

ABEL TASMAN STARS AT KEEJAN OPENER



Abel Tasman | Keeneland Photo

by Christie DeBernardis & Jessica Martini

The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale was off to a strong start Monday in Lexington even before Abel Tasman (Quality Road) strode into the ring, but the fireworks erupted for the Eclipse champion, who ultimately sold for a sales-record \$5 million to Coolmore. It was the most ever paid for a broodmare prospect at the January sale and tied the auction's highest-priced offering set by the broodmare Mackie in 2000.

"We are very proud and pleased to be able to offer Abel Tasman and to get that result," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. "We thank the Cleary brothers and the China Horse Club for the opportunity to market her."

During Monday's session, 223 horses sold for \$21,052,200. The average was \$94,404 and the median was \$39,000. With 93 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 29.43%.

During the first session of last year's January sale, 186 head sold for \$13,265,100 for an average of \$71,318 and a median of \$45,000. The highest price at last year's opening session was \$485,000, one of two to top \$400,000 on the day. Three sold for \$700,000 or over Monday.

"It was a very solid session across the board," Russell said. "Even taking Abel Tasman out of the numbers, the sale is very well up."

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Q&A: CORMAC BREATHNACH ON MCCRAKEN

by Kelsey Riley

First-year stallions always create a lot of buzz in January in Kentucky, with farms showing off the new arrivals at open houses to breeders eager to see how they have developed since they left the track, and reminding those breeders of their racing exploits. Sunday, we caught up with Cormac Breathnach, Director of Stallion Nominations for Airdrie Stud, to talk about their new multiple graded stakes-winning son of Ghostzapper, McCracken.

TDN: Let's talk a minute about his racing career.

CB: McCracken was a top performer. He was an undefeated, graded-stakes-winning 2-year-old and to this point still remains the only graded 2-year-old colt by Ghostzapper. **Cont. p13**

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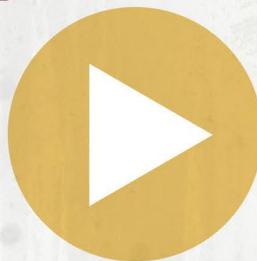


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Heading into Monday's opening session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, champion 3-year-old filly Abel Tasman (Quality Road) was the one everyone was looking to for fireworks and the 5-year-old did not disappoint, realizing a \$5-million final bid from Team Coolmore. Sales coverage continues on page 3. | Justina Severni

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A colt by Into Mischief, also bred by the Cleary's Clearsky Farms, was the day's top-priced short weanling when bringing a final bid of \$375,000.

"Short yearlings are very much in demand," Russell said. "There is a great appetite for them still. I hope that continues on."

Taylor Made Sales Agency, which consigned Abel Tasman, sold 50 horses during the session for a gross of \$9,433,000 and an average of \$188,660. The agency's Mark Taylor continued to see demand at the top, but horses struggling to find buyers at the lower levels.

"It's been good, but it's been very much like it always is in this market," Taylor said. "The top 5% is really good and it's fun. And then the next 20% is solid and it's good, but below that, it's really tricky. If you're selling a \$100,000 horse, don't be confused and think she's a \$200,000 mare. You need to know what you have and set your reserve accordingly."

The Keeneland January sale continues through Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

Abel Tasman to Coolmore

"She's a queen, though, isn't she?" Ashford Stud manager Dermot Ryan said after signing the ticket at a sale-record tying \$5 million to acquire champion Abel Tasman (Quality Road) (hip 288) on behalf of Coolmore. "They are very rare when they come across like that. She had everything and would be anybody's dream filly to own."

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency on behalf of Clearsky Farms and the China Horse Club, Abel Tasman is a six-time Grade I winner. She won the 2017 GI Kentucky Oaks, GI Acorn S. and GI Coaching Club American Oaks and was second in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff before earning the Eclipse statue as champion 3-year-old filly. Her 2018 season included wins in the GI Ogden Phipps S. and GI Personal Ensign S. and she is a finalist for Eclipse champion older female.

"Quality Road is one of your premier young sires at the moment," Ryan said. "Being by Quality Road, it leaves her open to all the Coolmore stallions. We have American Pharoah, Justify, Uncle Mo, Galileo (Ire)--all of those directions. M.V. [Magnier] will talk to his dad and partners and they'll decide and let us know."

Abel Tasman's \$5-million price tag tied the Keeneland January record set in 2000 when Britton House Stud purchased Mackie, in foal to Mr. Prospector. **Cont. p4**

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The sale was a good result for both sides, according to Mark Taylor of Taylor Made.

“I thought it was a good price for the seller and I thought it was good value for the buyer,” Taylor said. “You can’t say \$5 million isn’t premium and maybe you get a little greedy, but I just had a lot of respect for Abel Tasman. I think she is worth every penny of that.”

Coolmore purchased Mariah’s Storm, in foal to Storm Cat, from Taylor Made for \$2.6 million at the 1996 Keeneland November sale. That in utero foal became champion and standout stallion Giant’s Causeway. Taylor thinks the operation may have scored a similar score with Abel Tasman.



Abel Tasman | Keeneland

“She is the kind of mare that can produce a stallion and you could be sitting here 20 years from now, like the case was when Coolmore bought Mariah’s Storm from us,” Taylor said. “She could be a mare that makes you \$300 or \$400 million. It’s a lot of money, but she’s worth a lot of money. She has tons of potential down the road.”

Bidding on the star filly began dramatically in the packed pavilion, with an opening salvo of \$3 million instantly hushing the expectant crowd.

“I think it was interesting that someone opened her up at \$3 million,” Taylor said. “I think that is indicative of the fact that you don’t have a huge pool of people willing to play at that level. There are a handful of them and

they are all pros, so there is no reason to mess around from zero to \$3 million. I don’t think Coolmore actually got engaged until about \$4.5 million, so they waited and waited and then got engaged. They were well north of the reserve and there were lots of live bids between the reserve and \$5 million.” **Cont. p5**

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"That's a nice little testimonial to their program," Taylor said of the session-topping yearling. "They do a fantastic job. Their dad started the operation and they've progressed and carried on. They have a great farm manager [Barry Robinette] and great land and they are very shrewd about the mares they buy. Hats off to them, they are doing an amazing job."

The China Horse Club, which is also co-owners of Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy), bought into Abel Tasman prior to her 3-year-old campaign.

"China Horse Club has only been in the business five years and have won an English Derby, Kentucky Oaks and a Triple Crown," Taylor said. "The plan they put together and how they are executing it is nothing short of just phenomenal. It was a pleasure to work with both of those groups and we just got lucky enough to present Abel Tasman to the public."

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Teo Reflects on the Impact of Abel Tasman

It was a hard decision for China Horse Club Founder and Chairman **Teo Ah Khing** to part with champion **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road), who has meant so much to his operation. Ultimately Teo and his partners Clearsky Farm, who bred the superstar mare, decided it was the best business move and they were rewarded Monday when the six-time Grade I winner topped the auction on a \$5 million bid from Coolmore.

"We wish the best of luck to the buyer," said Teo, who watched the bidding in the pavilion, seated beside his wife Ivy. "We enjoyed the journey with her from 2-year-old to 3-year-old to 4-year-old. She is such a great horse and has done so much in her career, especially for the China Horse Club. She brought China Horse Club into American Grade I territory. She is our ambassador."

The China Horse Club bought half of Abel Tasman at the end of her juvenile campaign, just after her win in the 2016 GI Starlet S. Transferred to Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, the bay went from last-to-first in the 2017 GI Kentucky Oaks, becoming the China Horse Club's first American Grade I winner in just their third year in the horse racing industry. She followed suit with wins in the GI Acorn S. and GI CCA Oaks and finished second in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff to clinch the Eclipse Award for champion 3-year-old filly. **Cont. p6**

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An impressive winner of both the GI Ogden Phipps S. and GI Personal Ensign S. in 2018, Abel Tasman is up for a second Eclipse as one of the finalists in the top older dirt female category.

“The Kentucky Oaks opened up the door for the Chinese to believe that America is a good place to invest in the horse industry,” said Teo. “Abel Tasman has done a lot for the American industries through China Horse Club. We are sad to part with her, but we hope this encourages more Chinese to buy in America.” --@CDeBernardisTDN

Summer Wind Scoops Up a ‘Star’

Summer Wind Farm owner **Jane Lyon** was unable to make the trip in from Arkansas for the January sale, but she still made her presence felt, going to \$750,000 to secure **A Star is Born (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (hip 229), who is in foal to War Front.

“I felt it was a very, very good price for a mare who has produced a Group 1-placed foal, is by Galileo and is in foal to War Front,” Lyon said when reached by phone in her hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. “I probably would not have gone much higher because I have bought a lot of mares this year, but I did not want to let her get away at a bargain.”

A daughter of SP Looking Back (Stravinsky), A Star is Born is full-sister to Irish Highweight Rip Van Winkle (Ire) and a half to Italian GSW Le Vie Infinite (Le Vie Dei Colori). Campaigned by Aidan O’Brien and the Coolmore contingent, the bay won just one of her eight starts, but has been quite successful in the breeding shed.

A Star is Born’s first foal was the now-4-year-old colt Fleet Review (War Front), who is a stakes winner and MG1SP in Europe. Her second foal Dual Career, another War Front colt, summoned 475,000 guineas at the 2017 Tattersall’s October Sale. The 8-year-old mare produced by fillies by War Front in 2017 and 2018.

“I thought she was a world class mare, the dam of a very good horse and in foal to War Front,” said Hill ‘n’ Dale’s John Sikura, who consigned the mare. “Galileo is the best stallion on the planet, so she is everything you could hope for. She has a good public auction record as far as how well her foals have sold. She is a relatively young mare in foal to a great horse and she is already a producer. It is very fair money. I think she could have made \$1 million.”



