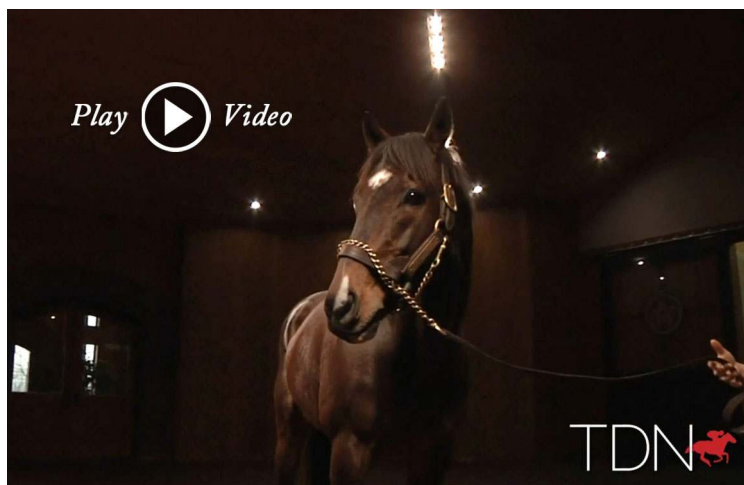


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PAYNTER ON THE RISE



By Lucas Marquardt

When WinStar Farm's **Paynter** got off to a slow start with his first crop in 2017, some reasoned his offspring would just need time to develop. That made sense. He himself didn't break his maiden until a first-out win in February of his 3-year-old year, and progeny by his sire, **Awesome Again**, typically need time to come around. Others thought the writing was simply on the wall.

Now, after a strong 2018 and a fast start to the new year, it's looking more and more like the first group got it right. Paynter was #8 on TDN's first-crop sire list by earnings, but the #2 second-crop sire in 2018. He's the #2 cumulative third-crop sire, as well, with six stakes winners and 16 stakes horses from 140 starters.

Gulfstream's Championship Meet has already been fruitful for Paynter. Last weekend, in maiden special company, the 3-year-old **Mega Fortune** took her turf bow at huge 41-1 odds. It was the third career start for the filly, who is campaigned by the same Zayat Stables that sent out Paynter to win the GI Haskell Invitational. Then on Thursday, another 3-year-old filly, **A Bit of Both**, aired at 3-5 odds in a state-bred first-level allowance.

Updates could come as soon as Saturday. Among those making further waves on her sire's behalf is **Needs Supervision**, co-second choice in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. at Fair Grounds. A winner of three straight, including a first stakes win in the local Silverbulletday S. Jan. 19, **Needs Supervision** would stamp herself as an early GI Kentucky Oaks favorite with a big effort.

STARRING ROLE FOR WAR OF WILL IN RISEN STAR

by Steve Sherack

The road to the GI Kentucky Derby continues through New Orleans this weekend as the streaking **War of Will** (War Front) headlines a full field of sophomores entered for Saturday's GII Risen Star S.

The Gary Barber colorbearer, a €250,000 ARQMAY juvenile purchase, made it a perfect two-for-two on dirt with a tour-de-force, four-length win over **Hog Creek Hustle** (Overanalyze) in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 19. The bay will move in one slot to post 13 as the Bob Baffert-trained **Kingly** (Tapit) will instead remain in California for Saturday's \$100,000 El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate.

War of Will, tabbed as the 5-2 morning-line favorite for the Risen Star, turned in a sharp, four-furlong breeze in :47 1/5 (2/135) at trainer Mark Casse's Fair Grounds base Feb. 9.

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A colt by War Front and out of Irish Group 3 winner Pretty Perfect (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) cavorts at Town and Country Farms in Georgetown, KY. See Foaling News on page 15 for more details. | Photo courtesy of Town and Country Horse Farms, LLC

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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1:35a	Kyoto Himba S.-G3, KYO	-----	-----
1:45a	Diamond S.-G3, TOK	-----	-----
4:00p	General George S.-GIII, LRL	TJCIS PPs	TVG
4:30p	Barbara Fritchie S.-GIII, LRL	TJCIS PPs	TVG
5:12p	Royal Delta S.-GIII, GP	TJCIS PPs	TVG
5:25p	Mineshaft H.-GIII, FG	TJCIS PPs	TVG
5:57p	Fair Grounds H.-GIII, FG	TJCIS PPs	TVG
6:29p	Rachel Alexandra S.-GII, FG	TJCIS PPs	TVG
7:02p	Risen Star S.-GII, FG	TJCIS PPs	TVG
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Paynter cont. from p1

"There's going to be some horses that she didn't see in her last race," said WinStar's Director of Bloodstock Services Sean Tugel. "But it's been great to see her go through her paces and, when stepped up and asked to show her talents, perform how her connections thought she would."

For Tugel, Paynter's career arc, short as it is, has been no surprise.

"It's a sire line that typically progresses as they get a little older, which Paynter did himself," said Tugel. "As he got more horses on the track, you've gotten to see more and more of his offspring reaching their potential and show that they have stakes ability. [He's] passed on that will to run, as well as that soundness that he brings to the table."

Paynter comes by those attributes honestly. In addition to being a star performer for the Bob Baffert barn, he was produced by a full-sister to Tiznow.



Paynter | Louise Reinagel

"Being from that female family, he's been a great option for many people because he opens himself up to the vast majority of mares here in America," said Tugel. "He's an outcross for the A.P. Indy, Mr. Prospector and Storm Cat lines."

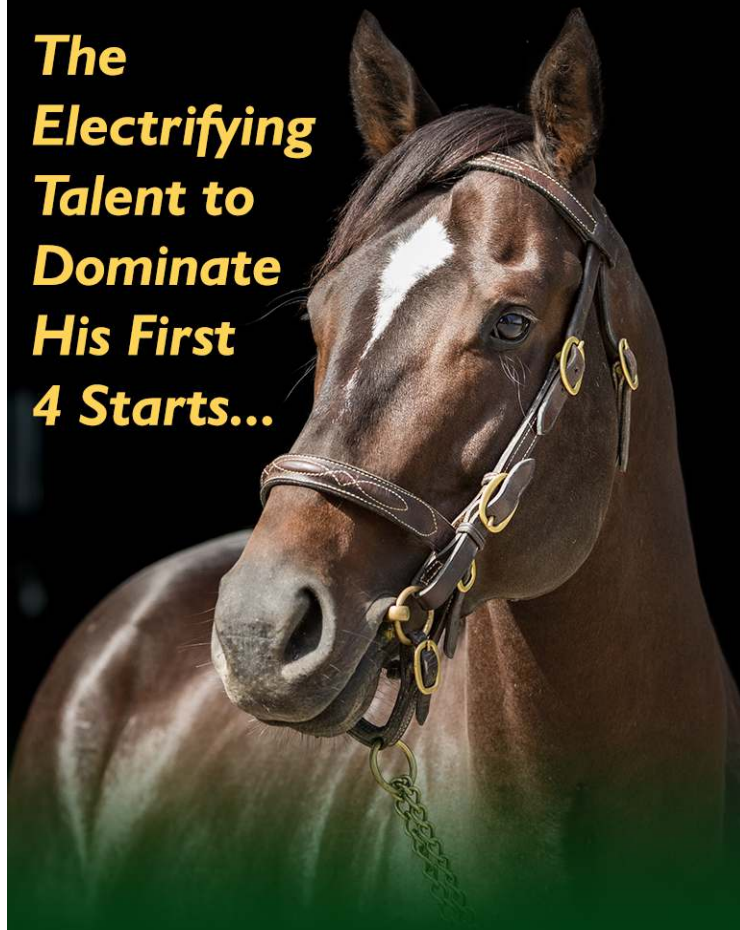
Encouragingly, Paynter's juveniles of 2018 were quicker to come around than their first-crop counterparts. They were led by Knicks Go, who on Tuesday was crowned Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, that off a season that included an upset win in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and a form-backing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Knicks Go disappointed when fifth in the GIII Sam F. Davis last weekend, but a strong rebound could still punch his ticket to the G2 UAE Derby, say connections.

"Paynter had 21 2-year-old winners last year, and he's just slowly and steadily climbing the ranks as his progeny get older," said Tugel. **Cont. p4**

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Paynter cont.

Tugel tabbed the 3-year-old filly Carrizo as one to watch in 2019. That one aired by 5 1/2 lengths on debut for Steve Asmussen last fall at Churchill. "Then she just got nailed at the wire in a Churchill allowance by a filly who is graded stakes quality," Tugel said, referencing the two-for-three Unholy Alliance (First Samurai).

"The unraced Reedley is getting very close for Bob Baffert," he added. "He has been breezing well against stakes horses and could be another exciting one to watch."

Reedley was a \$200,000 Keeneland September grad in 2017, Paynter's top-priced yearling that year.

To be sure, Paynter's sales' star slipped in 2018--his yearlings averaged just \$25,628--but Tugel is encouraged by the support he's continued to receive in the auction ring from buyers he respects. He notes that pinhookers like Steve Venosa, bloodstock agents like David Ingordo and Mike Ryan, and end-users like West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley have supported the stallion.

"They strongly go after Paynters and have supported him very well at the sales because he's horse that gives you a good race horse with talent, that can take you to the big races," said Tugel.

Paynter heads into the 2019 breeding season at \$12,500--half his original fee of \$25,000--and with considerable momentum.

"Paynter's got a really nice portfolio of younger and older horses, and he was extremely well supported by the breeders throughout his first three or four years," said Tugel. "So the numbers are going to be there, and he's a horse that, when his offspring get out there and populate all the different categories, is going to make a lot of noise."

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Needs Supervision runs in Saturday's GII Rachel Alexandra S.

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	<i>Blame</i>	<i>Paynter</i>
<i>Earnings</i>	\$3,861,282	\$5,025,424
<i>SHs</i>	12	15
<i>SWs</i>	5	6

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Risen Star S. cont. from p1

“It’s pretty well the same bunch that he’ll be up against,” Casse said in the Fair Grounds barn notes. “Obviously, the post is outside, but we’d rather be out there than inside. He’s got enough speed, so he’ll get over, and if he’s as good as we think he is, it shouldn’t matter.”

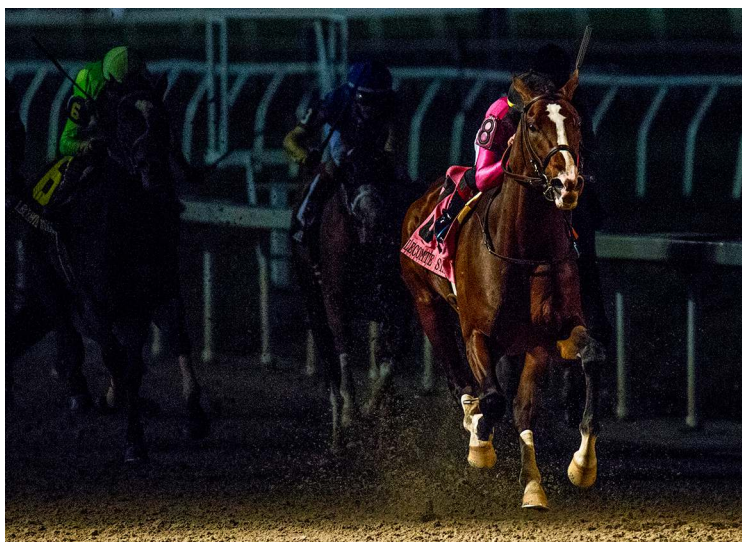
Country House (Lookin At Lucky) heads straight to the big leagues for Hall of Famer Bill Mott following a ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ performance at third asking after badly blowing the break at Gulfstream Jan. 17. His runner-up effort in his prior start at Aqueduct was further flattered when the winner Kentucky Wildcat (Tapit) returned to finish a strong second in last weekend’s GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa.

Mr. Money (Goldencents), scratched out of the Lecomte with a fever, makes his first start since finishing a respectable fourth at 41-1 in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs Nov. 2. He worked a five-furlong bullet in 1:00 1/5 (1/21) at Fair Grounds Feb. 8.

“It was unfortunate timing,” trainer Bret Calhoun said in the barn notes of Mr. Money’s setback. “I thought we had a great plan and timing wise the race was good, but he came up with a temperature and was sick the day before. It passed pretty quickly though. I think he only missed a few days of training. The horse is doing very, very well and I couldn’t be happier with where he is in his training.”

The first three finishers of a local salty optional claimer Jan. 17--**Owendale** (Into Mischief), **Frolic More** (More Than Ready) and **Gun It** (Tapit)--all make their stakes debuts.

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#1 THIRD-CROP SIRE BY EARNINGS IN 2018

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DeRosa - GIII Sam F. Davis - Going for Gold was ninth. **Bankroll: \$530.**

GII Risen Star S. - I'm very much against one favorite Saturday and in the camp of the other. We'll try to beat Lecomte S. winner War of Will in the Risen Star, as that foe has not run fast enough to merit backing at the shortest price in a full field. The Lecomte as a whole evokes thoughts of Shania Twain because it didn't impress me much. Another race at Fair Grounds, however, did, and that was the entry-level allowance race that produced the **Owendale**, Frolic More, Gun It trifecta. We'll take Owendale on top here, as that race did come back just as good as the Lecomte and you get a better price. **Selection: #8 Owendale (6-1).**

El Camino Real Derby - In the El Camino Real, **Kingly** stands tall over this field, and I have no issue with synthetic given the versatile breeding. **Selection: #9 Kingly (2-1).**

Sherack - GIII Sam F. Davis - Kentucky Wildcat turned in a big effort to finish a strong second before being vanned off with an injury. Hoping for a speedy recovery for this talented son of Tapit. **Bankroll: \$230.**

GII Risen Star S. - Outside post and all, I just don't see anything in this field stepping up and defeating the very imposing **War of Will**. The runaway GIII Lecomte winner is tactical enough to once again secure that ideal, stalk-and-pounce trip, albeit at a short price. **Selection: #14 War of Will (5-2).**

El Camino Real Derby - I always tend to side with the grassy SoCal invaders in this race and certainly had plenty of options to choose from this year. **Cont. p7**



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TwinSpires Road to the Triple Crown Throwdown cont.

Eagle Song (Ire) brought approximately \$215k from Red Baron's Barn and Rancho Temescal at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale after turning in consecutive wins over the Dundalk synthetic for Joseph O'Brien Oct. 5 & 19. He's run well in defeat in a pair of efforts over the Santa Anita lawn since venturing Stateside and returns on quick notice here--something he clearly thrives on--after finishing a strong second going a mile Feb. 1. This one could be rounding into form at the perfect time and should sit a nice trip if he handles the added distance.

Selection: #7 Eagle Song (Ire) (5-1).

