













**Seven Days cont.**

Or these, from the New York Times the next day after another two horses were euthanised on the Derby undercard: "It is the horses that are feeding everyone in a multibillion-dollar industry. It is the humans who are letting them down."

For most participants within the sport, abusing horses with so-called performance-enhancing drugs is unthinkable, but that's not enough. It must become abhorrent to all. Now is not the time for complacency or obstinance or cheating. If we want this great love affair to continue, now is the time for a public display of commitment.

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**Princess Zoe Moved From Mullins cont. from p1**

He told *TDN Europe* on Monday, "It's terribly, terribly disappointing--I will never forget the mare anyway. She is gone to another trainer. Paddy bought out the other shareholder who disagreed with the decision. I had a connection with that mare that I don't think I had with any other horse in my life."



**Tony Mullins with Princess Zoe | Tattersalls/Laura Green**

He added, "We'll have to live with it now. It's a tough one to take but I'll never forget her. Paddy was adamant about forging out a hurdling career with her and he thought that Danny [Mullins, jockey and Tony's son] didn't get on with her. I didn't agree with either thing."

"I thought that, if she came around, there might be another Flat race in her. But, for me, persisting at hurdling is not something I could agree with."

Princess Zoe has won £428,676 in career earnings. She was offered at last year's December Mares Sale at Tattersalls but failed to meet her reserve and was bought back by connections for 300,000gns.

Kehoe, who voiced his criticism about Danny Mullins on Twitter after Cheltenham in March, was contacted for comment by TDN Europe on Monday and confirmed that Princess Zoe had been taken away from her trainer but failed to elaborate further.

He said, "There are other things involved here which I do not want to comment on. I have no doubt that Tony won't want to comment either."

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**“SHE LOOKED LIKE A MOOSE AT THE SALES” - GROUP 1 PLANS FOR 5K PURCHASE**

*By Brian Sheerin*



**Stephen Hillen | Tattersalls**

Bloodstock agent Stephen Hillen has recalled how Sunday's G2 Dahlia S. winner *Via Sistina* (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) would not have won any beauty pageants as a yearling but revealed a certain amount of thinking-outside-of-the-box has led to him dreaming of big-race riches with the George Boughey-trained mare.

*Via Sistina* couldn't have been more impressive at Newmarket on Sunday. She travelled into the race like a dream under Jamie Spencer, a good friend of Hillen's, and won going away by six lengths without having to be asked too many questions in the saddle.

It was a performance that screamed quality and Hillen, who is better known for finding top-notch prospects for clients in his role as a bloodstock agent, is being rewarded for playing the long game with the horse he picked up for just 5,000gns at the December Yearling Sales in 2019.

"She was a giant as a yearling," Hillen recalled. "She is probably close to 17 hh at present. But she looked like a moose at the sales--big and backward."

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**HKIR Purse Increase cont.**

Including substantial increases to the PP and PPG bonus scheme, Hong Kong’s domestic racing prize money pool will increase by 8% alone next season—with an additional HK\$94 million on offer—to HK\$1.38 billion.

“The Longines Hong Kong International Races continue to be widely recognised as the ‘Turf World Championships’ and the HK\$118 million total prize money on offer next season also underscores the Club’s commitment to attracting and rewarding the world’s best horses and their connections,” Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, said. “With growing competition around the world, it is crucial that Hong Kong’s two international race days—Longines Hong Kong International Races and FWD Champions Day—continue to be destinations of choice for owners, trainers and jockeys from around the world.”

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