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GRAY ATTEMPT LOOKS TO TAKE NEXT STEP IN SOUTHWEST

Gray Attempt holds off the cavalry charge in the Smarty Jones
Coady Photo

by Brian DiDonato

Dwight Pruett's speedy **Gray Attempt** (Graydar), who bested five returning rivals in the Jan. 25 Smarty Jones S., will look to see out an additional sixteenth against a formidable field in Monday's GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn. The Jinks Fires pupil was a second-out winner sprinting at Churchill Nov. 25, and defeated a competitive group in front-running fashion in the six-panel Sugar Bowl S. at the Fair Grounds Dec. 22. He took up his preferred spot at the head of affairs in the short-stretch, one-mile Smarty Jones, and dug in to fend off Steve Asmussen pupils **Long Range Toddy** (Take Charge Indy) and **Boldor** (Munnings) in an event that featured minimal changes in position from start to finish.

The aforementioned pair are just two of the five Asmussen representatives signed on here. The Hall of Fame conditioner and two-time Southwest winner also saddled late-running (at least of late) **Bankit** (Central Banker), who had previously just missed to Long Range Toddy in the Dec. 16 Springboard Mile, to a sixth in the Smarty Jones. Asmussen's most intriguing runner might be **Jersey Agenda** (Jersey Town). ***Cont. p5***

MORE SEASONING ADDS WELCOME SPICE TO DERBY CHASE

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

The 107-day wait is over. Finally we've had a powerful performance in a meaningful stakes race on the 2019 GI Kentucky Derby trail.

Did **War of Will** (War Front)'s beastly score in Saturday's GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds set into motion a seismic shift within the top tier of Classics-caliber sophomores? I certainly think it did. Not everyone will agree.

Either way, the stylishly aggressive victory by the rapidly improving colt is sure to spark welcome winter debate in an era in which the 1-2-3 pecking order of Derby contenders annually solidifies once the horses cross the wire for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and doesn't thaw until many of those hopefuls fail to dominate off long layoffs at age three.

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They say it's your birthday. *Two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome, pictured in fine fettle last month at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, KY with Gilberto Terrazas, was foaled on February 18, 2011.* | *Sarah Andrew*

IN SHARPER FOCUS: ALWAYSMINING **RR**

Jessica Martini gets the scoop on Saturday's Miracle Wood S. winner Alwaysmining (Stay Thirsty), who was privately purchased by owners Gregory and Caroline Bentley following a June maiden win at Laurel.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

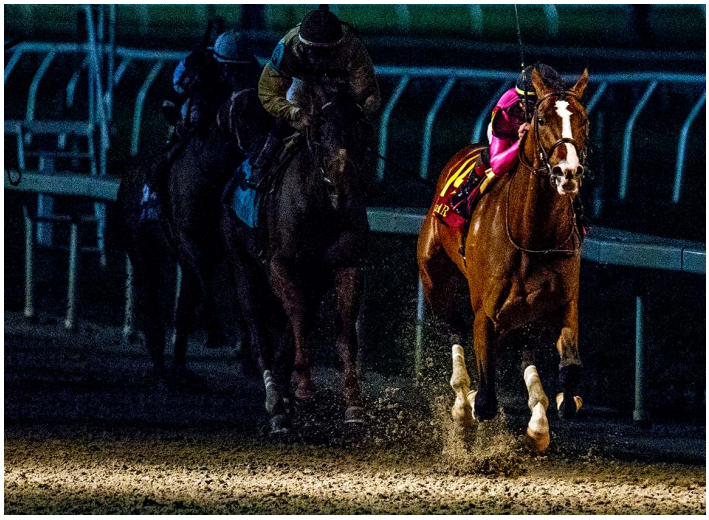
EST	Race	Click for	TV
5:09p	**Bayakoa S.-GIII**, OP	TJCIS PPs	TVG/FS2
5:38p	**Razorback H.-GIII**, OP	TJCIS PPs	TVG/FS2
6:09p	**Southwest S.-GIII**, OP	TJCIS PPs	TVG/FS2

The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

In the most recent edition of *TDN*'s Derby Top 12 published earlier this month, six of the top-ranked seven horses had yet to start in 2019. The lone exception was War of Will, who earned a No. 4 charting after his four-length manhandling of a decent GIII Lecomte S. crew Jan. 19.

The less-is-more approach on the Derby trail now means two prep races before the first Saturday in May is evolving as a norm. And last year's undefeated romp from the maiden ranks through the Triple Crown series by Justify in only 111 days will likely embolden other owners and trainers to test the long-held belief that some form of a 2-year-old foundation is desirable/necessary for Classics success.

That leaves well-meant contenders who have, say, five races at age two and maybe four scheduled races post-Breeders' Cup prior to taking aim at the Derby a bit out of vogue at the moment.



War of Will | *Hodges Photography*

Yet that describes War of Will's increasingly impressive past performance block, and owner Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse have no reason to want to trade places with any lighter-raced rivals, regardless of their juvenile credentials.

"I think [seasoning] is important for him," Casse said in the post-race winner's circle interview broadcast by Fair Grounds. "He needs to get the experience. As I said to Gary Barber when we drew the [14] post, 'You know, all this stuff is going to help down the road.'" Rather than scratching as soon as the pill-pull yielded a gate draw perceived as disadvantageous, Casse viewed the next-to-outermost post assignment as a learning opportunity for his even-money favorite.

