tuscan Equine		

**WEDNESDAY'S TOP RACING/STALLION PROSPECTS**

<u>HIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>
<b>1185</b>	<b>Gilded Ruler</b>	<b>Racing/Stallion Prospect</b>	<b>130,000</b>
	(c, 4, <i>Into Mischief</i> --Golden Cropper {Aus}, by More Than Ready)		
	Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, Agent for Juddmonte		
	Purchaser: Shepherd Equine Advisors,		
	Agent for Larry Hirsch		
<b>1198</b>	<b>On Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Racing Prospect</b>	<b>80,000</b>
	(g, 4, <i>Summer Front</i> --On Oaks Day, by Malibu Moon)		
	Consignor: Denali Stud, Agent for the Complete		
	Dispersal for Patricia Generazio		
	Purchaser: Two Hearts Farm II LLC		
<b>1230E</b>	<b>Reinvestment Risk</b>	<b>Stallion Prospect</b>	<b>70,000</b>
	(h, 5, <i>Upstart</i> --Ridingwiththedevil, by <i>Candy Ride {Arg}</i> )		
	Consignor: ELiTE, agent		
	Purchaser: William Nicks		

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1220	C	Vekoma	Inconclusive	180,000

B-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret &amp; Gary Joyner (KY)

Consigned by St George Sales, Agent IV

Purchased by G1 Investments

Archie and Michelle St. George's Brookstone Farm, et al picked up MGSW/GSP Inconclusive (Include) while carrying this colt for \$75,000 at KEENOV '21. Her previous trip through the ring, three years earlier, saw her fetch \$350,000 while in foal to Pioneer of the Nile. Vekoma's first weanlings topped back-to-back Keeneland November sessions a couple of months ago, and the young Spendthrift stallion hasn't slowed down at all into 2023.

Jim Connor's 2023 Mating Plans, cont. from p1

# MATING PLANS

presented by SPENDTHRIFT

**DIASTOLE (m, 9, Lonhro {Aus}--Bridgette Bordeaux, by Medaglia d'Oro), in foal to Catholic Boy and going to Mitole**

A++ nick to Mitole. With Mitole's speed and Diastole's power and size from Lonhro, this should be a nice match.

**PURE VALUE (m, 15, Value Plus--Melancholy, by Run Softly), in foal to Creative Cause and going to Cupid**

A+ nick to Cupid. I purchased Pure Value in foal to Global Campaign [for \$10,000 at KEEJAN] last year and she had a great-looking filly by Global Campaign. Cupid is on the rise--a true bargain for \$5,000.

**KILKEA (m, 6, Blame--Miz Topgallant, by Mizzen Mast), in foal to Tacitus and going to Volatile**

A recent digital auction purchase for me. My first mare (Gibbet) had her first foal by Blame. So, I've been a big Blame fan ever since and watched [SP] Kilkea race and have a lot of success. Almost \$200,000 earnings and a stunning grey/roan, I had to have her. Sending another mare to Volatile was an easy decision helped by the A+ nick. But I'm very bullish on Volatile.

Cont. p10

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**Jim Connor's 2023 Mating Plans, cont. from p9****SUNCOAST VIXEN (f, 3, Malibu Moon--The Other Woman, by Tiznow), going to [Independence Hall](#)**

I purchased the Vixen as a 2-year-old with plans to race her, but she had a couple of minor setbacks and I decided she was very worthy of going to breeding shed. Who wouldn't want a Malibu Moon broodmare?! WinStar agreed [Independence Hall](#) would be a great match so I chose him. He is a stellar-looking stallion and I'm excited to be on the front end of his career.

Interesting in sharing your own mating plans? Email [garyking@thetdn.com](mailto:garyking@thetdn.com).

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## WEEKLY RULINGS

### WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, JAN. 3-9

by Dan Ross

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.

With the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) having gone into effect on July 1, the TDN will also post a roundup of the relevant HISA-related rulings from the same week.

#### California

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 01/07/2023

**Licensee:** Jeff Mullins, trainer

**Penalty:** Thirty-day suspension (15 days stayed), \$1,500 fine

**Violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** Owner/Trainer Jeff Mullins, who started the horse "INCH", first place finisher, in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 25, 2022, having entered into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board, is fined \$1,500.00 and suspended for thirty days (January 9, 2023, through February 7, 2023) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances -

Clenbuterol) and assessed two (2) points in accordance with California Horse Racing Board 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations [MMV] Class 3). In accordance with the agreement, fifteen suspension (January 24, 2023, through February 7, 2023) are stayed, Jeff Mullins is placed on probation for one year from the date of this ruling and may not have any violation of CHRB Rules and Regulations, #1843, #1843.1, and #1887 regarding Class I, II or III drug substances. The term of suspension shall be from January 9, 2023, through January 23, 2023. If Jeff Mullins violates a condition of the probation, fifteen days of stayed suspension shall be imposed following a notice and hearing. *More on the story can be [read here](#).*

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 01/08/2023

**Licensee:** Joe Bravo, jockey

**Penalty:** \$250 fine, one-day suspension

**Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

**Explainer:** Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey Joe Bravo, who rode Luvluv in the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on January 7, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (January 15, 2023), and fined \$250.00 for one (1) strike over the limit. Furthermore, Jockey Joe Bravo is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on July 8, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and penalties) – third offense since August 11, 2022. Jockey Joe Bravo has accrued a total of nine (9) points. **Cont. p11**



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**Weekly Rulings, cont. from p10****Track:** Santa Anita**Date:** 01/08/2023**Licensee:** Flavien Prat, jockey**Penalty:** \$250 fine, one-day suspension**Violation:** Excessive use of the whip

**Explainer:** Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey Flavien Prat, who rode Giver Not a Taker in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on January 7, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (January 15, 2023), and fined \$250.00 for one (1) strike over the limit. Furthermore, Jockey Flavien Prat is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on July 8, 2023, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and penalties) – first offense.

**New York****Track:** Aqueduct**Date:** 01/06/2023**Licensee:** Kieron Magee, trainer**Penalty:** Ten-day suspension, \$1,000 fine**Violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** Having received a report from the NYS Gaming Commission Drug Testing Laboratory of the finding of Phenylbutazone in the post-race sample taken from horse "Dat Dares Gold" (#5) which raced at Aqueduct Race track in the 3rd race and finished 2nd on November 17th 2022. Trainer of record Mr. Kieron Magee having been notified of the post-race findings and having waived his right to an appeal, is hereby fined the sum of \$1,000 dollars and suspended 10 Calendar days effective Friday January 13th, 2022, through Sunday January 22nd 2022, inclusive.

