

INSTANT DIVIDENDS FROM A LONG SAGA



Hunter Rankin | Keeneland

by Chris McGrath

It's not like you just add water. For the very possibility of reaping the ultimate harvest with **Instant Coffee** (Bolt d'Oro), on the first Saturday in May, has only been able to take root because the ending of even the longest stories, in this game, can always prove the start of a new chapter.

Having already demonstrated an aptitude for the Churchill surface in winning the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., Instant Coffee resumes the Derby trail in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds on Saturday. And while those most immediately concerned in his performance are owners Gold Square LLC and the Brad Cox team, the colt also has the chance to script a heartening sequel to the poignant renunciation of a quest that had stirred much nostalgia in Maryland and beyond.

That Sagamore Farm happens to be registered as Instant Coffee's breeder is evidently more or less a quirk of bureaucracy. A deal had already been done for his dam Follow No One (**Uncle Mo**) to join the broodmare band at Upson Downs Farm in Goshen, Ky., and Instant Coffee was foaled, raised and prepared for sale there. But his existence nonetheless owes much to those years when Kevin Plank, as a proud son of Maryland, strove to restore Sagamore as a force in the Thoroughbred world.

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NICK SURICK SENTENCED TO 62 MONTHS

by Bill Finley

NEW YORK--Standardbred trainer Nick Surick, who has admitted to doping his own horses as well as assisting Jorge Navarro in that trainer's own doping scheme, was sentenced to 62 months in federal prison Thursday by U. S. District Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil in United States District Court, Southern District of New York in lower Manhattan.

Among the many defendants in the doping case that have come before Vyskocil, it was one of the longest sentences handed out and two months longer than the 60 months she gave Navarro. Navarro has been called Surick's "doping mentor." The longest sentence she has handed down was the 11 years she gave veterinarian and drug supplier Dr. Seth Fishman.

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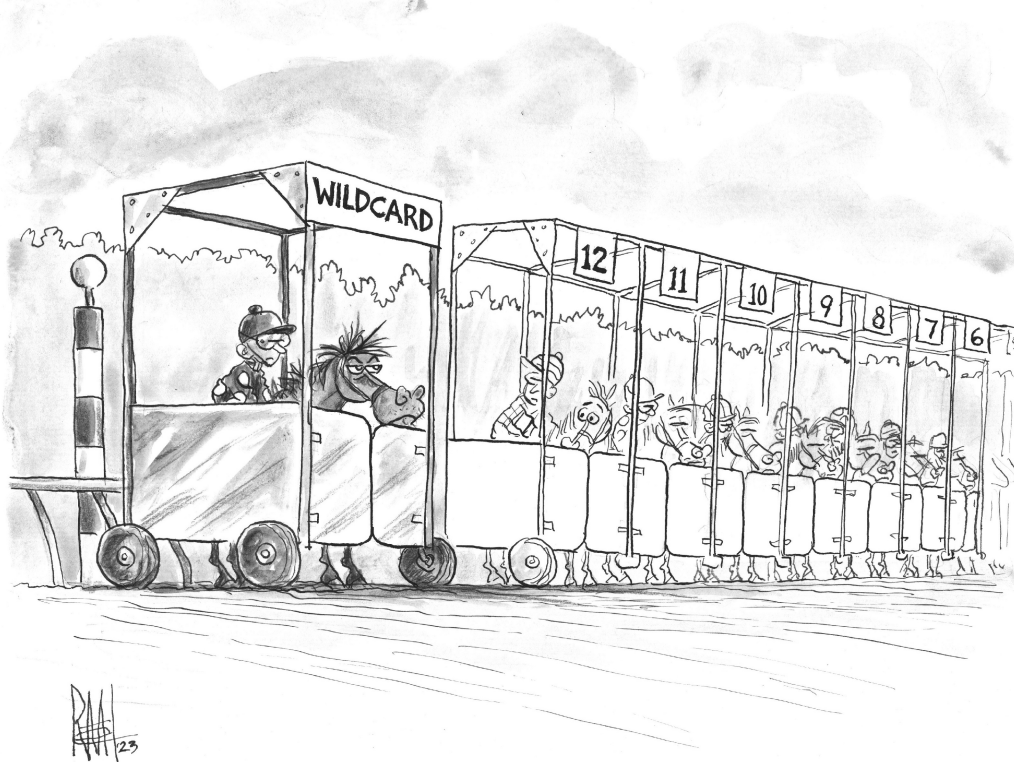
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It was here, of course, that Alfred G. Vanderbilt II bred Native Dancer before launching him on one of the greatest track careers in Turf history. "The Gray Ghost of Sagamore" subsequently achieved an enduring legacy at stud, notably via Raise a Native and Natalma, and is buried at the farm. And there were moments, during the Plank revival from 2007, when those specters found fresh company on the national stage: as when Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect) won the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf in 2010, and **Global Campaign** (**Curlin**) won the GI Woodward H. a decade later.

Even as the latter was preparing for his swansong in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, however, it was announced that the farm was to be turned over to wheat and rye in support of Sagamore Spirit whiskey. **Global Campaign** ran an excellent third, and is now bidding to extend the farm's Turf heritage as a WinStar stallion. But for Hunter Rankin, the impressive young president of Sagamore's Thoroughbred program since 2015, it was time to find a new path in the industry.

Little could he realize that the twists and turns of fate had already reserved a wonderful consolation for the disappointing end of this particular adventure. For it was Rankin who bought Follow No One for Sagamore as a juvenile, at the OBS April Sale of 2016; and, after she failed to reach her reserve at \$85,000 at the Keeneland November Sale in 2018, it was his father Alex who was able to agree terms with Plank to keep her for the family farm. Moreover it was Sagamore's final flourish with **Global Campaign**, trained by his cherished mentor Stan Hough,

that helped to steer Rankin toward that horse's half-brother Bolt d'Oro (**Medaglia d'Oro**) as an appropriate first cover for Follow No One. The result is Instant Coffee.

So while the ambition to rekindle Sagamore as a beacon of the Maryland Turf was ultimately reduced to ashes, Rankin has been delighted to stoke up a final flame out of the embers; to have found a way, so to speak, of adding a little "more" to this great "saga".

"Yeah, it's really cool," he says. "I was very proud of what we tried to do there, of the effort that we put in to get where we were trying to go, which was to compete at the highest level and breed the best horses we could. It didn't work out, and I'm sure I'd go back and change some of things that we did, but we did our best and that's all you can do. "Our goal was always to get a horse that would transcend Sagamore, and carry that brand whether we were in it or not: to have a horse to stamp the place, like Native Dancer did. Of course I'm not saying that **Global Campaign** is a Native Dancer. But it would be really nice for us to point to something and say that



Instant Coffee | Sarah Andrew

we did that while we were there. And, gosh, he just had so much talent--and he's the reason we bred this mare to Bolt d'Oro. So, yeah, what a great story."

Follow No One was initially purchased by Gatewood Bell for just \$20,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale. Pinhooked through Eddie Woods, she advanced her value to \$100,000 when Rankin bought her for Sagamore the following spring.

"She was petite, not small by any means, but feminine," Rankin says. **Cont.**

**THE HIGHEST PRICE
TWO-YEAR-OLD IN TRAINING
SOLD IN THE WORLD LAST YEAR...**

Hunter Rankin, cont. from p3

"She's kind of a dainty type," continued Rankin. "She worked okay, :21.1, but she had little things, I guess you could pick her apart. But I talked to Eddie and he said, 'I think she's a really nice filly, she's sound, she'll run through her conditions and I could maybe get some black-type for you.' And that's exactly what happened, he was dead on."

Follow No One (who was so named by skier Lindsey Vonn) did grab third in a Laurel sprint on her only black-type start, but her overall record was fairly modest and, though she was out of a stakes-winning daughter of the KatieRich foundation mare Miss Mary Apples (Clever Trick), nobody was too interested when she was consigned for sale through Upson Downs as a 4-year-old.

"It was about the time that we were transitioning out of the breeding part of things at Sagamore," Rankin explains. "After she RNA'd, we put her in foal and my dad, who had liked her on the farm, ended up buying her privately."

Rankin had naturally admired Bolt d'Oro as a racehorse but especially favored him as a first mate for Follow No One because of his regard for his half-brother.

"We just thought, and still think, that **Global Campaign** will be a great sire," he reasons. "So we wanted to support that line, and she did fit well with him: her pedigree matched up, and their body types seemed to mesh well too. Well anyway, we got the foal--and what a nice foal he was. She's a little offset, a little this and that, but her foals have been great. And he was great. He was a lot like her: not feminine, but very similar in that [elegant] body type. He became a very good-looking yearling, very sensible and straightforward."



Global Campaign | Sarah Andrew

Though offered deep in the Keeneland September Sale, Instant Coffee made \$200,000 from Joe Haroon as agent and duly won on debut at Saratoga. Still inexperienced when just missing the frame from off the pace behind divisional champion elect Forte (**Violence**) in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, he then banked 10 Derby starting points on his successful reconnaissance of Churchill.

Incidentally, Rankin reminds us of an overlooked distinction in another Kentucky horseman that day. For the same year that he pinhooked Follow No One, Gatewood Bell also bought a rather more expensive yearling at Saratoga for Cheyenne Stables: a

\$750,000 daughter of **Tapit** who won a couple of races before being sent to Into Mischief. The resulting filly is Hoosier Philly, who romped in the GII Golden Rod S. half an hour before Instant Coffee won. Bell, it seems, was only just getting going as a bloodstock agent when he joined Keeneland as Vice-President of Racing a couple of years ago!

Rankin himself has meanwhile engaged with a stimulating new project, having topped the second session of the Keeneland January Sale when signing a \$650,000 docket for the

promising young filly Ancient Peace (**War Front**) on behalf of Boardshorts Stables. But meanwhile there's an obvious personal fulfilment available in having brought together the dam of a potential Derby horse, as a residue of his time with Sagamore, with his parents' home operation. (It's a connection, by the way, that has already been fertile in the past: at Saratoga in 2018 Upson Downs consigned Shared Account's \$350,000 daughter by **Speightstown** for Sagamore, and she became GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Sharing.)

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Hunter Rankin, cont. from p4

"I help with all their matings and I love working with my dad," Rankin says. "He and I are very close. It was always his dream to own a horse farm, and we moved out there from town when my mom was pregnant with me. And he built it from a single mare that he bought in 1983 with [the late] Bob Courtney, who was a legend around Lexington and like a second father to my dad. Everybody loved Bob, my dad was just lucky enough to know him and learn from him, very much the same way I have been with Stan."

That foundation mare, Flash McAllister (Ward McAllister), cost just \$24,000. Her granddaughter Tar Heel Mom (Flatter) was trained by Hough to win 11 of 31 starts and \$832,892 in the family silks, including three graded stakes, and it's a dynasty that has been cultivated at Upson Downs for 40 years now. For this is an enduring passion that has placed Rankin's father, in daily experience, shoulder to shoulder with the Bluegrass community--a point worth stressing in view of the occasional flak he inevitably endures in his role as Chairman of the Board at Churchill Downs, Inc.

Having served a stint with CDI himself, Rankin acknowledges the heartache and contention over the sale of Arlington, in particular, but emphasizes the authentic commitment to the wider sport that he found among colleagues there. And, be all that as it may, the one guarantee is that long and ardent embrace of life at the coalface--Upson Downs foals out 50 to 60 mares every year, the majority for longstanding clients--fully preserves his father in the respect of fellow horsemen.

Rankin Sr. has built up the farm parallel to his work as

chairman of Louisville insurers Sterling G. Thompson Co. "From the day they moved out there he worked every weekend, all day, and then Monday through Friday he'd wake up at 5 a.m., go out on the farm until 7.30 and then go to work," marvels Rankin. "He has lived and breathed it for a really long time. Like when we had that big cold snap recently, and the temperature's negative five, he was still out there breaking the water tanks. He shouldn't be doing that anymore, but he does. And you hope that all that hard work pays off for him, because he's such a great guy."

Little wonder, then, that Rankin is so gratified by the rise of Instant Coffee. He knows that the Derby still remains a long way off; but he also knows that Cyberknife (**Gun Runner**), after

disappointing the same connections in the Lecomte last year, regrouped to confirm himself one of the best of the crop. So who can say what flavors may yet percolate through the Instant Coffee story?

Follow No One, remember, has only just turned nine. She has a juvenile filly by **Frosted** but sadly aborted last year before being bred to **Maclean's Music**. All going well with that imminent delivery, her first son's flying start is scheduled to

earn her an upgrade in fee this spring to **Life Is Good**.

"We're excited," Rankin says. "There's a good nucleus on the farm right now, youngish mares either with nice family or that could run a little bit. But to have this horse running for one of those mares, foaled and raised at Upson Downs, it's a dream. When he won in November, one of the girls that helped raise him was in the winner's circle crying. So it's a neat story."