A turf-pedigreed $298,550 ARQMAY purchase, War of Will began his career on the grass at Woodbine, and even though he ran third in his seven-furlong debut, Casse thought highly enough of the colt to run him in the GI Summer S. He was

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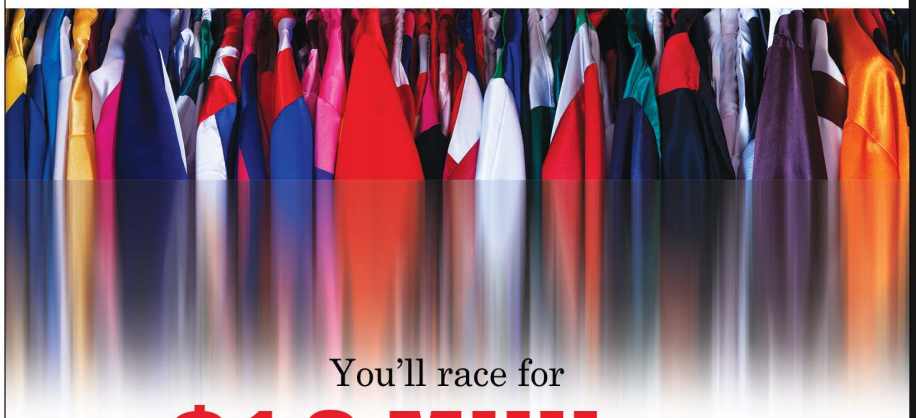

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beaten only three-quarters of a length against a top-notch field that day, then led until deep stretch at Keeneland in the GIII Bourbon S. as the beaten favorite.

Those efforts were good enough to merit a try in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, and being caught four wide on both turns cost the 15-1 War of Will precious real estate that might have made the difference in his 3 1/2-length defeat.

Three weeks later, War of Will broke his maiden by five lengths in the slop in a Churchill Downs MSW that was clocked only .16 slower than the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. later that day.

By the time the Lecomte S. rolled around nearly two months later, the generally low-key Casse was openly proclaiming how gifted he thought War of Will was as a dirt horse. He said he confidently told some friends "We have a big chance to win the Derby this year," underscoring how "I don't usually say things like that, so that tells you what I think of him."

Mark Casse | *Sarah K. Andrew*

The 8-5 War of Will was a pent-up threat in the Lecomte before blasting by the overmatched pacemakers in hand and being kept to task to win by four lengths and galloping out robustly after the finish.

In Saturday's Risen Star, jockey Tyler Gaffalione did, in fact, have to manage a learning opportunity straight out the gate when War of Will broke sharply but Dunph (Temple City) to his inside and Gun It (Tapit) to the outside were both intent on attaining the lead.

"The horse inside of us broke pretty well, and then we had the horse outside of us showing some speed," Gaffalione said. "So we just took [back] off of them, and once I got behind those horses he relaxed nicely and took the dirt well."

Once it became clear that the overeager Gun It would be the backstretch target, the into-the-bit War of Will tracked him with metronomic precision, seizing the lead when cued to quicken three furlongs out. Gaffalione roused him for run entering the long Fair Grounds stretch to keep the colt's mind on business, and a right-handed crack of the crop resulted in a noticeable switch to a higher gear that likely does not represent the deepest reserve of War of Will's overdrive.

"He's very professional. He does everything the right way," Gaffalione said. "He gets out of the gate well. He puts himself where he needs to be, and the rest is up to just getting him to relax and switch off [from being keen]. I made the lead a little bit earlier than I wanted to. He was kind of waiting on horses, but he still had plenty of run left."

Casse agreed. "I have the utmost confidence in [War of Will]. Tyler had to hit the gas pedal a little early, and it got him cranking. My biggest concern, because he did it the first couple times he ran, is he'll make the lead and start pulling himself up."

Casse has started six Derby horses in his career but has yet to finish in the top three. Two years ago, he started the 2017 Derby season with the top-ranked Breeders' Cup-winning 2-year-old champ, but the learning curve turned out to be precariously steep. Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile)--known to be a bit of a head case--flopped in his sophomore debut, suffered setbacks from a foot abscess and then a back ailment, then redeemed himself in the very last prep race of the season by storming to victory in impressive fashion. Classic Empire's fourth-place try in the Derby was remarkable considering he got slammed and cut up leaving the gate. He rebounded to run second in the GI Preakness S.

To win the Kentucky Derby, Casse said on Saturday, "You'd better have some seasoning. This was another step. I've been fortunate to train a lot of good horses, and [War of Will] is one of the best. I think he's a superstar."

It's been quite a month for Casse. In addition to War of Will's emergence as an A-list Derby threat, another trainee, **Dream Maker** (Tapit), asserted himself as a Classics candidate with a

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commanding first-level allowance win at Fair Grounds Feb. 9. Five days later, Casse himself was announced as one of three trainer finalists who will appear on the 2019 Hall of Fame ballot.

But on Saturday, Casse was fully focused on War of Will, and he wasn't being smug when he matter-of-factly summed up his colt's projected path to the Derby by deadpanning, "One down, a few more to go."

When asked if the GII Louisiana Derby would be next for War of Will, Casse saw no need to keep his next-race plans opaque.

"Oh, I think so," Casse said without hesitation. "You know me, I like to run, and we don't really shy away from anybody."

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Southwest *(cont. from p1)*

Jersey Agenda | *Coady photo*

A big-striding dark bay, Jersey Agenda broke through sprinting in the Churchill slop Nov. 24, and got a mile effectively in a local optional claimer Jan. 26. He possesses the speed to, if nothing else, keep Gray Attempt honest up front. Asmussen's fifth Southwest entrant is **Ninth Street** (Street Boss), winner of the Jean Lafitte S. at Delta Downs in October and most recently second in that venue's Big Drama S. Jan. 5. Among the out-of-town shippers is Starlight Racing's **Cutting Humor** (First Samurai), a third-out graduate at Gulfstream Park West who received the best last-out Beyer Speed Figure of 85 for finishing second to well-regarded Bourbon War (Tapit) in a Jan. 18 Hallandale optional claimer. Also invading from Florida is **Olympic Runner** (Gio Ponti), who romped in a rained-off Gulfstream maiden special weight going this distance Jan. 26. He represents a Mark Casse barn that annexed the Martha Washington S. for the fillies here earlier in the month. Trainer Keith Desormeaux seeks back-to-back Southwests, having scored 12 months ago with My Boy Jack (Creative Cause). That runner used a third in Santa Anita's GIII Sham S. as a springboard to victory, and **Sueno** (Atreides)--who annexed Golden Gate's Gold Rush S. Dec. 1--was second in this year's Sham.