DiDonato - GIII Sam F. Davis - Original pick Cave Run scratched, but replacement play **So Alive** put in a nice run from very far back to be third. **Bankroll: \$500.**

GII Risen Star S. - I found this race tough to take a stand in--there were just cases to be made for a lot of them. I'm going to stop from changing my mind again and take a swing already on **Dunph**. His Spendthrift Juvenile Stallion S. romp couldn't have been much more impressive, and while he's failed to reproduce that effort in two subsequent attempts, I'm willing to forgive those runs. The GII Kentucky Jockey Club came in the slop, and he had a right to come back down to earth a bit after two romps. I thought his Springboard Mile third was sneaky good--he moved too early and wide into a pace that ultimately collapsed. The form of that race has held up reasonably well overall and has produced two next-out stakes winners including fifth finisher Marquee Prince, who was part of the Springboard Mile pace as well and came back to earn a big figure top next time on the grass. **Selection: #11 Dunph (20-1).**

El Camino Real Derby - I guess I used up all my creativity in the Risen Star, because I had a hard time getting past **Anothertwistafate** in here. His two local routes were extremely impressive. **Cont. p8**

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4	MACLEAN'S MUSIC	10	24
5	BODEMEISTER	9	22

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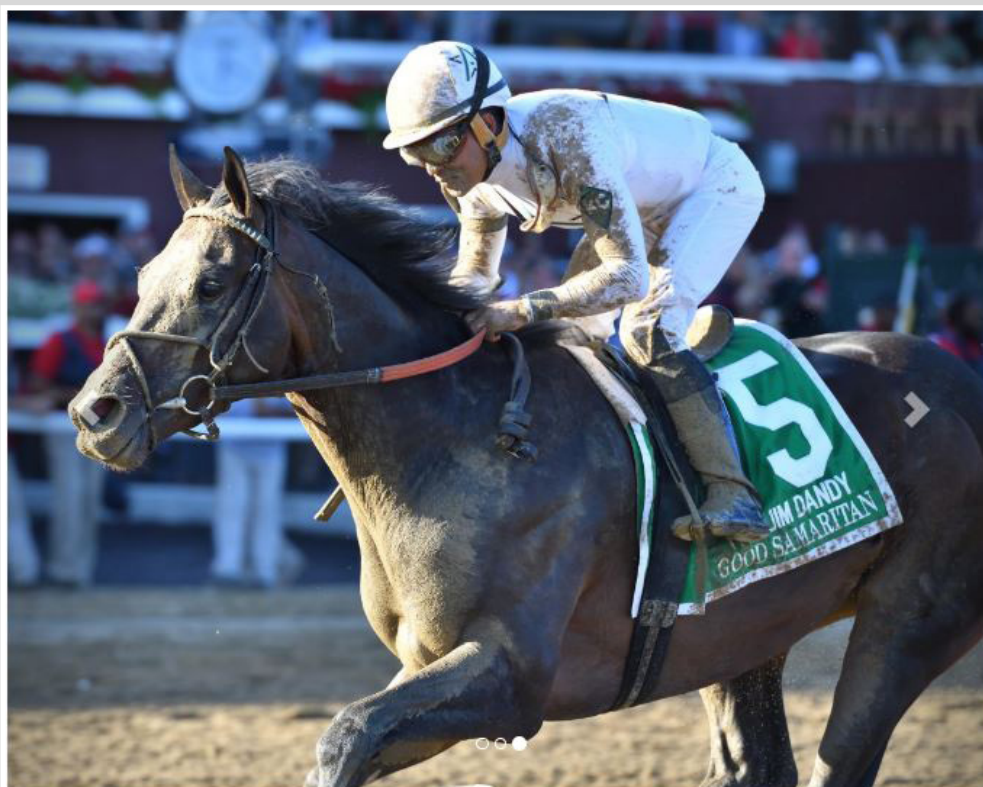
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Obviously the waters get deeper this time, but he'll either have to regress significantly or someone will have to jump way up to beat him. He seems like one who shouldn't have much trouble stalking if need be, and nine panels shouldn't pose a problem with all that Juddmonte pedigree on the bottom.

Selection: #4 Anothertwistafate (5-2).

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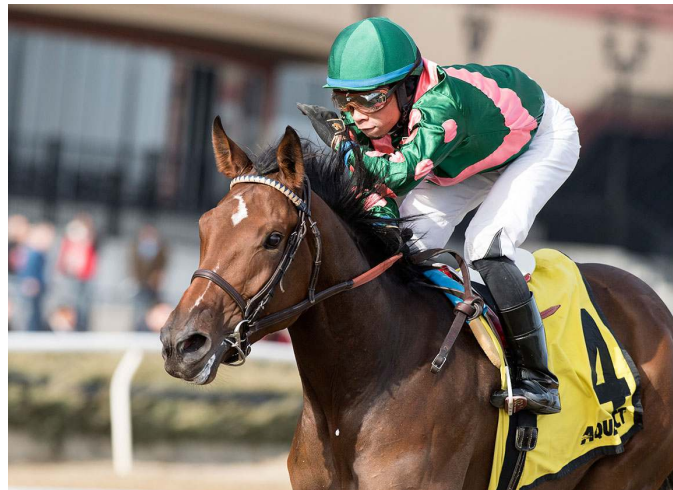
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ALEXANDRA by Alan Carasso

On two occasions in the last five years, the winner of the GII Rachel Alexandra S. (Untapable {Tapit}, 2014; and Monomoy Girl {Tapizar}, 2018) has gone on to repeat the dose in the GI Kentucky Oaks on the first Friday in May. Whether there proves to be anything of that class in this year's renewal remains to be seen, but a legitimate case can be made for several of Saturday's entrants, a number reduced to nine by the early-week scratching of 'TDN Rising Star' and GISW Chasing Yesterday (Tapit).

Mike Ryan's **Positive Spirit** (Pioneerof the Nile), a close relative of 2017 GI Kentucky Derby hero Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), validated 5-2 favoritism by overcoming a wide run on the far turn to graduate by a widening 1 1/2 lengths beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 8, then turned in a visually impressive effort in winning Aqueduct's GII Demoiselle S. Dec. 1, sitting three wide the trip before galloping away from her rivals late to score by 10 1/2 lengths at 11-1. Freshened a bit since, she has turned in some strong moves over the deep track at Payson Park, including a best-of-10 half-mile in :48.60 Feb. 10.



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Rachel Alexandra S. cont.

Needs Supervision (Paynter) defeated no fewer than four next-out winners in breaking her maiden at Laurel Nov. 2 ahead of an odds-defying first-level allowance victory going Churchill's one-turn mile Nov. 24. Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stable bought in thereafter and in her first start for the new partnership, the bay was more workmanlike than spectacular in defeating 31-1 **Eres Tu** (Malibu Moon) in the local Silverbulletday S. Jan. 19.

There appears to be plenty of early speed on paper in the form of GII Pocahontas S. romper **Serengeti Empress** (Alternation) and GII Golden Rod S. upsetter **Liora** (Candy Ride {Arg}). Calumet Farm's **Oxy Lady** (Oxbow) could prove the main beneficiary of the race flow and anything that approaches the 94 Beyer Speed Figure she earned for her success in the GIII Tempted S. Nov. 2 would make her very tough here. Oxy Lady was a latest fourth to Chasing Yesterday in the GI Starlet S. Dec. 8.

Molto Bella (Violence) was runner-up in Churchill's one-mile Rags to Riches S. last October, but a low-odds and alibi-free fourth in the Demoiselle. She produced something approaching her best form when running-off with Tampa's seven-furlong Gasparilla S. Jan. 19 and stretches back out for this. Julien Leparoux rides from the inside gate.

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SANTA MONICA HAS GRADE I FEEL

by Alan Carasso

For many years, the Santa Monica was one of just two seven-furlong Grade Is nationwide for female sprinters--Saratoga's Ballerina S. was the other--but the race lost its top-level status in 2013. With three Grade I winners, the defending race champion and the 'Assiniboia Assassin' in the field, this year's renewal is a Grade II in name only.



Marley's Freedom | Sarah K Andrew

Marley's Freedom (Blame) was many voters' idea of an Eclipse Award winner in 2018, posting an admirable record of five wins from eight runs, including a handy success in the Ballerina and a pair of graded scores in the Golden State. Fourth, beaten a half-length after dropping atypically far back in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, she returned to winning ways with a battling success in the GIII Go For Wand H. in New York.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Selcourt** (Tiz Wonderful) won last year's GIII Las Flores S. but went missing off her 4 1/2-length defeat of Marley's Freedom in this event. A disappointing 12th after setting the pace for the opening half-mile of the FM Sprint, she bobbled at the start of the Jan. 13 Kalookan Queen S. and was forced to settle for second at long odds-on.

Fellow '**Rising Star**' **Paradise Woods** (Union Rags) is winless in five starts since rolling home with the 2017 GI Zenyatta S. and makes her first appearance since a failed turf try in the Osunitas S. at Del Mar last summer. Formerly trained by Richard Mandella, the bay is now under the care of John Shirreffs.

GISW **Dream Tree** (Uncle Mo) won five straight to begin her career, including the GII Las Virgenes S. and GII Prioress S., but she surrendered her unbeaten record when finishing a long last in the age-restricted GI La Brea S. over course and trip Dec. 26.

Manitoba-bred **Escape Clause** (Going Commando) has proved equal to the task of the deeper waters that is the Southern California circuit. She has won two of her four outings, including a no-doubt-about-it score last time out in the GII La Canada S. Jan. 12.

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SARATOGA TO OFFER BETTER THAN \$20M IN STAKES MONEY FOR 2019

The 2019 meeting at Saratoga Race Course will feature 76 added-money events across the 40 days of racing worth nearly \$21 million. The recently announced meet will open eight days ahead of its usual position on Thursday, July 11 and will feature five days of racing each week, with Mondays and Tuesdays dark.

The stakes schedule features no fewer than 16 Grade I races on the flat, six of which form the backbone of the Travers Racing Festival Saturday, Aug. 24. The marquee race of the summer, the \$1.25-million GI Runhappy Travers S., anchors that program, which also includes the \$850,000 GI Sword Dancer Invitational, the \$700,000 GI Personal Ensign S., the \$600,000 GI Forego S. and the \$500,000 GI Ketel One Ballerina S. Excepting the Travers, each of the other events offer the winners fees-paid berths into the Breeders' Cup as part of the "Win and You're In" series.

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Saratoga Stakes Schedule cont.

Handicap horses also get their chance in the 'Spa' spotlight, with the \$1-million GI Whitney S. Saturday, Aug. 3 and the \$750,000 GI Woodward S. on closing weekend Aug. 31. The Aug. 3 program also features the GI Longines Test S. for the sprinting 3-year-old fillies.

As announced earlier this week, Saratoga will host the middle leg of the Turf Trinity--the \$750,000 Saratoga Oaks Aug. 2 and the \$1-million Saratoga Derby Aug. 4.



Saratoga | Alexa Reisfield

Two-year-old racing is always front and center at Saratoga, and opening week will include--as usual--the GIII Schuylerville S. for the fillies on July 11 and the GIII Sanford S. for the boys July 13. The GII Adirondack S. Aug. 4 and the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 10 serve as the final local preps for the GI Spinaway S. Sept. 1 and the GI Hopeful S. Sept. 2, respectively.

Additional upgraded races for the Saratoga summer meet include the \$100,000 GIII Quick Call S. marked for July 11; and the \$150,000 GIII Forbidden Apple S., set for July 12, which moves to Saratoga from Belmont.

New York Breeders' Showcase Day is scheduled for Travers Eve, with six races restricted to horses bred in the Empire State that will offer a total of \$1.15 million, including the \$250,000 Albany S. for state-bred 3-year-olds. Saratoga will also honor the memory of one of the state's beloved trainers with the inaugural running of the \$100,000 Rick Violette S., a six-furlong event for state-bred juveniles Wednesday, July 17.

The Violette was previously run downstate as the Rockville Centre S.

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MIND CONTROL ON TARGET FOR GOTHAM

Winner of Saratoga's GI Hopeful S. last summer, **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty) is being pointed to the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct Mar. 9. The Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables colorbearer is unraced since he took down the one-mile Jerome S. Jan. 1, also at Aqueduct. Prior to that, he had gotten a brief freshening after encountering trouble at the start of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and faltering to finish seventh.

"It always helps the horse to have time between races, it's just the way it worked out," trainer Greg Sacco said. "We skipped the [GIII] Withers S. to run in the Gotham. We're happy where he is with his training and where he's at physically. The two months is beneficial and we're coming in with a fresh, strong horse for the Gotham."

Mind Control has been steadily working at Belmont Park, including a four-furlong move in :49.25 this past Monday.

"Knock on wood, he's right on schedule and we can't be doing any better," Sacco said.

The Gotham is an official race on the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" and will award 50 points to the winner, 20 points to the runner-up, 10 points for a third-place finish, and five points for a fourth-place finish. Mind Control has already secured 10 points with his Jerome victory.

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FROM THE TDN WEEKEND: THE HRONIS BROTHERS' JOURNEY TO THE TOP

by Dan Ross

Of all the canny observations John Steinbeck makes in his novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*, perhaps none capture the ineffability of the human spirit more than this one: "Man, unlike any other thing organic or inorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, and emerges ahead of his accomplishments." Why invest the better part of our years in something, then, if the fruits of those labors aren't used for a greater purpose—if our sweat and toil bring earthly rewards only. Just ask the Hronis brothers, Kosta and Pete.

Through racehorse ownership, they've taken their life's work as scions of a thriving family farm and carefully cultivated an ancillary existence that has brought them about as close as the sport is able to the sublime. "That's a once-in-a-lifetime kind of thing," Kosta Hronis said about his recent victory with Accelerate in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. "There's nothing higher than that."

The Hronis brothers don't just have the best horse in the country right now—at the end of last year, they were the leading owners nationally in terms of prize money. The path the sport has led them down since they became the newly-anointed, first-time owners of a \$40,000 claimer fewer than nine years ago has been extraordinary indeed. It's no surprise, then, that when Kosta talks racing, he has about him a touch of the evangelist.

"Now, I finally have something in life that I just love. I'm sure there are guys that just love to go golfing, and love to see these new golf courses. I just love going to the racetrack and being part of that world. It's been a thrill. I couldn't be happier. I just wish I'd have found it sooner in life, I really do," he added. "The only thing I've really done in life besides raising my kids and going to their sports events, I've worked. I work 80-hour weeks. That's normal here."

"Here" is the family's California ranch—all decked out in the Hronis green and white—in Delano, Kern County, just a short hop north of Bakersfield, where the Joad family of Steinbeck's classic made a stop during their odyssey west away from the Okie Dust Bowl.