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Alex Rankin | Churchill Downs photo

**THE ONLY MAJOR
TWO-YEAR-OLD SALE
VENUE WITH A DIRT RACETRACK...**

Hunter Rankin, cont. from p5

Rankin continued: "And just for my parents, you'd love to have a really, really good horse come off the farm. They've raised Grade I winners, for clients, but you'd love to have something that had a chance at the big one."

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Nick Surick, cont. from p1

"I consider your conduct to be very serious," Vyskocil told Surick at the sentencing. "By giving horses performance-enhancing drugs, you endangered the horses, and the other horses they raced against, as well as the jockeys and drivers. You're supposed to be caring for horses that you trained, yet you risked their lives and impugned the integrity of the sport in which you made your livelihood."

Surick had pled guilty to two counts of drug adulteration and misbranding and one count of obstruction

The sentence came despite Surick's efforts to cooperate with the government. In hopes of a lighter sentence, the trainer had given the government information on others who were indicted as well as individuals who had not been indicted. But the government felt it could not use the information because Surick had incorrectly maintained that co-defendant Dr. Rebecca Linke had injected a horse he trained named Northern Virgin with EPO. Linke was able to prove that she did not inject the horse.

Surick's credibility came into question because of the false accusations against Linke and prosecutors decided they could not use his testimony against others. Surick said he did not lie about Linke and rather had problems remembering all the details of the incident. The government accepted that Surick may have been telling the truth about Linke and simply mixed up some details.

The government was willing to accept a lighter sentence because the trainer had attempted to assist prosecutors in his case. In a pre-sentencing submission, the government said Surick's sentence should be less than the 72 months recommended by the U.S. Probation Parole Office, but did not

specify what length of suspension it felt was appropriate.

While showing a willingness to sign off on a sentence of less than 72 months, Assistant United States Attorney Sarah Mortazavi asked the court not to go too easy on the defendant.

"We do believe that a significant term of imprisonment is warranted here," she said. "That he attempted to assist us must be weighed against the seriousness of his crimes and that he stood at the top of a conspiracy."

Citing Surick's efforts to cooperate, his attorney, Timothy Donohue, asked for no prison time and for his client to receive only 12 months of home confinement.

Vyskocil wasn't having any of it.

"Home confinement is not realistic and I hope you did not give Mr. Surick false and unrealistic hopes considering how serious this offense is," the judge said, chastising Donohue.

Vyskocil said she took Surick's attempts to cooperate into account, but it wasn't enough for her to show him much leniency.

"I have considered your efforts to cooperate and whether or not they warrant a variance in your sentence," Vyskocil said. "But you provided information that turned out to be misleading. Having weighed your cooperation, the sentence will be well below the sentencing guidelines, but I cannot and will not impose a non-custodial sentence."

Surick addressed the court and apologized for his actions and said he was working on "turning the page."

"I am truly sorry for the crimes that I have committed," he said. "I can't blame anybody but myself. I hurt the sport I love. I owe an apology to the public. They were misled and betting on a product that was not true. I can honestly say that this arrest changed my life. I only knew one thing in life--training horses. I backed myself into a corner and got caught up in the crazy competition to be the best."

The incidents involving Northern Virgin came up frequently during the sentencing hearing. After the horse was doped, Surick became aware that investigators from the New Jersey Racing Commission were attempting to test the horse. **Cont.**

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Knowing that if they did test the horse he would be subject to severe penalties, Surick went to great lengths to hide the Standardbred and shipped him out of state. The way he handled Northern Virgin is what led to the obstruction charge.

"Only Mr. Surick was charged with obstruction," Vyskocil said. "Mr. Navarro was not. It was Mr. Surick's horse and his terrible decision to do what he did with the horse. He moved the horse to other states and went to lengths to hide him."

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COLONEL LIAM OUT OF PEGASUS TURF, RETIRES TO OCALA STUD

Three-time Grade I stakes winner **Colonel Liam** ([Liam's Map](#)--Amazement, by Bernardini) will not return to defend his title in Gulfstream Park's GI Pegasus Turf Invitational, but has been retired to stand at Ocala Stud in Florida, according to Jacob West. His introductory fee will be \$6,500.

"Colonel Liam took our whole family on quite a ride over a four-year period," said owner Robert Low. "Ocala Stud has a proven track record of developing young stallions into some of the most formidable stallions in the business and we are excited



Colonel Liam | Coglianese

to be sending Colonel Liam to them. We love the family aspect of Ocala Stud. Their integrity and horsemanship set them apart."

Colonel Liam was a \$1.2 million OBS April sale purchase by West on behalf of Robert and Lowana Low. He won his first start racing on the dirt, but trainer Todd Pletcher quickly switched him to the turf, where he excelled.

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The **Grade 1 Champagne Stakes**, New York's premier juvenile contest, has a rich history of producing leading sires like Ashford's **Scat Daddy** and **Uncle Mo**.

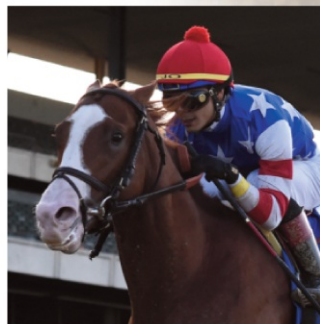
In addition to the aforementioned **Uncle Mo**, Ashford now stands three of its most recent winners in the shape of **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), sire of Grade 1 Frizette Stakes winner Chocolate Gelato and Grade 2 Los Alamitos Futurity winner Practical Move in 2022, **Tiz The Law** (Constitution) who went on to win three Grade 1s by over 13 lengths as a three-year-old, and **Jack Christopher** (Munnings) whose Grade 1 wins in 2022 included the Woody Stephens Stakes by no less than 10 lengths.



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Colonel Liam, cont. from p7

Colonel Liam ended his 3-year-old campaign with a win in the victorious in the Tropical Park Derby at Gulfstream. He then rattled off three consecutive graded stakes wins, including the \$1-million Pegasus World Cup Turf, the GII Muniz Memorial, and the GI Turf Classic at Churchill.

He returned in 2022 to successfully defend his Pegasus World Cup Turf title.

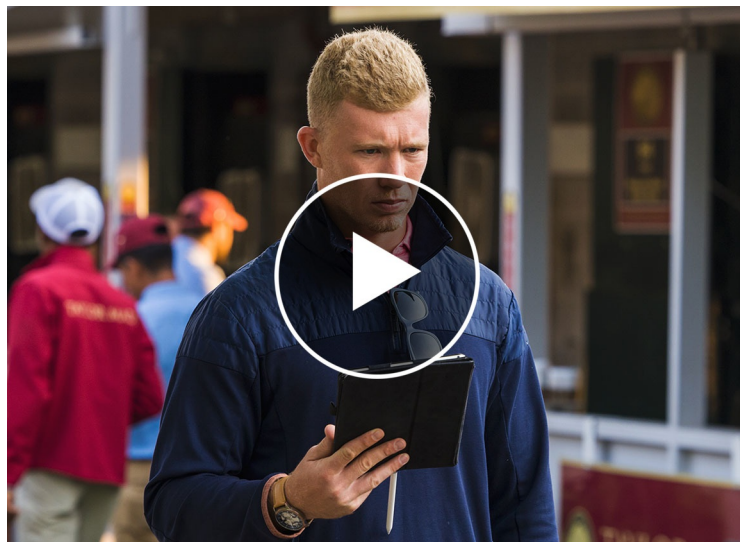
"Colonel Liam is the total package," said Low. "He has the pedigree, the race record and the looks to appeal to everyone. He is incredibly good looking and very talented. He is a top-tier horse and we cannot wait to offer him to breeders. Colonel Liam is like part of our family. We look forward to supporting him in the breeding shed and in the sales ring."

Colonel Liam's second dam is the millionaire and multiple Grade I winner and stakes producer Wonder Again (Silver Hawk.)

Colonel Liam retires with \$1,812,565 in earnings and seven wins from 12 lifetime starts.

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WILL WALDEN JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



Will Walden | Keeneland

Will Walden's story is a remarkable one. After battling substance abuse issues for more than a decade, he is sober and has just finished his first year as a trainer, winning with 22% of his starters. **Cont.**

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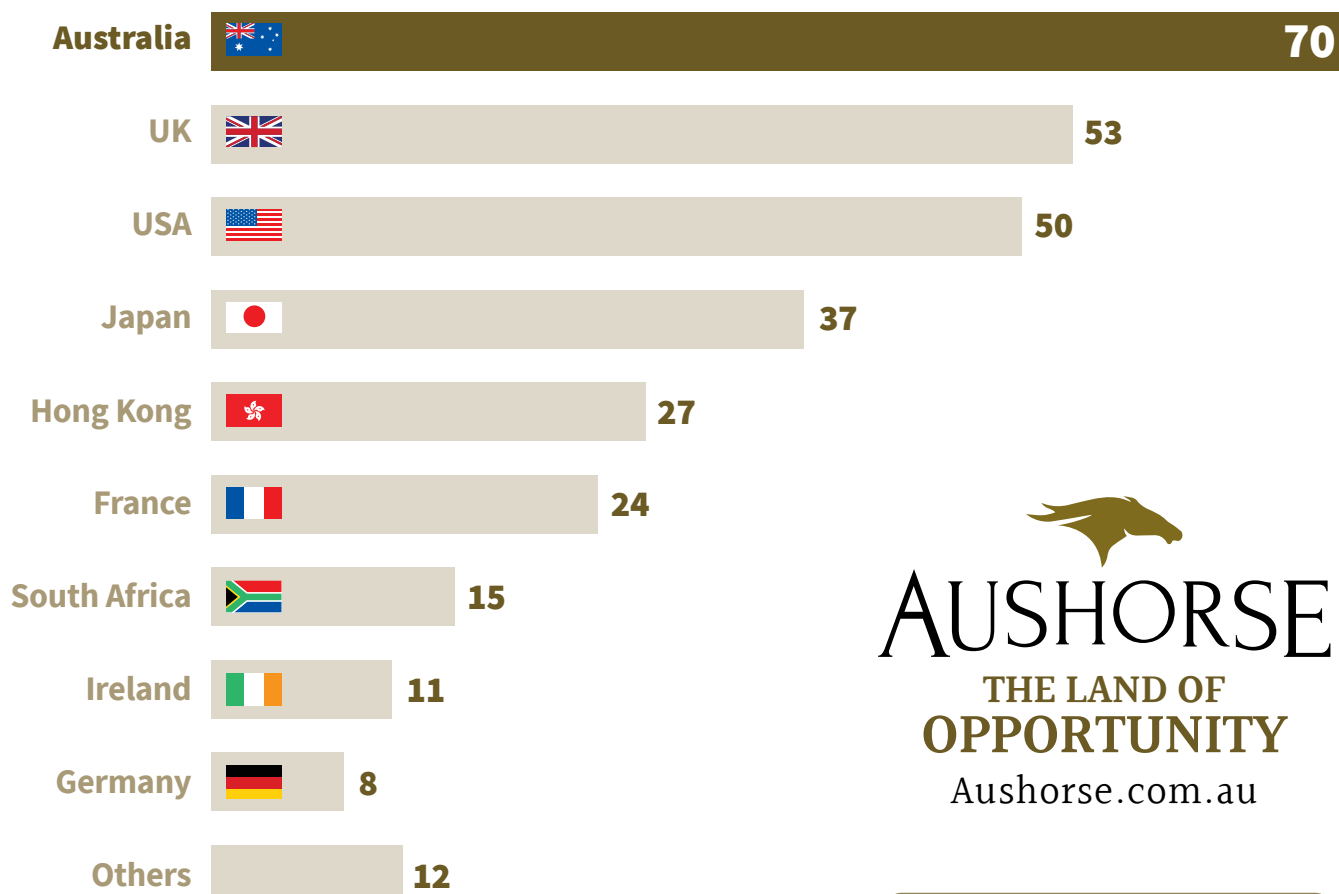
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Will Walden on the TDN Writers' Room, cont. from p8

But the success of his stable extends beyond trips to the winner's circle. Walden's team is comprised of individuals who were also deeply mired in addiction and the group works together not just to produce winners but to support each other.

After an **inspirational video** on Walden's story produced by the TDN's Katie Petrunyak ran, the team from the *TDN Writers' Room* podcast presented by **Keeneland** wanted to hear more. Walden was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

"I was miserable and wanted to get clean and sober," Walden said of some of his worst days. "And I didn't. I'd gotten kicked out of a house a few weeks prior, and I had basically resigned to the fact that I was going to die a heroin junkie one day. It's a pretty sad state to be in."

But something finally clicked, and after working at Wendy's, where he proved to himself and others he could show up for work and be responsible, Walden, the son of WinStar President and CEO Elliott Walden, decided to fulfill his long-time dream of being a trainer. He soon found out that being around horses on a daily basis was a powerful tool that helped both him and his employees stay on course.

"It's kind of difficult to put into words what these horses do for the inside," Walden said. "I'll put it to you this way. When these guys started working with the horses, I told them, you're not going to be able to know the day or the time. It may happen in two weeks. It may happen in a day, it may happen in four months. But that horse is going to look you in the eye and you're going to get this feeling inside that animal accepts you for exactly who you are and exactly where you're at and doesn't care about your past, doesn't care about your future, but accepts you just for who you are. And that's something that in addiction and alcoholism is a feeling that is long lost."