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Ed DeRosa of TwinSpires.com takes on TDN's Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato as they handicap each prep race leading up to the GI Kentucky Derby. The three will make $100 Win/Place bets --highest bankroll after Arkansas Derby/Lexington day wins.

DeRosa: Saturday - **Kingly** (+$150) was second best in the El Camino Real Derby, **Owendale** was eighth in the Risen Star. ***Bankroll: $680.***

GIII Southwest S. - In the Southwest, there is a lot of pace, including from Smarty Jones S. winner Gray Attempt. There was some concern about him handling two turns, and while that was no problem last out, the waters seem to get deeper here with added distance and pace pressure. The rail helps, but I still see him as vulnerable. Instead, we'll take Smarty Jones runner-up **Long Range Toddy**, who showed some poise tracking the speed last out and made a sustained run before coming up short in the short stretch. The set up here should benefit him this time. ***Selection: #10 Long Range Toddy (10-1).***

Sherack: Saturday - Scratched into **King of Speed**, who endured a nightmare trip in the El Camino Real Derby, but finally got one in the win column with heavily favored **War of Will** in the Risen Star. ***Bankroll: $580.***

GIII Southwest S. - He won't have an easy time of it up front, but I just can't stay away from **Jersey Agenda** after a pair of very game and visually impressive front-running tallies. The son of Jersey Town thrived under pressure in both of those wins, including his two-turn debut going a mile in Hot Springs last time Jan. 26. This is a very nice horse. ***Selection: #5 Jersey Agenda (5-1).***

DiDonato: Saturday - **Anothertwistafate** (+$350) dominated at Golden Gate, but **Dunph** gave the impression that he's probably best around one turn. ***Bankroll: $850.***

GIII Southwest S. - I liked **Super Steed** too much last time in the Smarty Jones to not give him one more chance here at a price. He really didn't run a step, but much of that may have had to do with race dynamics. Obviously, the mile configuration helps horses with speed, and it didn't hurt to be close to the pace early in the meet. The Smarty Jones chart is very telling--it was a total merry-go-round race with almost no passing. With this event over 1 1/16 miles, and plenty of speed signed on, Super Steed should have a much better chance. ***Selection: #6 Super Steed (20-1)***.

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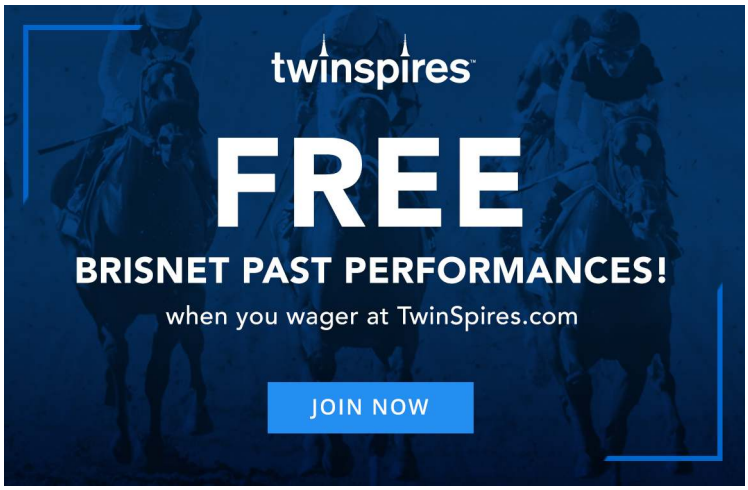

ACCOMPLISHED 'RISING STARS' STRETCHING OUT FOR RAZORBACK

Coal Front | *Lauren King*

by Alan Carasso

A pair of '**TDN Rising Stars**', each already graded stakes winners at sprint trips, will tackle two turns for the first time in their respective careers in Monday's GIII Razorback H. at Oaklawn Park.

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), winner of the GII Amsterdam S. and GIII Gallant Bob S. at three, turned in a very disappointing effort first off a 13-month layoff, finishing a distant fifth as the 2-1 favorite in the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Aqueduct last November. Shipped out to trainer Todd Pletcher's Florida string thereafter, the ridgling bounced back in no uncertain terms with a 3 3/4-length success, defeating next-out King Cotton S. winner Heartwood (Tapit) decisively into this. By a sire who won the GI Travers S. and was a close second in the GI Belmont S. and out of a mare by GI Jockey Club Gold Cup hero Mineshaft, Coal Front is bred 3x3 to A.P. Indy and should get the trip on pedigree, though he must work out a trip from gate 14.

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready) has drawn pole position by contrast as he tries a route of ground. The four-length winner of the GII Saratoga Special S. in 2017, the bay could not have looked any better in winning a second-level Churchill allowance by 3 1/2 lengths Nov. 23, but weakened out to be 11th when

last seen in the GI Malibu S. Dec. 26. The bay is a maternal grandson of Louve Royale (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), a stakes winner and Grade III-placed at turf marathon distances.

All Out Blitz (Concord Point) ships in from California for this rich event in possession of some sneaky-good form. Second to '**TDN Rising Star**' Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) in the Comma to the Top S. at Santa Anita in October, he was a wide-trip fourth in the Zia Park Derby Nov. 21. He exits an allowance tally at Santa Anita going a mile Jan. 6 in which he covered 32 feet (about 3 1/2 lengths) more ground than the runner-up.