A Star is Born | Keeneland

The Galileo/War Front cross has been very successful in the past, producing the likes of Grade/Group 1 winners U S Navy Flag, Fog of War and Roly Poly. Lyon bought another Galileo mare in foal to War Front at the recent Keeneland November sale, going to \$1.75 million for Key to My Heart (Ire) (click [here](#) for KEENOV story).

“I thought the only Galileo mare I would ever have is the filly I just sent down to Billy Mott [a now-3-year-old homebred out of More Hennessy (Hennessy)],” Lyon said. “But, when we saw [Key to My Heart] in November, she was just an outstandingly gorgeous specimen. [Summer Wind manager] Bobby [Spalding] and I both just loved her. We thought we would be there at the right price and we were. It was kind of the same thing with this mare. We thought we would be there if it was not an over the top price. Hopefully if she produced one Grade I-caliber horse, she will do it again!”

It has been a banner year for Summer Wind Farm both on the racetrack and in the sales ring. The Georgetown nursery is responsible for undefeated MGISW and soon-to-be champion Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) and dual Grade I winner McKinzie (Street Sense). Lyon also bred and races GISW Chasing Yesterday (Tapit), a half-sister to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile). The farm sold the \$520,000 yearling topper at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale; were represented by an \$875,000 American Pharoah filly at Fasig-Tipton’s Saratoga Sale; and sold 11 yearlings for a gross of \$5.705 million and average of \$518,636 at Keeneland September.

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SHIBBOLETH (c. by Danzig). 4 wins in 7 starts at 3 and 4, £66,978, in England, Hitchins Criterion S. [G3], Milcars King Charles II S.; winner at 5, \$89,074, in N.A./U.S., Jaipur H. [G3] (BEL, \$67,140). (Total: \$187,624).
HARPIA (f. by Danzig). Placed in 2 starts at 3, €4,116, in France; 5 wins to 5, \$289,939, in N.A./U.S., Shirley Jones H. [G3], etc. (Total: \$294,389).
EUPHONIC (f. by The Minstrel). Winner at 2 and 3, €41,161, in France, Prix Amandine, etc.; winner at 4, \$50,625, in N.A./U.S. (Total: \$100,592).

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Fatale Bere Sparks Late Fireworks

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A two-time winner in Europe, the 3-year-old filly captured her American debut in the 2017 Surfer Girl S. at Santa Anita. Annexing the GIII Providencia S. in April, **hip 397K** came charging late to upset the favorite by a neck in the GI Del Mar Oaks Aug. 18. The Leonard Powell trainee closes out her career with a record of 11-5-0-1 and earnings of \$427,964.



Fatale Bere | Keeneland

“She is going to a great home,” said Elite’s Brad Weisbord. “They buy the best bloodstock and have the greatest people working for them. It was unfortunate for the partners that Fatale Bere was injured as the favorite for the [GI] American Oaks, but Keeneland stepped up and offered a supplement. We are thankful to [trainer] Leo Powell for selecting us to sell the filly. I think she brought exactly what she was worth. Obviously, she has a little bit of an obscure pedigree, a European pedigree by a sire power that is not super strong. But, the Grade I got her over the goal line and she is a gorgeous European physical.”

The Elite team did not have much time to advertise and show off the filly as she was such a late addition. While late supplements come with those types of challenges, Weisbord said extra marketing goes a long way, as does a Grade I win.

“We found out just about two weeks ago that they were thinking about selling her with us and about 10 days ago that she would be a supplement,” Weisbord said. “We got lucky a few years ago, we sold Long On Value here. It was one of the first supplements they offered in a long time and we got him done. I do think you need to market extra to make sure everyone doesn’t miss it.”

He continued, “Obviously, the big buyers are not going to miss

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More Pharoah for O’Callaghan

Peter O’Callaghan was one of the first to jump on the bandwagon to purchase weanlings from the first crop of American Pharoah in 2017 and he was rewarded handsomely when he sold a colt by the Triple Crown winner for \$2.2 million during last year’s Keeneland September Yearling Sale. O’Callaghan will be hoping for more of the same after purchasing a short yearling (**hip 82**) by the Coolmore sire for \$330,000 Monday at Keeneland.

“He’s a great individual by a special horse,” O’Callaghan said. “It was full price for him, but hopefully it will work. He’ll be back here in September [sale] and we’ll give it a go.”

As American Pharoah’s first 2-year-olds hit the track this year, O’Callaghan thinks there is plenty of reason to be optimistic about his chances for success, especially given the promising start at stud by another son of Pioneer of the Nile. **Cont. p8**

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“American Pharoah was such a special racehorse,” O’Callaghan said. “And he’s a son of Pioneerof the Nile. Cairo Prince is doing very well now, so there’s no reason American Pharoah can’t do well.”

Out of Please Sign In (Doc’s Leader), hip 82 was co-bred by Alfred Nuckols, Jr.’s Hurstland Farm and William Kartzozian and was consigned by Hurstland Farm. He is a half-brother to Grade I winner Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}) and Group 1 winner Certify (Elusive Quality), as well as to Bijou (Street Sense), who topped the 2013 Keeneland January sale when selling for \$1.45 million.

“It’s a lot of fun having one like this, an American Pharoah with that kind of page that has his pedigree and his physical,” Nuckols, whose involvement in the family goes back four generations, said. “Those are the easy ones to sell. The other ones are the tough ones. But it’s just fun raising a horse like that. I’ve always thought a lot of him. He’s been a nice colt since he was foaled.”

Of the colt’s final price tag, Nuckols added, “We had a \$250,000 reserve on him, but I just didn’t know. It’s opening day and you never know what they’re going to go for. I’m pretty happy with that.” --@JessMartiniTDN

Louisiana Partners Hit a Home Run

Perry Judice and David Meche purchased Semillon (Eskendereya), carrying her first foal by Outwork, for just \$35,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale and were rewarded Monday when the resulting colt (hip 132) sold to Chris White for \$120,000.

Consigned by Select Sales, the bay colt hails from the family of GISW Cotton Blossom, GSW Vicarage and MSW Miss Atlantic City.

“We were not expecting him to bring quite that much,” said Meche, owner of Muscadine Farm. “He has really put on a lot of flesh in the last 60 days. It is night and day. He has really grown. He was ready. He looked the part and we thought getting him in the sales ring as soon as we could was best.”

Meche continued, “We like the colt because of his attitude. He is a tough colt and he has a good walk. That is what we liked the most about him.”

This is not Meche and Judice’s first rodeo when it comes to pinhooking a yearling they purchased in utero.

“We have always bought and sold and had success selling some young babies in the past,” Meche said. “We foal out, prep them and bring them here. Our goal is to buy quality mares in foal to young stallions to bring the foals back to market.”

He added, “The mare is rebred and in the regional market in Louisiana. We will definitely bring this mare back to breed in Kentucky next year.” --@CDeBernardisTDN

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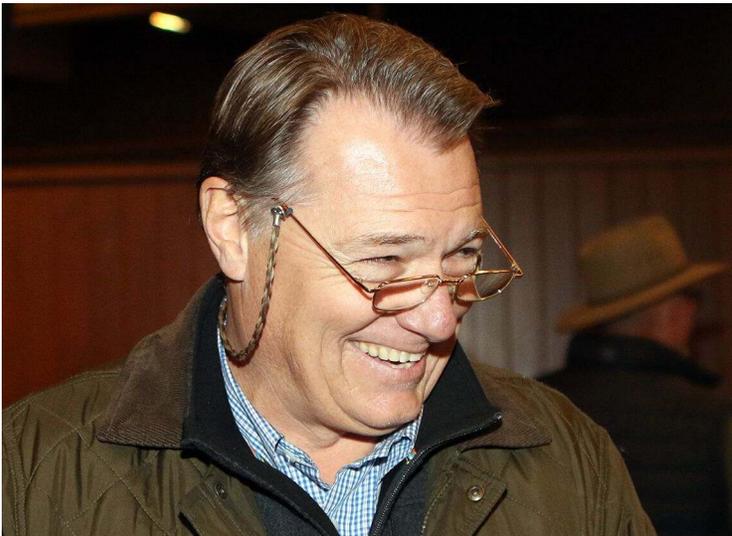


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KEEJAN - MONDAY - TOP MARES

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
288	Abel Tasman	B'mare Prospect	5,000,000
	<i>(5, Quality Road–Vargas Girl, by Deputy Minister)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XCVII Purchased by M.V. Magnier		
229	A Star Is Born (Ire)	i/f War Front	750,000
	<i>(9, Galileo {Ire}–Looking Back {Ire}, by Stravinsky)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, Agent Purchased by Summer Wind Equine		
397E	Fatale Bere (Fr)	B'mare Prospect	700,000
	<i>(4, f, Pedro the Great–Mofa Bere {Fr}, by Saumarez)</i> Consigned by Elite Purchased by Shadai Farm		
129	Scent of Summer	i/f Union Rags	350,000
	<i>(7, Rock Hard Ten–Wild Forest, by Forest Wildcat)</i> Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent X Purchased by Spendthrift Farm LLC		
104	Responsibilityforlove (Ire)	B'mare Prospect	300,000
	<i>(6, Duke of Marmalade {Ire}–Vee Gita {Ire}, by Vettori {Ire})</i> Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent XVII Purchased by Thomas Clark Bloodstock		

KEEJAN - MONDAY - TOP YEARLING COLTS

039	Into Mischief–Mary Rita	375,000
	<i>Breeder: Clearsky Farms (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXIV</i> <i>Purchaser: Ardfield Bloodstock</i>	
082	American Pharoah–Please Sign In	330,000
	<i>Breeder: Hurstland Farm & William Kartoziyan (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Hurstland Farm (Alfred H. Nuckols, Jr.), Agent I</i> <i>Purchaser: Brady Bloodstock</i>	
222	War Front–Ana Luna (GB)	300,000
	<i>Breeder: Capital Bloodstock (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm, Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: de Meric Stables, Agent</i>	
131	Street Sense–Secret Return	290,000
	<i>Breeder: Fred W. Hertrich III (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LIX</i> <i>Purchaser: AROC Bloodstock</i>	

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1 VIOLENCE \$40,000	8	19	-	\$5,441,805
2 PAYNTER \$12,500	5	13	1	\$3,790,388
3 JIMMY CREED \$20,000	5	13	-	\$3,488,968

*TDN Sire List, 1/3

KNICKS GO, winner of the **BREEDERS' FUTURITY (G1)**, runner-up in the **Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1)**, and an **Eclipse Award** finalist, is tied at #2 on the **ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY** leaderboard with 18 points.