Walden's interviews with *TDN* were not his first. From the time he opened up his stable he's been open about his past, never shying away from the ugliest details. Why?

"I don't really like drudging up the past all the time and talking about it, but if there's a chance that there's somebody out there listening that's going through it and doesn't think that anybody can relate, doesn't think there's anybody else who's been there, doesn't think that anybody else is eating out of dumpsters or went to prison too they can hear it from me or they can hear it from one of my guys," he said. "We were in the same spot. You wouldn't think it because of how our life looks like now and what we get to do on a daily basis. But I can promise you, we were there and there were a million hands that reached out and grabbed me when I was in the depths of it. I want to give back and help as many people as I can, because there were so many people that took time out of their day, time away from their family, away from their kids, away from their jobs, lifestyles, what have you to help rescue me." **Cont.**



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Will Walden on the TDN Writers' Room, cont. from p9

Walden continued: "And if I can do that for just one person, it's worth it."

On the track, Walden's stable seems headed toward bigger and better things. He started his first horses on Sept. 5, 2022 and finished the year with nine wins from 41 starters. In December, he won his first stakes race when Kate's Kingdom (Animal Kingdom) won the My Charmer S. at Turfway Park.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by **Coolmore, Lane's End, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, XBTv** and **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Zoe Cadman, Randy Moss and Bill Finley discussed the **remarkable safety record** Santa Anita achieved in 2022 and **what could soon be the return of trainer Rick Dutrow**. The team also took a look at the 3-year-old colt picture and the depth of the Brad Cox stable.

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IN HISTORIC FIRST, FIPKE'S SHIRL'S SPEIGHT TO RUN IN FEBRUARY S. IN JAPAN

by Heather Anderson

Charles Fipke's Grade I winner and **'TDN Rising Star' Shirl's Speight (Speightstown)** will become the first foreign horse to ever run in Japan's G1 February S., Fipke's advisor Sid Fernando confirmed to the *TDN* Thursday afternoon. Set for Feb. 19, the race is over a mile on the dirt, and trainer Roger Attfield and Fipke are both set to travel to the Tokyo showpiece.

"He's going," Fernando said of the 2022 GI Maker's Mark Mile hero. "He's doing well with Roger Attfield down in Florida."

The February S. is one of only two Group 1 races alongside the Champions Cup conducted on dirt by the Japanese Racing Association (JRA), but the competition is no less fierce, as illustrated by last year's **Japanese Champion Dirt Horse, Café Pharoah (American Pharoah)**, who earned his year-end accolade partially by setting a new stakes record of 1:33.80 in the 2022 edition, his second consecutive victory in the event.

"It's a very complex thing to get to this race, because unlike other races that are usually international races that are invitational races, this is not an invitational," he said. "We had to nominate, get accepted, etc. Then, Mr. Fipke's got to pay for everything to go there. It's a pretty expensive proposition too."

The magnitude of the Fipke team's February S. attempt is not lost on Fernando, who said of Fipke's vision, "[It's] really two things--he's one of the few North American owners who are actually licensed to race in Japan. That's number one. Number two, he also breeds a few mares in Japan every year. He's got a



Shirl's Speight winning the Maker's Mark last spring

Coady Photography

good relationship with Northern Farm and Katsumi Yoshida. He's got a runner in Japan, as well, who last year **won a couple of races--Kana Tape (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})--and he's an adventurer. He's a guy that is very interested in the international game. He's raced in South Africa before and bred in South Africa. He's a guy that's got horses in Australia, won races last year in Australia, races in Dubai. His entire career was built on a bunch of adventuring and discovering diamond mines. This all fits his sensibilities.

"And, on top of all of that, he'd like to also try to win a Grade 1 race on dirt with Shirl's Speight. With his Japanese contacts and everything, it's showcasing that horse over there as a potential stallion prospect, not that he plans on selling the horse or anything. For Japanese breeders, it's exposure."

A versatile campaigner, the son of GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare shocker Perfect Shirl (Perfect Soul {Ire}) has not graced the racetrack since running a good second to likely Eclipse Champion Turf Male Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland in November. Shirl's Speight is already a graded winner on two surfaces, having won the GIII Marine S. over the Woodbine all-weather as a juvenile. The GIII Tampa Bay S. on turf went his way at four to go with his Maker's Mark heroics, and, most encouragingly, the 5-year-old did run third in the GIII Salvator Mile S. over the Monmouth main track last June.

A major feather in the Fipke camp's cap is their rider selection for the 2023 February S. None other than legendary Brazilian jockey Joao "Magic Man" Moreira, a four-time champion rider in Hong Kong, has signed on to ride the 5-year-old. Moreira booted home 76 winners from 217 starters in 2018, the year he rode predominantly in Japan.

Cont.

Shirl's Speight, cont. from p10

Added Fernando, "We've booked the Magic Man, Joao Moreira to ride. He's got a [job] to ride in Australia two weeks before he goes to Japan with [Australian Champion Trainer Chris] Waller."

Shirl's Speight's international engagements will not end in Japan either, as Fernando revealed that the 1800-metre G1 Dubai Turf on grass at Meydan Racecourse in Dubai on Mar. 25 would be next on the entire's dance card.

"The bigger plan is that he's going to go there, then he's going to fly to Dubai for the 1800-metre Group 1 race on turf in Dubai on Dubai World Cup day," said Fernando.

"It's a very complex logistical thing with quarantine, flights, etc.," said Fernando. "I have to give a shout out to [Fipke's] administrative assistant Fawn Seminoff, who has really done an incredible job organizing all of the moving parts."

Targets Set For Budding Stars

Fipke also has multiple opportunities to enjoy international action in 2023, besides his stable star. He enjoyed a winner over the Dundalk synthetic as recently as Wednesday evening when homebred **Stormy Entry** (Point of Entry), a son of Fipke's GI Natalma S. bridesmaid Stormy Perfection (Tale of the Cat), won the seven-furlong nightcap. In addition, Irish listed heroine **Spirit Gal (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who took Fipke to the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Keeneland, will be prepared for a run in the G1 French 1000 Guineas in May.

"He's got horses in Europe—he just won a race last night in fact, at Dundalk, a Point of Entry colt," said Fernando. "And he's got a stakes-winning filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire), Spirit Gal (Fr), that's with Andre Fabre and is being prepared for the G1 French 1000 Guineas."



Charles Fipke was represented by French Classic hopeful Spirit Gal at the Breeders' Cup | Sid Fernando

Back in 2017, Fipke homebred, eventual GI Metropolitan H. victor and sire **Bee Jersey** (Jersey Town) ran second to subsequent dual G1 Dubai World Cup winner Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas. Fast forward to Dec. 23, 2022 and **Bee Jersey** colt **Shirl's Bee** graduated at first asking at Meydan. Trained by American ex-pat Doug Watson, the chestnut is aiming to go one better for his sire on Feb. 10.

Said Fernando, "He's got Shirl's Bee who won his debut really impressively there and is going next in the UAE 2000 Guineas."

For Fipke, 2023 will be a year dedicated to exploring the next frontier in the Thoroughbred world beginning with an exclusive visit to Japan.

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OVERLAP BETWEEN FERNDAL AND GOLDEN GATE STILL IN LIMBO

by T.D. Thornton



Golden Gate Fields | Shane Micheli/Vassar Photography

A dispute that began in October over whether Ferndale (Humboldt County Fair) will once again have to run its second of two weeks of racing at the end of August against overlapping competition from the commercial licensee Golden Gate Fields (GGF) will now likely extend into March.

There are multiple reasons for the impasse. But the two main sticking points that emerged at Thursday's California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) were:

1) The two tracks, plus stakeholders from the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF), Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), and California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT), couldn't present a unified compromise to the CHRB after being given three months to figure one out.

2) The CHRB itself failed to vote in a solution one way or the other, because two commissioners were absent from the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. **Cont.**

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The lone motion that came up for the vote--to give Ferndale the entire two weeks un-overlapped in exchange for financial considerations to GGF that would be determined later--resulted in three yes votes and two nos.

But the results of the vote didn't count because the CHRB can't pass any measure unless at least four commissioners vote on the majority side.

"It looks like the horsemen are probably going to be getting an overdue vacation if we can't fix this," said a frustrated CHRB vice chair Oscar Gonzales in the wake of seeing the motion he proposed fail.

Because the CHRB has already canceled its February meeting (and barring the unlikely event of an "emergency" meeting being called for in this case), the earliest the vote on the overlapped or un-overlapped week of dates could come up again is at the Mar. 16 meeting.

Back in October, the CHRB had voted in a 2023 race dates calendar for NorCal that largely mirrored the framework from the 2022 schedule.

The lone exception was that the board **held off on a decision** on the Ferndale vs. GGF one-week overlap. The two license applicants then requested more time to reach a compromise so commissioners wouldn't have to impose one, but their

negotiations ended up not being fruitful.

On the pro-Ferndale side, testimony at CHRB meetings in recent months (and again on Jan. 19) has centered around preserving small-community racing; keeping alive the tradition of the fairs; Ferndale's stated necessity that a second week of un-overlapped racing is required for any racing there to be viable; Ferndale regularly out-drawing GGF in attendance, and the purported roles Ferndale plays in growing new fans and helping lower-level horse outfits survive.

In favor of giving GGF racing during the second week of Ferndale's meet, proponents have cited GGF's allegedly greater importance as the linchpin of NorCal racing, its ability to offer grass racing, and the additional purse money that would flow into the pockets of year-round, higher-level stables.

Commissioners have also taken note of **recent upheaval and legal woes** involving Ferndale. Back on Nov. 15, police arrested the fair association's bookkeeper on charges of embezzlement, and the fair association's general manager and three long-time directors have also recently stepped down.

A new GM could be in place by the end of the month, Jim Morgan, the legal counsel for the Humboldt County Fair, told the CHRB on Thursday.

"We're not against Golden Gate," Morgan told commissioners while pleading his case for no overlap and two weeks of racing.

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But, Morgan added, "they do run in [10] of the 12 months out of the calendar year. So one week to Golden Gate doesn't mean as much as one week to Humboldt..."

"We've been perceived as a minor-league venue and there is some truth to that," Morgan said. "But we're also a gateway venue" that draws new fans, horse owners and horses into California's overall racing ecosystem.

Larry Swartzlander, CARF's executive director, said his organization has tried to broker a deal that gives Ferndale its solo two weeks in exchange for paying purse money to GGF.

"CARF's goal, if we get the second week un-overlapped, [is] obviously we want to raise purses at Humboldt," Swartzlander said. "We want to make racing better. And we all understand that Humboldt is never going to have the same level of racing of Golden Gate or Pleasanton..."

"CARF's position was to offer [\$200,000 in purses] to Golden Gate," Swartzlander said. "Golden Gate's counter is that they would prefer to have [bet] commissions. CARF's position is if we give up commissions [the deal] wouldn't work."

David Duggan, the general manager and vice president for GGF, told the CHRB that, "I don't see any light at the end of the tunnel for us coming to a suitable arrangement."

When CHRB chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM, asked what losing that one week of racing would cost GGF, Duggan replied, "Off the top of my head, mister chairman, it would certainly be north of \$250,000 [in commissions]."

Bill Nader, the TOC's president and chief executive officer, said the value of GGF's turf course "shouldn't be understated" during the summer months.

"I think it's important for the viability of Golden Gate, and also for the purse structure, that we go with the overlap of the two weeks, so we support the Golden Gate Fields position," Nader said.

"We respect Ferndale as a complementary player in the overall landscape of racing in northern California. But in the lead role, maintaining the overlap and giving Golden Gate [that week is] important for the California horse population, for the ability to be able to run on the turf, and also for people who are supporting racing as fans," Nader said.

"A half-mile track is something that's interesting for a short period of time," Nader continued. "But it's not the brand that we want to present for California racing, particularly at that time of year."

Alan Balch, the CTT's executive director, said he agreed with the TOC's position, adding that "more than anywhere else in the state, [NorCal] trainers are also owners. And we look at [being able to race at GGF] as maximizing racing opportunities."

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell framed the question in terms of serving a constituency.

"Ferndale is a remote, northern California location [in which] there's a community concerned," Mitchell said. "This is a fair [that] we need to be supporting, because otherwise we're leaving part of our population out in the wilderness.... And I think we need to give them the dates in order for them to [help grow the overall racing product statewide]."

Chairman Ferraro offered a counterpoint.

"The thing, Wendy, is that our constituency is really the horsemen of California. And we're talking about taking hundreds of thousands of dollars out of their purse money to benefit a local fair," Ferraro said. "That balance has got to be there. Our primary responsibility is to ensure the health and viability of racing in California, so that would concern me."

Mitchell respectfully voiced disagreement: "I don't think it's just the horsemen that are our constituency. I think we have multiple stakeholders and constituencies here."