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BODY & SOUL

by Bob Fierro

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

by Robert D. Fierro, DataTrack

It was just about this time 30 years ago that the breeding and racing world began to change in a way few saw coming and many others took a while to comprehend. That was when the first foals by Gone West and Storm Cat started to hit the ground, mostly in Kentucky.

No disrespect to Storm Cat intended, but our purpose herein is to dwell on Gone West for reasons we hope will become clear as we keyboard onward.

No doubt there were huzzahs and hallelujahs from breeders, as well as the managers at Mill Ridge Farm where Gone West stood his entire career, but that was to be expected. There was also a great deal of interest on the part of the majority of the breeding world because Gone West was one of the first members of that extraordinary foal crop of 1984 to retire to stud--and many looked at the "1984s" as having the potential to reshape the breed as had the cadre of members of the foal crop of 30 years prior. That 1954 bunch included the lasting influences Bold Ruler, Round Table, Nearctic, and Crepello, among others.

The 1984 crop included the likes of champions Alysheba and Capote, Gulch, Cryptoclearance, Bet Twice, Java Gold, Lost Code, Seattle Dancer, Afleet, Slew City Slew, Demons Begone, Polish Navy, Leo Castelli, Mining, Trempolino, and Ascot Knight--most of which entered stud with high hopes. Backed by strong syndicates and books of very good mares, several of them went on to be very good sires--headed by Gulch, Capote, Lost Code, Cryptoclearance and Ascot Knight, but except for Gulch and Cryptoclearance none left a son to influence another generation.

Storm Cat was a year older and came from a crop that included several outstanding racehorses, but save for himself, the most influential multigenerational sires had the best success overseas, e.g., Green Desert and Southern Halo.

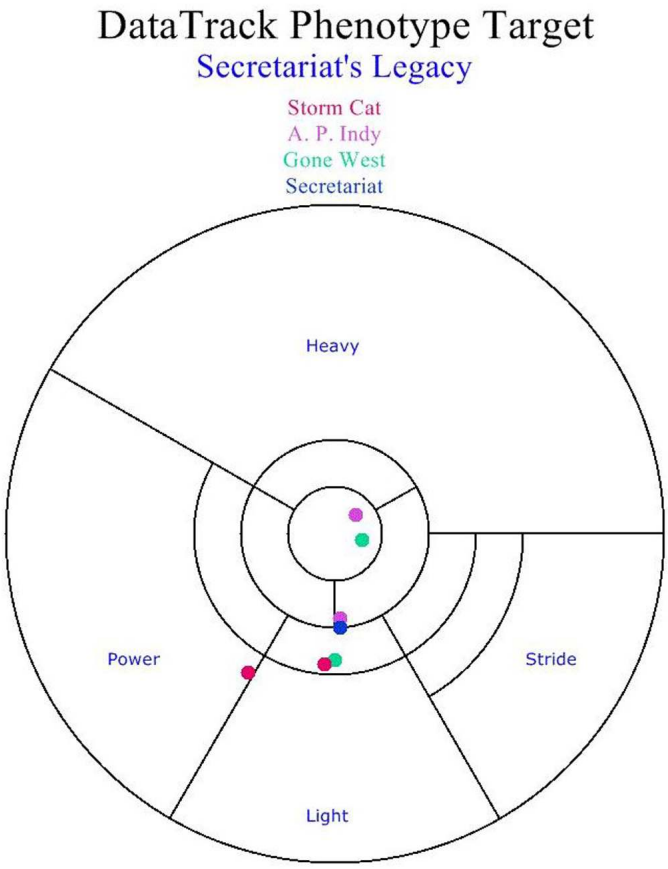
Gone West | *Patricia McQueen*

Gone West's looks and demeanor demanded attention and respect, and he got it in spades. Your correspondent had an up-front view of Gone West's racing career because a homebred we syndicated named Omar Khayyam was not only a member of that crop but also was stabled in the barn across from Gone West--he finished fourth when Leo Castelli beat Gone West in the GIII Colin S. as syndicate members' jaws dropped.

However, that Gone West would go on to be the star of the crop at stud was a bit of an eye-opener to many observers for a couple of reasons. First, though he was a very good racehorse and was trained by the impeccable Woody Stephens, Gone West could not quite be pinned down--he was neither fish nor fowl. Though he won the nine-furlong GI Dwyer S. by more than a dozen lengths, he came up short in every other stakes race beyond a mile. That satisfied the crowd that still doubted his sire, Mr. Prospector, was anything other than a speed sire and therefore limited in scope.

Then there was his pedigree. Though his female family was exquisite--the Persian Maid branch of the Aloe family which included the brilliant Tentam (the Knight's Daughter branch produced Round Table)--it was his broodmare sire that brought some up short.

"Excuse us?" you might say. "That would be Secretariat, you know." Yes, we know, but we also know that in the mid-1980s Secretariat had already been judged as somewhat of a disappointment to some buffs as a racehorse sire, though he'd also not had time to establish himself as a broodmare sire. That subsequent achievement let him into an exclusive club with the likes of Chaucer, St. Simon, Son-in-Law and Princequillo, among others, and eventually as a *chef-de-race*.



Indeed, the same arched eyebrow reaction was also applied to Storm Cat, whose racing career was much more modest due in part to injuries. His sire, Storm Bird, had little to show in terms of domestic fireworks until Summer Squall won the GI Preakness S. in 1990. And even though one could not heap anything but praise on his brilliantly fast dam Terlingua, her family was not as rich and deep as that of Gone West. But she, too, was by that guy Secretariat.

Five years later, A.P. Indy came along, and the world according to Secretariat had become gospel.