Furthermore, the Stewards order horse "Dat Dares Gold" disqualified from any part of the purse and the purse redistributed as follows:

1. (#1) Adelaide Miss
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3. (#2) Big Tony's Girl
4. (#7) Mebs Web
5. (#3) Big Al's Gal

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**Track:** Aqueduct**Date:** 01/08/2023**Licensee:** Michael Jones, trainer**Penalty:** \$500 fine**Violation:** Saddling violation

**Explainer:** Mr. Michael E. Jones, Jr is hereby fined the sum of \$500 for failing to tend to business in a proper manner.

According to NYRA spokesperson Pat McKenna, Jones was fined for failing to make the appropriate accommodations to have his horse saddled by approved personnel.

**NEW HISA STEWARDS RULINGS**

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal, except for the voided claim rulings which were sent to the *TDN* directly. Some of these rulings are from prior weeks as they were not reported contemporaneously.

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race. **Cont. p12**

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## Weekly Rulings, cont. from p11

### Violations of Crop Rule

#### **Aqueduct**

Katie Davis – violation date January 1; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Heman Harkie – violation date January 1; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

#### **Turf Paradise**

Israel Hernandez – violation date January 2; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, strikes “in excess” of the six-strike limit

#### **Tampa Bay Downs**

Ronald Allen, Jr. – violation date January 4; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

### Voided Claims

#### **Aqueduct**

Chateau – ruling date 12/30/2022

#### **Gulfstream Park**

Action Rose – ruling date 12/21/2022

Fulton Street – ruling date 12/21/2022

Gianni Lambo – ruling date 12/21/2022

Mai Ty One On – ruling date 12/21/2022

#### **Penn National**

Great Baroness – ruling date 12/30/2022

Longtail – ruling date 12/30/2022

Great Assumptions – ruling date 12/30/2022

#### **Turfway Park**

Double Advantage – ruling date 12/8/2022

Air Attack – ruling date 12/14/2022

Chimaev – ruling date 12/26/22

Storm Risk – ruling date 12/28/2022

Expect the Boss – ruling date 12/28/2022

Blanket of Roses – ruling date 12/29/2022

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## BOB HUTT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PTHA

Members of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) have selected horse owner and breeder Robert Hutt to serve as the new president of the organization.



Parx | Sarah Andrew

Bob Hutt is president and CEO of Uptowncharlybrown Stud, LLC, a Pennsylvania-based Thoroughbred breeder and management firm. Hutt has 37 years of experience as an owner and a breeder and is the lead sponsor of the PTHA's Turning for Home, the association's signature racehorse aftercare and placement program.

"I am honored and thrilled to represent the horsemen at Parx," Hutt said. "As president of the PTHA, one of my top priorities is expanding our fan base and introducing a new generation to the thrill of live racing. From a horsemen's perspective, I'm committed to ensuring that we have a level playing field for all owners and trainers. I will be an advocate for all horsemen, from the smallest trainer to the largest stables. Every trainer, regardless of size, deserves the same respect and an opportunity to earn a living in this industry."

PTHA members also elected three new individuals to the Board of Directors, including owners John Fanelli and John Julia and trainer Robert "Butch" Reid, who previously served on the board from 2011 through 2019. Individuals who retained their position on the board include trainers Ed Coletti, Jr., Kate DeMasi, Scott Lake, and John Servis, as well as horse owners Jack Armstrong, Charles Asensio, and Jeffrey Matty, who also serves as Executive Director of the PTHA.

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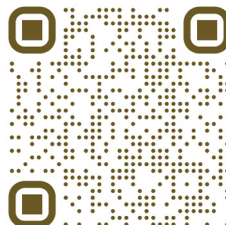
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## MONTPLAISIR APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMPLIFY HORSE RACING

Amplify Horse Racing, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to education, mentorship and career opportunities in the Thoroughbred industry for youth and young adults, has announced the appointment of Annise Montplaisir as executive director.

Guided by a goal to develop a platform for youth in horse racing, Montplaisir co-founded Amplify with Madison Scott in 2019, and has served as the organization's president since its incorporation in 2020. Scott remains on the board of directors alongside Price Bell, Jordyn Egan, Hallie Hardy, Laurel Humbert-Stock, Katie LaMonica, and Cate Masterson.

Originally from Fargo, North Dakota, and an alumna of North Dakota State University, Montplaisir completed internships with Fasig-Tipton, Keeneland, and Mill Ridge Farm before getting accepted into the Godolphin Flying Start Program. Her professional background includes project managing for global networking organization Together for Racing International (TfRI), co-hosting Hípica TV's Spanish coverage of the Breeders' Cup in 2021 and 2022, and producing and co-hosting the Spanish language online horse racing program, La Trifecta, with America's Best Racing. Montplaisir recently culminated a 2-year term as equine education coordinator of the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) Foundation.

"It is an honor for me to work with Amplify Horse Racing to showcase how enriching the Thoroughbred industry can be," said Montplaisir. "From the time I started my own career journey in horse racing, my ambition has been to streamline the pathway for other youth to be involved. Amplify fulfills that purpose by creating new opportunities and promoting existing initiatives, and I believe it is going to be impactful in the lives of many youth."

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## KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM BUILDING IMMERSIVE SECRETARIAT EXHIBIT

The Kentucky Derby Museum is building a brand new exhibit dedicated to Secretariat, which will open to the public ahead of the 149th running of the GI Kentucky Derby.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Secretariat's historic Derby win and Triple Crown sweep. The exhibit, Secretariat: America's Horse, is designed to showcase Secretariat's life, stardom, and incomparable impact on horse racing, America, and the world.

"Kentucky Derby Museum is thrilled to honor Secretariat in such a unique way with this brand-new exhibit," said Pat Armstrong, Kentucky Derby Museum President and CEO. "The Museum has been working diligently for well over a year to build an exhibit that is worthy of America's Horse and to create a truly memorable experience for all our guests--from the bucket list tourists to the Secretariat super fans."

The 1,000 square-foot exhibit will be permanently located on the second floor of the Museum, and it will be more than seven times larger than the current display on the first floor.