The board batted around the idea of giving the two sides more time to work out a compromise. But Morgan stated that the fair's board would prefer an answer right away.

Morgan explained that Ferndale has to bring aboard a new GM, and that it would be tough to hire a competent person without being able to tell them what the budget and racing-related revenues for 2023 are going to look like. He also added that horsemen in the Pacific Northwest are now already starting to plan where they'll be racing in the summer, and delays and further uncertainty will only harm Ferndale's efforts to recruit them.

Gonzales made a motion to give the two weeks un-overlapped to Ferndale, with the understanding that Ferndale will have to "bridge the gap" financially with GGF before the March CHRB meeting.

But that motion only set off another verbal spiral over exactly what such a money compromise might be valued at. There was also talk that the current clashing offers of purse money versus bet commissions amounted to an "apples to oranges" type of comparison that benefitted nobody.

When the motion came to a vote, commissioners Gonzales, Mitchell and Brenda Washington Davis voted in favor of giving Ferndale its own two weeks without competition.

Commissioners Ferraro and Thomas Hudnut voted no.

Commissioners Dennis Alfieri and Damascus Castellanos were not present.

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BROODMARE OF THE YEAR SWEET LIFE DIES



Sweet Life | Courtesy Lane's End Farm

Edited Press Release

The 2009 Broodmare of the Year **Sweet Life** (Kris S.--Symbolically, by Flying Paster), the dam of champion Sweet Catomine (Storm Cat) and her MGISW full-sister Life Is Sweet, has passed away at age 27. Sweet Catomine was crowned champion 2-year-old filly in 2004 after capturing the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, GI Del Mar Debutante S. and GI Oak Leaf S. At age three, she was victorious in the GI Santa Anita Oaks and GIII Santa Ysabel S. Three years after foaling Sweet Catomine, Sweet Life foaled a full-sister to Sweet Catomine, Life Is Sweet. The filly won over \$1.8 million on the racetrack, including victories in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic and GI Santa Margarita Invitational H. Sweet Life also produced Calimonco, a stakes-winning full-brother to the illustrious fillies.

Bred and owned by Pam and Martin Wygod, Sweet Life resided at Lane's End Farm since 2008 and was retired from the broodmare band in 2018. She will be buried in the cemetery at Lane's End Farm. Her daughters, Sweet Catomine and Life Is Sweet are now retired from the broodmare band and reside at Lane's End.

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NEW BONUS PROGRAM OFFERED FOR '23 BELMONT SPRING/SUMMER MEET

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) plans to rollout a pair of new bonus programs for juveniles competing at the 2023 spring/summer meet at Belmont Park, which will run from

Thursday, May 4 through Sunday, July 9. The newly launched starter bonus will apply to scheduled juvenile dirt races and awards \$2,000 [\$1,000 to the owner, \$1,000 to the trainer] to each official starter in the race. The starter bonus program, available to open-company and state-bred company, also applies to a pair of 5 1/2-furlong juvenile stakes on Sunday, June 11 in the \$150,000 Tremont S. and its filly counterpart, the \$150,000 Astoria S.

Additionally, for trainers who start a horse in any 2-year-old race [dirt or turf] at the spring/summer meet that are not stabled at a NYRA racetrack, a shipping bonus of \$1,000 will be credited to their owner's account. Requirements for both bonuses include that the horse must be declared an official starter. Horses that are placed on a poor performance and/or veterinarian list will not be eligible for the bonus.

Click [here](#) for the full schedule. The 40-day Belmont spring/summer meet will include 54 stakes worth \$15.57 million in total purses.

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Edited Press Release

The Pegasus World Cup has entered into a partnership with Qatar Racing, the global racing and bloodstock operation founded and chaired by Sheikh Fahad bin Abdullah Al Thani.

The \$1-million Pegasus World Cup Turf presented by Qatar Racing will be broadcast live on NBC between 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST on Saturday, Jan. 28 from Gulfstream Park.

"We are proud to welcome Qatar Racing as the presenting sponsor for the 2023 Pegasus World Cup Turf," said Aidan Butler, Chief Executive Officer, 1/ST RACING.



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"Qatar Racing is a significant supporter of Thoroughbred racing globally, and we look forward to partnering with them on the Pegasus and beyond," continued Butler.

Sheikh Fahad bin Abdullah Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Racing added, "We are delighted to sponsor the Pegasus World Cup Turf, which has quickly established itself as one of the leading fixtures in the USA, as Qatar Racing continues to evolve as a global breeding and racing operation."

As part of the sponsorship, Qatar Racing will offer the digital series "2023 Pegasus World Cup Turf Contenders" to be featured on @PegasusWorldCup social channels. This series will highlight the contenders, their connections and provide a brief history of their paths to the Pegasus.

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COLTIMUS PRIME TO MARYLAND'S SHAMROCK FARM

Coltimus Prime | Dave Landry

Canadian Classic winner **Coltimus Prime** (Milwaukee Brew--Certainly Special, by Distorted Humor), who has a small crop of Canadian-bred yearlings on the ground from his time at Beau Valley Stable in Alberta, will stand at Shamrock Farm in Maryland for the upcoming breeding season. His fee will be \$1,500, with "special arrangements offered to qualifying mares," per Jim Steele, Shamrock's farm manager.

Coltimus Prime won the 2014 Prince of Wales S. and was continuing to win or place in black-type events in the US. and Panama through the 2018 season. He was named champion imported older horse and champion stayer in Panama in 2017. The 12-year-old hails from the family of 1992 Canadian Broodmare of the Year Ballade, his fifth dam.

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In partnership with the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame and the Oak Spring Garden Foundation, Tampa Bay Downs will present a screening of the documentary film "Mill Reef: A Legacy of Heart" on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the racetrack in Tampa, Fla.

The event is free to attend and open to the public, but advance registration will be required. Beverages and light fare will be available. To register, click [here](#).

"Mill Reef: A Legacy of Heart" chronicles the legendary racehorse Mill Reef, who was named English and European Horse of the Year in 1971 when he won the Epsom Derby, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Eclipse S., and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., among others. Mill Reef was bred in Virginia by Hall of Fame Pillar of the Turf Paul Mellon and campaigned by Mellon's Rokeby Stables in Europe from 1970 through 1972. Overall, Mill Reef won 12 of 14 starts. He was trained by Ian Balding.

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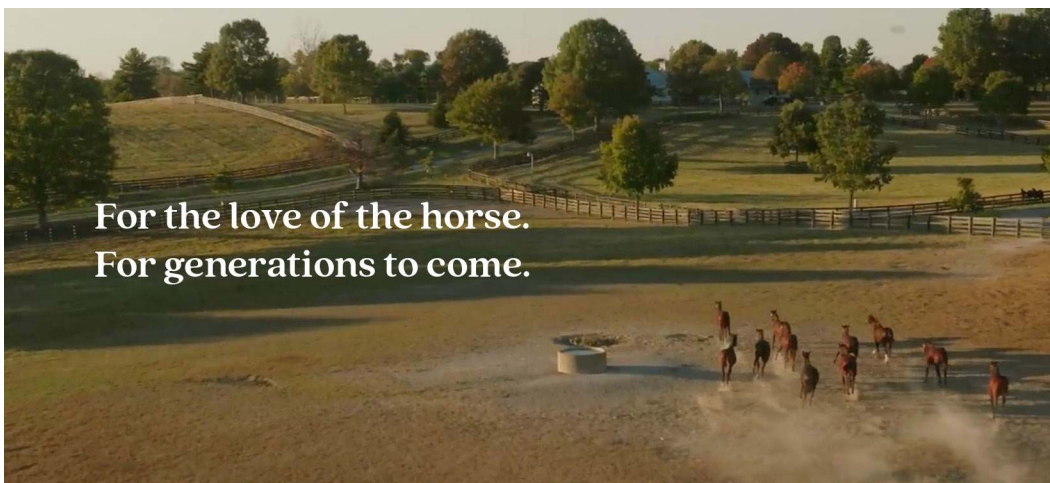
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1	Bolt d'Oro (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2020	6	15	3	7	--	--	80	29	322,815	2,815,623
										Instant Coffee	
2	Good Magic (2015) by Curlin FYR: 2020	6	6	4	4	1	1	65	22	468,750	2,533,414
										Blazing Sevens	
3	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy FYR: 2020	6	10	4	7	--	1	71	29	197,750	2,478,038
										Verifying	
4	Army Mule (2014) by Friesan Fire FYR: 2020	5	7	--	1	--	--	61	24	414,900	2,049,560
										Danse Macabre	
5	Sharp Azteca (2013) by Freud FYR: 2020	3	6	--	1	--	--	83	35	320,169	1,914,292
										Tyler's Tribe	
6	Girvin (2014) by Tale of Ekati FYR: 2020	5	8	2	2	1	1	52	20	288,000	1,910,156
										Atomically	
7	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy FYR: 2020	2	7	1	1	--	--	91	25	224,020	1,854,128
										Delight	
8	Oscar Performance (2014) by Kitten's Joy FYR: 2020	2	6	1	4	--	1	39	17	294,243	1,563,457
										Andthewinneris	
9	Mo Town (2014) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2020	2	5	--	--	--	--	58	21	282,350	1,524,140
										Key of Life	
10	City of Light (2014) by Quality Road FYR: 2020	3	6	--	3	--	1	37	11	425,450	1,348,733
										Chop Chop	
11	Good Samaritan (2014) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2020	1	3	--	--	--	--	53	17	190,929	1,144,468
										Sabalenka	
12	Awesome Slew (2013) by Awesome Again FYR: 2020	1	3	--	--	--	--	24	14	458,000	1,021,161
										Awesome Strong	
13	Cloud Computing (2014) by Maclean's Music FYR: 2020	--	3	--	1	--	--	49	16	123,500	987,894
										Two Eagles River	
14	Mor Spirit (2013) by Eskendereya FYR: 2020	1	3	--	--	--	--	55	17	224,190	930,265
										Velocitor	
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-19, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24.22, my, head.

DR ARDITO (g, 5, Liam's Map--Delightfully So, by Indian Charlie) entered riding a four-race winning streak, most recently defeating first-level open company allowance foes at Belmont May 15. Backed at 9-5 to stay hot off the break here, the New York-bred sat a tracking trip from fifth. Under a ride on the far turn, he began to wind up approaching the quarter pole and came charging down the center to run down his Chad Brown-trained stablemate Nabokov (**Uncle Mo**) by a head. The winner's dam has also produced an **Audible** filly of 2021 and a **Volatile** filly of 2022. She was bred back to **Liam's Map**. Sales history: \$95,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-5-1-0, \$229,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Michael J. Caruso & Michael Dubb; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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7th-Turfway, \$72,000, Alw, 1-18, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.91, ft, 6 lengths.

RAVELLA (f, 4, Liam's Map--Dancing Raven {MSW, \$396,338}, by Tomahawk) graduated last time out at Turfway Dec. 15 after debuting with a distant sixth at Keeneland Oct. 28. Shooting to the front once again here, the 6-5 favorite dictated the pace. She set sail for home after being shown the crop and had six lengths over Brittle and Yoo (Include) at the wire. The winner is a half to Breeze Rider (**Paynter**), MSW, \$511,744. Sales History: \$130,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$86,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Mathiesen Racing, LLC, Polger Holdings, Williams Family Trust, Barry Hall & John Haines; B-Southern Oak Farm (KY); T-William E. Morey.



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6th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, Alw, 1-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.13, gd, 2 1/4 lengths.

KATHAAN (f, 4, War Front--No Fault of Mine {SW & MGSP, \$267,814}, by Blame), a maiden winner over the yielding turf at Hawthorne Oct. 30, entered off a second-place finish there Nov. 25. The 6-5 favorite in this scratched-down affair traveled nicely one from the back in fifth, began to make her move on the far turn and came rolling over the top once switching over in deep stretch to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths over the pacesetter Lolloping (**War Front**). No Fault of Mine, from the same female family as GISW Vacare (Lear Fan), produced a colt by **Ghostzapper** in 2022 and was bred back to **War Front**. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$63,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach) (KY); T-Chris M. Block.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Turfway, \$70,000, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.75, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

GARDEN BELLE (f, 3, Outwork--Garden District {GSW, \$149,807}, by Dixie Union), debuting with Lasix for the John Ennis barn, broke from her rail draw at boxcar odds of 23-1. Tracking pacesetter Daring Do (Into Mischief) down the backstretch, Garden Belle began to steadily reel her in. She caught the fading leader with a sixteenth left and reported home a 2 3/4-length winner. Lady Lowery (**Munnings**) was second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Midnight Lute** and also a yearling half by **Instagrاند**. Her dam visited **Tacitus** last year. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Selima Holdings, LLC; B-Lochlow Farm (KY); T-John Ennis.