The Hronis ranch, founded in 1945 and now 8,000 acres in total, is hemmed in on all sides by great geometric blocks of leafy citrus trees and, at this unseasonal time of year, the browning vines of the business mainstay: table grapes. Some 2,000 people are employed by an operation that has flourished these past few decades. When Kosta and Pete took over the business reins from their father in 1991, they shipped 300,000 boxes of grapes a year.

"Today, this company's doing around nine-million packages a year," he said. "We grew up hard workers, and we learned a lot from dad and mom, how things were supposed to be done. I think it was that foundation that made us the success we are today."

Certain precepts—like hard-graft and loyalty—burrow deep through the Hronis narrative. But just as Steinbeck wondered

how we can "live without our lives—how will we know it's us without our past?" family is very much at the center of gravity. Indeed, after Pete popped his head briefly around the door of a boardroom to offer a cheery welcome before disappearing back to work, Kosta opened a window onto their fraternal relationship, as tightly bound as a double-helix.

"Pete and I do everything together," he said. "We respect each other. He's my brother. He's



Kosta Hronis at Santa Anita | Benoit photo

my best friend." To prove his point, Kosta described the circumstances of their upbringing—mother, father, Kosta, Pete, and two sisters—in a small, three-bedroom house. When their two sisters moved away to college, Pete and Kosta were offered a bedroom each. "We said, 'No way, we're going to stay together.'"

For the longest time, the brothers' relationship with racing was an observational one, beginning when they were children and their grandparents, who lived in Pasadena, would take them to Santa Anita. "I just remember being up against the rail as close as I could get to the racetrack, and to hear that thunder as they go by you," Kosta said, "well, I guess I was just really excited." In the following decades, the brothers continued on as racegoers. "We actually ended up with a box on Saturday and Sunday, so we'd go down and handicap for the weekend." It never occurred to them to become owners. "I don't know if we didn't know we could or if we thought we weren't ready. I'm not sure."

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Then, in 2010, when at the races one day, Kosta turned to his brother with an idea. "I said, 'I think we should claim a horse.' My brother said, 'No, we have no idea what we're doing. That's crazy talk.' And I'm like, 'Yeah, I think we could do this. We've been around the track a long time.'" An usher at Santa Anita overheard their plans, told them to speak to no one until he had introduced them to one trainer in particular. When they met John Sadler, he approached them with the circumspection of someone who has heard it all before.

"I don't know if John remembers it, but I remember him saying, 'So, I guess you want to win the Kentucky Derby?'" To which Kosta replied: "'I'm more interested in the Breeders' Cup.' And John looked at me kind of perplexed, like, 'Where did that come from?' I said it just seems like an easier window to fit through, because you could have a colt or a filly. You could be dirt or turf. You could run short or long. It just seemed like I could maybe fit into that group easier than finding a 3-year-old, two turns on the dirt on the first weekend of May."

Nine years might seem like a short time to build from the foundations up a world-class stable, but the way in which they've done it has been anything but haphazard or rushed. "I remember at the end of 2010 we had three horses, and I thought 'Oh my gosh, we have three horses now, what are we going to do?'" Success came almost instantly, and the brothers soon had ideas of raiding the yearling sales. Sadler nixed that plan flat. "Yeah, he was going to bring us along slowly at a pace that he felt comfortable with, and that we were comfortable with," Kosta said. Quickly, though, Sadler's carefully curated approach brought dividends.

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MUBTAAHIJ TO STAND IN ARGENTINA

by Diego Mittagstein

Mubtaahij (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of the GI Awesome Again S. and of the G2 UAE Derby, will begin his stallion career at Haras Abolengo, one of the most important argentinian farms, the same farm that bred champion and successful stallion Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails).

Mubtaahij will join Abolengo's stallion roster in association with his owner Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, who will support him with his broodmare band in Argentina.

"Alejandro García Romero, manager of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa in Argentina, presented me with the opportunity to repeat the agreement we had made some years ago with UAE Triple Crown winner Asiatic Boy (Arg) (Not for Sale) and, after studying the horse we reached an agreement that will allow us to incorporate in our stallion barn a horse with excellent running power and great ability," said Julio Menditeguy, owner of Haras Abolengo.

Mubtaahij will stand along John F. Kennedy (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Long Island Sound (War Front), Equal Stripes (Arg) (Candy Stripes) and Cosmic Trigger (Arg) (Sunray Spirit), the latter an undefeated half-brother to Candy Ride.

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KEEP REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH KY LEGISLATORS

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), a not-for-profit grassroots organization that serves as Kentucky's equine economic advocate, held its third annual KEEP Day in Frankfort Feb. 12. Representatives of the horse industry, ranging from racetrack and sport horse organization executives to administrators and students from equine academic fields to small horse operation owners, met with legislators. Topics discussed included the industry's support for House Bill 175, which would make sports wagering legal in Kentucky, and Senate Bill 81, which would provide equine program funding at public institutions in the state. Bills recently introduced on equine cruelty were also on the menu of discussions.

"Bringing together all of these different groups from the horse industry is critical to our work," said Speaker of the House David Osborne, "because it shows lawmakers that the horse industry is speaking with a unified voice on the issues that impact them most. We certainly understand the importance that horses have in this state and appreciate KEEP bringing a full representation of the industry to Frankfort."

The horse industry generates \$3.4 billion within the Commonwealth and its economy, KEEP says.

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KER WELCOMES CAROLYN CONLEY TO TEAM

Former jockey agent Carolyn Conley will join Kentucky Equine Research (KER) as Thoroughbred Specialist effective Feb. 18. In addition to serving as agent for Brice Blanc and Stewart Elliott in California, Conley also hosted racing coverage and reported live on location for HorseRacing TV. She has also been a print journalist for the Dubai Racing Club and was a former exercise rider at both Southern California and Washington tracks.

In her new role, Conley will work with Thoroughbred trainers, owners, and managers to match their stables with the proper equine nutrition products. Based in Versailles, Kentucky, KER advances the industry's knowledge of equine nutrition and exercise physiology.

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EXPERIMENTAL FREE HANDICAP DISCONTINUED

The Jockey Club announced Friday that it has discontinued its Top 2-Year-Old Rankings, also known as the Experimental Free Handicap, for 2019. It cited "waning relevance and interest." The Experimental Free Handicap, based on England's Free Handicap ranking, was first published in 1933 as a hypothetical ranking of 2-year-olds at the distance of 1 1/16 miles. It was typically released in late January or early February of that crop's 3-year-old season. A release from The Jockey Club noted that seven of the 13 Triple Crown winners were ranked at the top of their crop's Experimental Free Handicap.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RUSSIAN ROULETTE AND THOROUGHBRED

HORSE SALES *By Alfred Nuckols, Jr.*

The Saturday, Feb. 9, *Lexington Herald-Leader* featured a front page story on "False X-rays Made Horse Sales a Gamble, Suit Says". In a lawsuit filed by Lexington attorney, Mason Miller on behalf of Illinois trainer Tom Swearingen, Mr. Miller alleges that actions of certain veterinarians at Hagyard-Davidson-McGee Associates by backdating a small number, maybe 10%, of radiographic images of yearlings offered for public auction at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale over the past several years was "the functional equivalent of playing Russian roulette" for buyers purchasing such misrepresented yearlings. Out of 4,538 yearlings offered for sale 2,916 were sold in the 2018 sale. Some of those horses not sold were the result of repository X-rays and reports indicating the likelihood that certain horses had defects which would greatly decrease the likelihood of attracting buyer

interest. Others were either withdrawn from the sale close to their sales dates because of a lack of interest that buyers were perceived to have in these horses or RNA'd.

For the horses that did sell, the majority, if not all, had most likely been radiographed and had their throats endoscoped by veterinarians for the repository at Keeneland and had Repository Reports issued to the owner/breeder/consignor stating what defects, if any, that the examining veterinary surgeon felt needed to be disclosed because of the type of abnormality observed. Every consignor likes to get a report back that is "clean," meaning "no significant abnormalities" for each joint radiographed. The window of timing for these September Sale yearling X-rays is 21 days prior to the date of sale for each horse (and 15 days for weanlings and "short yearlings" in Keeneland's November and January sales).

However, Keeneland requires that all repository X-rays and corresponding reports be placed in the repository four days prior to each catalogued horse's sale date. That gives veterinarians a 17-day period to get X-rays done for these 4,538 September yearlings with 32 X-rays required for each individual horse. This means that the X-rays must be taken, then reviewed by one of Hagyard's surgeons with a report written on these X-rays for the consignor, a copy of which is submitted to Keeneland's repository and stamped for verification for the consignor.

This is a very daunting task for Hagyard-Davidson-McGee to X-ray these yearlings for the sale. I feel sure there is pressure on other veterinary firms as well that perform this work. It is also a big logistical problem for owners and consignors to the September Sale because of the many days a consignor's horses may be catalogued over a 14-15 day sale and the time that goes into preparing to take these horses to the sale.

As both a consignor and a buyer at the sale, I appreciate what these veterinarians do. However, the 21-day limit is not that significant to me as a buyer so long as the X-rays are accurate and current within a 30-45 day period prior to purchasing a yearling. What I worry about are conditions that are not going to change if the X-rays are taken a week earlier than required. These conditions are abnormalities such as "lucencies" or "OCDs" which involve cartilage and joint articular surfaces or old apical fractures that may involve suspensory ligaments or old chips that may involve a joint and an articular surface. These problems are not going to be different depending on a one-week difference in the X-rays. These problems take months to develop and months to resolve. Therefore, I have a hard time seeing this charge by the plaintiff and his attorney being a material issue.

The X-rays, if done properly, are going to give any reviewing veterinarian acting for a buyer all the information he needs to

make an informed decision. All of this is very subjective to begin with and each veterinarian reviewing the digital X-rays may come up with a different opinion.

A lot of buyers of the later catalogued horses that do not bring the big prices simply ask for the consignor to allow him/her to review the repository report that the consignor/owner is given by the veterinarian reviewing the X-rays for his/her use and is that veterinarian's opinion on what he/she believes may or may not be a problem for the consignor/owner. These are not opinions for the general buying public even though they are used as such.

Prospective buyers are deemed to have knowledge of all information placed in the repository for each sale horse submitted whether the buyer has it reviewed or not.

Prospective buyers or their agents, for the most part, examine the yearlings at their sales barn and watch them walk while looking for physical signs of problems. They may also request additional throat endoscopic exams as well as doing heart scans, DNA checks of tail hair, biomechanical evaluations, etc. There is no shortage of means to evaluate these yearlings. There are also transparency requirements for owners and consignors. Even though it is still "caveat emptor" for the buyer, there are so many options currently available that a one to two week difference in when sales X-rays are taken appears to me to be very immaterial and insignificant as long as the X-rays are accurate when taken.

As I previously stated, almost all problems are going to be chronic, not acute. Things happen to horses after arriving at the sales grounds due to the stress and change of environment that are not going to show up in the X-rays and reports. Horses at the sales ground can die before, during or after their sales. I have personally seen this occur.

If the plaintiff and his attorney are worried about "Russian roulette" in the Thoroughbred horse industry, maybe they should try what breeders do: plan a mating three years in advance of selling the product of that mating; foal that mating 11 months after the conception takes place without losing the mare, foal or both; raise the resulting foal for over a year without the resulting foal dying, injuring itself or having some type of deformity. This is what breeders do every year. In my opinion this is real "Russian roulette". The prospective buyer has had all of the hard work done for him/her when this yearling steps into the Keeneland sales ring. The timing of the X-rays is a sales company issue which, along with the use of repository reports, needs to be addressed by them in conjunction with consignors and veterinarians. In my opinion, a week difference in X-rays is not going to affect my judgment of an individual horse.

LETTER FROM DANIEL KELLIHER

I'm curious if anyone has researched the significant flaw that currently exists within the system for awarding black-type status to non-listed stakes races?

Here is how the current system works. The performances of the top four finishers of a race (for the preceding three years) are given a speed rating from BRIS, DRF, Equibase and Thorograh. These are averaged or combined to provide a Quality Rating. If the Quality Rating of the race meets a minimum standard the race is awarded black-type status for the following year. Seems simple enough, and I understand that this is the current international standard. However consider the following scenarios.

Scenario 1 - A stakes race is considered black-type. The top four finishers deliver a performance so poor that the following year the race is stripped of black-type status. The horses in question, delivering said poor performance, are awarded black-type because "the race" was so designated as black-type. Hmmm poor performance awarded an important industry credential.

Scenario 2 - A stakes race is considered non-black-type. In the current year the top finishers knock it out of the park. They deliver performances among the best ever for the historic runnings of the race. As a result of the stellar performance of the current year's top finishers the race will now be recognized as black-type the following year. The following year? Hmmm again, exceptional performance isn't awarded an important industry credential. Why??

Scenario 3 - Same stakes race (as Scenario 2) but now considered black-type because of the performance of the horses the preceding year. The horses in the current year again deliver a poor performance. A performance that will knock the race down to non-black-type the following year. But because the race was designated black-type again because "the race" was so designated as black-type.

Scenario 1 - Horse delivered substandard performance, but were awarded black-type.

Scenario 2 - Horses delivered exceptional performance, but were denied black-type.

Scenario 3 - Horses again delivered substandard performance, but were awarded black-type.

If the goal of the North American International Cataloguing Standards Committee is to ensure that the information that is presented on a sales page is accurately reflective of the quality of bloodstock presented on the page then the current system is not only flawed but is in fact a fraud. Many many horses have been presented as black-type quality when in fact they were not. And many many horses were shown to be of lesser quality when in fact there were superior (to many others). How in the

current age of technology and AI developments is this allowed to continue?

We often read about the state of our industry. Top end of the market is good, the lower levels more challenged. Maybe the middle and lower levels of our industry are more challenged because we treat those that participate there so poorly. Recently, elements of the industry have begun to talk about and recognize the value of smaller, feeder tracks. That there's more strength to our industry if we don't just revolve around the big three (CDI, TSG and NYRA). Maybe the same is true for our breeders.

Of course everyone wants to breed a Classic winner, a Breeders Cup winner, Dubai World Cup winner, etc., but for many small and medium tier breeders winning their local track (or track circuit) stakes race is often as meaningful to their program. Their mare or stallion or both achieving black-type is an exciting and important achievement for many small and medium tier breeders. Not everyone has 300 foals in every crop of runners.

The response that I received from Andy Sweigardt at TOBA was as follows.

"I spoke with Carl Hamilton, chair of the NAICSC, and the committee reaffirms its previous response to you regarding your question:

The process of assigning non-listed black-type status to races is as it is because the system of assigning races black-type status for the coming year, and not on a retroactive basis, is an international practice designed to allow owners and trainers to plan schedules for their horses and tracks to publicize their races in order to attract runners of suitable quality. A system where the status of a race is not known until after it is run would make it more difficult to plan a race schedule for a horse and publicize a race and introduce unneeded guesswork into the process."