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- 382 Frosted**—Indian Legend **300,000**
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Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXVIII
Purchaser: Renee Daily
- 032 More Than Ready**—Majorelle **180,000**
Breeder: Kendall Hansen & M.D. Racing (KY)
Consignor: Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), Agent for Kendall E. Hansen & M.D. Racing LLC
Purchaser: de Meric Stables, Agent
- 025 Exaggerator**—Lusaka **125,000**
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MARES

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Price</u>
029	Magical Weekend	i/f Gun Runner	200,000

(10, Any Given Saturday—Magical Illusion, by Pulpit)

Consigned by Select Sales, Agent XI

Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

Sold for \$75,000 while in foal to Violence at Keeneland November just over a year ago, Magical Weekend scored one of the biggest catalog updates when her half-sister Stage Magic (Ghostzapper)'s Justify swept the 2018 Triple Crown. The 10-year-old mare was bred to Horse of the Year Gun Runner on her latest cover.

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129 Scent of Summer i/f Union Rags 350,000
 (7, Rock Hard Ten–Wild Forest, by Forest Wildcat)
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 An \$11,256 Tattersalls Autumn purchase in 2015 by Blandford Bloodstock, Scent of Summer’s page received a huge boost when her half-sibling Paradise Woods went on to take a pair of Grade Is and earn over \$750,000 in 2017.

397E Fatale Bere (Fr) B’mare Prospect 700,000
 (4, f, Pedro the Great–Mofa Bere {Fr}, by Saumarez)
 Consigned by Elite
 Purchased by Shadai Farm

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SHORT YEARLINGS

132 c Outwork Semillon 120,000
 (\$17,000 in Utero ‘17 KEENOV)
 B-Perry Judice (LA)
 Consigned by Select Sales, Agent X
 Purchased by Chris White

See story pg. 8

RACING PROSPECTS

397E Marzo Racing prospect 140,000
 (4, g, Medaglia d’oro–Spring Party, by Smart Strike)
 Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent
 Purchased by Pindell Equine

Marzo, a \$35,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton horses of racing age sale last summer, was brought back to the ring for the quick flip.

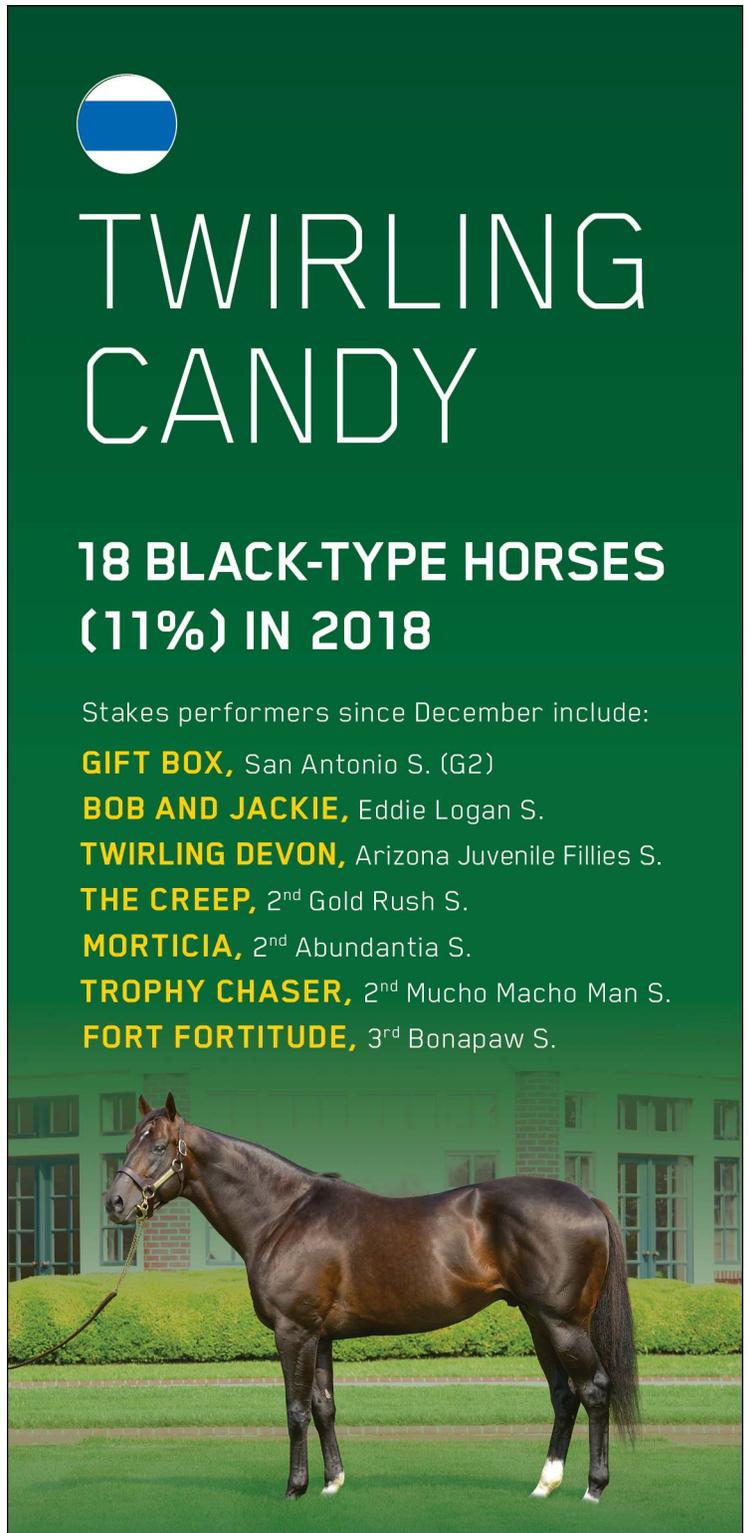


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• RNAs	93	117
• % RNAs	29.43%	38.61%
• High Price	\$5,000,000	\$485,000
• No. \$300K+	9	8
• Gross	\$21,052,200	\$13,265,100
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Cormac Breathnach on McCracken cont. from p1

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CB (cont.): He broke his maiden very impressively at Churchill Downs for Ian Wilkes, who we all know is a very patient trainer and lets his horses come along, so that was a really marked kind of debut performance.

He then went on to win the Street Sense S. and followed up with the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. In his 3-year-old debut, he broke the track record winning the GIII Sam Davis S. and by that point was kind of the consensus number one Derby pick, if you will, for most people. He ran well in the Derby. He got struck into leaving the gate. I think a mile and a quarter might have been a little step too far for him.

He came back, got a little recuperation time following the Derby, came back and won the GIII Matt Winn S. very impressively. And then was just touched off from the wire in the GI Haskell Invitational. Girvin caught him, Practical Joke was behind, Battle of Midway and Irish War Cry were in the race. It was a strong renewal of the race. He basically had the race won, opened up two or three lengths at the eighth pole and I think just got caught the last few strides and Girvin got there. But a really top performer. He was six for seven up to a mile and a sixteenth. The horse we're really proud to retire here to Airdrie and he really fits our model very well.

TDN: Being a top-class son of Ghostzapper like that has to be a plus as well.

CB: Absolutely, I mean Ghostzapper is a horse I was very close to for a long time (at Adena Springs) and there's been a market for a son of Ghostzapper for many years. He has been a top stallion for the last several years and to us, McCracken is hands down the best one to retire to Kentucky. And what he really offers breeders that's a little unusual in that sire line is precocity. He was so quick and ready to go early as a 2-year-old, and that's not

always something that comes with the Awesome Again and Ghostzapper sire line, they're typically two-turn, three-and-up type of horse. So he adds a lot of speed and a lot of early performance to that sire line.

TDN: Can you tell us a little about the horse's conformation?

CB: He stands just over 16 hands. He's 16 1/2. He's a very balanced horse. He's got a lot of both his sire and grandsire in him. He's leggier but he's got that tremendously long deep shoulder and deep chest that Ghostzapper has and a very long and strong gaskin. Which to me are really true traits of Ghostzapper. He's a short-ish coupled horse. Very balanced. You know he looks like he's the kind of horse that you can breed to a lot of different mares, a lot of different body types, because he's sort of the bullseye. You know there isn't a lot that you need to add or subtract with him. He's correct in front, moves well, you know so we're very pleased with him.

TDN: How many mares would you expect him to cover this year?

CB: I'd say we'll get in the region of 120, maybe 140 mares, but somewhere in that window. We're well on the path to that right now and we just hope to add a few in this January sale coming up and through the spring. But we're very pleased with the quality of mares he's been getting. We'll get good support from Governor Jones as all our stallions do and that's really a key I think, you know to getting horses off on the right foot. So, we're going to breed plenty of nice mares to him, about 20 mares or so and then we're getting some good outside support. It's all positive.

TDN: Finally, how's he settling in?

CB: He's settled in really well. He's a professional horse. He's very comfortable in the new environment. He's been test bred and he's done exceedingly well with that. So far, he has been a really easy resident to the stallion barn. We look forward to that continuing.