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1	Ganadora 	<b>Quality Road</b>	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Velazquez	122
2	Smoothlikebuttah	Mr. Big	Robert A. Bach & William Tassar	Knapp	Pereira	120
3	Under the Stars	Pioneerof the Nile	Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, & Derrick Smith	Baffert	Hernandez	124
4	Angel Nadeshiko 	Carpe Diem	U.S. Equine	Gallagher	Espinoza	120
5	Kirstenbosch	<b>Midnight Lute</b>	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Kimura	120
6	Natural Colour (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Ronald L. Charles & Samuel Gordon	Badilla	Prat	122

**Breeders:** 1-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, BrianGraves & Michael E. Hernon, 2-NP Thoroughbreds, Inc., 3-Eaton, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III, 5-Keith Abrahams, 6-Safiyna Partnership



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> Crops: 2	11	23	9	16	4	9	87	41	2,012,520	12,961,911
										Cyberknife	
2	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 3	5	11	3	8	1	2	58	30	2,810,000	6,364,420
										<b>Epicenter</b>	
3	<b>Keen Ice</b> (2012) by <b>Curlin</b> Crops: 2	2	9	1	1	1	1	99	61	2,397,700	5,448,986
										Rich Strike	
4	<b>Arrogate</b> (2013) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 2	3	7	2	2	2	2	63	35	1,603,250	5,062,149
										Secret Oath	
5	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 11	4	14	3	8	--	1	128	54	231,940	4,884,750
										Strava	
6	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 11	2	7	1	4	1	1	70	28	1,768,050	4,718,917
										Nest	
7	<b>Practical Joke</b> (2014) by Into Mischief Crops: 2	5	8	2	3	--	--	101	49	326,500	4,304,632
										Let Her Inspire U	
8	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 8	5	9	2	4	1	2	52	23	1,314,000	4,108,686
										Mo Donegal	
9	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by <b>Speightstown</b> Crops: 9	7	9	4	5	1	1	57	27	886,400	3,659,816
										<b>Jack Christopher</b>	
10	<b>Upstart</b> (2012) by Flatter Crops: 3	4	5	2	2	1	1	50	28	1,385,500	3,546,630
										Zandon	
11	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> (2006) by Empire Maker Crops: 10	3	8	3	6	1	1	48	21	906,200	3,488,072
										Matareya	
12	<b>Cupid</b> (2013) by <b>Tapit</b> Crops: 2	4	6	1	3	--	1	92	51	488,750	3,392,263
										Desert Dawn	
13	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by <b>War Front</b> Crops: 7	--	--	--	--	--	--	96	59	271,972	3,113,319
										Nac Drops (JPN)	
14	<b>Exaggerator</b> (2013) by <b>Curlin</b> Crops: 3	2	3	1	1	--	1	90	49	724,310	2,904,440
										Skippylongstocking	
15	<b>Violence</b> (2010) by <b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> Crops: 6	1	5	1	3	--	--	86	38	585,334	2,818,738
										Newgrange	

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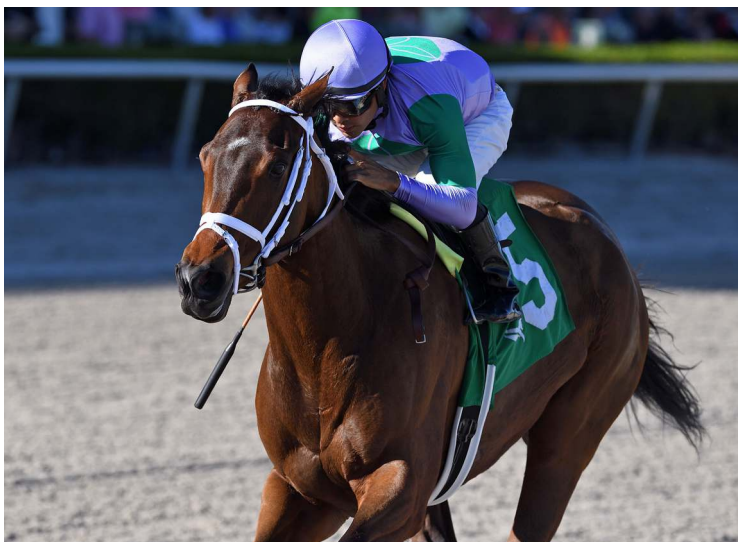
### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw** (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.63, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**CLASSY EDITION** (f, 4, **Classic Empire**--Newbie, by Bernardini)

was given a 5-2 chance while receiving first time Lasix while coming off nine months on the sidelines. Settled in a stalking second as Truancy (Run Away and Hide) led through a modest :24.13 quarter, the \$550,000 Fasig-Tipton graduate continued to press the issue as favored Signal From Noise (Arrogate) started to pick up the tempo from the back of the compact field following a :47.23 half. Inching into the clear passing the quarter pole, the Todd Pletcher trainee skipped clear, albeit a bit greenly, while the favorite tried in vain to make up the difference. The New York bred kicked off her career with three consecutive Empire-bred victories at two, led by a Saratoga maiden score followed by the seven-panel Joe A Gimma S. at Belmont and the six-furlong Key Cents S. at the Big A. Facing Kathleen O (**Upstart**) in her sophomore debut in Gulfstream's GII Davona Dale S., she had to settle for second before coming home fourth stretching to nine furlongs in the GIII Gazelle S. last April. The winner is a half to Newly Minted (Central Banker), MSW, \$516,738 and New Girl in Town (Boys At Tosconova), MSP, \$172,505. Newbie dropped a colt by Vekoma in 2022. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$281,650.

Sales history: \$550,000 2yo '21 EASMAY. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**



**Classy Edition** | Ryan Thompson

O-Lawana L. and Robert E. Low; B-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**5th-Gulfstream, \$72,800, Msw**, 1-11, 3yo, 5fT, :55.47, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

**LISTENTOTHEMUSIC** (g, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Cleopatra's Finest, by Smart Strike), sent off 7-5 choice, shot to the front, leading Harry's Onthefly (Khozan) through an opening quarter in :21.89. A length in front turning for home, the bay kicked clear late to score by a comfortable 3 3/4-length margin over the pacesetter. Certain (**Tapiture**) rounded out the trifecta. The winner is a half to Cleopatra's Charge (Will Take Charge), SW, \$239,667. A half-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year Quiet Resolve (Affirmed), Cleopatra's Finest produced a full-brother to the winner last season and was bred back to champion Mitole. This is the family of Canadian champions Eye of the Sphynx (Smart Strike) and Eye of the Leopard (A.P. Indy). Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$65,200.

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**IN DUBAI:**

**Road Bloc**, g, 5, **Street Sense**--Jan's Perfect Star (SW-US, \$173,808), Imperialism. Sharjah, 1-11, 1200m, 1:10.63. O-Sayed Hashish & Mrs Han Refai. B-JD Stuart, AR Enterprises, Inc. & Godolphin (KY). T-Osama Refai. \*\$210,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$220,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Sunland, \$36,400**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.49, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**BIG EVENT (g, 4, Mr. Big--Magnetic, by Forestry)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$66,410. O-Tricar Stables, Inc.; B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Sal Gonzalez. \*Ylg '20 FTCAIR. \*\*Full to The Big Wam, SW, \$167,160.

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,400**, 1-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.43, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**OHIO PLAYER (g, 7, Alphabet Soup--Sensational Love, by War Chant)** Lifetime Record: 49-12-6-6, \$221,608. O-Sara Brown; B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Glenroy Brown.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200**, (S), 1-11, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.56, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**TO WIN (g, 5, Fed Biz--Hatta Flower, by Dixie Union)** Lifetime Record: 28-4-9-3, \$181,848. O-Edwin Mundo; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Jason DaCosta. \*\$9,500 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$29,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$26,900**, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$150,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.40, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

**POSEIDON'S PASSION (m, 6, Poseidon's Warrior--Dani Nikki, by Wildcat Heir)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 28-10-5-1, \$273,470. O-Jeanne Martin; B-Jim Gulick (FL); T-James M. Gulick.