This response fails to recognize three important elements. First, there is no denial that a flaw in the current system exists. Saying that it's done wrong because it's always been done wrong, and everyone else does it wrong is a poor response. And lacks credible logic. Secondly, many non-listed black-type races are THE stakes races of note in these regional markets. Trainers are targeting these races on the calendar regardless of black type/non-black-type status. We're not talking about graded stakes races (largely the province of the big owners, stables, trainers) where trainers are carefully targeting races for their owner's horses. Lastly, as an industry are we breeding horse races or race horses? A race is designated black type regardless of the current performances of the runners in it, not because of the current performances of the runners in it. Wow! How many horses worthy of black type weren't awarded it?

How many runners not worthy of black type were awarded it, and because of it carried inferior (or less superior) genes forward?

My closing question is quite simple. How does it advance our breed to reward (with important industry credentials) horses not delivering a black-type performance standard and refusing to recognize horses that deliver, at or better than, the defined standard the same credentials and/or recognition?

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14	War of Will 	War Front	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	5-2
15	Gun It 	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	10-1

Breeders: 1-Calloway Stables, LLC, 2-James M. Durlacher & Mary Durlacher, 3-Spruce Lane Farm, 4-Himanshu Shukla, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC, 7-Martha Jane Mulholland & Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 9-J. V. Shields, Jr., 10-Roberto Mesquita, 11-Equus Farm, 12-Bill Justice & Dr. Naoya Yoshida, 13-Clearsky Farms, 14-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 15-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:29 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Molto Bella 	Violence	Six Column Stables, Bloch, Randall L., Manfuso, R, Merritt, Fred, Seiler, John and Harner, Stephen	Wilkes	Leparoux	10-1
2	Street Band	Istan	Jones, J. Larry, Jones, Cindy and Francis, Ray	Jones	Doyle	20-1
3	Serengeti Empress 	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Graham	6-1
4	Positive Spirit	Pioneer of the Nile	Michael J. Ryan	Brisset	Franco	5-1
5	Liora 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Hill	12-1
6	Oxy Lady	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	6-1
7	Bell's the One	Majestic Perfection	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Scr	Scr	Scr
8	Eres Tu	Malibu Moon	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	12-1
9	Needs Supervision 	Paynter	Howling Pigeon Farms, Barber, G, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Rocco, Jr.	5-1
10	Chasing Yesterday	Tapit	Summer Wind Equine	Scr		Scr

Breeders: 1-SF Racing Group Inc, 2-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis, 3-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 4-Santa Rosa Partners, 5-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Bret Jones, 8-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 9-Mike Abraham, 10-Summer Wind Equine

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:09 p.m. EST**SANTA MONICA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Paradise Woods	Union Rags	Steven Sarkowsky & Martin & Pam Wygod	Shirreffs	Rosario	7-2
2	Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	Medallion Racing & Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Talamo	3-1
3	Marley's Freedom 🦟	Blame	Cicero Farms, LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	2-1
4	Dream Tree 🦟	Uncle Mo	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	Baffert	Smith	4-1
5	Mopotism 🦟	Uncle Mo	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	12-1
6	Escape Clause	Going Commando	Don Schnell	Schnell	Baze	6-1
7	Amuse	Medaglia d'Oro	Claiborne Farm, Perry & Ramona Bass & Adele Dilschneider	Mandella	Bejarano	12-1

Breeders: 1-Herman Sarkowsky, 2-Keith Abrahams, 3-Jack Swain III, 4-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny, 5-Frank T Batten, 6-Cam Ziprick & Arnason Farms, 7-Raydelz Stable

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Majestic Dunhill 🦟	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Lynch	20-1
2	Home Run Maker 🦟	Into Mischief	Jeff Drown	Englehart	Vargas, Jr.	8-1
3	Uncontested 🦟	Tiz Wonderful	LaPenta, Robert V. and Rosenblum, Harry T.	Patterson	McCarthy	6-1
4	Colonel Sharp 🦟	Colonel John	Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.	McMahon	Acosta	12-1
5	Moe Trouble	Uncle Mo	Michael W. Jester	Gonzalez	Torres	20-1
6	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Prat	9-2
7	Laki	Cuba	Hillside Equestrian Meadows	Dilodovico	Karamanos	6-1
8	Life in Shambles 🦟	Broken Vow	Ara Aprahamian	Servis	Toledo	12-1
9	It's Good to Be Us	Tapit	Cash is King LLC	Servis	Pennington	15-1
10	Do Share	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Centeno	15-1
11	Rockinn On Bye	Rock Hard Ten	Super C Racing Inc.	Gonzalez	Carrasco	15-1
12	Cordmaker	Curlin	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Cintron	15-1
13	Something Awesome	Awesome Again	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Prado	5-1
14	Long May You Run	City Zip	Kirwan Equine Group, Inc.	Zulueta	Salgado	20-1

Breeders: 1-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Richard Forbush, 4-Susan Casner, 5-Michael W. Jester, 6-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 7-Tom Michaels & Lorna Baker, 8-C. Clement & Don M. Robinson, 9-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 10-Colts Neck Stables, LLC., 11-Sycamore Hall Farm LLC, 12-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss, 13-Adena Springs, 14-Sienna Farms LLC

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Spiced Perfection	Smiling Tiger	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable & Peter Deutsch	Miller	Prat	3-1
2	Late Night Pow Wow	Fiber Sonde	Breeze Easy, LLC	Contreras	Peltroche	7-2
3	Shimmering Aspen	Malibu Moon	Hillwood Stable LLC	Jenkins	Carrasco	10-1
4	Dawn the Destroyer	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	McLaughlin	Alvarado	4-1
5	Honor Way 🦟	Caleb's Posse	Aron S. Yagoda	Rice	Karamanos	15-1
6	My Cousin Martha 🦟	Stay Thirsty	Keith S. Crupper & Perry Harrison	Walder	Pimentel	30-1
7	Devine Mischief	Into Mischief	Breeze Easy, LLC	Contreras	Acosta	20-1
8	Ms Locust Point 🦟	Dialed In	Jim Reichenberg & Cash is King LLC	Servis	Vargas, Jr.	6-1
9	Timeless Curls 🦟	Curlin	Sookdeen Pasram	Capuano	Hamilton	15-1
10	Your Love 🦟	Flatter	Paul P. Pompa, Jr. & WinStar Farm LLC	Brown	McCarthy	8-1
11	Lady Vicki	Boys At Tosconova	Diamond M Stable & Roll the Dice T'breds, LLC	Gaudet	Rosado	30-1

Breeders: 1-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-John Mckee, 3-Nancy L. Terhune, Ernest Frohboese & Candyland Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Candy Meadows LLC, 6-William D. Graham, 7-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 8-Lesley Campion, 9-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 10-Claiborne Farm, 11-Barry R. Ostrager

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Imperative 🦿	Bernardini	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC and Imaginary Stables	Quartarolo	Bravo	30-1
2	Harlan Punch 🦿	Harlan's Holiday	Front Row Racing LLC, Ten Strike Racing, McReynolds, Kevin and Miller, Bob	Cox	Geroux	4-1
3	Krewe Chief 🦿	Parading	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Franco	15-1
4	Silver Dust 🦿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	6-1
5	Lone Sailor 🦿	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	7-2
6	Third Day 🦿	Bernardini	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	20-1
7	Mo Dont No 🦿	Uncle Mo	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Hernandez, Jr.	30-1
8	Phat Man	Munnings	Brad Grady	Sharp	Beschizza	8-1
9	Flameaway 🦿	Scat Daddy	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gaffalione	5-1
10	Long On Luck 🦿	Lookin At Lucky	Olivia M. Morales	Montano, Sr.	Saez	20-1
11	Ballard High	Flat Out	Mark H. Stanley	Stewart	Lanerie	30-1
12	Thirstforlife 🦿	Stay Thirsty	Wesley E. Hawley	Hawley	Mena	15-1
13	Quip	Distorted Humor	WinStar Farm, China Horse Club Int'l & SF Racing	Scr	Scr	Scr

Breeders: 1-Glencrest Farm LLC & Darley, 2-Rosemont Farm LLC, 3-Stone Farm, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 6-Janet Lyons & James Atwell, 7-Beechwood Racing Stable, 8-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 9-Phoenix Rising Farms, 10-Susan Knoll, 11-Richard Snyder & Connie Snyder, 12-Camas Park Stud, 13-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:57 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Tiz a Slam	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stable	Attfield	Lanerie	8-1
2	Sir Dudley Digges 🦿	Gio Ponti	Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.	Maker	Gaffalione	10-1
3	Sun Lover (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Andrew Craycroft	Murphy	Gilligan	30-1
4	Long On Luck 🦿	Lookin At Lucky	Olivia M. Morales	Montano, Sr.	Saez	30-1
5	Big Changes	Midshipman	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Geroux	6-1
6	First Premio 🦿	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Hernandez, Jr.	4-1
7	Combatant 🦿	Scat Daddy	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Ortiz	8-1
8	Markitoff 🦿	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Franco	12-1
9	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	3-1
10	Great Wide Open (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	M and J Thoroughbreds & Riverside Bloodstock	Murphy	Graham	9-2
11	Bandua 🦿	The Factor	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	15-1

Breeders: 1-Chiefswood Stables, 2-Bernard & Karen McCormack, 3-Lofts Hall Stud, B. Sangster & St Albans, 4-Susan Knoll, 5-Joanne Crowe & Joe Pickerrell, 6-Ronald. McPeck, 7-Paget Bloodstock, 8-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 9-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 10-Newtown Anner Stud, 11-Judy Hicks & Kathryn Nikkel

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:12 p.m. EST**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Tequilita	Union Rags	Dorothy Alexander Matz	Matz	Velazquez	8-5
2	Weekend Mischief	Into Mischief	Arindel	Gold	Sanchez	12-1
3	Another Broad	Include	Madaket Stables, Elayne Stable 5 & Brian Martin	Pletcher	Castellano	3-1
4	Tulsa Queen	Cactus Ridge	Shagbark Farm, LLC	Walsh	Panici	20-1
5	Jala Jala (Mex)	Point Determined	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Jaramillo	12-1
6	Silver Bay	Currency Swap	Richlyn Farms	Hickey	Juarez	8-1
7	Blamed 🦿	Blame	Cleber J. Massey	Mott	Ortiz, Jr.	5-2

Breeders: 1-Dorothy Matz, 2-Arindel, 3-Fitzhugh, LLC, 4-Anne Walsh, 5-Rancho San Jorge, 6-Renee Parks & Melvin James & Judy Karlin, 7-Sagamore Farm

Monday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:09 p.m. EST**SOUTHWEST S.-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gray Attempt 🌿	Graydar	Dwight Pruett	Fires	Bridgmohan	122
2	Ninth Street	Street Boss	H. V. Farms, Ltd.	Asmussen	Cabrera	117
3	Cutting Humor 🌿	First Samurai	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Velazquez	117
4	Boldor	Munnings	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Vazquez	117
5	Jersey Agenda	Jersey Town	Charles E. Fipke	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
6	Super Steed	Super Saver	Pressley, Michael and Jackson, Steed	Jones	Thompson	117
7	Sueno 🌿	Atreides	Silverton Hill LLC	Desormeaux	Lanerie	117
8	Six Shooter	Trappe Shot	Dundalk 5 LLC, N P H Stable and Herek, Wes	Holthus	Elliott	117
9	Bankit	Central Banker	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	119
10	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Eramia	119
11	Olympic Runner 🌿	Gio Ponti	Gary Barber	Casse	Cohen	117

Breeders: 1-Wynnstay LLC, Donna Moore & Jim Richardson, 2-H. V. Farms, Ltd., 3-Dell Hancock & Bernie Sams, 4-Carlos S. E. Moore & Gillian Gordon-Moore, 5-Charles Fipke, 6-Mike Pressley, 7-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 8-Craig D. Upham, 9-Hidden Brook Farm, LLC & Blue Devil Racing, 10-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 11-Eutrophia Farm LTD

Monday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:09 p.m. EST**BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Auspicious Babe	Bodemeister	Rock Ridge Racing LLC	Stewart	Morales	117
2	Holiday's Angel	Harlan's Holiday	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC	Milligan	Bridgmohan	117
3	Promise of Spring	Drosselmeyer	Best Of Times Racing, LLC	Margolis	Lanerie	115
4	Dutch Parrot	Eskendereya	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Van Meter	Cohen	119
5	Smart Emma 🌿	Smart Strike	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Peitz	Eramia	117
6	She's a Julie 🌿	Elusive Quality	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Whispering Oaks Farm LLC, Team Hanley, Madaket Stables LLC, Cambron, Tim and Cambron, Anna	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	119
7	Remedy 🌿	Creative Cause	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, Medallion Racing & Parkland Thoroughbreds	Cox	Geroux	115
8	Rose of Malibu	Malibu Moon	C. R. Trout	Trout	Cabrera	117
9	Sydney Freeman	Tizway	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Vazquez	122
10	Moonlit Garden 🌿	Malibu Moon	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Davis	Ortiz	119

Breeders: 1-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Elm Racing, LLC, 3-Bottom Line Stables Inc., Rowland Hancock & Dick Walker, 4-Shortleaf Stable, 5-Takahiro Wada, 6-Godolphin, 7-Brereton C. Jones and B. Ned Jones, 8-C. R. Trout, 9-Robert H. Zoellner, 10-Town & Country Farm, Corp



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Monday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:38 p.m. EST

RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Copper Bullet 	More Than Ready	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	117
2	Remembering Rita	Spring At Last	Jeral Keith Adams	Anderson	Birzer	115
3	Rocking the Boat 	Arch	Team Valor, et al	Romans	Santana, Jr.	115
4	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Eramia	115
5	Souper Tapit	Tapit	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Cohen	117
6	Nun the Less 	Candy Ride (Arg)	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	De La Cruz	114
7	Nanoosh	Paynter	Rockingham Ranch, Zayat Stables, LLC and David Bernsen, LLC	Diodoro	Mojica	115
8	Lone Rock	Majestic Warrior	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Van Meter	Canchari	114
9	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Cowboy	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable	Contreras	Cabrera	114
10	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Baze	115
11	Tiz He the One 	Tiz Wonderful	Lady Sheila Stable and Iris Smith Stable	Englehart	McCarthy	116
12	M G Warrior	Majestic Warrior	Chrysalis Stables LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	115
13	Thirstforlife 	Stay Thirsty	Wesley E. Hawley	Hawley	Mena	113
14	Coal Front	Stay Thirsty	LaPenta, Robert V. & Head of Plains Partners LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120

Breeders: 1-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 2-Dapple Bloodstock & Lisa McNamara, 3-Team Valor LLC & Highfield Stock FarmLTD., 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Live Oak Stud, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-Zayat Stables, LLC, 8-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC &Pollock Farms, 9-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 10-Kaleem Shah, Inc., 11-James P. Gallagher, 12-Stephanie S. Clark, 13-Camas Park Stud, 14-Michael Edward Connelly



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneer of the Nile	1	1	--	--	--	--	26	5	71,460 Mihos	234,592
2	Fed Biz (2009) by Giant's Causeway	--	2	--	1	--	--	16	4	33,000 Bump Bailey	193,993
3	Mucho Macho Man (2008) by Macho Uno	1	1	1	1	--	--	15	3	90,000 Mucho Gusto	181,297
4	Strong Mandate (2011) by Tiznow	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	5	38,640 Gotta Be Strong	177,447
5	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	3	33,000 Thousand Percent	159,659
6	Flashback (2010) by Tapit	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	5	26,250 Poker Game	131,772
7	Shakin It Up (2010) by Midnight Lute	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	5	41,480 Win the Shake	126,527
8	Central Banker (2010) by Speightstown	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	2	33,000 Intoxicologist	123,449
9	Verrazano (2010) by More Than Ready	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	4	25,800 Soldado	108,423
10	Abstraction (2010) by Pulpit	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	2	51,000 Hustle Up	94,562
11	Honorable Dillon (2010) by Tapit	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	3	33,000 London House	93,043
12	Cross Traffic (2009) by Unbridled's Song	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	5	22,800 Pat's No Fool	86,910
13	Guilt Trip (2009) by Pulpit	1	1	--	--	--	--	13	1	60,000 Goodprofit	85,100
14	He's Had Enough (2010) by Tapit	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	2	23,800 He's Smokin Hot	72,563
15	Bandbox (2008) by Tapit	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	2	21,127 Artful Splatter	72,027

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IN SHARPER FOCUS: BUMP BAILEY

by Steve Sherack



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Bump Bailey (c, 3, Fed Biz--One Hot Seniorita, by Sharp Humor) certainly looked like a 'Natural,' airing in his debut in the Santa Anita slop Thursday afternoon.