By then, your correspondent's recommendation to the Werk *Chefs-de-Race* panel that because of his ability to "mix and moderate" Secretariat should be named an Intermediate-Professional *chef-de-race* had been approved.

In a physical sense, a clue to Secretariat's influence is presented on the accompanying Phenotype Target where his positioning (blue dot, second ring from the center, overlapping a purple dot, which is A.P. Indy) shows how this influence came into play. Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector are in purple and green, respectively, in the center, and Storm Bird is in red overlapping the green dot, which is Gone West. Storm Cat (as one may have imagined) is the red dot in the Power sector, a hint into how he established himself and his offspring as phenotypical and genetic pioneers. Keep that point in mind.

But we digress. Our focus, as we mentioned, is Gone West, and the reason is relatively simple. If we follow the careers of these three exceptional sires and look at what has become of their individual legacies, we see that all three of them got off to fast starts as sires and sires-of-sires, but today Storm Cat and A.P. Indy are better represented in numbers on both the leading sires lists and the four upcoming Freshmen Sire crops to assure that they will continue to have great influence over the breed, at least domestically, into the next decade

Storm Cat is well represented by his sons Giant's Causeway and his brother Freud, Harlan (Into Mischief), Hennessy (Scat Daddy, Henny Hughes) and Forestry (Shackleford), among others. A.P. Indy has a host of sons other than Pulpit (Tapit, California Chrome), including Malibu Moon, Bernardini, brothers Flatter and Congrats, Mineshaft, and Friesan Fire, with Honor Code likely to help.

Gone West, while having sent out such good racehorses and sires as Grand Slam, Mr. Greeley, Proud Citizen, and Zamindar, has only Elusive Quality poised to carry on the stateside line (through Quality Road) until recently. That's because

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Speightstown's sons have entered the fray, and he has done it in the past two years with a flurry that may just be starting to pay off. The trend may be somewhat hidden because his gene pool was concentrated in Kentucky, where Munnings has turned out to be a very dependable and versatile sire with 7% black-type winners from foals, and where Speightster and Tamarkuz are waiting on reception to their first foals, which are now yearlings.

Aside from these, Speightstown's genetic pool has been widely scattered, and that could be a key point for future noise. Jersey Town (in Kentucky and now California) has done some good. Poseidon's Warrior has been deemed worthy enough to have moved to Kentucky this year from Florida. A key could be New York where four of his sons, including the leading New York first-year and juvenile sire Central Banker, have been joined by Golden Ticket, Weekend Hideaway, and Redesdale. Pennsylvania has Lord Shanakill and Eastwood, while Canada has Passion for Action.

It's also interesting to note that if we had placed Speightstown on that Phenotype Target, he would have wound up overlapping the Storm Cat dot. As the industry has come to accept over the past half-century, Power can be somewhat transcendent.

Thus, it appears that Gone West's influence through Speightstown may be just beginning, which means he will be one more spoke in a wheel of legacy established by a Big Red Machine whose 50th birthday will be coming up next year. Pop the corks, please.

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2nd Dam: Juji Hoseki (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)
3rd Dam: Juji Tarquin (Jpn), by Huntercombe (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Tsuru Nishimori; B-Umeda Bokujo (Jpn); T-Noboru Takagi; J-Masayoshi Ebina. ¥19,224,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥36,518,000.

2--**Weitblick (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Symboli Kris S--Weisheit (Jpn), by Admire Vega (Jpn). O-U Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Shoichiro Wada. ¥7,664,000.

3--**Derma Louvre (Jpn)**, 125, c, 3, Pyro--Caribbean Romance (Jpn), by Commands (Aus). (¥12,000,000 Ylg '17 JRHAJUL). O-Hiroyuki Asanuma; B-Bando Bokujo (Jpn); T-Hirofumi Toda. ¥4,832,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 2.70, 5.0, 1.40.

Also Ran: Master Fencer (Jpn), Imeru (Jpn), Nanyo Izayoi (Jpn), R Rosso (Jpn), Orthographe (Ire), Make Happy, Miyake (Jpn).

Successful in both a 2-year-old newcomer heat locally Nov. 24 and in a Dec. 15 1400-metre Chukyo contest, Oval Ace stepped up to take the Listed Hyacinth S. back at Tokyo and earn 30 points toward the Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May. Racing in midpack well off the fence, the chestnut was well covered up as R Rosso (Jpn) (South Vigorous) showed the way. Gradually making inroads toward the lead with less than a half-mile remaining, Oval Ace fanned out into the center of the track and took dead aim on the new leader, Weitblick. It took until the final furlong, but he ground past that stubborn rival who briefly match strides for a comfortable win.

Oval Ace bests Weitblick | *Horsephotos*

CLASSY FIRST FOALS...

Colt ex Victory Party (½ to Beholder, Into Mischief & Mendelssohn), born 2/1. Bred by Team Valor.

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Colt ex Shaken, born 2/4. Bred by Mark Stansell.

"He is a superb individual, plenty of size and bone. He has a nice hip and is very correct, just a very nice foal, anyone would be happy to get one like this."

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Oval Ace now sits atop the Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby leaderboard with 30 points. Favoured Derma Louvre, who previously had run second to leaderboard runner-up Nova Lenda (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) in the Listed Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun and earned eight points that day, increased his point total to 14 with a third-place finish on Sunday. Cattleya Sho heroine Make Happy (Square Eddie) is in fourth with 12 points after running unplaced in the Hyacinth. The final race on the "Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby" is the Fukuryu S. at Nakayama on Mar. 31, worth 40 points to the winner.