**3rd-Turf Paradise, \$21,400**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.55, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Fight Fiercely**, c, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Moon Over Matter, by Malibu Moon. Mahoning Valley, 1-11, 6f, 1:13.72. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$49,823. B-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY). \*\$230,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**Ughrouda**, f, 4, **Curlin**--Mooghareadh, by Malibu Moon. Parx Racing, 1-11, 1m, 1:45.68. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY).

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**Classic Empire**, Classy Edition, f, 4, o/o Newbie, by Bernardini. AOC, 1-11, Gulfstream

**Curlin**, Ughrouda, f, 4, o/o Mooghareadh, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-11, Parx Racing

**Fed Biz**, To Win, g, 5, o/o Hatta Flower, by Dixie Union. ALW, 1-11, Mahoning Valley

**Maclean's Music**, Listentothemusic, g, 3, o/o Cleopatra's Finest, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-11, Gulfstream

**Mr. Big**, Big Event, g, 4, o/o Magnetic, by Forestry. AOC, 1-10, Sunland

**Poseidon's Warrior**, Poseidon's Passion, m, 6, o/o Dani Nikki, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 1-11, Tampa Bay

**Talent Search**, For the Dreamers, g, 4, o/o Avery's Smile, by Uptowncharlybrown. AOC, 1-11, Parx Racing

**The Factor**, Street Shadow, m, 5, o/o Street Crew, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 1-11, Turf Paradise

**Twirling Candy**, Fight Fiercely, c, 3, o/o Moon Over Matter, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-11, Mahoning Valley


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**Classic Empire** | Sarah Andrew



## VALUE SIRES PART I: PROFITABILITY FROM THE TOP



Dubawi: expensive, but also profitable | Amy Lanigan

By Emma Berry

Value is relative. A homebred yearling by a lowly stallion who goes on to reap rich rewards on the track, or one by a more fashionably expensive name who brings a bonanza return in the sale ring could each be considered to have offered 'value' for their breeders.

In a slight departure from the norm for this annual series, we will be looking at the profitability of stallions in four key price brackets according to their yearling sales returns of 2022 set against their fees at the time of covering, in this case 2020.

The average profit has been determined by the stallion's fee plus a figure of £20,000 for keep fees. [Cont. p3](#)

## MAGICAL LAGOON POINTING TOWARD THE QUEEN ELIZABETH S.

Classic winner **Magical Lagoon (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who won the G1 Irish Oaks last year, will be aimed toward the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. Down Under, Yulong CEO Sam Fairgray confirmed to *TDN AusNZ* on Wednesday morning.

An impressive winner of the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot for former trainer Jessica Harrington, the Northern Hemisphere 4-year-old is now berthed with Australian Champion Trainer Chris Waller.

"She's with Chris Waller and he's very happy with her, she's settled in well," Fairgray said. "He'll take her towards a trial at the end of next month and we'll just see how she progresses from there. Ideally, all going well, the Queen Elizabeth would be a good target for her."

Out of the Lagunas (GB) mare Night Lagoon (Ger), the 305,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling purchase is also a half-sister to four-time Group 1 winner and sire Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). Fifth in York's G1 Yorkshire Oaks in August, the bay was unplaced in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Hanshin in November.

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Coolmore's M.V. Magnier and Mick Flanagan pictured at Magic Millions. | M M Photo

## HUKUM BACK IN TRAINING FOR SUMMER RETURN 6

Shadwell's Group1 hero Hukum (Ire) (*Sea The Stars {Ire}*) will stay in training as a 6-year-old this year.

## PERSIAN KING SHARE ADDED TO ARQANA SALE 7

The Arqana Online January Sale has increased by four more lots, led by the addition of a 1/50th share in stallion Persian King (Ire).

## DAVY RUSSELL RETURNS FROM RETIREMENT 7

Jockey Davy Russell will return from retirement to ride for the injured Jack Kennedy.

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### Part I Cont. from p1

The profitable stallions featured must have had at least five yearlings sold in 2022 to make the list and prices have been converted to sterling from Euros according to the conversion rate on the day of the sale.

If we are to start anywhere, it may as well be at the top, with those rarefied specimens who have usually earned the right to stand for a fee of the equivalent of £50,000 or more.

Unless you've been sleeping through the last few years of sales, then it will not come as a newsflash that if you have a correct yearling by **Dubawi (Ire)** or **Frankel (GB)** then the likelihood is that you will be well paid. And you deserve to be: after all, they are the two most expensive stallions in Europe, covering only the glitterati of the equine world. At last year's Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Sale, nine of the 10 most expensive yearlings were by one or the other (the top four by **Frankel**), and that extended to 20 of the top 30, with sales from the stock of those two stallions (once all yearlings are paid for) amounting to almost 29% of the turnover of Book 1.

Dubawi is currently king of the hill, the newly crowned champion sire of 2022, and his sale-ring results reflect his excellence on the track with an average yearling price from the 28 sold last year of £796,481, giving him an average profit in

excess of £500,000 when factoring his 2020 fee and keep for the mare and yearling. Of these elite stallions tabled here, Dubawi had the smallest number of offspring at the sales, and that will likely reduce further still in the years to come with his book being wisely limited by Darley as he enters his 18th season at stud.

For stallion watchers, one of the most interesting elements of the next few years will be to see how many times the champion sire baton is passed between Dubawi and **Frankel**.

### Value Sires Part I Cont.

It has happened once so far, and with **Frankel's** assured ascent as both racehorse and sire, it will be hard to keep him off the top spot. Forty-three of his yearlings made him the only other stallion with an average price north of half a million at £584,192, which was 3.3 times his 2020 fee of £175,000 (which has now risen to £275,000).



**Frankel** | Bronwen Healy

Breeders who have supported **Siyouni (Fr)**, **Kingman (GB)** and **Lope De Vega (Ire)** were generally well rewarded for yearlings sold last year. **Siyouni** has never shuttled but his popularity extends to both hemispheres, and the demand for his yearlings was stronger than ever last season. With a whopping 63 sold he showed an average profit of £173,792, and his 2020 fee of €100,000 has subsequently risen to €150,000.

**Kingman** was already at £150,000 in 2020 but he still shows a tidy return, with his average sales price of £328,787 translating to average profit of £158,787. Lope De Vega is another who has won over plenty of international buyers with a sterling reputation across the Atlantic and Down Under. That truly global appeal is of huge benefit when the elite sales of Britain, Ireland and France boast increasingly diverse buying benches, and the swaggering son of Shamardal pulled in an average yearling price of £245,561 last year, which was 2.7 times his fee and gave him an average profit figure of £134,439.