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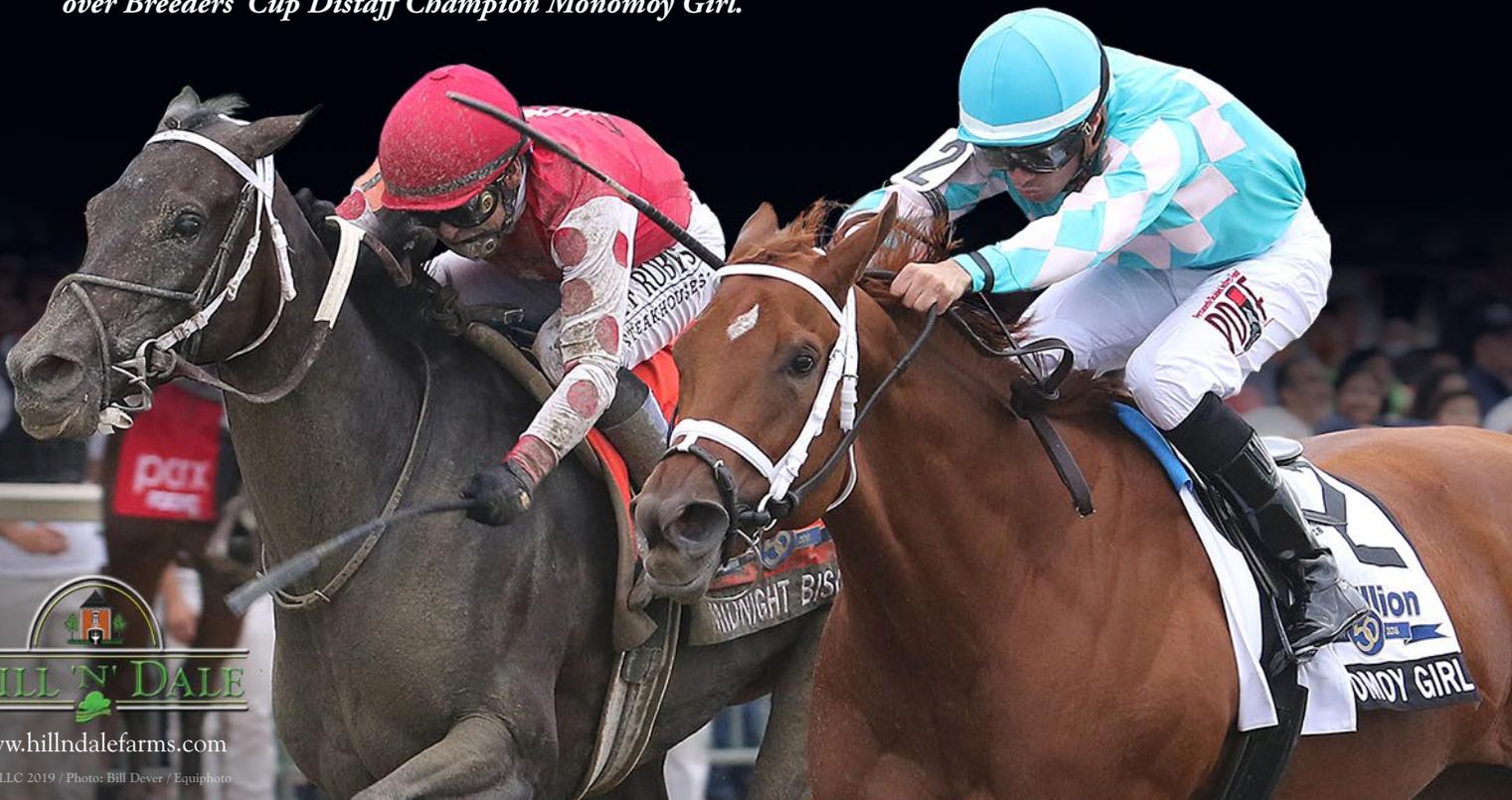
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Rank	Stallion	¹⁹ Location & Fee	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Wins	Highest Earner	Earnings per starter	Earnings
1	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp) Named Foals: 901 Starters: 57 Stood: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)	6 [10.53]	8 [14.04]	3 [5.26]	4 [7.02]	1 [1.75]	2 [3.51]	57	21 [36.84] AWD YTD: 7.88	35	\$3,798,000 Justify AWD Lifetime: 7.18	\$127,195	\$7,250,119	
2	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 7 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY \$175,000 Starters: 80 Stood: KY	5 [6.25]	12 [15.00]	4 [5.00]	8 [10.00]	1 [1.25]	3 [3.75]	80	38 [47.50] AWD YTD: 7.66	56	\$1,728,400 Good Magic AWD Lifetime: 7.54	\$72,323	\$5,785,854	
3	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 7 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY \$150,000 Starters: 100 Stood: KY	5 [5.00]	14 [14.00]	3 [3.00]	10 [10.00]	1 [1.00]	3 [3.00]	100	49 [49.00] AWD YTD: 6.8	78	\$1,141,120 Audible AWD Lifetime: 6.68	\$51,120	\$5,112,009	
4	Tapizar (2008) by Tapit FYR: 2014 Crops: 3 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY \$10,000 Starters: 51 Stood: KY	1 [1.96]	1 [1.96]	1 [1.96]	1 [1.96]	1 [1.96]	1 [1.96]	51	34 [66.67] AWD YTD: 6.75	52	\$2,818,200 Monomoy Girl AWD Lifetime: 6.62	\$78,795	\$4,018,545	
5	Midnight Lute (2003) by Real Quiet FYR: 2010 Crops: 7 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY \$15,000 Starters: 74 Stood: KY	3 [4.05]	7 [9.46]	1 [1.35]	3 [4.05]	1 [1.35]	2 [2.70]	74	31 [41.89] AWD YTD: 6.87	55	\$1,535,000 Midnight Bisou AWD Lifetime: 7	\$46,855	\$3,467,233	
6	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 11 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY (19 Fee \$225,000) \$225,000	6 [8.82]	13 [19.12]	3 [4.41]	8 [11.76]	--	1 [1.47]	68	34 [50.00] AWD YTD: 7.55	47	\$495,400 Hofburg AWD Lifetime: 7.56	\$49,159	\$3,342,827	

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THE TDN DERBY TOP 12

by T.D. Thornton

January's first three significant prep races for the GI Kentucky Derby made a small dent in the Top 12 rankings, but we're still largely in a familiar early-season holding pattern as we await February or March starts for the prime movers and shakers. The list right now resembles a beginning-game chess board, with a few bold pawns on the advance before the bigger playmaking pieces swing into action.

1) GAME WINNER (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Indyan Giving, by A.P. Indy) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Gary & Mary West. B-Summer Wind

Equine (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$110,000 Ylg '17 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-4-0-0, \$1,496,000. Last Start: 1st, **GI Sientent Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, CD, Nov. 2 Next Start: Uncommitted. **Equineline PPs.** KY Derby Points: 30.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

The four-for-four GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and near-certain divisional champ in the Eclipse Awards appears to be on target for a mid-March sophomore debut, and the two most likely landing spots for this 'TDN Rising Star' are either the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Mar. 9 or the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Park a week later.

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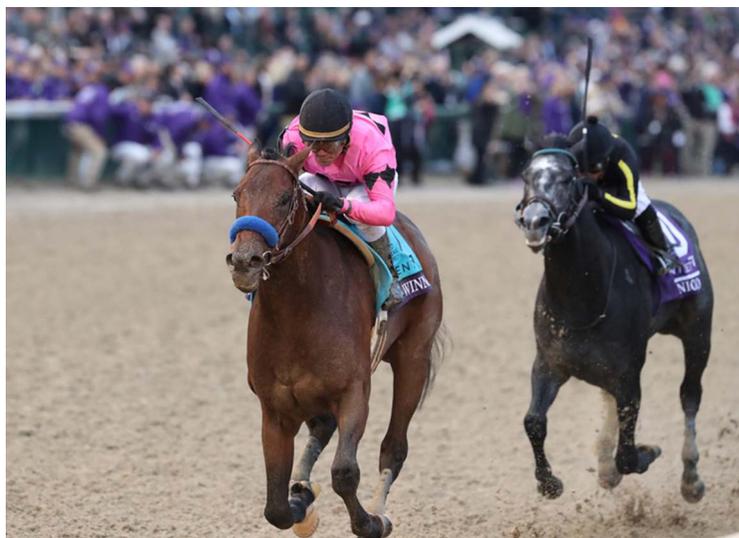
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Game Winner | *Horsephotos*

This \$110,000 KEESEP Candy Ride (Arg) colt administered a “man against boys” dismantling of the Juvenile field that included a long, relentless drive over the same Churchill Downs strip over which the Derby will be decided. But the deck of competition will get reshuffled many more times between now and the first Saturday in May, and Game Winner will have to not only outrun his maturing peers, but history as well (the imposing 2-for-34 strike rate for the elusive Juvenile/Derby double). It does bode well for Game Winner that he brought a well-honed sense of authority to his afternoon efforts at age two, and I’m especially curious to see what type of pace presence he’ll adopt as his strength at age three considering he’s now won dueling for the lead, stalking just off of it, and coming from farther back (after losing ground with a gate bump and being hooked wide on both turns in the Breeders’ Cup).

2) SIGNALMAN (c, General Quarters--Trip South, by Trippi)

O-Tommie M. Lewis, David A. Bernsen, LLC & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck). B-Monticule (KY). T-Kenneth G McPeck. Sales History: \$32,000 Ylg ‘17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 5-2-2-1, \$448,990.

Last Start: 1st, **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 24

Next Start: Aiming for GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Mar. 2

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 18.

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LEGACY

Signalman debuted in May, broke his maiden on Labor Day weekend going seven furlongs at the Spa, then made a big (but premature) move when second in the two-turn GI Breeders’ Futurity S. at Keeneland. He overcame post 13 in the Breeders’ Cup, picking off targets ahead of him with a prolonged advance from over six furlongs out, then shifting fluidly into another gear

five-sixteenths from the wire before rallying for third and galloping out past presumed divisional champ Game Winner--all at astronomical 67-1 odds. He returned to action only three weeks later over the same Churchill surface, deftly outkicking 13 rivals after being covered up at the rail and taking wet kickback. So in a broad sense, this \$32,000 FTKOCT General Quarters colt has already established the most solid foundation among Top 12 contenders, exhibiting a high level of large-field confidence in the process. He’ll likely await a Mar. 2 sophomore debut in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park, and if Signalman does make it to the Derby, he might be the only entrant to boast a 1-1-1 record over the Churchill main track, including two top-notch efforts in the slop.