One of 33 black-type winners for his sire, Oval Ace is one of four winners for his dam, the winning Abbracio. She has a juvenile colt by Victoire Pisa (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart or the Video.** *--Heather Anderson*

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NEWS ROUNDUP

TOTALLY THOROUGHBRED SHOW PLACED ON HIATUS

The Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show, which has showcased retired Thoroughbreds in as many as 20 classes, will not be held in 2019, the Maryland Jockey Club announced Sunday.

Maryland Jockey Club President and General Manager Sal Sinatra and Vice President of Racing Development, Georganne Hale, said they are looking at different times during the calendar year to hold the event in 2020--as well as different locations.

"The Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show has been a success beyond our wildest expectations," Sinatra said. "While we look forward to its future revival and are continuing to build on the awareness of the second careers of our OTTBs, the horse show will not take place in 2019."

Since the inaugural show in 2012, over 1,500 horses have competed at Totally Thoroughbred. The show has raised over $75,000 in donations for Thoroughbred aftercare facilities in Maryland, and more than $109,000 in purses have been awarded.

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Monday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:09 p.m. EST

SOUTHWEST S.-GIII, $500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Gray Attempt	Graydar	Dwight Pruett	Fires	Bridgmohan	7-2
2	Ninth Street	Street Boss	H. V. Farms, Ltd.	Asmussen	Cabrera	30-1
3	Cutting Humor	First Samurai	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Velazquez	3-1
4	Boldor	Munnings	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Vazquez	12-1
5	Jersey Agenda	Jersey Town	Charles E. Fipke	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	5-1
6	Super Steed	Super Saver	Pressley, Michael and Jackson, Steed	Jones	Thompson	20-1
7	Sueno	Atreides	Silverton Hill LLC	Desormeaux	Lanerie	7-2
8	Six Shooter	Trappe Shot	Dundalk 5 LLC, N P H Stable and Herek, Wes	Holthus	Elliott	20-1
9	Bankit	Central Banker	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	10-1
10	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Eramia	10-1
11	Olympic Runner	Gio Ponti	Gary Barber	Casse	Cohen	15-1

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 DevilRacing, 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	ML
1	Auspicious Babe	Bodemeister	Rock Ridge Racing LLC	Stewart	Morales	15-1
2	Holiday's Angel	Harlan's Holiday	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC	Milligan	Bridgmohan	30-1
3	Promise of Spring	Drosselmeyer	Best Of Times Racing, LLC	Margolis	Lanerie	12-1
4	Dutch Parrot	Eskendereya	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Van Meter	Cohen	10-1
5	Smart Emma	Smart Strike	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Peitz	Eramia	20-1
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.	9-5
7	Remedy	Creative Cause	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, Medallion Racing & Parkland Thoroughbreds	Cox	Geroux	4-1
8	Rose of Malibu	Malibu Moon	C. R. Trout	Trout	Cabrera	6-1
9	Sydney Freeman	Tizway	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Vazquez	12-1
10	Moonlit Garden	Malibu Moon	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Davis	Ortiz	4-1

Breeders: 1-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Elm Racing, LLC, 3-Bottom Line Stables Inc., RowlandHancock & 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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RAZORBACK H.-GIII, $500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Copper Bullet	More Than Ready	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	6-1
2	Remembering Rita	Spring At Last	Jeral Keith Adams	Anderson	Birzer	20-1
3	Rocking the Boat	Arch	Team Valor, et al	Romans	Santana, Jr.	20-1
4	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Eramia	12-1
5	Souper Tapit	Tapit	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Cohen	9-2
6	Nun the Less	Candy Ride (Arg)	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	De La Cruz	12-1
7	Nanoosh	Paynter	Rockingham Ranch, Zayat Stables, LLC and David Bernsen, LLC	Diodoro	Mojica	12-1
8	Lone Rock	Majestic Warrior	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Van Meter	Canchari	20-1
9	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable	Contreras	Cabrera	30-1
10	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Baze	12-1
11	Tiz He the One	Tiz Wonderful	Lady Sheila Stable and Iris Smith Stable	Englehart	McCarthy	10-1
12	M G Warrior	Majestic Warrior	Chrysalis Stables LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	5-1
13	Thirstforlife	Stay Thirsty	Wesley E. Hawley	Hawley	Mena	30-1
14	Coal Front	Stay Thirsty	LaPenta, Robert V. & Head of Plains Partners LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	5-2

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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IN SHARPER FOCUS

ALWAYSMINING EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

by Jessica Martini

When Gregory and Caroline Bentley acquired **Alwaysmining** (Stay Thirsty) privately after a maiden win at Laurel last June, the couple hoped they had added a nice Maryland-bred to their racing stable. Eight months and three stakes wins later, the sophomore gelding is clearly exceeding expectations, putting himself on the early stages of the Triple Crown trail with a 4 1/2-length victory in Saturday's Miracle Wood S. at Laurel Park.

"To say he has exceeded our expectations is an understatement, I think," admitted the Bentleys' racing manager Joe Cassidy. "He has just been amazing. [Trainer] Kelly Rubley has done a fabulous job, beyond anything that we could have imagined. All the credit goes to her."

Jim McIngvale purchased Alwaysmining for $130,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The dark bay made his first three starts in Kentucky before returning to Maryland to break his maiden at Laurel last summer.

"I always follow the maiden races and allowance races, especially for young horses because we have been looking for dirt 2-year-olds, fillies or colts," Cassidy said. "I saw that Alwaysmining was coming out of Kentucky, the people racing him were running in Kentucky and they were shipping him to Maryland because he's a Maryland-bred. We figured that maybe they wanted to sell him, so we called them up. It was pretty simple and he looked like a nice enough horse."

With a Pennsylvania-based broodmare band of some 15 head, Cassidy agreed Alwaysmining's status as a Maryland-bred was a major attraction.

"We run in Maryland and PA, we like all the state programs--it helps a lot," he said.