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Sean Cronin, Thoroughbred Daily News

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### Value Sires Part I Cont.

Of course it is hard to determine exact profit margins. Keep fees vary from farm to farm, as do consignors' charges, and any vet bills ensued are unknowable beyond the horse's owner at the time. The latter can change as well, with a number of horses having previously gone through foal sales, and some of the youngsters will have been bred under foal-share arrangements. The basis of this exercise, however, is on the assumption that each yearling is being sold by its breeder and was the product of a nomination sold at the advertised fee.

**Sea The Stars (Ire)** doesn't have quite the cachet attached to him as some of his rivals, which remains both surprising and disappointing as he is unquestionably a top-drawer stallion. Now 17, he had a sizeable number of yearlings at the sales last season. Of his 91 offered, 79 were sold, and on the face of it

their £237,965 average price amounted to average profit of £81,282.

The only new boy in this list was Dubawi's son **Too Darn Hot (GB)**, who started out at exactly £50,000 with an average price of £118,304, generally putting breeders who supported him in credit, with his average profit weighing in at £48,304.

**No Nay Never** had perhaps the biggest break-out year of any stallion in 2022. He topped the Orby Sale with a €2.6million filly, though as we know, she is one of the horses who **remains unpaid for by her buyer**. However, as a full-sister to his dual Group 1 winner **Blackbeard (Ire)**, she is unlikely to fall much below that level, if and when she is re-evaluated by interested parties.

These yearlings were conceived in the year that **No Nay Never's** fee had shot up to €175,000 from as low as €17,500 three years earlier. **Cont. p5**



**No Nay Never** | Coolmore

## Sire profitability for stallions standing at £50,000 or more

Sire	Off	Sold	%	High	Avg	Med	Fee	Avg Profit	In Profit	%	AvgXFee
Dubawi	31	28	90.3	1,690,615	796,481	669,375	250,000	526,481	23	82.1	3.2
Frankel	47	43	91.5	2,940,000	584,192	338,123	175,000	389,192	39	90.7	3.3
Siyouni	78	63	80.8	1,775,146	284,914	181,741	91,122	173,792	47	74.6	3.1
Kingman	42	31	73.8	1,102,500	328,787	283,500	150,000	158,787	23	74.2	2.2
Lope de Vega	71	56	78.9	1,890,000	245,561	164,452	91,122	134,439	43	76.8	2.7
Sea the Stars	91	79	86.8	840,000	237,965	178,500	136,683	81,282	45	57.0	1.7
Too Darn Hot	56	48	85.7	630,000	118,304	84,726	50,000	48,304	28	58.3	2.4
No Nay Never	78	72	92.3	2,324,190	226,671	134,668	159,464	47,207	28	38.9	1.4
Invincible Spirit	52	44	84.6	630,000	124,293	60,052	91,122	13,171	16	36.4	1.4
Kodiac	100	85	85.0	514,004	86,506	52,500	59,229	7,277	26	30.6	1.5

- In profit=advertised fee for 2020 + £20,000 keep.

- Must have 5+ sold to make the list.

- Ranked by average profit: yearling average minus (Fee+£20k)

- Euro price to sterling price conversion at day of sale.

- Euro fee to sterling fee conversion on Oct 1st of covering year.

**Statistics supplied by John Boyce.**



### Value Sires Part I Cont.

As a result there was already much confidence behind him from the Coolmore team, and that certainly appears to be justified. An average price of £226,671 gave him average profit £47,207, and one of his biggest problems in the years to come could be the competition he will face from his own sons.

**Blackbeard** has joined him at Coolmore this season, and **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** will have his first juvenile runners in 2023, while Little Big Bear (Ire), Meditate (Ire) and Trillium (GB) are among **No Nay Never's** enticing 3-year-old prospects.

And then to the brothers. What a pair of stalwarts **Invincible Spirit (Ire)** and **Kodiac (GB)** have been for the Irish National Stud and Tally-Ho Stud respectively. Now 26, Invincible Spirit's fee is listed as private this year and he stood at €100,000 when his current 2-year-olds were conceived, with a 2022 yearling average of £124,293, while Kodiac, a proper blue-collar stallion, grafted his was up from a starting fee of €5,000 to his four-year high of €65,000 which was eased for this season. The latter is now 22, and both horses have helped plenty of breeders along the way. The number of their sons and grandsons at stud stands testament to both their popularity and their success.

With some exciting young stallions on the rise, the likes of Night Of Thunder (Ire), Baaeed (GB), New Bay (GB) St Mark's Basilica (Fr), Mehmas (Ire), **Zarak (Fr)** and Palace Pier (GB) will be represented in this bracket in the years to come, some having been pitched straight in at this level on the back of a stellar racing career, others gradually working their way up thanks to the results of their progeny.

They say it's tough at the top, and it is even tougher to get there, which is why my pick of this celebrated bunch is Ballylinch Stud's Lope De Vega. It is easy to be wise in hindsight, but a dual Classic winner retiring to stud at a fee of €15,000 looks very good value indeed. **Cont. p6**



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### Value Sires Part I Cont.

After a dip to €12,500 in his third and fourth seasons, he set about marching up the price list and has commanded a six-figure fee for the last four seasons. That puts the 16-year-old out of the reach of many, but for those who are able to avail themselves of his services then, as this table shows, Lope De Vega is still the breeder's friend, just as he has been throughout his career, and especially for those shrewd enough to have bought a breeding right in him at the start.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### GROUP 1 WINNER HUKUM TRAINING TOWARDS SUMMER RETURN

Shadwell's Group 1 hero **Hukum (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), a full-brother to the once-beaten multiple Group 1 winner Baaeed (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), will stay in training as a 6-year-old this year.



**Hukum** | PA Sport

The rest of the 2022 G1 Coronation Cup victor's campaign was derailed by a hind leg injury acquired during that 4 1/4-length defeat of 2021 Coronation Cup scorer Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}). After surgery to insert three screws, the Owen Burrows trainee is now back in training after a lengthy break, and will be targeted toward summer prizes.

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### Hukum Cont.

Shadwell's racing manager Angus Gold said of the six-time group winner, "He has been back in training a while now, so as long as he stays in one piece, he will remain in training. There isn't a plan. There is no point having a plan in January, as we don't know if he will be sound in the middle of February.

"I would think he will be out from the middle of summer onwards. We need to take one step at a time with him. There is no point making a plan in case it all goes wrong.

"Hopefully we can stay on track."

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## PERSIAN KING SHARE ANCHORS ADDITIONAL ENTRIES TO ARQANA ONLINE

One day after a **nine-lot catalogue of stallion shares and breeding rights was announced**, the Arqana Online January Sale has increased by four more lots, led by a 1/50th share in young Haras d'Etreham stallion **Persian King (Ire)**. The son of **Kingman (GB)** is a French Classic winner and added two more Group 1s to his resume at four. Slated as lot 10, the share gives the buyer the right to two coverings a year, and Persian King stands for €25,000 this term.