The Rockingham Ranch colorbearer, trained by Peter Miller, broke like a shot and was pressed through an opening quarter in :21.44. He began to let it out a notch on the far turn and never gave them a chance in the stretch, splashing home a geared-down, 3 1/2-length winner.

Bump Bailey earned an eye-catching 91 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

"He's a nice colt that we've taken our time developing," Rockingham Ranch's Brian Trump said. "Peter Miller has done a tremendous job gearing this horse up for his debut and we are excited for what the future will bring him."

The dark bay was acquired for \$190,000 from last year's now-defunct Barretts April 2-Year-Old Sale out of the Excel Bloodstock consignment after breezing an eighth in :10 1/5. He was also a \$90,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$175,000 KEESEP yearling.

Bump Bailey, bred in Kentucky by Lynn Jones, is the 18th winner for young sire Fed Biz. His unraced dam One Hot Seniorita--a half-sister to the talented sprinter Nicole H (Mr. Greeley), GSW & GISP, \$811,144--is also responsible for a Paynter colt of 2017 and a Fed Biz filly of 2018. She was bred to the latter for the 2019 season.

As for the promising sophomore's name? A tip of the cap goes to owner Gary Hartunian for that one.

"As you know, we have named many horses in the past after characters in some of our favorite baseball movies, including

Nuke Laloosh [*Bull Durham*] and Pedro Cerrano [*Major League*]," Trump said. "Gary's favorite baseball movie of all time is *The Natural*, so quite fittingly, we had to pay homage by naming one of our horses after one of the characters [Bump Bailey was played by actor Michael Madsen]."

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8th-Santa Anita, \$56,053, Msw, 2-14, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:02.65, sy.
BUMP BAILEY (c, 3, Fed Biz--One Hot Seniorita, by Sharp Humor) showed an average-looking worktab at San Luis Rey before perking up with a half-mile gate spin in :47 flat (2/27) to cap preparations there Feb. 8, and was overlooked at 12-1 in this debut. Breaking sharply, the \$190,000 Barretts April buy showed the way through a sharp :21.44 quarter, widened past a :44.47 half and never looked a loser in the stretch, coasting home 3 1/2 lengths to the good of Grit and Curiosity (Macho Uno). Sales history: \$90,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$175,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '18 BARAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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3rd-FG, \$43K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, post time: 2:26 p.m. ET

Pedigrees don't get much bigger than the one possessed by **SECLUSIVE (Tapit)**, the \$1.05-million second highest-priced weanling at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. A May 6 foal--who fetched the same price, but was unsold at KEESEP--the dark bay is the latest to make the races from SW Serena's Cat (Storm Cat), the dam of five winners from as many to race, including the champion MGISW, Lane's End stallion and '**TDN Rising Star**' Honor Code (A.P. Indy); MGSW Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song), a sire in South Africa; and SW Declarationofpeace (War Front), himself a \$2.6-million KEENOV acquisition in 2015. His third dam is the irrepressible Serena's Song (Rahy), the Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old filly of 1995 and 11-time Grade I winner who produced the likes of G1SW Sophisticat (Storm Cat) and GSWs Grand Reward (Storm Cat) and Harlington (Unbridled).

“He’s a big good looking horse,” trainer Joe Sharp said. “He’s big and heavy and it’s taken a while with him. We’ve been real patient as far as getting him there. Every work has gotten better as we’ve gotten closer. I think he might be a horse that needs a start or two to get it all together, but his last couple of works from the gate have been pretty encouraging and he’s outworked his company.” **Get the Prize (Candy Ride {Arg})**, a \$125K KEESEP yearling turned \$410K OBS March breezer (**work**) is out of a half to GSW & MGISP Nothing But Fun (Dixie Union) and hails from the deeper female family of champion Ajina (Strawberry Road {Aus}). Allen Paulson’s fingerprints are also all over the family of **Hitch (Tapit)**, a \$370K KEESEP RNA and \$500K OBSAPR grad (**work**) whose SW second dam Tenga (Mr. Prospector) produced GISW Startac (Theatrical {Ire}). **TJCIS PPs**



Seclusive selling at Keeneland in 2016 | Keeneland photo

City Zip Colt Looks ‘Worth’ It...

3rd-GP, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, 7f, post time: 1:05 p.m.

FORT WORTH (City Zip) has been pegged as the slight 9-5 morning-line favorite debuting for Bass Racing LLC and trainer Todd Pletcher. The New York-bred, produced by a MSP half-sister to GSP Flatter Than Me (Flatter), was sold in utero for \$65K at KEENOV in 2015 and repaid that bill when hammering for \$150K at FTKNOV a year later. A \$300K purchase out of the 2017 FTSAUG sale, the chestnut drilled a furlong in **:10 flat** and was purchased by agent Steve Young for \$550K (1/12) at OBSMAR last spring. **Bandon Woods (Uncle Mo)** made \$180K as a KEENOV weanling and turned a nice profit when hammering for \$700K at FTSAUG the following summer. His GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff-winning third dam Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled’s Song) bred GSWs Etched (Forestry), Emotionless (Ire) (Shamardal) and Out of Bounds (Discreet Cat). **TJCIS PPs**

Another Pricey OBS Grad Gets Going...

4th-GP, \$50K, Msw, 3yo, f, 7f, post time: 1:35 p.m.

SMOOTH WITH A KICK (Candy Ride {Arg}), a daughter of MSP Minesave (Mineshaft), realized \$270K as a KEESEP yearling before being knocked down to agent Mike Ryan for \$650K at OBSAPR after covering a quarter-mile in a slick **:21 1/5**. Her SW & GSP second dam Jaramar Rain (Thunder Gulch) was responsible for MGSP Imperial Council (Empire Maker). The chestnut, who worked a bullet five-eighths at Payson Park in late January, is the 5-2 morning-line choice breaking from the rail for trainer Chad Brown. **TJCIS PPs**

What’s Not to Like?...

1st-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo, f, post time: 3:00 p.m ET

Ontario-bred **HARD NOT TO LOVE (Hard Spun)** summoned \$400K at the 2017 KEESEP sale and is out of Loving Vindication (Vindication), whose **‘TDN Rising Star’** daughter Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d’Oro) was the Sovereign Award-winning 2-year-old filly of 2017 and is a near slam dunk to follow up as champion of her generation last season on the strength of her victory in the Queen’s Plate as well as placings in the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Cotillion S. south of the border. The May foal’s second dam was the very speedy GSW & GISP Chimichurri (Elusive Quality). **TJCIS PPs**

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Saturday, Golden Gate Fields, post time: 6:54 p.m. EST

EL CAMINO REAL DERBY, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Angelo's Pride	Lakerville	Amador	Delia	30-1
2	King of Speed	Jimmy Creed	Figueroa	Bonde	10-1
3	Data Hawk	Data Link	Gonzalez	McCanna	30-1
4	Anotherwistafate	Scat Daddy	Hernandez	Wright	5-2
5	The Creep	Twirling Candy	Blanc	O'Neill	12-1
6	Weekly Call	Will Take Charge	Quinonez	O'Neill	12-1
7	Eagle Song (Ire)	No Nay Never	Couton	Glatt	5-1
8	Rey Coliman	Fort Larned	Martinez	Rondan	30-1
9	Kingly	Tapit	Roman	Baffert	2-1
10	Knight's Cross	Mizzen Mast	Sanchez	Desormeaux	20-1
11	Royal Insider	Divine Park	Alvarado	Harty	30-1
12	More Ice	More Than Ready	Cedillo	Hollendfr	8-1
13	Mayor Cobb	New Year's Day	Antongeorgi	Wong	20-1

Saturday, Laurel Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST

MIRACLE WOOD S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Trainfourtwentyone	New Year's Day	Salgado	Aristone	12-1
2	Alwaysmining	Stay Thirsty	Centeno	Rubley	7-5
3	Wendell Fong	Flat Out	Vargas Jr	J Engelhart	8-1
4	Mount Travers	Speightstown	Karamanos	Rice	9-2
5	Tyalt	Kitten's Joy	Gomez	Gonzalez	5-1
6	Gray Magician	Graydar	Prat	Miller	9-2

Saturday, Laurel Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST

WIDE COUNTRY S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Paynterbynumbers	Paynter	Lynch	Weaver	3-1
2	Las Setas	Seville (Ger)	Toledo	Voss	10-1
3	Our Super Freak	Mineshaft	Suarez	Ness	2-1
4	Bella Noire	Temple City	Villasana	Demeritte	20-1
5	Crafty's Dream	Bodemeister	McCarthy	Evans II	6-1
6	Who U Gonna Call	Friesan Fire	Chiappe	Testerman	20-1
7	Two Dozen Roses	Super Saver	Vargas Jr	Pletcher	3-1
8	No Mo Lady	Uncle Mo	Pimentel	Trombetta	10-1

Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:38 p.m. EST

DIXIE BELLE S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Unholy Alliance	First Samurai	Elliott	Cox	2-1
2	Broadway Cat	Tale of the Cat	Cohen	Stewart	12-1
3	Adventurous Lady	Kantharos	Vazquez	Asmussen	9-2
4	Q Go Girl	Quality Road	J Bridgmohan	Walsh	6-1
5	Lady T N T	Justin Phillip	Cabrera	Sharp	3-1
6	Raintree Starlet	Get Stormy	Canchari	Williamson	6-1
7	Spice It Up	Super Saver	McMahon	Catalano	6-1

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$84,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.17, wf.

CUMMINGS (g, 4, To Honor and Serve--Five Star Holding {SP}, by Five Star Day) graduated second time out turf sprinting at Arlington in May, but finished far back after dueling at Del Mar in August. Fifth on the dirt in a Nov. 2 Hawthorne allowance, he was taking off the blinkers and had been gelded since his last start, and entered this off of three swift bullet breezes. Right to the front, the 9-2 shot proved not for catching as he kicked away from his competition by 2 3/4 lengths. Mississippi (Pioneerof the Nile) was second. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Temple City. His dam was bred back to Tapiture. Sales history: \$67,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$30,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$70,902. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Copper Penny Stables (KY);

T-James P. DiVito.



9th-Laurel, \$48,300, Alw, 2-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.72, ft.

AUTOSTRADE (g, 4, Giant's Causeway--Hot Trip {SP}, by Trippi), previously conditioned by Todd Pletcher, romped by five lengths on debut at Gulfstream last March before just missing in a Keeneland allowance the following month. He failed to fire when stretched out at Belmont June 9, and had been off since a fourth-place finish over track and trip back in July. Appearing here for the new barn as a first-time gelding, the 7-2 shot traveled well in third along the fence before being asked for more into the bend. Kept after while a bit erratic as he looked for a clear seam in the lane, he found his best stride inside the sixteenth pole and ran down favored Won and Done (Daaher) to prevail by a neck. The winner's dam is a full-sister to GISW R Heat Lightning. She was an unraced 3-year-old half-sister named Hot Mischief (Into Mischief) and her dam most recently visited Greenpointcrusader. Sales history: \$330,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$400,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$70,910. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-St Elias Stable, John D'Amato, Lindy Farms & Albert Frassetto; B-Regis Farms LP (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.



9th-Gulfstream, \$45,250, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-15, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.64, fm.

FIXED POINT (c, 4, Midshipman--Shine a Spotlight, by Nobiz Like Shobiz), claimed last March from owner Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC and trainer Jaime Mejia for \$40,000 when third in a maiden over this course and distance, got a 5 1/2-month freshening and came back a different animal. Sent 5 1/2 panels in a Spa maiden special weight Aug. 23, he recorded his first win, then finished third in an Oct. 5 Belmont allowance before an open-length allowance optional claimer score here Dec. 20. Sent straight to the front at 5-1, Fixed Point moved over to the fence and led the field through crisp fractions of :21.47 and :43.86. He never relinquished his advantage, holding sway to record a 1 1/4-length triumph. Fig Jelly (Forestry) was second. The winner's extended family includes Grade I winner Pompeii (Broad Brush) and additional GSWs Take the Cake (Fly So Free), Ground Storm (Summer Squall) and Omi (Wild Again). His dam has juvenile filly Broadway Medley (Medal Count) and a yearling filly by Mixmaster. She was open for this year. Sales history: \$1,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$190,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR; \$105,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-3, \$123,160. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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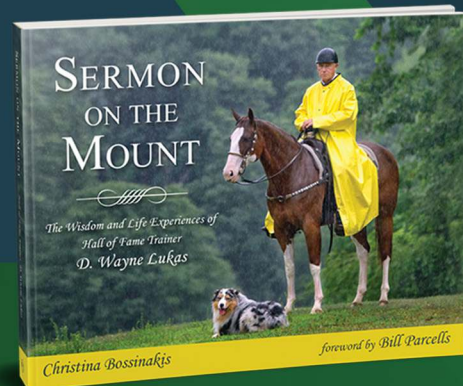
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2nd-Gulfstream, \$45,050, Alw, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.55, ft.