Alwaysmining was off the board in his first two outings for the Bentleys' Runnymede Racing, including a seventh-place effort over the turf in the Laurel Futurity in September. But he romped home a front-running 10-length winner of a one-mile optional claimer Oct. 27 before scoring a stakes win versus fellow Maryland-breds in the Dec. 8 Maryland Juvenile Futurity. He ended his juvenile campaign with a 1 1/2-length win in the Dec. 29 Heft S.

Cassidy and the Bentleys were so impressed with Alwaysmining's accomplishments, they purchased the gelding's yearling half-sister by Fast Anna for $100,000 at last month's Keeneland January sale.

"We paid a little more than we thought we'd have to, but good horses cost money," Cassidy said. "I had a friend in Kentucky who looked at her for us and he said he loved her. We were expecting to give a little less, but with what we thought the upside of Alwaysmining was, we figured we really wanted her. And she's a lovely filly. The plan is to race her and then put her in the broodmare band."

Involved in horse racing since the mid-1990s when Gregory was looking for a hobby away from his family's software company, the Bentleys purchased the 550-acre Runnymede Farm in Chester County in 2013. Their success to date has mostly been with turf horses. They were co-owners of 2014 GI Arlington Million winner Hardest Core (Hard Spun) and Postulation (Harlan's Holiday) carried their colors to victory in the 2017 GIII American St. Leger S.

Alwaysmining | *MJC photo*

The operation is now focused on increasing its options for dirt racing, according to Cassidy.

"Mr. and Mrs. Bentley are breeding, we have a bunch of mares in foal--I think we are dropping eight babies this year," Cassidy said. "And most of them are leaning towards dirt pedigrees. We do have a few that are turf, but they want, if they are turf horses, to be able to stay in the race when it comes off the turf. In the last couple of years, it's been tough with all the rain and a lot of races were washed off. It was discouraging to them. So, they were looking for more options."

The Bentleys added a few broodmares to the band at the Keeneland sales this winter and the plan is primarily to breed to race, while still keeping all options on the table.

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"I'm not saying you won't see any in the sales because it gets to be a lot of horses and it gets to be expensive," Cassidy said. "They are breeding to very nice horses, so there is a chance they will want to recoup money. But it's so new. It's a project that is just getting off the ground. We are open to anything and things are very fluid in that respect."

Runnymede Racing currently has six horses in training, but it is Alwaysmining who is carrying the team at the moment.

"Most are coming off a layoff or some little nagging problems, so the only one that is running currently is Alwaysmining," Cassidy said of the racing stable. "But what a luxury and a treat to have him. He's just a cool horse. When the race is over, he's back to being Mr. Cool. But he is competitive, isn't he?"

The water will only get deeper for Alwaysmining, both in terms of distance and competition. His likely next start will be the 1 1/16-mile Private Terms S. Mar. 16.

"It's only the first day after he ran, but originally when I sat down with Kelly and the Bentleys after the Heft S., we kind of looked at the Maryland program for getting him to wherever he was going to go. It was this race and then the Private Terms. We have him nominated for a bunch of stakes, but the Private Terms would probably be the closest that we have talked the most about. We do want to get him two turns, we haven't seen if he can do two turns yet. And we're going to have to take on tougher competition. The competition gets a little tougher each time."

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MIRACLE WOOD S., $100,000, Laurel, 2-16, 3yo, 1m, 1:35.27, ft.
1--**ALWAYSMINING, 122, g, 3, by Stay Thirsty**
1st Dam: What Will Be, by Anees
2nd Dam: Che Sara Sara, by Golden Act
3rd Dam: Consequential, by Dr. Fager
($32,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; $130,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP).
O-Runnymede Racing LLC; B-Avla Pitts (MD); T-Kelly Rubley; J-D Centeno. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-1, $251,192.
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3rd-OP, $93K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 3:08 p.m.

Todd Pletcher unveils a half-brother to his former pupil, MGSW and GI Belmont S. runner-up Commissioner (A.P. Indy), in **INTREPID HEART (Tapit)**. Purchased for $750,000 at OBS April after breezing in :10 2/5, the gray is also a half to GSW & GISP Laugh Track (Distorted Humor); and the dam of Pletcher-trained brothers Vino Rosso (Curlin), winner of last term's GII Wood Memorial S., and GSP '**TDN Rising Star**' So Alive (Super Saver). The Robert and Lawana Low colorbearer is out of the Touch Gold mare Flaming Heart, a two-time stakes winner and GSP. Also debuting in this spot is Calumet Farm homebred **Good as Money (Uncle Mo)**. The Steve Asmussen pupil is a son of two-time Canadian champion and millionaire Financingavailable (Kiridashi). **TJCIS PPs**

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Monday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:00 p.m. EDT

CALIFORNIA CUP DERBY, $200,000, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Loud Mouth	Boisterous	Rosario	Hollendorfer	8-1
2	Whooping Jay	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	8-1
3	Irish Heatwave	Unusual Heat	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	3-1
4	Galilean	Uncle Mo	Prat	Hollendorfer	2-5
5	Feeling Strong	Capital Account	Pereira	Palma	12-1

Monday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

CALIFORNIA CUP OAKS, $200,000, (S), 3yo, f, 1m (T)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Lippy	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	10-1
2	Mucho Unusual	Mucho Macho Man	Rosario	Yakteen	8-1
3	Tiz a Master	Ministers Wild Cat	Figueroa	Morey	12-1
4	Kookie Gal	Boisterous	Prat	Miller	4-1
5	Silk From Heaven	Richard's Kid	Flores	Palma	12-1
6	Hot On the Trail	Unusual Heat	Van Dyke	Glatt	20-1
7	Creative Instinct	Creative Cause	Blanc	Miller	12-1
8	Lakerball	Lakerville	Bejarano	O'Neill	5-2
9	Apache Princess	Unusual Heat	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	9-5

HAYNESFIELD S., $105,425, Aqueduct, 2-17, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.04, ft.