Besides the share in Persian King, three National Hunt lots have been added: a winner over hurdles, **Rock Hurley (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}) (lot 11) is joined by the AQPS 3-year-old filly **Judicieuse Allen (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}) (lot 13) who has placed over hurdles; and **Molly Has (Fr)** (Coastal Path {GB}) (lot 12), in foal to No Risk At All (Fr). The last-named is a half-sister to G1 Prix Renaud du Vivier scorer Moises Has (Fr) (Martaline {GB}).

The sale will be held from 3-5 p.m. local time on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

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## RUSSELL RETURNS FROM RETIREMENT TO DEPUTISE FOR KENNEDY

**Recently retired** jockey Davy Russell has returned from retirement to fill in for the injured Jack Kennedy for trainer Gordon Elliott. Russell's first rides will be at Fairyhouse on Saturday. Kennedy sustained a broken leg in a fall earlier this month.

"After meeting with Gordon today, I have decided to come out of retirement and ride for the short period while Jack is on the sidelines," Russell, who rode Tiger Roll (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) to victory in two Grand Nationals, said in a statement. "It's only been a matter of weeks since I retired, and I actually rode more out this morning than I have in many years. We are a close team in Cullentra and after what happened last weekend, I want to

help the team through a difficult few weeks. The plan is to resume riding in Fairyhouse on Saturday and Punchestown on Sunday."

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The film *Aga Khan Studs--A Centenary of Success* will be streamed as part of the annual global webinar of the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF) at noon on Jan. 19. The film celebrates the Aga Khan's breeding and racing achievements over the past 100 years. Presented by journalist, author and television broadcaster, Brough Scott, the presentation examines the involvement of the Aga Khan Royal Family over four generations.

Attendees can then take part in a live Q&A session with Georges Rimaud, the Aga Khan Studs' French manager. A veterinary section of the webinar will follow, covering EHV-1 Neurological Form, presented by Prof. Anne Courouge of Nantes University. Imparting first-hand experience, she will delineate lessons learned from the 2021 outbreak within the sports horse sector in Valencia, as well as how to manage, contain and move forward, plus how to guard against a potentially devastating outbreak will also be examined.

The annual ITBF webinar is a free live event and a link will be provided to those who register, which can be used regardless of time zone.

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## ITBA HOSTS BREEDING SEASON WORKSHOP

The Breeding Season Preparation Workshop, which was attended by over 150, was held by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA) this week. The event brought together a panel of industry experts that addressed relevant issues with the aim in making the coming season as successful as possible.

Topics included, 'Postnatal Care' by Andrea Ryan, Veterinary Surgeon with Kilcash Equine Clinic; and 'Assisting During Foaling' by Olive O'Connor, consignor and breeder. Attendees also heard from Lorraine Fradl, Connolly's Red Mills, on 'Nutrition for Mares & Foals.' Finally, Micheal Orlandi of Starfield Stud and Compas Equine, delved into the 'Mating Plans & Stallion Selection.'

Hannah Marks, ITBA Education Coordinator said, "A massive thank you to all the speakers for giving us their time and very informative presentations. It was great to welcome so many attendees back to the ITBA and be able to hold a hybrid event online. We will produce a Follow-on-Guide with all the details from the presentations in the coming days, and we hope to see you at future ITBA events."

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Olive O'Connor | ITBA

## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-Lingfield, £8,000, Novice**, 1-11, 3yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:10.66, st.

**RABAAH (IRE) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Rufoof {GB}, by Zamindar)**, reappearing for the first time since his debut third behind the

subsequent G2 July S. runner-up Show Respect (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) over this trip at Leicester at the end of May, was understandably fresh and keen for the initial part handed a lead from Thismydream (Ire) (Camacho {GB}). Taking the measure of that rival approaching the furlong pole, the 10-11 favourite asserted to score by two lengths. The dam, who was successful on the all-weather, is kin to the operation's four-time Group 1-winning stellar sprinter and sire, Muhaarar (GB). Her 2-year-old son of Blue Point (Ire) was bought for €50,000 by Paul Harley Bloodstock at last year's Goffs February Sale. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,853.

O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Charles Hills.

**5th-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn**, 1-11, 3-4yo, f, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:25.50, st/sl.

**CALMLY (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Shama {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})**, never a factor when down the field on debut over this course and distance last month, tracked the leaders travelling strongly. Looming to Understated (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in early straight, the 7-1 shot was allowed to stride on approaching the furlong marker and responded with vigour to open up a four-length advantage at the line. The dam, who scored on the Polytrack before being tried in the G3 Musidora S., is a daughter of the G2 Prix de Malleret scorer and G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Shamadara (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). A half to four black-type performers headed by the G1 Gran Premio di Milano winner Shamdala (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and including the group-placed dam of the G1 Secretariat S. hero Shamdinan (Fr) (Dr Fong), her 2-year-old colt is a full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,593.

O-The King; B-The Queen (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

## FRANCE

### Wednesday's Result:

**1st-Pau, €22,000, Cond**, 1-11, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.70, st.

**AVOLTA (IRE) (f, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Alakhana {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$111,686}, by Dalakhani {Ire})**, who was off the mark over this course and distance last month, was settled with one behind early. Hitting top stride only in the final furlong, the 2-1 favourite had control 50 metres from the line to ultimately score with authority by 3/4 of a length from J'Embrasse Pas (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The dam, who was successful in the G3 Prix Andre Baboin, is a daughter of the listed-placed Dubai (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and a granddaughter of the G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up and prolific stakes producer Dapprima (Ger) (Shareef Dancer). [Cont. p9](#)



**1st-Pau Cont.**

Her 2-year-old colt by Zoffany (Ire) was a €180,000 purchase by Sam Sangster Bloodstock at the Arqana Deauville October Sale, while she also has a yearling colt by Persian King (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €22,700. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Wednesday, Happy Valley, Hong Kong**

**JANUARY CUP H.-G3**, HK\$3,900,000, Happy Valley, 1-11, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:47.94, gd.

**1--MONEY CATCHER (NZ), 127, g, 5, by Ferlax (NZ)**

**1st Dam: Warren's Sister (NZ), by Savabeel (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Florida (NZ), by Pompeii Court**

**3rd Dam: Miss Daytona (NZ), by Kinjite (NZ)**

(NZ\$13,000 Wlg '18 NZBMAY; NZ\$60,000 2yo '19 NZBRTR).

O-The Sunflower Syndicate; B-Haunui Bloodstock Ltd;

T-Frankie Lor F C; J-Silvestre de Sousa; HK\$2,223,000. Lifetime

Record: MGSP-NZ, 24-3-8-5, HK\$15,423,140. **Werk Nick**

**Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

**2--Packing Award (Aus), 115, g, 5, Shamus Award (Aus)--**

Exchanges (Aus), by Domesday (Aus). (A\$52,000 Ylg '19

MGC FEB; NZ\$550,000 2yo '19 NZBRTR). O-Edmond Lee Man

Bun; B-Mogumber Park (WA); T-Peter Ho Leung; J-Dylan Mo

H T; HK\$858,000.