4th-Turfway, \$68,950, Msw, 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39.67, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

SPEARS MILL (f, 4, Quality Road--Sea Queen {SW & GISP, \$474,495}, by Lemon Drop Kid) only missed by a half length, finishing second on debut at Turfway Park Dec. 22. Stretching out to a mile as the 6-5 favorite here, she sat just off the leader Poronui (Pioneer of the Nile), who crept along through early fractions of :25.25 and :49.84. Spears Mill began to make her move around the far turn and confidently shot to the lead past

the eighth pole to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Poronui. The winner has an unraced 3-year-old half-sister named Solicitous (More Than Ready). Her dam also produced a 2-year-old colt by **Twirling Candy** and a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy before being bred back to More Than Ready this past year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$56,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Stonetower Stable; B-The Neuman Group (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.32, ft, 2 lengths.

ROSE PALACE (f, 4, Palace--Roses Plus {SP, \$135,378}, by Value Plus) was second best on debut at Fair Grounds Nov. 27 and followed that performance with a fourth-place finish Dec. 22. The 4-1 chance exited the gate from the rail here and set the pace down the backstretch and around the far turn. Please Be Kind (**Violence**) rated just to her outside, but down the lane, Rose Palace found more to win by two lengths. Roses Plus is responsible for the 3-year-old filly Gold Plus (Goldencents), who just recorded her first workout at Fair Grounds Jan. 12 (4f, :50.40, 34/43). She also has a 2-year-old filly by **Yoshida (Jpn)** and was bred to **Gift Box** last year. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$43,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-South Central Stables; B-Clyde Taylor (KY); T-Ron Faucheux.

6th-Charles Town, \$32,700, (S), Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.77, ft, 8 lengths.

BARBERS POINT (f, 3, Congrats--Saturday Nthe Park {MSP, \$210,312}, by Any Given Saturday), off as the 7-5 second choice while debuting with Lasix, sprinted to the front and wasted no time getting to the fence heading into the first turn. The homebred took the field around the bullring leading every step, scoring easily by eight lengths over No Denying Denis (Denis of Cork). Barbers Point has a yearling half-sister by Mitole and her dam visited **Runhappy** in 2022. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,539. **Click [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 2022 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
214 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Delta Downs, 8:50 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Hello Marylou, 12-1
\$2,000 FTK FEB wnl

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500
142 foals of racing age/25 winners/5 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 3:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Wild Mule, 5-2

Awesome Slew (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
74 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Delta Downs, 5:50 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Awesome Cajun, 9-2
\$22,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$32,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$15,000 OBS
OPN 2yo

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
256 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Laurel, 3:52 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2f, Tribal Queen, 3-1
\$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
234 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Fair Grounds, 3:45 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Gem Collection, 6-1
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Salsalita Verde, 8-1
\$14,000 FTK OCT yrl

Destin (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York
77 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Delta Downs, 8:50 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Throwback, 8-1
\$5,000 FTK FEB wnl

Divide and Conquer (Tiznow)
11 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Delta Downs, 8:50 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Alabama Queen, 10-1

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, I'm Heading East, 6-1

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

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172 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Oaklawn, 3:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Coffee Caliente, 8-1
\$62,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
347 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 3:45 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Power Alley, 5-1
\$75,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
189 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Delta Downs, 5:50 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Cool Spirit, 10-1
\$35,000 FTK OCT yrl

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
171 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Delta Downs, 5:50 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Mo Moves, 9-5
\$75,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$450,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Oaklawn, 3:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Mo's Treasure, 12-1

One Liner (Into Mischief), Whispering Oaks Farm
10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Throwin' Shade, 6-1
\$8,500 LTB SYM yrl

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
200 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Penn National, 8:43 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Sharp Catch, 12-1
\$7,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS MAR 2yo




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Hadb, c, 3, **McCraken**--Adele Dazeem, by Unbridled's Song. King Abdulaziz, 1-19, Allowance, 1400m. B-Machmer Hall (KY).
*\$35,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

VIDEO (SC 4)



Yesmorerich, c, 4, **Honor Code**--Miss Luann (SP), by Unbridled's Song. King Abdulaziz, 1-19, Maiden, 1800m. B-Blue Devil Racing Stable LLC (KY). *Graduated by 12 3/4 lengths while making his second local start. **1/2 to Nomorerichblondes (**Hard Spun**), GSW-UAE, \$237,388. ***\$75,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '21 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 1)**



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Gulfstream, \$82,800, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-19, 4yo/up, 5fT, :54.60, fm, nose.

YES I AM FREE (g, 7, **Uncaptured**--**Yes It's Valid**, by **Yes It's True**)
Lifetime Record: GSW, 24-10-2-3, \$476,494. O-Golden Kernel Racing Stable; B-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis (FL); T-Laura Cazares. *\$135,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Nikee Kan (**Kantharos**), SP, \$302,123.

6th-Turfway, \$79,732, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.07, ft, 1 length.

NIGHT TIME (h, 6, **Majesticperfection**--**Silent Joy**, by **Kitten's Joy**) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-4-5-1, \$363,127. O-Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday); B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Dale L. Romans. *\$210,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

2nd-Aqueduct, \$68,820, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.95, gd, 2 lengths.

KNOW IT ALL AUDREY (f, 4, **Shackleford**--**Know It All Anna** {SP, \$278,390}, by **Midnight Lute**) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-5-3-0, \$238,872. O-Three Player's Stable & Oscar S. Barrera, III; B-Geraldine Mazza (NY); T-Oscar S. Barrera, III.

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7th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.96, ft, 1/2 length.

DREAMSTER (f, 4, Jess's Dream--Crumb {SW, \$144,493}, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$77,200. O/T-Mary Lightner; B-Eric J. Wirth (FL).

5th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, (S), 1-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.44, ft, 17 lengths.

NOSILVERSPONSHERE (f, 4, Connect--Grand Style {SW, \$184,721}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$77,894. O-Rocket Ship Racing, LLC; B-Gulf Coast Stables LLC (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$27,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$48,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$125,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

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8th-Delta Downs, \$45,000, (S), 1-18, (NW4L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.98, my, 1 1/4 lengths.

FIESTY FIST (g, 4, Iron Fist--Sheza Roman Ruler, by Roman Ruler) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-2-3, \$147,200. O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Carrol J. Castille (LA); T-Steven B. Flint.

7th-Charles Town, \$36,300, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.66, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

MOMA TIGER (m, 6, Smiling Tiger--Proposed {MGSW & GISP, \$567,600}, by Benchmark) Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-4-7-4, \$160,366. O-Maria Montez Haire; B-Mary K. Haire (FL); T-Flint W. Stites. *1/2 to Floral Romance (After Market), GSP, \$170,768.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 1-19, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.10, sy, neck.

SOMUCHSUGAR (m, 5, Texas Red--Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-3, \$133,195. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Sheltowee Farm, Michael E. Evans II & Travis A. Evans (OH); T-Penny Rone. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Ohio Gold (Wilburn), SW, \$279,797.

7th-Delta Downs, \$35,000, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.18, my, nose.

HIS GIANT (g, 7, Discreetly Mine--Kitty's Giant, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 35-8-9-1, \$142,974. O-GSH Stable LLC; B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (KY); T-Isai V. Gonzalez. *1/2 to Graysonsmacho Gal (**Mucho Macho Man**), SP, \$226,074.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$35,000, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:34.31, ft, 6 lengths.

SLIM MAN (c, 4, Kantharos--Sarah's Song {SP, \$107,865}, by

Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$115,940.

O-Bernsen, David A., Lambert, Jeffrey and Groene, Ron; B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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5th-Penn National, \$29,680, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.15, ft, 2 lengths.

MOON WARRIOR (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Red Hot Bertie, by Tabasco Cat) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$35,350. O-Jeffrey W. Parthemore; B-Newtown Anner Stud (KY); T-Mark V. Salvaggio. *\$290,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL. **1/2 to Red Hot Buddha (Buddha), MSW, \$234,401; full to Cue the Moon, MGSP, \$145,700.

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3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 1-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.74, sy, 5 lengths.

LOVELY LISA (f, 4, Hard Spun--Roberta Turner, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-3, \$62,360. O-Robert J. Turner; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Rey Hernandez.

3rd-Turf Paradise, \$23,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:35.78, ft, 1/2 length.

MALIBU MARIE (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Awesomemundo {GSW, \$185,370}, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-1, \$151,298. O/T-Paula S. Capestro; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); *\$70,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.



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Cairo Sugar, f, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Spun Sugar (MGISW, \$929,171), by Awesome Again. Aqueduct, 1-19, (S), 1m, 1:40.78. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$68,107. B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY). *\$6,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG; \$43,000 RNA 2yo '22 WANNYB.

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Winning Connection, g, 3, **Connect**--Ring and Run, by Into Mischief. Aqueduct, 1-19, (C), 1m, 1:40.19. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$44,240. B-Rick Rudman (FL). *\$26,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Shankar, g, 3, **Khozan**--The Ghost Bride, by **Ghostzapper**. Gulfstream, 1-19, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.02. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$49,450. B-Al Shaqab Racing (FL). *\$16,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT.



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Hunter's Drive, c, 3, **Oscar Performance**--Sparkle Factor (Ire), by Arch. Fair Grounds, 1-19, (C), 1m 70y, 1:46.68. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$36,880. B-Willow Pond Stable (KY). *\$40,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$16,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Swing State, g, 3, **Super Saver**--South Bay Cove (MSW, \$259,732), by Fusaichi Pegasus. Mahoning Valley, 1-19, (S), 6f, 1:15.78. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-4, \$45,963. B-Smokin C LLC & Super Saver Syndicate (OH). *\$3,000 Wlg '20 OTBOMX. **1/2 to Free Judgement (Vindication), MGSW & G1SP-Ire, \$975,775.

Capture the Lion, g, 3, **Uncaptured**--Keyvacious, by Teuflesberg. Gulfstream, 1-19, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.61. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$31,130. B-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis (FL). *\$55,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

Blue Mountain, f, 4, **Limehouse**--Jamie's Silent Bid, by Banker's Gold. Charles Town, 1-18, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.76. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$32,403. B-Elke Matthews (WV).

Callaloo, c, 4, **Trinniberg**--Leaping Lady, by Mass Media. Aqueduct, 1-19, (S), 1m, 1:38.64. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$58,100. B-GeeZee Stable LLC (NY).

Hard Candy, g, 6, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Frivolous Alex, by Afleet Alex. Delta Downs, 1-18, 5f, 1:00.33. Lifetime Record: 16-1-3-1, \$53,138. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY).

Hard Spun, Lovely Lisa, f, 4, o/o Roberta Turner, by Smart Strike. ALW, 1-19, Mahoning Valley

Iron Fist, Fiesty Fist, g, 4, o/o Sheza Roman Ruler, by Roman Ruler. ALW, 1-18, Delta Downs

Jess's Dream, Dreamster, f, 4, o/o Crumb, by Graeme Hall. AOC, 1-19, Gulfstream

Kantharos, Slim Man, c, 4, o/o Sarah's Song, by Songandaprayer. ALW, 1-18, Delta Downs

Khozan, Shankar, g, 3, o/o The Ghost Bride, by **Ghostzapper**. MSW, 1-19, Gulfstream

Liam's Map, Dr Ardito, g, 5, o/o Delightfully So, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 1-19, Aqueduct

Liam's Map, Ravella, f, 4, o/o Dancing Raven, by Tomahawk. ALW, 1-18, Turfway

Limehouse, Blue Mountain, f, 4, o/o Jamie's Silent Bid, by Banker's Gold. MSW, 1-18, Charles Town

Lookin At Lucky, Gypsy Wife, m, 6, o/o Thecushmaker, by Repent. AOC, 1-18, Turf Paradise

Majesticperfection, Night Time, h, 6, o/o Silent Joy, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 1-18, Turfway

Malibu Moon, Malibu Marie, f, 4, o/o Awesomemundo, by Awesome Again. AOC, 1-19, Turf Paradise

Malibu Moon, Moon Warrior, g, 4, o/o Red Hot Bertie, by Tabasco Cat. ALW, 1-18, Penn National

Oscar Performance, Hunter's Drive, c, 3, o/o Sparkle Factor (Ire), by Arch. MCL, 1-19, Fair Grounds

Outwork, Garden Belle, f, 3, o/o Garden District, by Dixie Union. MSW, 1-18, Turfway

Palace, Rose Palace, f, 4, o/o Roses Plus, by Value Plus. MSW, 1-19, Fair Grounds

Quality Road, Spears Mill, f, 4, o/o Sea Queen, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 1-18, Turfway

Shackleford, Know It All Audrey, f, 4, o/o Know It All Anna, by **Midnight Lute**. AOC, 1-19, Aqueduct

Smiling Tiger, Moma Tiger, m, 6, o/o Proposed, by Benchmark. AOC, 1-18, Charles Town

Super Saver, Swing State, g, 3, o/o South Bay Cove, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 1-19, Mahoning Valley

Texas Red, Somuchsugar, m, 5, o/o Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold. ALW, 1-19, Mahoning Valley

Trinniberg, Callaloo, c, 4, o/o Leaping Lady, by Mass Media. MSW, 1-19, Aqueduct

Uncaptured, Capture the Lion, g, 3, o/o Keyvacious, by Teuflesberg. MOC, 1-19, Gulfstream

Uncaptured, Yes I Am Free, g, 7, o/o Yes It's Valid, by Yes It's True. AOC, 1-19, Gulfstream

War Front, Kathaan, f, 4, o/o No Fault of Mine, by **Blame**. ALW, 1-19, Fair Grounds

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Cairo Prince, Cairo Sugar, f, 3, o/o Spun Sugar, by Awesome Again. MSW, 1-19, Aqueduct

Candy Ride (Arg), Hard Candy, g, 6, o/o Frivolous Alex, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 1-18, Delta Downs

Congrats, Barbers Point, f, 3, o/o Saturday Nthe Park, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 1-18, Charles Town

Connect, Nosilverspoonshere, f, 4, o/o Grand Style, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 1-19, Fair Grounds

Connect, Winning Connection, g, 3, o/o Ring and Run, by Into Mischief. MCL, 1-19, Aqueduct

Discreetly Mine, His Giant, g, 7, o/o Kitty's Giant, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 1-18, Delta Downs



DUAL ASPECT MAKES MONTAIGU A POPULAR STOP ON 'LA ROUTE'



The in-demand National Hunt sire No Risk At All | Haras de Montaigu

By Emma Berry

France was the forerunner of the stallion trail, its *La Route des Etalons* having been launched in 2010, catching the rising tide of increasingly sought-after stallions in the country following a spell in the doldrums.