PINK SANDS (f, 4, Tapit--Her Smile {GISW, \$462,314}, by Include) cleared her first-level allowance condition going seven panels here Dec. 27, and was 29-10 to double up. Tracking just behind favored Tweeting (Uncle Mo) from in between foes early, she came under an energetic ride into the bend as the favorite seemed to be going best and comebacking GSW My Miss Lilly (Tapit) looked loaded just in behind. By midstretch My Miss Lilly had run out of steam, and Pink Sands found her best stride, wearing down Tweeting by 3/4 of a length. Larry and Karen Doyle's KatieRich Farms paid \$1.5 million for 2011 GI Prioress S. heroine Her Smile at the 2014 Keeneland November sale while she was carrying Pink Sands. Pink Sands's 3-year-old full-brother Timing Now, a \$750,000 KEESEP yearling, is two-for-two sprinting in Japan, having last annexed a Chukyo allowance by two lengths Feb. 2. Her Smile's now 2-year-old son by Empire Maker was a \$175,000 KEESEP buyback last year. She was barren to Candy Ride (Arg) during the 2017 breeding season, but was bred back to that stallion again last term. Sales history: \$625,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-2, \$168,380. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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10th-Gulfstream, \$44,420, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-15, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.99, fm.

SOLAR KITTEN (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Day Glow, by Dehere) checked in fifth going this distance over a yielding course at Keeneland in her Oct. 20 debut and went from last-to-first next out over this course Dec. 1. Fifth again going a mile here last time Jan. 21, she was overlooked at 10-1 this time. Biding her time near the back of the pack through a first half in :48.87, the bay still had plenty of work to do entering the far turn. Closing powerfully down the three path in the lane, Solar Kitten dove past Comic Kitten (Kitten's Joy) late for a half-length success. The winner has a juvenile full-brother named Radiant Kitten and a yearling full-sister. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$52,910. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Oaklawn, \$83,000, Msw, 2-15, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.11, ft. IRISH MISCHIEF (f, 3, Into Mischief--Celtic Chant {SW, \$241,410}, by Songandaprayer) had to settle for third at 2-5 sprinting here Jan. 25, but she atoned for that effort on the stretch-out as the 3-5 chalk. Second on debut at Churchill Nov. 22, she was flattered to an extent when Ultimate Mo (Uncle Mo), the runner-up from that Jan. 25 heat, came back to air over this same track and trip in the slop last Sunday. Pressing an opening quarter of :24.09 while very hard held, the bay could be contained no more as she poked her head in front while flanked by foes on each side through a :48.33 half. Briefly giving the lead back up into the turn, she was given her cue to quicken approaching the quarter pole and finished full of energy to run up the score to 6 1/4 emphatic lengths. Drop Dead Gorgeous (Strong Mandate), who finished one spot behind Irish Mischief last time, completed the exacta. Motion Emotion (Take Charge Indy), winner of that potentially key race, stretches out herself in a salty optional claimer here on Sunday. Irish Mischief's 2-year-old half-brother by The Factor was a \$75,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling and her yearling half-sister by California Chrome was a \$130,000 Keeneland November weanling. Dam

Celtic Chant, who hails from the female family of MGISW Vicar, was bred back to Dialed In. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$72,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 2-15, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.51, gd.

FASHION DECREE (g, 4, Speightstown--Royal Decree, by Street Cry {Ire}), a half-brother to War Decree (War Front), GSW-Eng & Ire, \$312,212, was let go at 76-10 for this belated first go. Off the pace while glued to the fence early, the homebred sliced his way through horses heading for home and kicked on powerfully over the to graduate by an auspicious 3 1/4 lengths. Always Cool (Arch) completed the exacta. The winner's unraced 3-year-old half-sister Hermajestycommands (War Front), a \$500,000 KEESEP yearling, has been breezing of late at Los Alamitos. Dam Royal Decree, a daughter of MGISW Ticker Tape, has a 2-year-old filly by War Front and a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Andrew Rosen; B-AR Enterprises, LLC (KY); T-Ignacio Correas, IV.



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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$6,500

102 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners

4-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, FETCHING GOLD, 5-2

\$1,500 FTK OCT yrl

Cairo Prince (Pioneer of the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

228 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners

6-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16mT, ALLTHEWAY TO CAIRO, 6-1

\$265,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$145,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo

4-Santa Anita, Msw 1 1/8mT, HARMON, 8-1

\$42,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$500,000 OBS MAR 2yo

6-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16mT, NAPOLEON'S EMPIRE, 6-1

\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

4-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, OCEAN MONARCH, 8-1

\$180,000 KEE NOV wnl

6-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, POSIT, 7-2

\$190,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$200,000 OBS APR 2yo

7-Turf Paradise, \$50K Turf Paradise Derby, 1 1/16m, PRINCE PIERCE, 5-1

\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl

8-Turfway, Msw 1m, ROAD TO CAIRO, 12-1

\$75,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga

Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

135 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners

4-Sunland, Msw 1m, INGLENOK, 4-1

\$12,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$16,000 E '18 KEE NOV

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, \$7,500

175 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners

1-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, OUTLAW X., 12-1

\$10,000 ESL YRL yrl; \$32,000 EQL 2YO 2yo

4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, TAKE IT ALL BACK, 6-1

\$15,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

Goldcents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

256 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners

7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, BY MY STANDARDS, 7-2

\$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

12-Fair Grounds, \$400K GII Risen Star S. presented by Lamarque Ford, 1 1/16m, MR. MONEY, 12-1

\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

The Hunk (Speightstown), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, \$1,500

19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, GONE WISHIN, 15-1

Lakerville (Unusual Heat), Harris Farms, private

44 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner

7-Golden Gate Fields, \$100K El Camino Real Derby, 1 1/8m, ANGELO'S PRIDE, 30-1

6-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 6f, SURE MAGIC, 15-1

Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Corlay, \$12,500

126 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

4-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, DRY LAKE, 20-1

10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, MARIA BONITA, 20-1

\$80,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mister Lucky Cat (Storm Cat), Oklahome Equine Reproductive Center

9 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner

5-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, CONTRABAND, 15-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000

122 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner

6-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, MERCY MERCY, 4-1

\$19,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000

151 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners

6-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/8mT, EXULT, 8-5

\$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

4-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, ONE MISSION, 9-2

\$24,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud, \$20,000

221 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners

7-Golden Gate Fields, \$100K El Camino Real Derby, 1 1/8m,

EAGLE SONG (Ire), 5-1

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Sabercat (Bluegrass Cat), Averett Farm, \$3,500
24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, COLLEGE CAT, 15-1

Seville (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}), Heritage Stallions, \$6,000
117 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Laurel, \$100K Wide Country S., 7f, LAS SETAS, 10-1
\$30,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
138 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, SUPREMA, 20-1
\$8,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tidal Volume (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$3,000
47 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, TIDALOVE, 12-1
\$2,500 PED OH yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500
268 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Turfway, Msw 1m, ALBIREO, 15-1
\$7,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Turfway, Msw 1m, ARTEMUS BRIDGE, 6-5
\$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, FREEDOM PASSAGE, 12-1
\$85,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SISTER NOVA, 6-1
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, \$30,000
207 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BECCA TAKES CHARGE, 3-1
\$72,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo
12-Fair Grounds, \$400K GII Risen Star S. presented by Lamarque Ford, 1 1/16m, MANNY WAH, 12-1
\$175,000 FTK JUL yrl
7-Golden Gate Fields, \$100K El Camino Real Derby, 1 1/8m, WEEKLY CALL, 12-1
\$350,000 KEE NOV wnl



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8th-Oaklawn, \$84,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.57, wf.

NUCLEAR OPTION (g, 4, First Defence--Listen Boy {SP}, by After Market) Lifetime Record: 16-6-2-1, \$173,385. O-Michael Gerald; B-Sagamore Farm (MD); T-Ingrid Mason. *\$90,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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7th-Aqueduct, \$76,350, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.86, ft.

JUMP RULER (f, 4, Roman Ruler--Keeneland Kat {SW & GISP, \$132,200}, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 13-4-5-2, \$206,100. O-George E. Hall; B-K & G Stables (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.

8th-Delta Downs, \$47,000, (S), 2-14, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00.16, ft.

MOONLIGHT MICHELLE (f, 3, Lewis Michael--Moonlight Lover, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$47,790. O/B-Circle H Farms (LA); T-Alan Klanfer.

5th-Laurel, \$46,620, 2-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.14, ft.

WORKIN ON A DREAM (g, 4, Jersey Town--Roberto's Heat, by Heatseeker {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$57,630.

O-Houyhnhnm Stable; B-Joel Zamzow (KY); T-Francis Abbott, III. *\$22,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

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5th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, (S), 2-15, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.93, ft.

PAYDAY TOO (g, 4, **Jimmy Creed**--Save My Place, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-4, \$73,207. O-Windylea Farm, LLC; B-Steve E Holliday (LA); T-Danny Pish. *\$35,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV. **1/2 to Forty Nine Watts (Unbridled Energy), SP, \$253,706.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$44,240, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.04, ft.

HELLO JULIET (m, 5, **Adios Charlie**--Ennuhway, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 28-4-7-3, \$179,390. O-Camille Crichton & Paul Haddad; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Rohan Crichton. *\$26,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Lisa's Booby Trap (Drewman), SW, \$182,440.

4th-Gulfstream, \$44,120, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, 5ft, :55.95, fm.

WARRIOR ROSE (g, 4, **Bold Warrior**--Fab Flowers, by Lewis Michael) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-0, \$80,120. O-Jay F. Young; B-F & F Investments (FL); T-Steve Klesaris. *\$6,500 Wlg '15 OBSOCT; \$10,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$44,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.64, fm.

UNBRIDLED CLASS (f, 4, **Unbridled Express**--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-4, \$120,820. O/B-L.T.B. Inc & Hillerich Racing, Inc. (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. *Full to Express Model, SW, \$133,202; Express Run, SW, \$343,640; Ace of Aces, MSW, \$146,983.

9th-Delta Downs, \$41,100, 2-14, (NW2L), 3yo, 1m, 1:41.18, ft.

TRUMPS REVENGE (g, 3, **I Want Revenge**--Cookin's Cast {SW, \$129,150}, by Fashion Find) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$45,750. O/B-Ken Pullen & Christie Love (TX); T-Alan Love, Sr..

7th-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 2-14, (NW4L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.47, ft.

SIENTE EL VIENTO (g, 6, **Siente El Trueno**--Breeze City, by Tidehaven) Lifetime Record: 43-4-6-11, \$130,962. O/B/T-Joe Stehr (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gigging, g, 3, **Afleet Alex**--Coulee (GSP, \$191,436), by Vicar. Oaklawn, 2-15, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.42. B-Ellen B. Kill Kelley (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '18 EASMA. **1/2 to Golden Concord (Concord Point), SW-Pan.

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Snowball, f, 3, **Apriority**--Inner Peace, by Value Plus. Fair Grounds, 2-15, (S), 5 1/2ft, 1:05.24. B-4M Ranch (LA). *\$1,700 Ylg '17 ESLMIX.

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Crupi's Pizza Dom, g, 3, **Artie Schiller**--Woodland Harmony, by Forestry. Gulfstream, 2-15, (C), 1mT, 1:36.82. B-Kim & Rodney Nardelli & Ernie Wells (KY). *\$10,500 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$37,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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Enlisting, f, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Sign Up, by Mineshaft. Santa Anita, 2-15, (C), 1m (off turf), 1:37.86. B-Hurstland Farm & Alfred H. Nuckols III (KY). *\$100,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '18 EASMA. **Won by 14 1/2 lengths.

Moon House, g, 3, **Clubhouse Ride**--Anasazi Mud (MSP, \$145,554), by Shergar's Best (Ire). Golden Gate Fields, 2-15, 1m (AWT), 1:41.92. B-Frank E. Edmunds (CA). *1/2 to Kachina Dream (Falstaff), \$192,145; Hot Chaco (Unusual Heat), GSP, \$127,488.

Loverboy Lou, c, 3, **Take Charge Indy**--Centurian Lady, by Cat Thief. Aqueduct, 2-15, (C), 6f, 1:11.47. B-V. Gail Ray & Taylor Made Stallions, Inc. (KY). *\$2,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR; \$19,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

Miss Pinkerton, f, 4, **Caleb's Posse**--Cruising North, by North Light (Ire). Turfway, 2-14, 6f (AWT), 1:13.69. B-Bob Austin & John Witte (KY).

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Kaydetre, m, 5, **Mizzen Mast**--Delavallade, by Northern Spur (Ire). Santa Anita, 2-15, 1m, 1:37.05. B-David & Vida Randall (KY).

Zealous, g, 5, **Tiznow**--Royale Michele (GSW, \$231,365), by Elusive Quality. Aqueduct, 2-15, 1m, 1:37.79. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$150,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

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AFLEET ALEX, Gigging, g, 3, o/o Coulee, by Vicar. MCL, 2-15, Oaklawn

APRIORITY, Snowball, f, 3, o/o Inner Peace, by Value Plus. MSW, 2-15, Fair Grounds

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CALEB'S POSSE, Miss Pinkerton, f, 4, o/o Cruising North, by North Light (Ire). MSW, 2-14, Turfway

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Enlisting, f, 3, o/o Sign Up, by Mineshaft. MCL, 2-15, Santa Anita

CLUBHOUSE RIDE, Moon House, g, 3, o/o Anasazi Mud, by Shergar's Best (Ire). MSW, 2-15, Golden Gate

FIRST DEFENCE, Nuclear Option, g, 4, o/o Listen Boy, by After Market. AOC, 2-15, Oaklawn

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Autostrade, g, 4, o/o Hot Trip, by Trippi. ALW, 2-15, Laurel

I WANT REVENGE, Trumps Revenge, g, 3, o/o Cookin's Cast, by Fashion Find. ALW, 2-14, Delta Downs

INTO MISCHIEF, Irish Mischief, f, 3, o/o Celtic Chant, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 2-15, Oaklawn

JERSEY TOWN, Workin On a Dream, g, 4, o/o Roberto's Heat, by Heatseeker (Ire). ALW, 2-15, Laurel

JIMMY CREED, Payday Too, g, 4, o/o Save My Place, by Out of Place. ALW, 2-15, Fair Grounds

KITTEN'S JOY, Solar Kitten, f, 3, o/o Day Glow, by Dehere. AOC, 2-15, Gulfstream

LEWIS MICHAEL, Moonlight Michelle, f, 3, o/o Moonlight Lover, by Bernardini. ALW, 2-14, Delta Downs

LUCKY PULPIT, Shari, m, 5, o/o Shahalie Lake, by Tabasco Cat. ALW, 2-15, Golden Gate

MIDSHIPMAN, Fixed Point, c, 4, o/o Shine a Spotlight, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. AOC, 2-15, Gulfstream

MIZZEN MAST, Kaydetre, m, 5, o/o Delavallade, by Northern Spur (Ire). MSW, 2-15, Santa Anita

ROMAN RULER, Jump Ruler, f, 4, o/o Keeneland Kat, by Hennessy. AOC, 2-15, Aqueduct

SIENTE EL TRUENO, Siente El Viento, g, 6, o/o Breeze City, by Tidehaven. ALW, 2-14, Charles Town

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Fashion Decree, g, 4, o/o Royal Decree, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 2-15, Tampa Bay

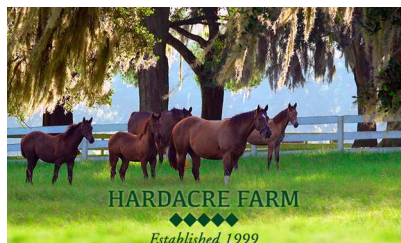
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TAPIT, Pink Sands, f, 4, o/o Her Smile, by Include. AOC, 2-15, Gulfstream

TIZNOW, Zealous, g, 5, o/o Royale Michele, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 2-15, Aqueduct

TO HONOR AND SERVE, Cummings, g, 4, o/o Five Star Holding, by Five Star Day. AOC, 2-15, Oaklawn

UNBRIDLED EXPRESS, Unbridled Class, f, 4, o/o Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim. AOC, 2-15, Fair Grounds



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LEADING FIRST-SEASON SIRE VERDICTS



Roger Marley makes the case for Muhaarar (pictured) and Gleneagles for leading first-season sire | *Shadwell*

By Emma Berry

In the first of a series, we ask key industry players for their verdict on the 2019 champion first-season sire. First in line is breeze-up consignor Roger Marley.