Signalman | *Coady photo*

3) IMPROBABLE (c, City Zip--Rare Event, by A.P. Indy)

‘TDN Rising Star’. O-WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. & Starlight Racing. B-St. George Farm LLC & G. Watts Humphrey Jr. (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$110,000 Wlg ‘16 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$269,520.

Last Start: 1st, **GI Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 8

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs. Caulfield on Improbable. KY Derby Points: 10.

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Back on Breeders’ Cup weekend, there was open speculation about whether ‘TDN Rising Star’ Improbable’s 7 1/4-length undercard romp in the Street Sense S. might have been a better long-term prep race for the Derby than stablemate Game Winner’s decisive score in the main-event Juvenile.

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This \$200,000 KEESEP City Zip colt further built upon that stepping stone with a subsequent flaying of five overmatched rivals in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity, and he represents a top-tier divisional threat going into his sophomore debut, which has yet to be publicly decided. In limited opportunities (three-for-three), Improbable has displayed a nice mix of aggression and energy efficiency, and he's fairly nimble for a long-striding prospect. But he was slightly green and required stretch-run stick work to stay focused when well clear in his Street Sense win, and in the Los Al victory even trainer Bob Baffert admitted the colt looked "a little lost" before his jockey again had to prompt him to finish with his mind on the task at hand. That's all part of the learning process, though, and not a chief concern for Improbable moving forward.

4) MIHOS (c, Cairo Prince--Feline Flatline, by Lion Heart)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Centennial Farms. B-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster. T-James Jerkens. Sales History: \$320,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-1, \$108,880.

Last Start: 1st, Mucho Macho Man S., GP, Jan. 5

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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Better late than never for Mihos in the one-turn-mile Mucho Macho Man S. at Gulfstream on Saturday, which ended up drawing a solid crew for a six-horse race. In just his first start both beyond six furlongs and outside of the maiden ranks, this \$320,000 KEESEP Cairo Prince colt made his own breaks in reeling in a freewheeling pacemaker by a neck, and while it didn't hurt that Trophy Chaser (Twirling Candy) was tiring in the final few jumps to the wire, Mihos's learning experience extends beyond what it looks like in the official chart. He broke on top, responded to being rated to fifth in a bunched field, advanced to carve out a prime stalking spot entering the turn, then was the only deep threat willing and able to go after the otherwise home-free speedster. Mihos admirably eroded a two-length cushion in the final furlong before galloping out as if the effort left him unfazed, and that aspect of the performance enables him to leapfrog so high up into the Top 12. "He was resolute, that's for sure. That's kind of typical of him," trainer Jimmy Jerkens said post-race. Added jockey Jose Ortiz: "When we got to the three-sixteenths, my horse switched leads a little late [but] I hit left-handed and he gave me a great kick. He had a target in front of him and he kept coming."



Mihos | Lauren King photo

5) ROADSTER (c, Quality Road--Ghost Dancing, by Silver Ghost)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Speedway Stable LLC. B-Stone Farm (KY).

T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$525,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 2-1-0-1, \$72,000.

Last Start: 3rd, GI Del Mar Futurity, DMR, Sept. 3

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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'TDN Rising Star' Roadster maintains a Top 12 ranking purely out of respect for his crackerjack Del Mar debut last summer combined with the prognostication that he'll rebound positively after subsequent surgery for a displaced soft palate. This \$525,000 KEESEP colt (second-priciest Quality Road yearling sold at auction in 2017) has a distance-loving turf specialist half-brother in GISW Ascend (Candy Ride {Arg}), and his dam was a stakes winner sprinting on the turf at Colonial Downs. But Roadster will likely be given ample opportunity to follow in the dirt-track hoofsteps of his two-turn MGISW sire prior to seeing what he can do on the lawn as Plan B.

6) VEKOMA (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Mona de Momma, by Speightstown)

O-R. A. Hill Stable & Gatsas Stables. B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY). T-George Weaver. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$151,250.

Last Start: 1st GIII Nashua S., AQU, Nov. 4

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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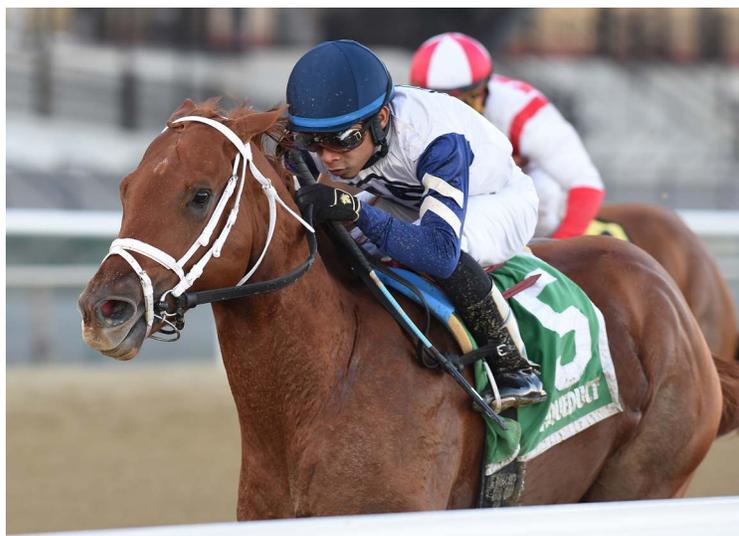
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The two-for-two Vekoma is at Palm Beach Downs after winning the one-turn mile GIII Nashua S. Nov. 4. He's a May 22 foal who will benefit from some maturing (somewhat green in both career victories), but as he awaits his next afternoon assignment, this \$135,000 KEESEP Candy Ride (Arg) colt's company lines are being buoyed by subsequent sharp performances by the horses he's beaten. Epic Dreamer (Orb), the horse who ran second in Vekoma's MSW score Sep. 23, came back to break his maiden next time out, then was the beaten 6-5 fave while encountering minor trip trouble in the Dec. 16 Springboard Mile. From the same MSW, third-place finisher Mihos also broke his maiden next out after losing to Vekoma. Mihos was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' in that effort, and this past Saturday at Gulfstream earned a berth into the Top 12 by winning the Mucho Macho Man S.



Vekoma | Chelsea Durand photo

7) INSTAGRAND (c, Into Mischief--Assets of War, by Lawyer Ron) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-OXO Equine LLC. B-Stoneway Farm (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Sales History: \$190,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$1,200,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$144,000.

Last Start: 1st, **GII Best Pal S.**, DMR, Aug. 11

Next Start: Uncommitted. **Equineline PPs.** KY Derby Points: 0.

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer saddled the two best-performing overlays in each of the last two Kentucky Derbies: Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) ran a huge third at 40-1 in 2017, and Instilled Regard (Arch) ran an admirable fourth at 85-1 last season. For some sticker-shock pari-mutuel perspective, 'TDN Rising Star' Instagrاند closed as the 10-1 third favorite in Pool 1 of the 2019 Derby Future Wager--more than five months before the race will even be run. When you consider that this

\$1.2 million FTFMAR co-sales-topping son of Into Mischief only has two career sprint wins under his belt and has been unraced since Aug. 11 after being withdrawn from training by owner Larry Best, that futures price really says something about the public's outsized expectations. The undefeated Instagrاند did, however, absolutely demolish his fields in those two victories (combined margins of 20 1/4 lengths), and he has now had two three-furlong workouts at Santa Anita in anticipation of a yet-to-be-announced return race.



Instagrاند | Benoit photo

8) KNICKS GO (c, Paynter--Kosmo's Buddy, by Outflanker)

O-KRA Stud Farm. B-Angie Moore (MD). T-Ben Colebrook. Sales History: \$40,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$87,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-2-1-1, \$672,515.

Last Start: 11th **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 24

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 18.

Knicks Go didn't even have to leave his Tampa Bay Downs stall last week to exceed expectations yet again. He was named one of three finalists for the juvenile male Eclipse Award, building on the "likeable underdog" narrative he put together in October and November of his 2-year-old season. This \$87,000 KEESEP Paynter colt parlayed a 70-1 wire job in Keeneland's Breeders' Futurity S. into a commendable 40-1 second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and although he subsequently fizzled in the slop as the fave in the Kentucky Jockey Club S., he figures to be a strong pace presence when he resurfaces about a month from now, likely in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. At the moment he's the only January-born sophomore ranked within the Top 12, so in theory he's got a slight seasoning advantage in terms of actual foaling date.



Knicks Go | Coady photo

9) MAXIMUS MISCHIEF (c, Into Mischief--Reina Maria, by Songandaprayer)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing. B-Martha Jane Mullholland (KY). T-Robert E Reid, Jr. Sales History: \$165,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$170,000 RNA '17 FTNAUG; \$245,000 RNA 2yo '18 FTFMAR; \$340,000 2yo '18 FTIMAY. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$192,100. Last Start: 1st GII Remsen S., AQU, Dec. 1 Next Start: Uncommitted. Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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10) MIND CONTROL (c, Stay Thirsty--Feel That Fire, by Lightning N Thunder)

O-Red Oak Stable (Brunetti) and Madaket Stables LLC. B-Red Oak Stable. T-Gregory Sacco. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-1-0, \$323,400.

Last Start: 1st, Jerome S., AQU, Jan. 1

Next race: Possible for GIII Withers, AQU, Feb. 2

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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Red Oak Stable's homebred Mind Control earned a spot in the Top 12 with a capable, wire-to-wire annexation of the Jan. 1 Jerome S. He had dueled his way to a frontrunning score in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga last summer, but spiked a fever that forced him to scratch from an October stakes start at Keeneland. A poor shipping experience combined with a bad gate break then derailed his chances in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Mind Control's Jerome effort seems to be indicative of his truer form, and he made all the pace under tag-team pressure on a drying-out Aqueduct track (which might explain some moderate internal splits). Jockey John Velazquez said "I remembered from Saratoga he opens up and he waits, so I waited until they came after him to get after him really hard and he responded really well." Trainer Greg Sacco said he was impressed his colt "took the heat" pace-wise, but added "he's still green and learning."