This popular weekend feature of late January was, like almost everything else, interrupted for a few years by Covid restrictions, but there is none of that to worry about now as the two days of touring around some of Normandy's most exquisite stud farms gets underway this Saturday morning. [Cont. p3](#)

'HE COULD GO TO THE TOP' - HAS FLYNN SOLD THE NEXT DESIGNS ON ROME?

By Brian Sheerin

A decade on from selling *Designs On Rome* (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor** {Ire}) to Hong Kong, where he became a Group 1-winning machine and recorded over €5 million in prize-money in that jurisdiction, Pat Flynn is predicting his latest Far East export **Starspangledwaves** (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner** {Aus}) to be destined for a similarly bright future.

Flynn has been training for over 40 years and is perhaps best known for sending out Supreme Novices' Hurdle winners *Montelado* (GB) and *French Ballerina* (Ire) in the nineties.

The 66-year-old revealed that the sale of *Starspangledwaves*, which is reported to have run well into the six-figure mark, will eliminate the financial woes that come with training racehorses for a living for the next number of years but admitted that he has been left perplexed as to why his yard has fallen out of fashion in recent times.

From a high of 65 horses at one point, the County Waterford trainer explained that he has just 25 horses within his care at present, and says that *Starspangledwaves* proves that he can still do the job as well as anyone else in the profession.

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Haras de Montaigu A Popular Stop On La Route Cont. from p1

The bright young things of *TDN Europe*, Alayna Cullen and Brian Sheerin, will bring you plenty of updates via social media and in these pages over the coming days, with Sheerin's attempt of a dry January likely to be sorely tested given the generous hospitality likely to be on offer at the 22 farms taking part this year. These range from the new names of **Haras de Beaumont** (situated on part of the Haras du Quesnay estate) and Karwin Farm to the more established farms of the French breeding industry, including Haras d'Etreham, Haras du Logis, and the Aga Khan's Haras du Bonneval.

There is something for everyone on the tour, whether you are a hobby jumps breeder with one mare or a top-of-the-range Flat breeder with **Siyouni (Fr)** in your sights. One farm which caters for both breeding disciplines is Haras de Montaigu, which celebrates its 120th birthday this year, all that time having been carefully nurtured under the ownership of the same family. Established by Gabriel Guerlain in 1903, the farm, whose notable graduates include the Derby winner Wings Of Eagles (Fr), is now run on a more commercial footing by his great grand-daughter Aliette Forien and her husband Gilles along with their daughter Sybille Gibson, who represents the fifth generation of the family to take the helm.

Eight stallions will be on show there this weekend, including one of the real buzz horses of the National Hunt scene, **No Risk At All (Fr)**, the sire of Champion Hurdle winner Epatante (Fr) and multiple Grade 1-winning chaser Allaho (Fr).

"No Risk At All does so well year after year," says Gibson of the son of My Risk (Fr), himself a grandson of the late Highest Honor (Fr), one of the stalwarts of the French stallion ranks in the latter years of the 20th century.

"He has produced the champions Epatante and Allaho, who

have won 11 Grade 1 races between them, as well as the Grade 1 winners Esprit Du Large (Fr) and Gannat (Fr). He's been fully booked each year since he entered stud. Breeders from France, Ireland and England are all mad about him."

While No Risk At All is now an established name, one stallion whom Gibson will be hoping will become so, even if those outside France might struggle to pronounce that name, is **Baumeec De Houelle (Fr)**. He is a rare beast among the ranks of the National Hunt stallions in that the 8-year-old actually boasts

jumping form himself, though this is less unusual in France than it is in Britain and Ireland.

Akin to a Flat sire retiring to stud after winning the Dewhurst, Baumeec de De Houelle was a top-class hurdler who beat Pic d'Orhy (Fr) when winning the G1 Prix Camabaceres at Auteuil as a 3-year-old. His retirement to Haras de Montaigu is of particular resonance to the team there as his sire, the Juddmonte-bred Martaline (GB), was such a successful stallion for the farm until his death in 2019.

Gibson says, "Baumeec De Houelle is a proper stunner and when we look at him we see the great Martaline, who again this year is champion [National Hunt] sire for the fifth time in France."

The six-time winner is certainly a young sire for the notebook, with a number of British and Irish breeders starting to catch on by sending mares to France.

She adds, "His progeny did very well at the sales and we are looking forward to see his first 3-year-olds on the track this year."

Two new arrivals have been welcomed to Haras de Montaigu ahead of this covering season, though they are not newcomers to the stallion ranks. Both **Dabirsim (Ger)** and **Shamalgan (Fr)** have moved from Haras de Grandcamp, which is ceasing to stand stallions. **Cont. p4**



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Last year **Dschingis Secret (Ger)**, a Group 1-winning son of Germany's darling, Soldier Hollow (GB), also joined the team, transferring from Haras de Saint Arnoult.

"Dabirsim was second behind **Siyouni** in 2022 according to the number of races won," Gibson says. "He has already had five winners this year and he had two unbeaten 2-year-olds in Horizon Doré (Fr) and Over Wins (Fr) that we are very interested to follow this year.

"Shamalgalan, as he did in his racing career, does better and better at stud, and he celebrated a Group 1 winner last year with Toskana Belle (Fr), who won the German Oaks. Dschingis Secret had his first 2-year-olds on the track in 2022 and he had two winners, which is quite an achievement for a non-precocious horse."

Another new name at Haras de Montaigu last year was the

Juddmonte-bred globetrotter **Flintshire (GB)**, a five-time winner at the highest level in America and Hong Kong, who started his stud career at Kentucky's Hill 'n Dale Farms.

"We are confident that he will find the right mares here in

France, all turf mares," Gibson says of the son of Dansili (GB) who covered 72 mares in his first season in Europe. "This year, thoroughbred jump mares will be accepted and this could really open his book as we know that the National Hunt breeders are very keen to use him."

The former Godolphin representative **Jimmy Two Times (Fr)**, a treble group winner in France over seven furlongs and a mile, is another interesting member of the stallion barn at Montaigu. The son of Kendargent (Fr) spent two years at stud in Germany before

returning to Normandy, where he was bred at Haras de Saint Pair. [Cont. p5](#)



Beaumec De Houelle is one of three greys on the roster
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Jimmy Two Times will have his first French-bred yearlings at the sales this year and he, too, has a more personal connection to the Foriens and Gibson as a grandson of the stud's former resident Kendor (Fr)

"We love that Kendor line so much so we were very happy to receive him," enthuses Gibson.

Haras de Montaigu will doubtless be teeming with visitors this weekend, and if you have a soft spot for a grey then no fewer than three of the resident stallions, Beaumec De Houelle, Jimmy Two Times, and the G1 Prix Royal Oak winner **Technician (Ire)**, all share that coat colour.

"This weekend is very important for us as we have a lot of breeders visiting year after year," Gibson says. "It is a great opportunity to have a private chat with each of them and discuss mating plans for their mares, and the breeders love to discover the new stallions and see the changes in the horses who have been here for a few years."

That is doubtless a sentiment shared by all participants in this popular event. A full list of the stud farms and stallions available for viewing across the weekend can be found on the [Route des Etalons website](#).

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"What I can't figure out is why I don't get more 2-year-olds to train," Flynn said. "I have a really good opening to Hong Kong and we do what it says on the tin. No horse has ever come into this yard and made a fool of us once it left. If we get a horse good enough, we'll get it to win. I know the time of day with horses and have had loads of good ones down through the years." [Cont. p6](#)

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Pat Flynn Cont.

He added, "I don't know why we fell out of favour. It's a tough game."

Facing into the cold winter mornings were made a hell of a lot easier with a horse of the caliber of Starspangledwaves to look forward to. After posting a solid debut at the Curragh, the gelding bolted up in a five-furlong maiden at Dundalk in October and subsequently netted Flynn a major payday with Gaelic Bloodstock swooping in to get a deal done for clients in Hong Kong.



Designs On Rome winning the Classic Cup | HKJC

He explained, "I remember when we sold Designs On Rome to Hong Kong, I said to John Moore that he would be one of the best horses they had ever seen. He probably thought to himself, 'this f***er must be mad.' But anyway, he turned out to be a serious horse down there.

"Starspangledwaves is not too far behind him. He's a different type of horse but he's a fair machine. He's incredible. We ran him on bottomless ground at the Curragh, which he'd hate, and he still managed to finish fifth on debut there. Well, he won apologising at Dundalk after that and Conor [Hoban, jockey] said he never won a race as easily in his life before."

He added, "We're still pucking the ball out after 40 years in business, which is not a bad achievement in this game and I'm very proud of that. We're not complaining and have some lovely horses coming through. A lot of people have gone to the wall since I started and it hasn't been easy but this makes it all worthwhile.

"We got a lot of money for Designs Of Rome and we got something similar for Starspangledwaves. We got a very good price. But I stuck to my guns. I knew he was a serious horse and I told the agents not to be annoying me until they came up with a realistic offer." **Cont. p7**

All won the 2,000 Guineas...

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10 Gr.1 winners including in 2022 **Luxembourg** (Irish Champion S.-Gr.1) and **Sammarco** (Deutsches Derby-Gr.1, Grosser Dallmayr-Preis-Gr.1). 2022 yearlings sold for **€545,000, €515,000, €485,000, €365,000 etc.**

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69 Stakes winners worldwide and his Group winners in 2022 included **Brostaigh** (Prix du Gros-Chene-Gr.2, 5f., Chantilly)

GLENEAGLES (fee €17,500)

9 Stakes winners in 2022 including **Highland Chief** (Man O'War S.-Gr.1) and Gr.2-winning 2YOs **Royal Scotsman** and **Vero Atleta**. 2022 yearlings sold for **€790,000, €460,000, €175,000, €175,000 etc.**

MAGNA GRECIA (€15,000)

Classic-winning miler by **Invincible Spirit** just like **Kingman**. First yearlings sold for **€365,000, €200,000, €160,000, €155,000, €150,000, €150,000, €145,000, €140,000, €140,000, €130,000 etc.**

SAXON WARRIOR (fee €35,000)

3 Group winners from his first 2YO crop including **Victoria Road** (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-Gr.1). 2022 yearlings sold for **€545,000, €425,000, €390,000, €360,000 etc.**

CHURCHILL, sire of European Champion 3YO **Vadeni** from his first crop and Champion 2YO in France **Blue Rose Cen** from his second crop. **8 other sons of GALILEO** sired Gr.1 winners in 2022.



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Pat Flynn Cont.

He added, "They have a very good horse to look forward to in Hong Kong and I can see him being top-class over five and six furlongs over there. When you get a good horse, you need to get a good price."

Starspangledwaves failed to sell as a yearling but confirmed himself a top-notch prospect with his exploits on the track. In doing so, he continued a growing trend of Flynn maximising the potential of a horse who at one point fell through the cracks.

"Where were all the fellas who know it all the day we brought Starspangledwaves to the Orby? Thank God they weren't there that day anyway! We also sold a very good horse to Australia last year, All In The Mind (Ire), who we brought to the Royal Ascot sale but we couldn't get him sold.

"Thank God we didn't as it worked out for luck in the end when we got a deal done privately. It was a similar story with Designs On Rome--we bought him off Moyglare Stud for €10,500 outside of the ring at the Orby in 2011."

He said, "I can remember my hands were trembling when we came out of the office after buying him. I told my wife that I was after buying the best horse that would ever come through our yard. So, what does that all mean? The three horses I did well with were all led out unsold so, when your horse doesn't sell, you're not dead in the water by any means."

He added, "I think Starspangledwaves will do really well over there. He has a phenomenal stride and is an easygoing type. He's like a puma the way he gallops and I'd say he could go all the way to the top. Over five and six furlongs, he could be a serious force."