TDN: Who do you think will be leading first-season sire?

RM: From what I saw at the yearling sales and from what we've had through our hands so far, I can see it being decided between the top two in the betting, Muhaarar (GB) and Gleneagles (Ire). Going round the sales last year it was their stock that stood out among this group though most of them were out of our price range, so I'm pleased to have bought one of each. They should do well on prize-money but I can see Gutaifan (Ire) doing well numerically, and I think Night Of Thunder (Ire) could have a bit of a chance.

TDN: Did you see/buy many by first-season sires at the yearling sales?

RM: I've broken in three Muhaarars for Kevin Ryan and we bought a Muhaarar half-sister to Donjuan Triumphant at the Orby Sale who will be going to the Arqana Sale. All four were good movers and look like 2-year-olds. I also broke in a really strong Hot Streak (GB) filly for Kevin.

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KING'S BEST PENSIONED

King's Best (Kingmambo–Allegretta {GB}), by Lomard {Ger}), winner of the G1 2000 Guineas and sire of G1 Investec Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Workforce (GB), has been pensioned from stud duty and will live out his retirement at Darley Japan, *Racing Post* reports.

"King's Best seems to be really enjoying his retirement in Japan," Darley Japan President Harry Sweeney told *Racing Post*. "He remains in his old stall in the stallion barn and is flanked by Furioso on one side and Dubai World Cup winner Monterosso on the other. American Patriot, who joined our roster last year, is across the passageway from him."

Racing for owner Saeed Suhail and trainer Sir Michael Stoute, King's Best beat Giant's Causeway in the 2000 Guineas but his career was cut short when he was injured and pulled up next-out in the G1 Irish Derby. He stood his first eight seasons in Ireland, and four years in France preceded a move to Japan in 2013. [Cont. p2](#)

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We have a Gleneagles colt who is tough and strong and pretty sharp-looking; he does everything he's been asked very easily but we're only cantering at the moment. He heads to Doncaster. We also have a tall Outstrip (GB) colt who looks more of a middle-distance type but is a lovely mover. We also bought a Brazen Beau (Aus) colt who was on the small side but has developed well. He wasn't a great walker but he's a lovely mover at trot and canter and we like him.

TDN: Which first-season sire do you think will go on to be the best of this intake?

RM: You'd have to think that Golden Horn (GB) will have a good chance. I can't see him getting many 2-year-old winners until towards the end of the season but he had some nice stock and he's bound to have had some quality mares.

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King's Best Pensioned cont. from p1

King's Best's three best runners all came from his 2007 crop: Workforce, G1 Dubai Duty Free and G1 Jebel Hatta winner Sajjhaa (GB) and G1 Tokyo Yushun and G1 Tenno Sho Autumn winner Eishin Flash (Jpn). He has sired eight Group 1 winners thus far. As a half-brother to Urban Sea, King's Best comes from one of the very best families in the stud book.

"For a horse 22 years of age he remains in great health and goes daily to his paddock as usual," Sweeney added. "He has given very distinguished service to Darley and in addition to Ireland has stood in France, Argentina and Australia before coming to Japan. He has certainly earned his retirement."

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The French Racing and Breeding Committee, a non-profit organization that works to promote the French Thoroughbred industry abroad and assist foreigners with doing business in France, will be absorbed into France Galop in a measure to improve efficiency and save costs but will continue to exist as a brand, according to *Jour de Galop*. Started in 2000, the FRBC has provided advice and insight into France's breeding, racing and sales. Its buyers' incentive scheme has reimbursed costs for foreigners traveling to purchase horses at Arqana and Osarus.

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WITH JOE CALLAN

As part of a series where current Godolphin Flying Start trainees catch up with the programme's graduates, Isabella Paul sits down with National Stud Nominations and Marketing Manager Joe Callan, who graduated Godolphin Flying Start last year.

IP: How did you decide on a career in the Thoroughbred industry?

JC: For as long as I can remember I have loved being around horses. I have family involved so I was fortunate enough to be exposed to the Thoroughbred industry from a young age. I regularly went racing growing up and started attending the sales with my father when I was in primary school. Every year I looked for a day off school to attend the foal sales and thankfully he obliged. This had to have played a massive role in my decision to have a career in the industry. I studied English and History at University College Dublin, but it was quickly clear the passion for the industry would come out on top.

IP: What was the most valuable experience you gained prior to Godolphin Flying Start?

JC: It's very hard to pinpoint one experience as I worked for some excellent people before Godolphin Flying Start. I worked in Ireland for Baroda and Colbinstown Studs for David Cox and David Myerscough, who do an exceptional job. I also spent time in Australia working for Arrowfield Stud, who run a phenomenal operation vastly different to what we see in Europe and also for legendary trainer Gai Waterhouse in Sydney.

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HONG KONG OWNER FORMS A HUB FOR HELPING

Racehorse owner David Boehm talks about The Hub, which helps underprivileged children in Hong Kong. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

TDN Q&A With Joe Callan cont.

I was incredibly lucky that everywhere I worked there were great people to learn from and I was surrounded by quality horses. I completed the Irish National Stud course, which was a fantastic experience. Both the Irish National Stud course and the National Stud course here in Newmarket are something I would highly recommend to any young person wanting to get into the industry. It is an amazing six months and you learn so much in such a short time frame.

IP: What was the most valuable thing you learned from Godolphin Flying Start?

JC: Every day on the course you learn something new from horsemanship skills to personal development. I do think that one of the most important aspects was the emphasis on building up a strong network. The industry is so global and Godolphin Flying Start offers the opportunity to make connections that you might not otherwise have had the opportunity of doing.

IP: How are you finding life outside the course?

JC: I definitely miss being on the course but in another way I am excited to be in the industry working and applying what I've learned. Luckily since I started the role here the sales season was quickly upon us and now we are finalising plans for the breeding season so there hasn't been much time to reminisce.



Joe Callan

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IP: And onto the National Stud, how has this new job been so far?

JC: The new job has been great. There is an excellent team here at The National Stud headed by Tim Lane and James Berney who have been doing a great job for a number of years. Avenue Stallions combined of John Ferguson, Mark McStay and Amy Lanigan; The Burns family of Rathasker Stud, and Makin Stallions have played a huge role in helping to build our roster over the past few years. The young, high-quality roster we have combined with being supported by great people makes The National Stud an exciting place to be.

IP: Tell us about the two new stallions standing at The National Stud?

JC: They're very different horses but both equally very exciting prospects. I find it hard to think of a horse as tough on the flat as Lancaster Bomber (War Front) in recent years; any horse that can win or be placed in seven Group 1 races in four countries is something special. He was very talented and his toughness was remarkable. He is a great physical, has a brilliant pedigree and is the first Group 1-winning son of War Front to stand in the UK so he is a very exciting prospect for breeders.

Rajasir (Ire) (Choirs {Aus}) is a stunning individual and has the walk to match his looks. His turn of foot when winning the G2 Coventry S. in record time was impressive and coming from such a fast sire line you can see why he has such strong appeal to breeders.

IP: What brought about the new initiative with Time Test, if you breed a 2-year-old winner from his 2019 book?

JC: Time Test (GB) is a stallion The National Stud have put a lot of faith in. He was an exceptional performer, he is an outstanding individual and is just pure quality. He is a son of Dubawi (Ire) and comes from one of the most prominent Juddmonte families with his dam Passage of Time being a Group 1-winning 2-year-old. We understand the second year is notoriously difficult so we feel this is a way to thank breeders who put their faith in him again this year and once his progeny begin to click on the racecourse I hope they will be rewarded.

We are very lucky that he was supported by some of the best breeders in the business last year so we have some exciting foals to come. His first book included Lynwood Chase (dam of Group 1 winner Cannock Chase), Comic (dam of Hong Kong Champion Viva Pataca), also Scuffle, who is a half-sister to Cityscape and Bated Breath and is the dam of Group 1 placed/Group 3 winner Suffused, among other top quality mares. Thankfully it looks like he will keep this momentum up with his 2019 book.

TDN Q&A With Joe Callan cont.

IP: What would be the main incentive for anyone who was looking to apply for Godolphin Flying Start in your opinion?

JC: It is the most wonderful opportunity anyone could ask for and is such an amazing two years. You're surrounded by the best horses, get to meet great people and attend the best race meetings. Like anything in life if you go into the course with an open mind and open ears what you will learn will always stand to you.

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BRITAIN

**Thursday's Result:**

7th-Chelmsford City, £8,900, Cond, 2-14, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:08.02, st.

CIRQUE ROYAL (GB) (c, 3, Cape Cross {Ire}--Botanique {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB}), a Feb. 4 debut runner-up going an extended nine panels at Wolverhampton last time, was roused along from the inside gate to lead passing the judge first time here. Holding sway thereafter, the 1-3 lock was shaken up rounding the home turn and ridden out inside the final furlong to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Ragnar (GB) (Toronado {Ire}). Kin to a 2-year-old colt by Iffraaj (GB), he becomes the second scorer out of a winning half to MG1SP G3 Sagaro S. and G3 Vintage Crop S. victor Torcedor (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The homebred bay's second dam Magnolia Line (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) is a full-sister to MG1SW four-time European champion stayer Yeats (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,855. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

Friday's Results:

3rd-Newcastle, £4,500, Cond, 2-15, 3yo/up, f, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.95, st.

ORCHID STAR (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Pleione {Fr}, by Sadler's Wells), who bagged a seven-furlong maiden heat at Chelmsford City last time Feb. 2, led throughout this return. Untroubled for the most part, the 1-12 chalk was nudged along approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly under minimal urging in the closing stages to easily account for Farrdhana (GB) (Farhh {GB}) by three lengths. Kin to Listed Prix Volterra victress Dark Orchid (Dansili {GB}), the homebred bay is the latest foal and one of three scorers produced by a winning sibling of five black-type scorers headed by G1SW sires Hernando (Fr) (Niniski) and Johann Quatz (Fr) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$11,650. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bay of Naples (Ire), c, 3, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Copperbeech (Ire) (G1SP-Fr & MSP-Eng, \$112,517), by Red Ransom. Lingfield, 2-15, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.31. B-Godolphin (IRE).

Kodiac Harbour (Ire), g, 4, Kodiac (GB)--Operissimo (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Lingfield, 2-15, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.02. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). *57,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; £5,500 3yo '18 TATIAS. **1/2 to Silver Grey (Ire) (Chineur {Fr}), GSP-Fr & SP-Eng; and Kodiva (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), SP-Eng.

FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

2nd-Chantilly, €21,000, Cond, 2-15, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.50, st.

CAVAPRUN (FR) (g, 5, Siyouni {Fr}--Atabaska {Fr}, by Ashkalani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 23-7-3-0, €104,305. O-Ecurie Mathieu Offenstadt, Ecurie Ascot & Julien Phelippon; B-Ecurie Jarlan (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. *€18,000 RNA Ylg '15 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Beeswax (Fr), c, 3, Excelebration (Ire)--Aifa (GB) (SW-Fr), by Johann Quatz (Fr). Chantilly, 2-15, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.51. B-Mathieu Daguzan-Garros, Benoit Chalmel & Mme Nancy La Fonta (FR). *€37,000 Ylg '17 AROCT. **1/2 to Chalnetta (Fr) (Oratorio {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$362,127.

Eliade (Fr), f, 3, Teofilo (Ire)--Elodie (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Chantilly, 2-15, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.70. B-Eric de Chambure & Riviera Equine SARL (FR). *€62,000 RNA Ylg '17 AROCT.

IRELAND

**Friday's Results:**

2nd-Dundalk, €12,500, Mdn, 2-15, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.77, st.

LAETHANTA SAOIRE (IRE) (f, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Saoire {GB}) (G1SW-Ire, \$371,980), by Pivotal {GB}), off the board over course and distance in her Oct. 14 unveiling last time, employed patience chasing the leaders through halfway in this second go. Coming under sterner pressure once into the straight, the 2-1 second choice moved into third approaching the final eighth and kept on resolutely for continued urging in the closing stages to deny Avigale (Ire) (Gale Force Ten {GB}) by a neck nearing the line.

2nd-Dundalk cont.

She is the seventh scorer from as many runners out of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Saoire (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and is kin to GSP Listed Loughbrown S. victor Requisition (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), G3 Premio Carlo Vittadini third Tamarind Cove (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Frainse (Ire) (Fracas {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,705. O-Mrs J S Bolger; B-Cahermorris Stables Ltd (IRE); T-Jim Bolger.

IRELAND ADDS 30-DAY FOAL NOTIFICATION

Irish breeders are now required to notify the Weatherbys Ireland General Stud Book within 30 days of the birth of a foal. This measure brings the nation in line with the likes of the U.S., Australia, France and Great Britain. Information gained will improve transparency and traceability around the care that breeders and owners provide to Thoroughbreds at all stages of their lives. This development is also expected to help enhance animal health and welfare standards. This may be important in establishing future trading relationships and enabling horse movements across borders once the UK has exited the EU.

WEATHERBYS SCIENTIFIC RELOCATES

Weatherbys Scientific, which handles the parentage verification of all Irish-born Thoroughbreds and offers specialist DNA services, is relocating to a state-of-the-art and purpose-built facility at M7 business park outside of Naas.