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11) AVIE'S FLATTER (c, Flatter--Avie's Empire, by Empire Maker)

O-Ivan Dalos. B-Tall Oaks Farm (ON). T-Josie Carroll. Lifetime Record: MSW, 4-3-0-0, \$251,834.

Last Start: 1st **Coronation Futurity**, WO, Nov. 18

Next Start: Aiming for GII Tampa Bay Derby, TAM, Mar. 9

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

It's early enough in the season that the Top 12 rankings have enough flexibility to include a true wild card, and Avie's Flatter is it. The presumptive winner of the Sovereign Award for 2-year-old champion colt in Canada will be aimed for the GII Tampa Bay Derby, and although owner/breeder Ivan Dalos of Tall Oaks Farm is not an annual major player in the Triple Crown chase, his homebred Ami's Flatter (Flatter) ran second in the 2015 Tampa Bay Derby and third in the GI Florida Derby. Think back 20 years and you might recall another blast from the past that Dalos bred and sold as a \$25,000 KEESEP yearling: Victory Gallop, who was second in both the 1998 Derby and GI Preakness S. before denying Real Quiet the Triple Crown in the GI Belmont S.



Avie's Flatter | WEG/Michael Burns

12) CAIRO CAT (c, Cairo Prince--La Belle Cat, by Tale of the Cat)

O-Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC. B-Clifton Farm, LLC (KY).

T-Kenneth G McPeck. Sales History: \$130,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$133,750.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Iroquois S.**, CD, Sept. 15

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Cairo Cat debuted as a grass route prospect when eighth in a MSW on opening weekend at the Spa, then was entered back on the lawn and upset an off-the-turf rainout at 18-1 odds going seven-eighths over a "good" main track. Perhaps thinking he was better intended as a turfer, bettors let him go at 17-1 in the

Sept. 15 Iroquois S. at Churchill Downs, and this \$130,000 FTKJUL Cairo Prince colt kicked from 10th along the rail before angling off the fence to gun down the all-out fave for a half-length win. He's currently readying for a 2019 campaign at Payson Park with no comeback race publicly announced.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)

Bankit (Central Banker): Nice last-to-second move in Springboard Mile S.; stabled at Oaklawn and aiming for Jan. 25 Smarty Jones S.

Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}): Bounced out of Top 12 for failing to fire as 4-5 fave in Mucho Macho Man S.

Coliseum (Tapit): Speedy 'TDN Rising Star' needs mental makeover after no-show sixth at 3-5 odds in GIII Sham S.

Gray Attempt (Graydar): Should be pace presence in Smarty Jones S. off Dec. 22 Sugar Bowl S. wire job.

Gunmetal Gray (Exchange Rate): Got ideal speed setup to rally from last and benefited from 3-5 favored rival going missing in action in Saturday's Sham S.

Long Range Toddy (Take Charge Indy): Could inherit favoritism in Smarty Jones S. after back-to-back stakes wins at Remington.

Network Effect (Mark Valeski): Chad Brown trainee breezing at Palm Meadows after seconds in both Remsen and Nashua S.

Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man): 'TDN Rising Star' training at Santa Anita but could hit road for next start considering glut of talent in Baffert barn.

Tackett (Limehouse): Fair Grounds maiden and allowance winner will step up in GII Lecomte S. Trainer Michael Stidham said he's "probably our top 2-year-old turning three."

War of Will (War Front): Might be force at Fair Grounds in GIII Lecomte S. Trainer Mark Casse said from day one "he's always seemed special."

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Bob White has been named farm manager at Don and Irene Dizney’s Double Diamond Farm in Ocala, Fla., the farm announced Monday. White replaces longtime farm manager Jimmy Alexander, who will remain with the farm as an adviser.

“I am very excited to add Bob White to our team at Double Diamond Farm,” said Roger Brand, vice president and general manager of Double Diamond Farm. “Bob is extremely qualified for the farm manager position. I look forward to utilizing his experience and energy as we continue our high standard of equine care. I am also thrilled to be able to retain Jim Alexander in an advisory role. He has been an integral part of our program for a long time. His experience and history with Double Diamond have always been valued and appreciated and we’re excited that his affiliation with the farm will continue.”

White joins Double Diamond Farm from Taylor Made Sales, where he had worked since 2006, most recently as a Division Manager responsible for mares, foals, weanlings, and yearlings. White’s industry experience also includes broodmare and farm management in Florida and Western Kentucky and stints as a racing official at Oaklawn Park, Hialeah Park and Louisiana Downs. A graduate of the University of Arizona Racetrack Management Program, White assumed his duties Jan. 2.

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Jasper Prince, c, 4, **Violence**--Ambitious Journey, by Bernardini. Nakayama, 1-5, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$212,385. O-Kazuo Kato; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$60,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



Timing Now, c, 3, **Tapit**--Her Smile (GISW, \$462,314), by Include. Kyoto, 1-5, Maiden Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,046. O-Kieffers Inc.; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Kazuya Nakatake. *\$750,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **VIDEO.**

Mozu Superflare, f, 4, **Speightstown**--Christies Treasure (SP, \$113,602), by Belong to Me. Nakayama, 1-5, Carbuncle S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: MSP-Jpn, 13-5-1-1, \$885,505. O-Capital System; B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY); T-Hidetaka Otonashi. *\$125,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sacristy (Pulpit), GSW, \$252,112. **VIDEO.**



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 6-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, NO VOLUME, 20-1

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9th-Parx Racing, \$47,250, Alw, 1-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.71, ft.

BOW TOWN CAT (m, 6, Cowtown Cat--Clara Bow, by Way West {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 31-5-9-5, \$251,613. *1/2 to Cajun Firecracker (Cajun Breeze), SW, \$145,750. O-John Fanelli; B-Shadybrook Farm Inc (FL); T-Joseph Taylor.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$26,000, Alw, 1-7, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.69, ft.

ANECHOIC (g, 5, Mineshaft--Perfectly Quiet {SP, \$113,081}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 13-8-0-0, \$82,070. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-J. S. McDonald (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$55,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEEJAN; \$32,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Silent Moon (Malibu Moon), MSP, \$156,670.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$24,000, Alw, 1-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.74, ft.

STRAWBERRY TEQUILA (m, 5, Daaher--Tequilas Dayjur {SW & GSP, \$219,537}, by Dayjur) Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-2, \$131,361. O-James Cullen & Nick Strong; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Jimmy Corrigan. *\$130,000 2yo '16 EASMAY. **Full to Clothes Fall Off, SW & MGSP, \$485,860; and 1/2 to One Last Shot (Any Given Saturday), MSP, \$180,654.

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6th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, Alw, 1-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.87, ft.

MARRIAGE COUNSELOR (c, 4, Overanalyze--Exe {SW, \$187,008}, by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-4, \$51,398. O-James Schlehr; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (ON); T-Richard M. Davis.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ruby Two Shoes, f, 3, Colonel John--Unusual Spring (SP, \$246,415), by Unusual Heat. Mahoning Valley, 1-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:10.81. B-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH). *1/2 to AZ Ridge (Toccet), MSW, \$498,049.

COLONEL JOHN, Ruby Two Shoes, f, 3, o/o Unusual Spring, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley

COWTOWN CAT, Bow Town Cat, m, 6, o/o Clara Bow, by Way West (Fr). ALW, 1-7, Parx Racing

DAAHER, Strawberry Tequila, m, 5, o/o Tequilas Dayjur, by Dayjur. ALW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley

MINESHAFT, Anechoic, g, 5, o/o Perfectly Quiet, by Quiet American. ALW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley

OVERANALYZE, Marriage Counselor, c, 4, o/o Exe, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley



Mineshaft (above) sired MVR winner Anechoic Monday.



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A FIRST FOR FRANCE AS MEZERAY WELCOMES TAAREEF



Taareef | Scoop Dyga

by Emma Berry

At the close of 2018, Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}) was crowned America's champion sire for the second time, an achievement made all the more remarkable by the fact that his reputation and progeny earnings have predominantly been hewn through his turf runners.

Kitten's Joy's other main accolade of last year was his son Roaring Lion being crowned European champion 3-year-old. Now about to take up covering duties at Tweenhills Farm & Stud, Roaring Lion is joined in the UK by Darley's G1 Eclipse S. winner Hawkbill, but they are two years behind Kitten's Joy's first son to stand at stud in Europe, the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Bobby's Kitten, bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey and now under the care of Kirsten Rausing at Lanwades Stud.

The stallion ranks on this side of the Atlantic have been bolstered further with the retirement of Sheikh Hamdan's **Taareef** to Haras du Mezeray in Normandy, meaning that Kitten's Joy's three top-rated sons are all about to embark on a stallion career in Europe.

For Mezeray's Charles-Henri de Moussac, not only is the horse's arrival a welcome continuation of a long-running association with Shadwell, but also a return to a sireline for which, as the breeder of Artie Schiller, he has a soft spot. That particular son of El Prado won the GI Breeders' Cup Mile among his 10 victories and has stood at WinStar Farm in Kentucky since

2012 before staying in Australia for good prior to the 2018 Northern Hemisphere breeding season.

"Taareef is the first son of Kitten's Joy to stand in France," says de Moussac. "For us of course it's interesting as we bred Artie Schiller, so it is a sireline that we like. Taareef was a good 2-year-old, a good miler, and this is what the market and the breeders want now. Kitten's Joy is starting to prove that he's a very good sire in Europe, with the likes of Roaring Lion and Hawkbill, so this is a good opportunity for French breeders to have access to his blood."