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ZARAK SHARE LEADS THE WAY AT TATTERSALLS ONLINE JANUARY SALE

Aga Khan Studs' sire **Zarak (Fr)** continues to prove popular at the sales, as Tom Goff's Blandford Bloodstock shelled out 350,000gns on behalf of Chasemore Farm for a 1/50th share (lot 63) in the rising sire star to top the Tattersalls Online January Sale on Thursday.

The son of Arc heroine Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) has gone from strength to strength with his progeny in the past few years.

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Among his many stakes winners are group winners Purplepay (Fr), Sirjan (Ger), Baiykara (Fr), Lavello (Ire), and Lizaid (Ger), while La Parisienne (Fr) was runner-up in the G1 Prix de Diane.

Goff said, "I'm delighted to have secured the share in **Zarak** on behalf of Chasemore Farm. Andrew and Jane Black have a number of mares that they would like to send to France to be covered by **Zarak** over the next few seasons so, after some discussion, the decision was to give it a go.

"The sire has done tremendously well so far. At 11% stakes winners to runners and 68% winners to runners to date, his statistics sit comfortably with Dubawi (Ire)'s other successful sons Night Of Thunder (Ire) and New Bay (GB) at the same stage. In addition to his stakes winners, **Zarak** has also sired La Parisienne (Fr), who was second in the [G1] Prix de Diane, so I'm sure it's only a matter of time before he sires his first Group 1 winner.

"The fact that he is managed by Georges Rimaud at Haras de Bonneval is another massive plus for me personally. We have first-hand experience of their stallion syndicates--they are absolutely blue chip and are exceptionally well managed."

The other lot to make six figures was a breeding right in one of last year's star first-crop sires, Whitsbury Manor Stud's **Havana Grey (GB)** (lot 66). Heather Raw came out the winning bidder at 105,000gns. The grey already has 16% stakes performers to runners, highlighted by group winners Rumstar (GB), Eddie's Boy (GB), and Lady Hollywood (GB), as well as listed winners Shouldvebeenaring (GB) and Cuban Mistress (GB).

Other breeding rights also went under the hammer, with one in **Time Test (GB)** (lot 62) making 32,000gns to WebBloodstock, and Stephen Hillen secured a breeding right to **Harry Angel (Ire)** (lot 65) for 30,000gns.



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Overall, 31 of the 67 lots sold for a gross of 656,500gns. The average was 21,177gns and the median was 2,600gns.

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MEKHTAAL JOINS KNOCKMULLEN HOUSE



Mekhtaal | Zuzanna Lupa

Mekhtaal (GB), a Group 1-winning son of **Sea The Stars (Ire)**, has been relocated from France to join Gordon Doyle's Knockmullen House Stud in Ireland.

The winner of the G1 Prix d'Isapahan and G2 Prix Hocquart for Al Shaqab Racing, the 10-year-old started his stud career at Haras de Bouquetot before spending last season at Haras du Grand Courgeon.

"Mekhtaal has arrived from France and I am very grateful to Al Shaqab for giving me the opportunity to stand him," Doyle said.

"I am really excited to have a Group 1 winner who is by the brilliant and popular **Sea The Stars** standing at Knockmullen. He was a high-class racehorse and comes from a wonderful dam line. His dam Aiglonne is a group winner who has bred four group or black-type winners, and it is the family of Group 1 winners Germance, Almutawakel (GB) and champion White Muzzle (GB). And being out of a Silver Hawk mare he is bred on a similar cross to leading sire Nathaniel (Ire)."

Mekhtaal will be standing alongside **Silas Marner (Fr)**, the only son of Muhtathir (GB) at stud in Ireland.

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CONOR GRANT APPOINTED NEW CHAIRMAN OF RACECOURSE MEDIA GROUP

Racehorse owner Conor Grant will be the new Chairman of Racecourse Media Group (RMG), replacing Roger Lewis. Grant will initially join as an RMG Non-Executive Director on Apr. 1, and then become Chairman of RMG on Oct. 1. [Cont. p9](#)

Conor Grant Cont.

Grant has 24 years of experience in the UK and Irish gambling sector, including 14 years in senior executive roles. He was most recently CEO of Flutter UK & Ireland, and, prior to that, was Chief Operating Officer of Sky Betting & Gaming.

The umbrella organisation for 35 British racecourses and the parent company of Racing TV, RMG is owned 100% by its racecourse shareholders and pays 100% of operating profit back to racecourses. In 2021, the shareholders were paid £110 million, and that figure will be exceeded for the media and data revenues generated in 2022.

Grant said, "I am delighted to be joining Racecourse Media Group at such an exciting time for the business and the broader racing industry. RMG has delivered outstanding results for its shareholders in recent years, and I would like to pay tribute to Roger who has done a fantastic job, along with CEO Martin Stevenson, in growing and developing the business. I look forward to working with the RMG team and continuing to deliver for all of our racecourses."

Nevin Truesdale, CEO of The Jockey Club and Non-Executive Director on the RMG Board, said, "I am delighted to welcome Conor to the RMG Board and to be working with him as we further develop the business for the benefit of its shareholder racecourses. Conor brings significant and in-depth expertise to the industry, acquired over a long period of time, and this will help shape our strategies and address the challenges we are facing."

Originally due to step down in 2022, Lewis was asked by the RMG Board to stay on through the transition. Independent Non-Executive Director Andy Anson will also be stepping down in April.

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JUDDMONTE AND KEENELAND CONTINUE THEIR CURRAGH GROUP 1 RACE SPONSORSHIP

Juddmonte and Keeneland have renewed their sponsorships of the Curragh's G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Phoenix S., respectively.

The feature race of the two-day Juddmonte Irish Oaks Weekend on Saturday, July 22, the Juddmonte Irish Oaks has been won three times by horses carrying the Juddmonte colours with Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) (2017), Bolas (GB) (Unfuwain) (1994) and Wemyss Bight (GB) (Dancing Brave) in 1993. Currently there are 87 first entries for the €500,000 summer Classic, including Juddmonte's debut winner Bluestocking (GB) (**Camelot {GB}**). Juddmonte started as the sponsor of the G2 Beresford S. in 1988; sponsored the G1 Pretty Polly S. in 2018, and began sponsoring the Irish Oaks in 2020.

Douglas Erskine-Crum, CEO of Juddmonte, said "Juddmonte is delighted to renew our sponsorship of the G1 Juddmonte Irish Oaks. It is extremely important to Juddmonte to support Irish racing and breeding and appreciate its sizeable contribution to the wider industry; we feel the Irish Oaks and Curragh racecourse are perfectly placed to demonstrate this commitment."

Brian Kavanagh, CEO Curragh Racecourse, Ltd., said "We are delighted to be able to announce the extension of Juddmonte's sponsorship of the Irish Oaks and look forward to a quality renewal as always in July. Juddmonte have been fantastic supporters of the Curragh and of the industry here in Ireland for many years as owners, breeders and sponsors and we greatly look forward to our continued partnership with them in this prestigious race. The Irish Oaks has been won by some wonderful fillies over the years, including the great Enable in 2017."

Starting their sponsorship of the Phoenix S. in 2010, Keeneland will extend their commitment to the race for another three years. In 2022, Little Big Bear (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) took the prize and was crowned **Europe's Champion 2-Year-old** with a mark of 124. Prize-money will increase to €350,000 in 2024 and then €400,000 in 2025.

Shannon Arvin, President and CEO of Keeneland, said, "Keeneland's close connection with the Irish bloodstock and racing industries goes back many decades and we are delighted to celebrate that ongoing bond with the continuation of this longstanding sponsorship."

"We witnessed Little Big Bear win one of the best renewals of the Keeneland Phoenix S. last season, with a performance that this week saw him crowned Europe's champion juvenile, and we look forward to working with the Curragh to continue to grow the race in future years." [Cont. p10](#)

Juddmonte/Keeneland Cont.

Added Kavanagh, “Keeneland have been a valued partner for the Curragh for many years and we are delighted to be able to announce this extension and enhancement of their sponsorship. They are a pleasure to deal with and the ties between Keeneland and the Irish racing and breeding industries have become stronger in recent years. Their commitment to increasing prize-money for the race over the next three years is most welcome and we greatly look forward to working with Keeneland on this sponsorship.”

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ITBA NATIONAL BREEDING & RACING AWARDS SET FOR JAN. 28

The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association (ITBA) National Breeding & Racing Awards 2022 will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28. The annual awards recognise the success of Irish-bred horses, both Flat and National Hunt in 2022, as well as those who have made a lifelong contribution to the Irish Thoroughbred breeding industry. The ceremony will be streamed live from 10 p.m. on the [ITBA’s website](#).

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LUCKY VEGA SIRES FIRST REPORTED NORTHERN HEMISPHERE-BORN FOAL

Group 1 winner **Lucky Vega (Ire)** sired his first reported Northern Hemisphere-born foal at Bobby and Honora Donworth’s Round Hill Stud. Out of Grace And Virtue (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), the filly was bred by the Donworths, as was her winning dam, who is the family of the G1 Commonwealth Cup hero Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}).

Bobby Donworth said the new arrival was “a high quality filly with plenty of substance, she’d encourage you to use Lucky Vega again this season. She’s immediately related to champion fillies Rizeena (Ire) and Serena’s Song, so it’s a superb fillies’ page.

The Irish National Stud’s Gary Swift said, “It’s a tremendous start for Lucky Vega, the firepower this horse has been supplied with in his first and second season in top-class mares is unprecedented; Yulong have done everything to facilitate him becoming the most exciting young stallion around and he is certainly the one to be on.”

A winner of the G1 Phoenix S., Lucky Vega commands €15,000 this year. He also shuttles to Yulong in Australia, and his first foals arrived in the Southern Hemisphere in 2022.

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Lucky Vega’s first reported Northern Hemisphere foal is a filly out of Grace And Virtue | *INS*

DANNY BROCK DISQUALIFIED FOR 15 YEARS DUE TO CORRUPTION AND FRAUD CHARGES

Former jockey Danny Brock has been banned for 15 years by a British Horseracing Authority (BHA) independent disciplinary panel. Brock was found to have breached the rules regarding corruption and fraud and he was subject to a BHA disciplinary hearing in December.

Five other individuals--Sean McBride, assistant trainer to his father Philip ‘Charlie’ McBride, Luke Olley, Eugene Maloney, Andrew Perring and Luke Howells--were collectively found to have profited from Brock’s corruption and were also tried at the December disciplinary hearing.

The rules breaches were in regard to a trio of races on the all-weather between December 2018 and March 2019. Six other races were reviewed to contrast Brock’s riding style when riding to win and when not trying. A pattern was found between the outcome of the races in question and the betting habits of the other individuals involved in the hearing.

Five of the six involved in the charges did not cooperate with the panel, with Maloney, Perring and Howells have been excluded since 2020 without appeal for 15 years for failing to cooperate with proceedings. None of Olley’s alleged breaches could be proven, but he too has been subject to an exclusion since 2020 for failing to comply with the BHA’s investigation. Only McBride chose to cooperate with the hearing and give evidence before the panel, and he was banned for seven years. Brock, now a greyhound trainer, did not attend the hearing.

The horses ridden by Brock in the three races in question have been disqualified and his own disqualification will take effect immediately. [Cont. p11](#)

Danny Brock Cont.

The BHA released a statement which read, “This welcome outcome sends a powerful message that conduct of this nature will never be tolerated in British racing.

“The conduct of the individuals found in breach in this case risked undermining confidence in our sport and flagrantly disregarded the hard work and dedication of people up and down the country who carry out their duties in good faith.

“It is vital that supporters and bettors have faith in the fairness and integrity of our sport. At the same time, participants must have absolute confidence that they are competing on a level playing field.

“We are grateful to the panel for their diligence in hearing and passing judgement on this important case.”

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Result:

1st-Kempton, £7,000, Novice, 1-19, 3yo, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:39.71, st/sl.

FRENCH INVASION (IRE) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Jumooch {GB}, by Monsun {Ger}), sent off at 3-1, broke well before being restrained to race behind the leaders. Sent to the front passing the two-furlong pole, the bay powered clear in impressive fashion to score by six lengths from Barrel Aged (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to **Sea The Stars'** G1 Sydney Cup hero Shraaoh (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), his G2 Chairmans Quality and G3 Bahrain Trophy winner and Sydney Cup-placed Raheen House (Ire) and his listed-winning and group-placed Sea Of Faith (Ire), as well as to Born With Pride (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}) who captured the Listed Montrose Fillies S. on her debut. The dam, whose yearling filly is also by **Sea The Stars**, is kin to the G2 Queen Mary S. winner and G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Cheveley Park S.-placed Maqaasid (GB) (Green Desert) and to the dam of the G1 San Isidro hero Il Fornaio (Arg) (Orpen). This is the family of the Classic heroine Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway) and Nashwan et al. Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 12,000gns 2yo '22 TATAHI. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,666.