Dr. Rebecca Weld, operations director of Weatherbys Scientific, said, "Our Scientific business has grown tenfold in the last few years and we expect that this growth will accelerate further in the coming years. Our new laboratory at the M7 business park will mean that we will be able to grow with confidence and manage the business within a specialist facility complete with custom-built laboratories housing state-of-the-art technology platforms, designated sample receipt areas and extensive biobanking capabilities. We are extremely grateful to our former landlords at the Irish Equine Centre and our move has simply been a question of outgrowing that facility."

"Equines are in our DNA and we would like to see this element of our business thrive in its own right and are conscious of the key role we have in supporting industry stakeholders. Our vision is to become the "go-to" scientific resource for the global Thoroughbred industry through our fast-growing genetic capabilities."



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IN AUSTRALIA:

Vengeur Masque (Ire), g, 7, **Monsun (Ger)**--Venetian Beauty, by Lear Fan. Moonee Valley, 2-15, Torney Night Cup-Listed (£83k/€95k), 2500mT, 2:37.98. B-Dayton Investments Ltd. *MGSW-Aus.

IN THE UAE:

Secret Trade (Ire), g, 6, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Persian Secret (Fr) (SW-Fr, MSP-Eng), by Persian Heights (GB). Al Ain, 2-15, Hcp., 2600m, 2:50.31. B-Darley. *1/2 to Do The Honours (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}), GSW-Fr; Seba (GB) (Alzao), SW-Eng, GISP-US, \$196,634. **AED70,000 HRA '15 ERADEC.

PROGRESSIVE TYPES TOP FEBRUARY FIELD

by Alan Carasso

Group 1 racing in Japan resumes this weekend with the running of the February S., a 'Win and You're In' qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic in early November.



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A field of 14 is set to face the starter, including a trio of previous February winners, but a couple of relatively unexposed gallopers look to make their mark in their respective first attempts at the top level.

Inti (Jpn) (Came Home) is the favourite ante-post at a shade over even money as he looks to extend his current winning skein to seven straight. Well beaten on his career debut 22 months ago, the 5-year-old homebred annexed his next five appearances by a combined 30 lengths and in his first start of 2019, was the easy two-length winner of the G2 Tokyo TV Hai Tokai S. (1800m) at Chukyo Racecourse ([video](#), gate 4).

"He got his first graded win last time, and it was a good win," said legendary jockey Yutaka Take, who has been in the saddle for his four most recent wins. "I felt the horse had ability the first time I rode him, and he's gotten stronger since. He's quick, too, and can maintain things to the finish. I don't think there's a problem with the track, including the turn and the long homestraight."

Copano Kicking (Spring At Last) carries a similarly imposing record of seven-from-nine into his first dip of the toe into Group 1 waters. A \$19,000 Keeneland September buyback turned \$100,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream juvenile, the 4-year-old enters the February S. off back-to-back scores in Group 3 company, including the G3 Negishi S. (1400m) over the Tokyo main track Jan. 27 ([video](#), gate 11). He tries the mile for the first time Sunday ([click here for more on Copano Kicking](#)).

"I think mentally the horse is stronger and he's developed well, generally," said trainer Akira Murayama. "The 1600 meters is unknown until he tries it. If he does stay, his future looks bright."

Gold Dream (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}) posted a narrow victory in this as a 4-year-old in 2017 before going down by a neck to **Nonkono Yume (Jpn)** (Twining) in defence of his title 12 months ago. He cuts back to 1600m off a 3/4-length defeat at the hands of **Omega Perfume (Jpn)** (Swept Overboard) in the G1 Tokyo Daishoten (2000m) at Ohi Dec. 29.

Moanin (Henny Hughes) set a Tokyo track record of 1:34 flat in winning the 2016 February S. and the New York-bred retains his zest for racing, as evidenced by his victory in the valuable Keeneland Korea Sprint (1200m) last September. He was most recently a well-held fourth to Copano Kicking in the Negishi S.

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QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£996,186/€1,127,542/A\$1,794,443/US\$1,274,443), 3yo/up, 1400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	1	Beat the Clock (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
3	2	Seasons Bloom (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	Sanna	Shum	126
4	3	Beauty Only (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Callan	Cruz	126
5	7	Conte (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	Moore	Size	126
6	9	Fifty Fifty (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Teetan	Ho	126
7	10	Little Giant (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	Ho	Hall	126
8	4	Winner's Way (Aus)	Starcraft (NZ)	de Sousa	Cruz	126
9	6	Pingwu Spark (NZ)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Bowman	Yung	126
10	5	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	126


Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.

CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£996,186/€1,127,542/A\$1,794,443/US\$1,274,443), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	11	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	Berry	Cruz	126
3	10	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Ho	Cruz	126
4	5	Glorious Forever (GB)	Archipenko	de Sousa	Lor	126
5	4	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not a Single Doubt (Aus)	Schofield	Fownes	126
6	7	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Bowman	Moore	126
7	6	Singapore Sling (SAf)	Philanthropist	van Niekerk	Millard	126
8	1	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Moore	Gibson	126
9	3	Northern Superstar (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Teetan	Millard	126
10	8	Simply Brilliant (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Badel	Lor	126
11	2	Dinozzo (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 5:15 p.m.

HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR, HK\$10,000,000 (£996,186/€1,127,542/A\$1,794,443/US\$1,274,443), NH/SH4yo, 1800mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Dark Dream (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Purton	Lor	126
2	12	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
3	6	Red Warrior (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
4	8	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Ho	Cruz	126
5	10	Mission Tycoon (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
6	1	Easy Go East Win (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Berry	Moore	126
7	11	Harmony Victory (Brz)	Public Purse	Badel	Shum	126
8	3	Mr So and So (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Moore	Size	126
9	13	Solar Patch (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Oliver	Moore	126
10	7	Ho Ho Khan (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	de Sousa	Hall	126
11	2	Gold Chest	War Front	Chadwick	Gibson	126
12	4	Helene Leadingstar (Aus)	Wanted (Aus)	Teetan	Cruz	126
13	14	Sunny Speed (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	Rispoli	Moore	126
14	9	Green Luck (Aus)	Street Cry (Ire)	Schofield	Fownes	126
S1		Classic Beauty (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	No Rider	Moore	126
S2		Kings Shield 	Scat Daddy	No Rider	Lor	126



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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan, post time: 3.40 p.m.

FEBRUARY S-G1, ¥194,440,000 (£1,373,346/€1,561,869/US\$1,760,873), 4yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Queen's Saturn (Jpn)	Pyro	Shii	Nonaka	125
2	Yuranoto (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Matsuda	125
3	Gold Dream (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Lemaire	Hirara	125
4	Meisho Utage (Jpn)	Precise End (Jpn)	Kitamura	Adachi	125
5	Success Energy (Jpn)	Kinshasa no Kiseki (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Kitade	125
6	Inti (Jpn)	Came Home	Take	Nonaka	125
7	Sunrise Nova (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Tosaki	Otonashi	125
8	Moanin	Henny Hughes	Wada	Ishizaka	125
9	Wonder Lider (Jpn)	Statue of Liberty (Aus)	Shibata	Oki	125
10	Sunrise Soar (Jpn)	Symboli Kris S	Tanabe	Kawachi	125
11	Copano Kicking 	Spring At Last	Fujita	Murayama	125
12	Nobo Baccara (Jpn)	Admire Aura (Jpn)	Minarik	Mori	125
13	Nonkono Yume (Jpn)	Twining	Uchida	Kato	125
14	Omega Perfume (Jpn)	Swept Overboard (Jpn)	Demuro	Yasuda	125

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HONG KONG OWNER FORMS A HUB FOR HELPING



David Boehm (left)

By Michael Cox

Diplomatico's part-owner David Boehm was shocked when he saw statistics on Hong Kong's poverty problem so he decided to use his horse racing connections to help children in need.

David Boehm is of the belief that when racing people get together, magical things can happen, but not just when they buy and race horses.

The Hong Kong-based Aussie business man has had his share of success on the track, from three-time G1 winner Dan Excel (Shamardal {USA}), G3 winner Secret Sham (Shamardal {USA}) and the exciting 3-year-old colt he part-owns, Diplomatico (Snitzel), who resumes at Randwick tomorrow.

Boehm also part-owns the incredible Muskoka Farm on the Hawkesbury River just outside of Sydney, which features a private, government compliant quarantine facility. But his real passion is helping those less fortunate in his adopted hometown.

Just over six years ago Boehm and fellow Aussie expat and racing man Bruce Stinson came across a statistic that left them stunned.

Despite Hong Kong's obvious wealth, with its luxury brand stores, sports cars and high rise apartments, more than 1.37 million Hong Kongers – around one in five people – live below the poverty line, including an alarming 17.5% of its children.

"When we saw that there were more than 200,000 children living below the poverty line in Hong Kong we were shocked," Boehm explained. "We went and visited some families and found people living in pretty abysmal conditions. The apartments were about the size of a bathroom. I wanted to give to poverty and be sure the money was used in the right way. And we wanted to help children, because children have no say in their situation and we wanted to help kids in Asia because we have lived in Asia all of our lives."

Boehm, along with Stinson and Reverend Bill Crews, set out to help Hong Kong's most vulnerable. They established The Hub, a community centre one of Hong Kong's poorest neighbourhoods, arranged an annual racing-themed gala ball to fund it and called on racing people to dip into their pockets and help.

The Hong Kong racing community, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club itself, has got right behind The Hub, but Boehm has also been thrilled to find support from the Australian breeding industry.

"For the last few years Mark Webster and his team at Inglis have given us a prize to auction at the ball, with a package including flights and a trip to the Easter sales," he said "It has been one of the most popular items each year. Most of our support comes domestically but we have also had great support from Australia, with Tommy Berry as one of our ambassadors."

While most race goers visiting Hong Kong for the races leave amazed at the city's infrastructure, a trip to Sham Shui Po, where The Hub is located, can be an eye-opening experience.

"It can be very difficult for families there and we just want to provide the kids in that area a life that is something like what we had in Australia," Boehm said. "We provide access to educational support, excursions, English lessons, plus music, art and sport. We just want to give kids a chance to live life as normal a life as possible and give them as much opportunity as we can. We just want them to have the chance to be productive members of society."

Muskoka Farm

In 2011 Boehm and his racing partner Anthony Cheung bought into Muskoka Farm on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, an immaculate property developed by Bob and Wendy Lapointe.

The 113-hectare pre-training, horse breaking and spelling facility boasts a 2000m turf track, 200 stables and, for the past six years, a 18 horse quarantine facility that readies horses for export to Hong Kong.

"The idea to build it came after Anthony had a bad experience with a horse losing its life in a quarantine facility," Boehm said. "We wanted to create something much more professional and dedicated to Hong Kong owners. We set it up in conjunction with the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Secret Sham was the first horse to go through the centre."

"There is an ongoing focus on Asia, and with the Hong Kong Jockey Club's new facility in mainland China, the number of horses has expanded and Muskoka has been hosting a lot more horses. Some of these horses are pretty expensive, Hong Kong owners are paying millions for horses out of Australia, the value of the horses is increasing and they deserve a facility like this. The horses now arrive in much better shape than they used to."

Horse helps forge friendship

Two of the most famous tenants at what Boehm calls "a five star horse hotel" are Dan Excel and champion Hong Kong sprinter Aerovelocity (NZ) (Pins), who won the G1 KrisFlyer Sprint on the same night Dan Excel won his second G1 SAI Cup at Kranji.

"They are the senior uncles on the farm," Boehm said. "When we get a batch of yearlings come through from the sale we put them in with Dan Excel or Aerovelocity. When a storm comes through they can take their cue from the older horses, the young horses can look at the old ones and see that they aren't panicking, so it keeps them relaxed."

It was that night in 2015 when those two "old uncles" dominated at Kranji that a friendship formed between Boehm and Aerovelocity's owner Daniel Yeung.

Yeung is now part of the group including Hugo Hui and trainer John Moore that bought Diplomatico for \$1.6 million at the 2016 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, a purchase that went slightly over-budget.

"Everybody in the group was there, John and George Moore suggested this Snitzel yearling to buy and the budget we all agreed on was \$1.2 million. I had a dentist appointment that day so I had to run off and be under the drill. After I finished, I got a message saying, "congratulations, you bought the horse", and I thought, great, but then I found out they'd gone crazy and paid \$1.6m," Boehm said. "It's a good group of people, we are all Hong Kong horse owners and very passionate about the sport."

"By chance, Diplomatico's breeder Paul Favretto lives across the road to my residence in Sydney, so we had a wine together after the sale and I told him we wanted him in the horse, so he has a share as well."

Diplomatico was second on debut at 2 before winning first-up at 3 and then scoring over a mile in the L. Brian Crowley Stakes.

The Team Hawkes-trained prospect was outpaced at 1200m in the G1 Coolmore Stud Stakes but now Diplomatico resumes as favourite in a benchmark 88 handicap over 1300m.

"We heard from the team that he has come back much stronger this preparation," Boehm said. "They are conservative trainers and we have always told them to take as much time as they need. They've always said, from the time they first got the horse, that he was a late developer and going to be an autumn 3-year-old, and that's where we are now. We are excited to see how he performs tomorrow and hopefully he goes on with it during the autumn."

Diplomatico is entered for some of the autumn's richest races and you can be sure that if he captures a Group One, plenty of the prizemoney will be poured back into The Hub.

"All of the people in Diplomatico are supporters of the Hub and always attend our ball," Boehm said. "I think horse racing people are very generous and optimistic people, so we can always count on their support."



IN SINGAPORE:

My Dreamliner (Aus), g, 3, **Dream Ahead**--Fly To The Moon (Aus), by Mutawaaajid (Aus). Kranji, 2-15, Hcp. (A\$52k), 1000m (AWT), :59.16. B-Erinvale Investments Pty Ltd, Culvane (Vic). *Won by 5 3/4 lengths as the \$1.40 favourite to remain undefeated in two starts. *A\$8,000 Wlg '16 INGMAY. **VIDEO**

The Odds (Aus), g, 5, **Casino Prince (Aus)**--Port of Africa (Aus), by Cape Cross (Ire). Kranji, 2-15, Hcp. (A\$52k), 1200mT, 1:10.71. B-Lavin Park Racing & Breeding (Qld). *1/2 to Capetown Hussey (Aus) (Husson {Arg}), SP-Aus, A\$239,500. **A\$11,000 Ylg '15 MMMAR; A\$25,000 2yo '15 MMGC2YO.

VIDEO

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Jet Dia (Aus), g, 4, **Bernardini**--Mel's Pocket (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Busan, 2-15, Hcp. (A\$75k), 1600m. B-T R Schmidt (Qld). *NZ\$34,000 2yo '16 NZBRTR.

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