**3--Rise Brethren (Fr), 115, g, 5, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Black Dahlia**

(GB), by Dansili (GB). (€275,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG). O-David Tse

Sik Hung; B-SF Bloodstock SC; T-Danny Shum C S; J-Alexis

Badel; HK\$341,250.

Margins: 1, NK, NK. Odds: 3-2, 15-1, 63-10.

Also Ran: Looking Great (NZ), Butterfield (Brz), Berlin Tango

(GB), Nearly Fine (Aus), Cheerful Days (Aus), Glorious Dragon

(Ire), Celestial Power (Aus), Red Majesty (NZ). Scratched:

Excellent Proposal (Aus). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**



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**AL RASHIDIYA PRESENTED BY AZIZI-G2**, \$180,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	bin Suroor	Tudhope	125
2	11	Fastnet Crown (Ire)	Hallowed Crown (Aus)	O'Callaghan	O'Shea	125
3	4	Freescape (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Marnane	de Vries	125
4	10	King David (Den)	Elusive City	Petersen	Fresu	125
5	1	Passion And Glory (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
6	6	San Donato (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	125
7	8	Ursa Minor (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	bin Harmash	Dawson	125
8	3	Valiant Prince (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Doyle	125
9	7	Wirko (Ger)	Kingman (GB)	Bouresly	Mullen	125
10	5	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	124
11	9	Zagrey (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Barberot	Soumillon	124

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## \$2.6 MILLION ZOUSTAR FILLY STEALS THE SHOW



**Zoustar filly** | *Magic Millions*

by Oz Wedmore

### **At A Glance:**

- The average after Day 2 was \$293,781, up from \$287,004 at the same point last year.
- The median sat at \$230,000 at the end of Wednesday, compared to \$227,500 after Day 2 in 2022, whilst the gross was \$94 million, down slightly from \$97 million.
- The clearance rate figure rose on Day 2 to 86.96%, which compares to 94.4% at the same point last year.
- The top lot, also a yearling sale record breaker, was the \$2.6 million Zoustar filly (Lot 399) from the Widden Stud draft, the daughter of Solar Charged (Charge Forward) selling to Yulong.
- The other seven-figure lot on Wednesday was an I Am Invincible colt out of Spright (Hinchinbrook), Lot 417, who was sold by Cressfield to Tom Magnier for \$1.6 million.
- On aggregate, I Am Invincible led Zoustar and Snitzel amongst the sires after Day 2, though Zoustar's average climbed to \$660,625 and put him ahead by that metric.
- Pierata remained at the head of the first-season sires, with his 12 lots so far selling for an average of \$292,083.
- The combination of China Horse Club, Newgate, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy Racing shot to the head of the buyer's bench on aggregate after Day 2--they have spent a total of \$4,875,000 so far.
- Of the vendors, Newgate Farm-consigned yearlings have

brought in the most money so far, their 18 to sell totaling \$6,905,000, marginally ahead of Widden Stud who have sold the same number.

The show was stolen on Day 2 of the sale when the Zoustar daughter of Solar Charged (Charge Forward) sold to Yulong for \$2.6 million--a record for the sale, and also the joint most-expensive yearling filly ever sold in Australia.

Speaking in the wake of an incredible late flurry of trade, Magic Millions' Managing Director Barry Bowditch was in awe of the filly, after she brought a result he'd been long dreaming of.

"We saw this filly for the first time in August and most days since then I've thought about her," he said. "I thought she was the filly who could break our records and I was so delighted when Antony gave us the heads up we were definitely getting her to sell."

"I think she's probably the filly of this generation, physically, and she has the pedigree to go with it, so I am delighted that she made the money that she did. It was a proper bidding duel and it's important to the industry that the bluechip items sell accordingly."

Commenting on the day of trade overall, Bowditch said, "I am super pleased. I knew the average would move in the right direction, but it's gone ahead hugely, I think we're up \$7000 to \$8000 to the same stage last year. Gross fractionally down on last year but that clearance rate is really starting to move. It's nearly up to 87% and I think it can continue to move."

"That middle market, from the sale average through to \$750,000-\$800,000 is very, very deep. You look at the buyers' sheet, there's no one getting in and dominating, there's a good spread of buyers to this point, which I am delighted about."

### **\$2.65 Million Zoustar X Solar Charged Filly**

Consigned by Widden Stud as Lot 399, the tone was set when bidding on the sister to Champion 3-Year-Old Sunlight opened at \$1.1 million and was taken to its record-breaking price with Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott as underbidders.

"It's fantastic," Yulong's CEO Sam Fairgray said. "Obviously, she has that great physique and a fantastic page, so you don't very often get the opportunity to buy a filly like this."

"When you're buying quality you're always going to have to pay, but with the prize-money in Australia being able to access a filly with great residual like this is great. If she could be here this time next year in races like the Golden Slipper she's going to have great value with whatever she does."

For Widden Stud's Antony Thompson, it was an emotional result. "It's quite surreal really," Thompson told *TDN AusNZ*. "You don't think about that. I've been selling here a long time and we've had some pretty tough sales but the last few years have been spectacular and this is a real highlight."

"We were lucky enough to have a share in Sunlight and race her with Tony McEvoy and everyone else involved."

Thompson was also involved in Sisstar, another sister to Sunlight who was a Group 3 winner trained by McEvoy, and coordinated her purchase at the conclusion of her racing career. She now has a foal by I Am Invincible and is back in foal to the same stallion. Meanwhile, Solar Charged has visited only Zoustar since 2018 and has a colt foal to follow today's head liner.

"Definitely married there," Thompson chuckled. "It's a good recipe and we'll stick with it I'd say. It's pretty easy that one, you can't improve on perfection so just go with it."

Thompson reported that Wednesday's record-breaking filly endured over 300 parades before her sale without turning a hair, and paid credit to the Widden Stud team.

"... she owned the back parade ring, she owned the ring," he said. "Everybody says, 'Queen', but she really made that statement her own up there and it was a pleasure to watch."

"Congratulations to Yulong--a very smart, strategic play by them. They have been buying the best mares globally and assembled an enormous bloodstock portfolio of quality and from them it just makes so much sense."

"I think it's pretty reasonable on the global scale. When you compare it to some of those other purchases you've seen in Europe for foals with good pedigrees, she's not expensive... We're very grateful for it, but compared to globally where they are and what they're doing, I'm sure there'd be very happy with that."