O-Mr Simon Munir & Mr Isaac Souede; B-Sunderland Holdings Inc (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-Kempton, £25,000, 1-19, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.05, st/sl. **ANNAF (IRE) (c, 4, Muhaarar {GB}--Shimah {SW & G1SP-Ire, \$161,479}, by Storm Cat)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$102,323.

O-Fosnic Racing; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Mick Appleby. *16,000gns 2yo '21 TATAHI. **1/2 to Mushir (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), SW-Eng, SP-UAE, \$171,335.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Serenity Rose (Ire), f, 3, **James Garfield (Ire)**--Easton Arch, by Arch. Wolverhampton, 1-19, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:54.51. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$12,077. B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE). *£8,000 Ylg '21 TATIRY; 35,000gns 2yo '22 TATBRG.

Kingdom Come (Ire), g, 4, **Kingman (GB)**--Monami (Ger) (MGSW-Ger, G1SP-Ity, \$151,856), by Sholokhov {Ire}). Kempton, 1-19, 7f (AWT), 1:27.36. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$4,666. B-Gestut Etzean (IRE). *340,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; €580,000 2yo '21 ARQDEA. **1/2 to Miss Yoda (Ger) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), G1SW-Ger, SW & GSP-Eng, \$403,498.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Debutantes, 1-19, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f, 1:42.02, vs.

KNOCK ON (FR) (f, 3, Zelzal {Fr}--Acclamee {Fr}, by Acclamation {GB}), sent off at 9-1, sat behind the leading duo with the tempo moderate. Leading out the sprint with 300 metres remaining, the dark bay held a 1 1/2-length advantage over Elauneil (Ire) (Dabirsim {Fr}) at the line. The dam, who hails from the family of the GIII Knickerbocker S. scorer Violon Sacre (Stravinsky), also has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named L'Ange Gardien (Fr) and a yearling full-brother Mise En Boite (Fr). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Haras de Saint-Voir & Ecurie Seyssel; B-Haras de Saint-Voir (FR); T-Philippe Decouz.

3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Debutantes, 1-19, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f, 1:36.15, vs.

BLACK FALCON (FR) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Moon Over Water {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), the 9-10 favourite, tanked his way to the front from the outset. Hanging left towards the rail throughout the straight, the bay had enough in hand to score by 3/4 of a length from Tell Me Why (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}). The dam, whose yearling colt is by Elvstroem (Aus), is a half to the G1 Dubai World Cup hero Moon Ballad (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) and to the dam of Galileo's G2 Hardwicke S.-winning sire Telescope (Ire). Sales history: €6,000 Ylg '21 ARQFEB; €80,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Laurent Dassault, Ecurie B Weill & Daniel-Yves Treves; B-High Valley Equine Ltd (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, 1-19, 4yo, 12 1/2ft, 2:44.02, vs. PENDULUM VALLEY (FR) (c, 4, Attendu {Fr}--Galilee {Fr}, by Mr Sidney) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, €54,950. O-SARL Groupe KR; B-Haras du Quesnay (FR); T-Edouard Monfort. *€47,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, 1-19, 5yo/up, 12 1/2ft, 2:49.06, vs.

POUVOIR ROYAL (IRE) (h, 5, Mayson {GB}--Hawaiian Heat {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 16-6-1-3, €162,320. O-Ecurie Friedrider & Free Man Racing; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€50,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT.



IN THE UAE:

Western Writer (Ire), g, 4, Shamardal--Yodelling, by Medaglia d'Oro. Abu Dhabi, 1-19, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:38.13. O-Athbah Racing. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Bhupat Seemar. *AED1,800,000 HRA '22 ERASEP.

IN QATAR:

Inverness (Ire), c, 4, Highland Reel (Ire)--Four Eleven, by Arch. Al Rayyan, 1-19, Khor Al Adaid Cup (Qat-G3, NBT), 2800mT, 3:05.05. B-Knockainey Stud. *€60,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 110,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 380,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT.

VIDEO (SC 12)

second in the G1 Sir Rupert Clarke S. at Caulfield when last seen on Sept. 17.

"We're delighted with I Am Superman since arriving in Dubai," said O'Callaghan. "He's in really good form ahead of Friday and Colin Keane is over to ride both him and **Fastnet Crown (Ire)** (Hallowed Crown {Aus}) [in the Dubai Eye 103.8 H.]."



I Am Superman | DRC

Bearing the coveted blue cap among the Godolphin quintet is 2021 G1 2000 Guineas runner-up and dual group hero **Master Of The Seas (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) for Charlie Appleby. He was last in action at HQ taking the G3 Earl Of Sefton S. in April.

Appleby, who is gunning for a sixth edition of the Zabeel Mile, said, "Master Of The Seas has settled in well in Dubai, but we are very much working back from Dubai World Cup night and Super Saturday. There will be some natural improvement from whatever he does here."

Among trainer Saeed bin Suroor's three-pronged attack is **Land Of Legends (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), whose biggest triumph was the 2021 G2 Al Fahidi Fort.

"This looks a tough race for the three of them," said the trainer, who also saddles 2022 G2 Al Rashidiya winner **Desert Fire (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) and **Laser Show (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}).

Fillies To The Fore In Guineas Hunt

A select field of seven fillies vie for the first Classic crown of the season in Friday's \$150,000 Listed UAE 1000 Guineas Presented By ARN. The 1600-metre dirt test is anchored by Harry Eustace's **Cite D'Or (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}). Already a dual winner in the UK, the sixth-place finisher in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud last October is the first runner for her Haras de Colleville-based sire in Dubai and is making her dirt bow. **Cont. p13**

RACE PREVIEWS

'SUPERMAN' AIMING FOR VICTORY IN

ZABEEL MILE by Heather Anderson

The G2 Zabeel Mile Presented By ARN is the showpiece during Friday's Dubai World Cup Carnival card at Meydan. The \$180,000 1600-metre event has attracted a field of eight, five of which carry the Godolphin blue. However, the most intriguing runner is Michael O'Callaghan's dual group winner **I Am Superman (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand** {GB}).

Back from a successful sojourn Down Under where he landed the G2 Shannon S. in 2020 and the G2 Ajax S. in 2021 for Peter & Paul Snowden, the 7-year-old is hoping to tally a win in his third individual country. A three-time scorer in his native land and third in the G3 Desmond S. in 2019, I Am Superman was

Friday’s Meydan Preview Cont.

“She travelled out to Meydan on Dec. 29,” said majority owner Nick Bradley. “She’s done everything right to date but the dirt is an unknown. She’ll go from here to the [G3] UAE Oaks which has been her target since November.”

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum’s **Mimi Kakushi** (City Of Light) makes her first run back since storming home a two-length winner over **Asawer** (**Nyquist**) and **Awasef** (**Cairo Prince**) in a local 1400-metre conditions race at third asking on Dec. 23. “I’m happy with Mimi Kakushi, even with the extra furlong from her last race.” said trainer Salem bin Ghadayer.

Al Khail Trophy Attracts Classic Hero

Bennett Racing’s **Ardakan** (**GB**) (Reliable Man {GB}) steps up in trip to 2810 metres over the Meydan turf in the Listed Al Khail Trophy Presented By ARN, the third and final black-type race of the day. The 2022 G2 Italian Derby hero, formerly trained by Markus Klug, was placed in the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin in August. His final run of the year was a fourth in Belmont Park’s GIII Jockey Club Derby Invitational S. over 1 1/2 miles on Sept. 17.

“Ardakan joined us after his run in the US,” said Lucia Botti, overseeing the team in Dubai. “He’s a lovely big, imposing, young horse whose plan is to run hopefully in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup. He has settled into his daily routine nicely here and we are all very excited to see him racing for us, up in distance, on Friday.”

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Feb. 12	G3 Kyodo News Hai G3 Kyoto Kinen



\$180,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Selected yearling turned \$250,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile Mimi Kakushi is aiming to become her sire’s fourth stakes winner at Meydan on Friday. | DRC

Friday, Meydan, post time: 20:20

ZABEEL MILE-G2, \$180,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	S. bin Suroor	P. Dobbs	126
2	6	Erzindjan (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	A. bin Harmash	R. Dawson	126
3	5	I Am Superman	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	M. O'Callaghan	C. Keane	126
4	8	Land of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	S. bin Suroor	P. Cosgrave	126
5	7	Laser Show (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	S. bin Suroor	L. Steward	126
6	1	Master of the Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	C. Appleby	W. Buick	126
7	3	Modern News	Shamardal	C. Appleby	J. Doyle	126
8	2	Shelir (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	D. O'Meara	D. Tudhope	126

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Friday, Meydan, 19:45 p.m.

UAE 1000 GUINEAS-Listed, \$150,000, 2yo, 2810m

SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 3	Asawer	Nyquist	D. Watson	P. Dobbs	126
2 6	Awasef	Cairo Prince	D. Watson	S. Hitchcott	126
3 7	Cite d'Or (Fr)	Gallway (GB)	H. Eustace	W. Buick	126
4 2	Here We Are	Super Saver	S. bin Ghadayer	R. French	126
5 5	Mimi Kakushi	City of Light	S. bin Ghadayer	M. Barzalona	126
6 4	Nafas	Cairo Prince	B. Seemar	T. O'Shea	126
7 1	Unjokable	Practical Joke	A. bin Harmash	R. Dawson	126

Friday, Meydan, 20:55 p.m., TVG

AL KHAIL TROPHY-Listed, \$100,000, NH 5yo/up, SH 3yo/up, SH 5yo, 2810mT

SC PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 2	Emperor of the Sun (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	F. Nass	A. de Vries	132
2 8	Get Shirty (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	D. O'Meara	D. Tudhope	129
3 3	Ardakan (GB)	Reliable Man (GB)	M. Botti	J. Doyle	127
4 1	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	I. Mohammed	M. Barzalona	125
5 5	Charging Thunder (GB)	War Command	D. O'Meara	W. Buick	122
6 9	Global Heat (Ire)	Toronado (Ire)	S. bin Suroor	P. Cosgrove	122
7 4	Tides of War (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	D. Simcock	C. Fallon	122
8 7	WickyWickyWheels (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	B. Seemar	T. O'Shea	122
9 10	Traila (GB)	Australia (GB)	D. Simcock	R. Mullen	119
10 6	New Comedy (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	A. Al Shemali	A. Fresu	117

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SKIRT THE LAW BAGS THE MM CLASSIC



Skirt The Law | Michael McInally

by Lydia Symonds

It was an all-Queensland affair in the rescheduled R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic as the Tony Gollan-trained **Skirt The Law** (Better Than Ready) preserved her unbeaten record when she showed an electric turn of foot to land the \$2-million feature in facile fashion ([video](#)).

In winning the race, the 2-year-old filly handed her all-female ownership group a massive payout as they secured the coveted Racing Women's Bonus.

Ridden by Queensland-based jockey Ryan Maloney, the daughter of Better Than Ready had not been seen since her victory at Doomben 47 days ago.

However, the long break certainly had no ill effects on the filly as she emerged from the pack halfway down the back straight to eventually post a 1.5l win over the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained **Platinum Jubilee** (Zoustar), while the runner-up stablemate, **Summer Loving** (Exceed And Excel), was another 1l away in third.

It was a race for the fillies as **Infatuation** (I Am Invincible) and **Fire Lane** (Hellbent) finished fourth and fifth respectively, while the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained **Empire Of Japan** (Snitzel), who was sent off the \$5 favourite, was the first colt past the post when he finished sixth.

It was the first victory in the \$2-million contest for Lyndhurst Farm-based Better Than Ready, who came close to winning the race in 2021 when Alpine Edge ran second behind Shaquero

(Shalaa {Ire}), while this is the first victory in the race for Gollan, who expressed his delight after the race.

"She is bloody good, isn't she?" Gollan said. "We haven't raced for nearly seven weeks now. We are lucky we came down here for this trial.

"I didn't show it, but I was a little bit edgy waiting a few more days (after the rain washed out Saturday). You've got to have faith in your horse, we had plenty of faith in her today. She did everything right and was super.

"Probably up there with the biggest thrill I've had in racing today (Thursday)."

Pedigree Notes

Skirt The Law herself was bred by Lyndhurst Stud and is out of listed-placed mare Outlaw Kate (Exceed And Excel), who was acquired by the Queensland operation for \$30,000 at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale in 2019.

Following the purchase, the page continued to be updated, most notably when her dam's half-brother, Masked Crusader (Toronado {Ire}), snared the most high-profile victory to date in the 2021 G1 William Reid S., which proved to be a timely update ahead of Skirt The Law's sale on the Gold Coast.

The filly eventually made \$170,000 at the Magic Millions sale in January, catching the eye of her subsequent trainer, John Foote Bloodstock (FBAA) and Black Soil Bloodstock.

The victory caps off a brilliant last week on the Gold Coast for Better Than Ready who had eight yearlings sell for an average of \$197,500 during Book 1. The octet of youngsters included a colt who was purchased by China Horse Club, Newgate, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy for \$530,000, which is a new record for a yearling by the stallion.

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