Twice the winner of the G2 Qatar Prix Daniel Wildenstein on Arc weekend, Taareef, who enters stud at a fee of €6,000, was unbeaten in his two juvenile starts. Furthermore, he notched a trio of Group 3 contests under the tutelage of Jean-Claude Rouget and in 15 races across three seasons was only out of the first four on two occasions. So while de Moussac correctly identifies his pace and precocity as appealing to breeders, his credentials are given extra solidity by his consistency and durability. Bred by Dixiana Farms, the \$675,000 Keeneland yearling is out of the five-time winner Sacred Feather (Carson City), herself a half-sister to a pair of Grade III turf winners.

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Charles-Henri de Moussac | Scoop Dyga

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Mezeray Welcomes Taareef Cont. from p1

Explaining Mezeray's link with Sheikh Hamdan's operation, de Moussac said, "We must thank Shadwell for giving us the chance to stand the horse in France. The story started with **Muhtathir (GB)**, who started off at another stud, but we were very keen on his sireline because of Trempolino. We heard that there was a chance he could come back to France and when I went to look at the horse in Newmarket I fell in love with him. He's a beautiful horse, and thankfully Sheikh Hamdan decided to send him back to France. We also stood **Naaqoos (GB)**, who we bred and sold at the sales, but then he came back to stand with us. So it's been a long association."

That a link was made between two successful owner-breeders should come as no surprise. Mezeray is one of the most respected names in the French breeding industry and has been in operation since 1962

when Charles-Henri's father Paul first established his breeding operation across 230 hectares at Ticheville. The breeder of two Arc winners, Subotica (Fr) (Pampabird {GB}) and Trempolino (Sharpen Up {GB}), among a host of Group 1 winners, Paul de Moussac died in 1995, the year his son took over the running of the family business. Five years later, Trempolino, who was bred under Paul de Moussac's American banner Marystead Farm, was brought from his original base at Gainesway Farm to stand at Mezeray. He died there in retirement last March at the age of 34.



Trempolino | Emma Berry

Muhtathir, who, as a son of Elmaamul, also represents the dwindling Sharpen Up line through Diesis (GB), is now the farm's elder statesman at 24 and is still covering a restricted book of mares.

"Muhtathir is so versatile," says de Moussac. "He breeds good horses on the Flat and over the jumps, and his daughters are starting to breed some good horses, such as [Group 1-winning stayer] Holdthasigreen (Fr). He has been a very useful stallion for us and despite his age he was able to cover 40 mares last year."

One of Muhtathir's best offspring, the multiple Group/Grade 1 winner **Doctor Dino (Fr)**, is himself establishing a reputation as a classy dual-purpose operator from Haras du Mesnil, and both father and son were represented during the Christmas period by a Grade 1 winner over jumps.

Mezeray is also home to one of the unsung heroes of the French stallion ranks, **Myboycharlie (Ire)**, who has supplied Group/Grade

1-winning fillies in Australia and America via Breeders' Cup heroine Sistercharlie (Ire), Caulfield Cup winner Jameka (Aus), high-class juvenile Peggy Jean (Aus) and the Beverly D S. winner Euro Charline (GB). Until last season, breeders could use the son of Danetime (Ire) for as little as €5,000 and he is still standing at a very reasonable rate even after a 50% price hike to €7,500.

"He has been successful and that means he has some big crops coming through and we have raised his price a bit this year," says de Moussac.

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Mezeray Welcomes Taareef Cont.

Taareef is not the only new name on the Mezeray line-up this year as the farm is also now home to **De Treville (GB)**, who started his stud career last year at Haras du Thenney. A dual winner and twice runner-up at Group 3 level, what the son of Oasis Dream (GB) lacks on the performance front, he more than makes up for in pedigree, as he was the first foal of Watership Down Stud's celebrated broodmare Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {GB}). In short, he's from one of the hottest families in the studbook.

"De Treville is owned by Rashit Shaykhutdinov, who is an important breeder in France with about 40 mares. He supported him last year with around 15 mares and he decided to move De Treville when Thenney had a change of management. Of course, there have been some good updates this year. It's a wonderful pedigree and he's a good-looking compact horse who should be given a chance," notes de Moussac. [Cont. p4](#)



De Treville | Haras du Mezeray

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Charles-Henri de Moussac

Mezeray Welcomes Taareef Cont.

As a former Chairman of the European Breeders' Fund and current board member of France Galop, de Moussac is all too aware of the challenges facing the industry, with racing's shrinking income from betting naturally having a knock-on effect to breeding.

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He continues, "Then there is the fact that some big breeders like the Aga Khan decided to keep some good stallions in France, whereas before they were going to Britain or Ireland. Now, new investors in France like Sheikh Joaan are also keeping stallions in France so I can see a big change even from 10 years ago when maybe 50% of the mares, maybe more, were going outside France to be bred. Now it's a real advantage to French breeders because when you send mares aboard there is an extra risk involved as well as cost. Economically for the French breeder it's a very good situation."

With around 70 mares currently in residence--20 of the farm's own and the rest for clients--Mezeray's set-up has evolved in its 56-year existence from being essentially a private farm to offering a full range of breeding and sales services to fellow breeders.

"At the beginning it was just really owner-breeders and we had lots of horses in training but to make it more financially viable we had to become more commercial," reflects de Moussac. "The challenge is to go on and to make sure we can keep reinvesting. The way the market is going you have to stay as close as you can to the top. There's a huge difference between the top 20% of the market and the very little below."

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DAM OF SKITTER SCATTER TO VISIT DUBAWI

Dane Street (Street Cry {Ire}–Daneleta {Ire}, by Danehill), the dam of G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy), will visit Dubawi (Ire) this year, Airlie Stud's Anthony Rogers confirmed to the *TDN* on Monday. The 10-year-old mare, who is out of G3 Railway S. third Daneleta, produced More Than Ready filly Data Dependent first up in 2015, and that juvenile winner went on to place second in the GIII Jimmy Durante S. at Del Mar. In addition to Skitter Scatter's Moyglare laurels, that 3-year-old filly also won the G2 Debutante S. and the G3 Silver Flash S. and played second fiddle in the G3 Grangecon Stud S. Dane Street's More Than Ready juvenile colt has been christened Moore Street Wise.

Dane Street herself is a half-sister to G1 Dewhurst S. hero Intense Focus (Giant's Causeway), who earlier ran third in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. This is also the family of G1 Gran Criterium hero Sholokhov (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). **Cont. p6**



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Dam of Skitter Scatter to Visit Dubawi Cont.

G1 Irish Derby/G1 Coronation Cup victor Soldier of Fortune (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) also sits under Dane Street's third dam, the Irish SW and G3 Phoenix Sprint S. third La Meilleure (Ire) (Lord Gayle).

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-Wolverhampton, £19,000, 1-7, 4yo/up, 9f 104y (AWT), 1:57.18, st.

HATHAL (h, 7, Speightstown--Sleepytime {Ire} {Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eur at 7-9f, G1SW-Eng, \$239,946}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & SP-Fr, 18-4-4-4, £159,495. O-Dr A Sedrati and Partner; B-Tenth Street Stables Llc (KY); T-Jamie Osborne. *\$275,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP; 320,000gns 2yo '14 TATBRE; 65,000gns HRA '18 TATAUT. **1/2 to Gentleman's Deal (Ire) (Danehill), GSW-Eng, \$276,549, & to Spanish Harlem (Ire) (Danehill), GSP-Ire.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Blame Culture, c, 4, Blame--Pearl In The Sand (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Wolverhampton, 1-7, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:27.57. B-Summerhill Farm (KY). *\$60,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; 40,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

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Monday's Result:

1st-Lyon la Soie, €16,000, Mdn, 1-7, 3yo, f, 9f (AWT), 1:56.92, st.

CORREZE (GB) (f, 3, Shamardal--Cloud Castle {GB} {GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$156,817}, by In The Wings {GB}), sent off at 13-2, was in the front line initially before settling for a lead. Driven to the front approaching the furlong pole, the 680,000gns TAOCT graduate knuckled down to score by a half length from Karma Seeker (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The talented dam, who took the G3 Nell Gwyn S. and was runner-up in the G1 Prix Vermeille and third in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks, has proven a broodmare of substance also. Her daughter Reverie Solitaire (Ire) (Nashwan), SW & GSP-Fr, \$125,894, produced the G2 Badener Meile-winning German highweight Royal Solitaire (Ire) also by Shamardal, while she was also responsible for Queen's Best (GB) (King's Best), GSW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$189,680 who in turn threw the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf heroine Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Another of her daughters Samdaniya (GB) (Machiavellian) is the dam of the G3 Fred Darling S. winner and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Dabayah (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}) and she has a 2-year-old colt by Dansili (GB) and a yearling filly by Frankel (GB) to come. Sales history: 680,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Manchego (Ger), c, 3, Pastorius (Ger)--Marny (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). Lyon la Soie, 1-7, 9f (AWT), 1:56.28. B-Gestut Etzean (GER).