Tom Magnier | *Magic Millions*



I Am Invincible colt | *Magic Millions*

### ***\$1.6 million I Am Invincible X Spright Colt***

The first of Wednesday's two seven-figure sales on Wednesday came via Lot 417, an I Am Invincible colt who sold to Coolmore's Tom Magnier for \$1.6 million. Consigned by Cressfield, he is the second foal out of Group 1 winner Spright (Hinchinbrook) and drew immediate comparisons from Magnier to another son of Yarraman Park's Champion Sire—who the Coolmore team know all too well.

"I suppose for us, we're just looking for the next Home Affairs," Magnier said. "He's by an unbelievable stallion, he has a real stallion's pedigree and the whole team thought he was a standout on the ground, so we're delighted to secure this colt for our syndicate."

Magnier indicated that the colt will be placed with Champion Trainer Chris Waller, who also trained G1 Coolmore Stud S. and G1 Lightning S. winner Home Affairs.

"There's lovely I Am Invincibles around the place, he's got quality, all our team really liked him, Chris liked him a lot and we've got a great team investing in the colts with us again this year. I hope he measures up as good as Home Affairs, and there's no better man than Chris to do the job."

### ***\$850,000 Zoustar X Ravenous Lass Colt***

The James Harron Bloodstock Colt Partnership went to \$850,000 to secure a son of Zoustar from the draft of Lime Country Thoroughbreds. Consigned as Lot 279, the striking chestnut is a brother to the Listed-placed juvenile and Group 3 winner Zoushine.

They are out of Ravenous Lass (Stratum), a five-time winner who's a half-sister to G2 Autumn S. winner San Nicasio (**Hard Spun** {USA}). Speaking to *TDN AusNZ*, James Harron said he'd been impressed with how the colt handled sale proceedings.



“He’s just a horse that we really loved,” he said. “From the start of the week right through to now he’s really thrived. To my eye, he looked like he even put on some condition, which I love to see, so he’s handled it very well.”

“He’s a sharp-looking horse, a good-moving horse that just gives me the impression that he’s a more precocious-looking Zoustar, so I was pleased to get him.”

“Lime Country are doing a really good job, had him very well prepared and they were very complimentary of their experience with him, which is obviously important, and we took that on board.”

“I’m really pleased with him and I’m looking forward to seeing how he develops and grows over the next few months.”

Harron indicated that the colt will be trained in Sydney, though he’ll wait until he’s into his pre-race education before making a final decision.

### ***\$800,000 Exceed And Excel X Nothin But A Dream Colt***

Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott struck early in the day when they secured Lot 190 from Edinburgh Park for \$800,000, signing for the colt in conjunction with Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd and TFI.

By Exceed And Excel, he’s out of the US dual-winner Nothin But A Dream (USA) (First Defence {USA}) and is a half-brother to Group 2 winner turned Aquis Park stallion Glenfiddich.

As a scopey bay colt, Adrian Bott said he fits the same mould of progeny from Darley’s blue-chip stallion that have excelled for the Tulloch Lodge team in the past.

“We’ve certainly found with the Exceed breed that that’s the type we’ve had a bit of success with,” Bott told *TDN AusNZ*. “That said, he looks like a nice, athletic horse who looks like he’ll be up and running early for us from a family.”

“He came off a good farm that’s had some great results in recent times, so we were more than happy to back ourselves on him.”

“(The dam has) already produced a good stakes horse, and I think those speedy American mares have worked very well down here in general, so that’s a positive.”

It was a good day in the ring for Exceed And Excel, in which his progeny averaged \$499,000 from five to sell. Another highlight

for the stallion came via Lot 326, a filly out of Group 3 winner Samovare (Savabeel) who was consigned by Segenhoe Stud. She’s a half-sister to the speedy Group 2 winner Tiger Of Malay, now a Newgate Farm resident, and Group 3 winner Samizdat (Not A Single Doubt).

She sold to Gollan Racing, John Foote Bloodstock (FBAA) and Blacksoil Bloodstock for \$700,000, with trainer Tony Gollan relieved that he was able to land such a filly on a day of strong trade.

“She’s a really nice filly with a great pedigree, a lovely, big and strong Exceed filly,” Gollan told *TDN AusNZ*. “She’s bred to go nice and quick!”

“The market’s really strong, these sorts of fillies that we want to buy and race—we’ve got to spend a bit of money on. We missed a few earlier, and she was one we really wanted to get. She’s by the right stallion, she’s from the right family and she

comes from the right farm.”

Later in the day, yet another by Exceed And Excel made good money when Lot 357 was knocked down for \$500,000 to Kennewell Racing, Group 1 Bloodstock (FBAA) and Matt Houldsworth. A colt consigned by Bhima Thoroughbreds, he is out of Serenade (Star Witness), a half-sister to Stratum Star and Prague who was Group 3-placed herself.



**Barry Bowditch and Antony Thompson | *Magic Millions***

### ***\$800,000 I Am Invincible X Rose Of***

#### ***Choice Colt***

With bidding conducted over the phone across the auditorium, the Newgate partnership took home Lot 308, an I Am Invincible colt consigned by Yarraman Park. Out of Listed winner Rose Of Choice (Choirir), he’s a half-brother to two winners and was knocked down for \$800,000 to China Horse Club, Newgate, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy Racing.


With Spirited involvement in the purchase from Sir Owen Glenn of Go Bloodstock, he reflected on the increasing competition for sought-after colts.

“All the prize-money is going up,” Sir Owen said. “So, when you think about it, your expectations go up with that... I thought it was a bit high.”

“But we’re here to buy good horses,” Racing Manager Steve O’Connor chimed in.

"I Am Invincible is a Champion Stallion, gets 2-year-old types and Sir Owen has had Pure Elation, Dame Giselle as fillies and Henry has had a lot of success with the colts, we have a good one now with King's Gambit... That all gives you encouragement to go ahead and pay these sums of money to get these 2-year-old colts."

"That's what it's all about for the syndicate. We want to race good horses, we want stallions, we want 2-year-old colts and that's why we're here buying."

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Date	Race	Track
Jan. 14	G3 Standish H.	Flemington
Jan. 26	G3 Blue Diamond Preview	LP Hillside
	G3 Manfred S.	LP Hillside
Jan. 28	G2 Expressway S.	Rosehill
	G3 Widden S.	Rosehill
	G3 Canonbury S.	Rosehill
	G2 Australia S.	The Valley
Feb. 4	G3 Chairman's S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Geoffrey Bellmaine S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Eskimo Prince S.	LP Hillside
Feb. 10	G3 Bow Mistress Trophy	Hobart
Feb. 11	G3 Blue Diamond Prelude	LP Hillside
	G2 Blue Diamond Prelude (F)	LP Hillside
	G2 Autumn S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Kevin Hayes S.	LP Hillside
	G2 Rubiton S.	LP Hillside
	G1 C.F. Orr S.	LP Hillside
	G3 Carlyon Cup	LP Hillside
	G2 Apollo S.	Royal Randwick

  
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