IN JAPAN:

Vachement (GB), c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Daksha (Fr) (MSW & GSP-Ger, GSW-Fr, \$150,515), by Authorized (Ire). Nakayama, 1-6, Junior Cup, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$257,156. O-Koichiro Yamaguchi; B-Gestut Hoflttlingen (GB); T-Toru Kurita. *£400,000 Ylg '17 ARAAUG. **VIDEO.**



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1	10	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Purton	Cruz	133
2	7	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	de Sousa	Moore	130
3	5	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Whyte	Fownes	129
4	2	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Sanna	Gibson	126
5	6	Northern Superstar (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Teetan	Millard	114
6	8	Simply Brilliant (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Badel	Lor	114
7	4	Horse of Fortune (SAf)	Stronghold (GB)	Lai	Yip	113
8	9	Citron Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Poon	Yiu	113
9	1	Insayshable (Ire)	Rajj (Ire)	Moreira	Size	113
10	3	Dinozzo (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Chadwick	Size	113



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1	Pivotal (GB) <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon Crops: 15</i>	25	46	15	25	10	13	521	233	2,221,088	18,471,328
				<i>Stands: Cheveley Park Stud Eng Fee: Private</i>						Mikki Rocket (Jpn)	
2	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 10</i>	34	55	20	37	5	11	600	242	2,054,200	17,923,881
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>						Sistercharlie (Ire)	
3	Singspiel (Ire) <i>(1992) by In the Wings (GB) Crops: 14</i>	13	26	10	18	2	4	404	171	946,305	12,581,504
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Ganko (Jpn)	
4	Mark of Esteem (Ire) <i>(1993) by Darshaan (GB) Crops: 15</i>	7	14	7	11	2	4	186	81	3,106,525	10,848,167
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Fine Needle (Jpn)	
5	Dansili (GB) <i>(1996) by Danehill Crops: 11</i>	21	33	13	21	2	7	408	165	1,672,414	10,693,382
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: Pensioned</i>						Expert Eye (GB)	
6	Selkirk <i>(1988) by Sharpen Up (GB) Crops: 19</i>	6	14	4	8	2	2	311	115	4,998,964	10,583,831
				<i>Stands: EUR (Dead)</i>						Benbatl (GB)	
7	Cape Cross (Ire) <i>(1994) by Green Desert Crops: 12</i>	11	25	3	9	2	2	361	134	1,433,561	8,676,885
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Laurens (Fr)	
8	Monsun (Ger) <i>(1990) by Konigsstuhl (Ger) Crops: 15</i>	11	29	5	17	2	2	293	115	1,355,147	8,426,449
				<i>Stands: Gestut Schlenderhan EUR (Dead)</i>						Wild Illusion (GB)	
9	Red Ransom <i>(1987) by Roberto Crops: 21</i>	7	13	2	2	2	2	317	120	952,096	6,390,137
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Homesman	
10	Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 6</i>	10	17	6	8	2	4	195	81	1,396,980	5,397,474
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>						Latrobe (Ire)	
11	High Chaparral (Ire) <i>(1999) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 8</i>	2	7	2	6	2	2	179	72	999,000	4,292,930
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						A Raving Beauty (Ger)	
12	Indian Ridge (Ire) <i>(1985) by Ahonoora (GB) Crops: 22</i>	4	11	4	5	2	4	272	94	304,655	3,723,838
				<i>Stands: Irish National Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Romanised (Ire)	
13	Cadeaux Genereux (GB) <i>(1985) by Young Generation (Ire) Crops: 21</i>	4	12	3	8	2	4	234	91	430,720	3,658,184
				<i>Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Well Timed (Ger)	
14	Green Tune <i>(1991) by Green Dancer Crops: 16</i>	3	5	2	4	2	2	116	43	1,598,500	3,637,729
				<i>Stands: Haras d'Etreham EUR (Dead)</i>						Fierement (Jpn)	
15	Sadler's Wells <i>(1981) by Northern Dancer Crops: 28</i>	10	42	8	22	1	7	693	274	5,543,334	18,349,097
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead)</i>						Enable (GB)	

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GODOLPHIN READY FOR ACTION AT MAGICS



Team Godolphin inspecting yearlings | TDNAusNZ

by Bren O'Brien

With three horses involved in the Magic Millions Raceday and lofty plans for the yearling sale, it shapes as a big week on the Gold Coast for Godolphin. Twelve months after dipping its toe back in the Magic Millions waters, Godolphin is ready to make a bigger splash this year, with a trio of representatives on the track and well-laid plans for what they want to get out of the sales ring from the Yearling Sale which begins on Wednesday.

The start of January has long been the busiest time of year for Godolphin's Australian Managing Director Vin Cox, who was previously in charge of Magic Millions, but this is the first time his sole focus has been on securing bloodstock for the global powerhouse at the famous Gold Coast sale. He was instrumental in convincing Sheikh Mohammed to invest at the 2018 sale, prior to Cox's official arrival at Godolphin, and the result was a haul of eight yearlings.

One of those, a filly called **Exhilarates** (Snitzel) confirmed herself as the first Godolphin runner in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic when she won a 2-year-old race for trainer James Cummings at the Gold Coast last Saturday.

"I'm absolutely tickled pink that we've got a runner in the 2-year-old race, a horse we bought in our first year back," Cox told *TDN AusNZ*. "She's a live chance in the race. We couldn't be happier to have her there and we think she is going to give it one hell of a shake."

Being by champion sire Snitzel out of G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Samaready (More Than Ready {USA}), Cox said that Exhilarates always shaped as the most likely of those eight horses to contest the A\$2m race.

"She's a ready-made horse. She's not a big filly, so she was never going to take a lot of time to come to hand. It was the right recipe and it works."

Wildcard Bonus

The bonus for Godolphin has come with two of their runners, **Tally** (Street Cry {Ire}) and **Manicure** (Exceed and Excel), qualifying for wildcard entry into the Magic Millions Trophy and Magic Millions Fillies and Mares, respectively, with wins at Doomben in late December.

Tally, a winner of nine of his 36 starts, including five at stakes level, got his spot in the 2200-metre event when he won the Shoot Out Quality, while Manicure, a winner of three from seven, edged out stablemate **Demerara** (Commands) in the Nudgee S.

The wildcard concept was introduced in 2016 at the insistence of former Racing Queensland chairman Kevin Dixon and Cox, in his previous role, oversaw its implementation.

"The wildcard concept was brought in going back to my time at Magic Millions and we put the A\$10-million day together. Kevin Dixon was insistent that we have the ability to broaden the scope of Magic Millions day to some degree through wildcard entries and having horses who were either home-bred or sold through an opposition sales company," he said. **Cont. p2**



Manicure | Bronwen Healy

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Now, his current employer, Godolphin, will reap the benefits of that change in policy."It works well for us. Obviously, we breed and race our own and it gave us a chance to be here next Saturday," he said.

Making a Sales Impact

There is an enormous personal satisfaction for Cox that the Blue Army will race in two A\$1-million races and the A\$2-million feature on Saturday. But ahead of that, he has been busy with Cummings and the rest of the Godolphin crew, inspecting the yearlings ahead of the year's first sale.

"We've been doing a lot of work. We've got our team in place, so we're very impressed with the quality of the horses and it's just a matter of applying various things and seeing what comes out the other end," he said. "We're well down the lines. We are well into third and fourth looks, so we're pretty happy with where we're going."

And it hasn't taken long for Cox to adapt to talking like a buyer, keeping his cards close to his chest on his plans for the sale. "It really depends on how the market is and what comes in on our budget. Do we have a plan with a set number of horses to purchase? No, we don't, we'll just see where the market is," he said.

Godolphin bought an even split of fillies and colts last year, four apiece, and Cox expects a similar make-up this time around, with perhaps a slight leaning toward sourcing quality fillies.

"Last year the intent was to buy a few more fillies but we found that the colts were easier to buy. We probably have a slight preference for fillies over colts, but we will see how we go," he said.

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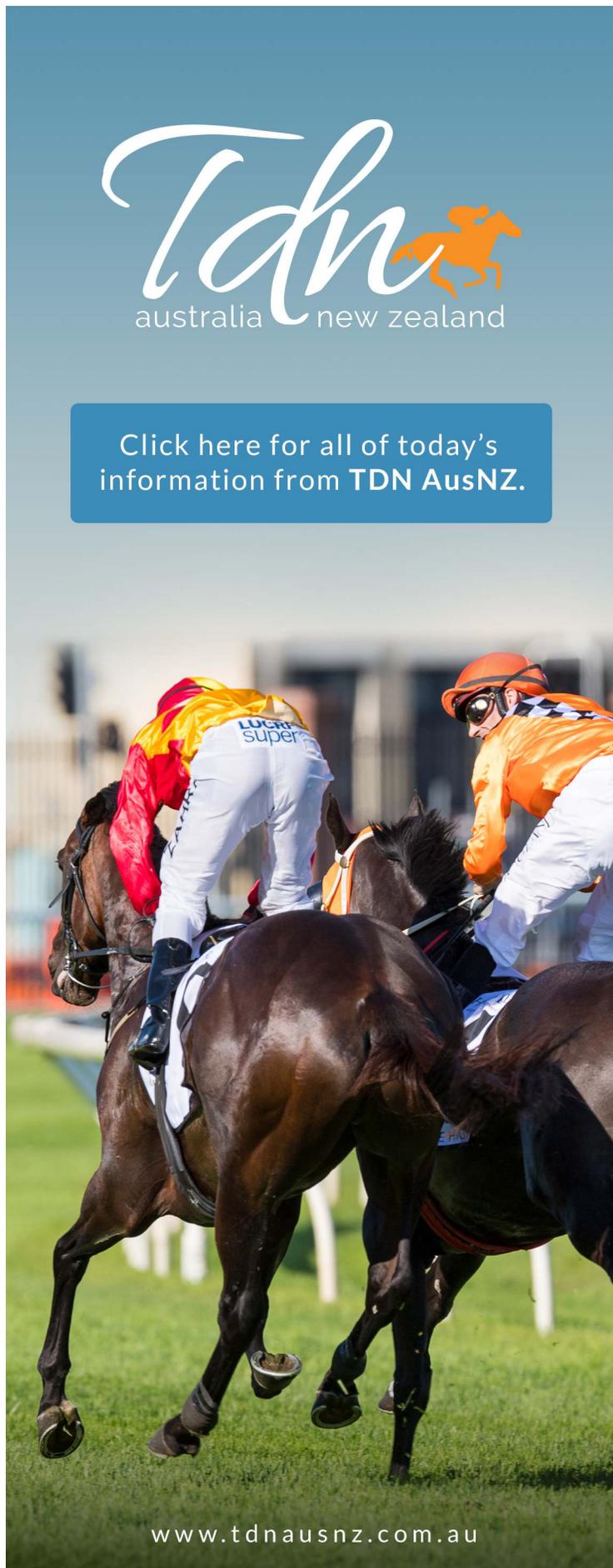
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