1--**HONOR UP, 124, c, 4, To Honor and Serve--Unobstructed View, by Yes It's True**. ($65,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG). O-Saratoga Seven Racing Partners; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (NY); T-M Nevin; J-J Lezcano. $59,125. Lifetime Record: 15-6-3-1, $335,513. *Full to Blueridge Traveler, SW & GSP, $319,000.

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2--**Syndergaard**, 120, h, 5, Majesticperfection--Magic Belle, by Gold Case. '**TDN Rising Star**' ($92,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; $450,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Eric & Harris Fein, Christopher McKenna, Guri Singh & Jerry Walia; B-Burleson Farms (NY); T-John P. Terranova II. $21,000.

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3--**Twisted Tom**, 120, g, 5, Creative Cause--Tiffany Twisted, by Thunder Gulch. ($22,000 RNA Ylg '15 SARAUG; $22,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Cobra Farm, Inc., R R Partners & Head of Plains Partners LLC; B-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor (NY); T-William I. Mott. $12,000.

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Margins: NO, 1HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.40, 2.60, 2.15.

Also Ran: Fiery Opal, Stoney Bennett, Loki's Vengeance.

Honor Up gamely fended off Syndergaard for the second time in a row as he won this third straight. Transferred from Bill Mott to this barn off a fourth going a mile on the Saratoga sod last August, the dark bay romped by 5 1/2 lengths in a rained-off state-bred optional claimer over seven panels at Belmont Oct. 12. He settled for second in an open first-level allowance going that same distance Nov. 4, but cleared that condition next out Dec. 15. Honor Up had last been seen running down Syndergaard in the restricted Say Florida Sandy S. going a furlong shorter here Jan. 12.

Completely missing the break from his rail draw, he moved up to sit second last while in contact with the rest of the field leaving the backside. Inching closer from the two path heading for home, Honor Up mounted a three-deep bid to challenge Stoney Bennett (Bustin Stones) for the lead near the quarter pole. Syndergaard, meanwhile, who had to wait for running room to mount his bid, got going in earnest in the final sixteenth, but came up a whisker short in a photo that looked like it could've gone either way.

"I thought I was going to pass out," winning trainer Michelle Nevin said. "The other horse [Syndergaard] ran a hell of a race to keep coming. That was a close, close race. I thought it was a dead heat for a second." Honor Up is a half to the dam of Saturday's El Camino Real Derby third More Ice (More Than Ready). He has a 2-year-old half-sister by Karakontie (Jpn) and visited Honor Code last season. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Honor Up | *Elsa Lorieul*

ALLOWANCES

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Oaklawn, $85,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.11, ft.

SNAPPER SINCLAIR (c, 4, City Zip--True Addiction {GSP, $115,510}, by Yes It's True) was still seeking his first victory since annexing the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase at Kentucky Downs, but he'd done plenty of good work in the interim. Third in the GIII Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds last January, he missed by a nose in that venue's GII Risen Star S. 12 months ago. After a pair of off-the-board finishes, he bounced back some to be second in a Churchill optional claimer Nov. 16, but was fourth in both the Tenacious S. and Louisiana S. back at Fair Grounds Dec. 22 and Jan. 19, respectively. Backed as the 17-10 chalk, he chased longshot Catdaddy (Munnings) through a half in :47.15 before ratcheting up the pressure through six panels in 1:12.12. Catdaddy dug in gamely, but Snapper Sinclair called on his class in midstretch to pull away from that rival by 2 1/2 lengths.

The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother named Head Honcho (Colonel John). Sales history: $30,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $180,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 12-3-2-1, $446,115. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bloom Racing Stable; B-K & G Stables (KY); T-S Asmussen.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

8th-Oaklawn, $84,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 2-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.07, ft.

MOTION EMOTION (f, 3, Take Charge Indy--Golden Motion, by Smart Strike) finished fourth in one start for Michael Puhich at Emerald Downs in September, and was transferred to this barn ahead of a ninth-place run in the Churchill slop Nov. 1. She resurfaced a different horse when running away with a six-furlong maiden heat here Jan. 25, and had been subsequently flattered by the next two finishers Ultimate Mo (Uncle Mo) and Irish Mischief (Into Mischief), who each came back to graduate impressively. Quickly to the front, the bay doled out swift splits of :23.10 and :46.92 and began to get away from her competition on the turn.

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Motion Emotion wires the field at Oaklawn | *Coady Photography*

Favorites Ulele (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Off Topic (Street Sense) tried to cut into the leader's advantage in upper stretch, but Motion Emotion was already far in front and showed no signs of slowing, running up the score to 6 3/4 lengths over a field that appeared to possess some quality. Off Topic defeated Ulele by 2 1/2 lengths for second. Unraced dam Golden Motion's now 2-year-old filly Tizemotionalgold (Tiznow) was a $51,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling. Golden Motion produced a Bodemeister colt in 2018 before dying. She was a half-sister to MGSW Sapphire n' Silk (Pleasant Tap), who in turn produced graded winner Shaniko (A.P. Indy); GSW Golden Itiz (Tiznow); the dam of GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf upsetter Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect) and her half-sister GSW Colonial Flag (Pleasant Tap); and the dam of GSW Tiz Breathtaking (Tiznow). Sales history: $55,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $98,345. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mark DeDomenico LLC; B-WinStar Farm (KY); T-T Van Berg.

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7th-Santa Anita, $61,106, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 2-17, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.38, gd.

RISKY PROPOSITION (g, 4, Bodemeister--Risk, by Wavering Monarch), claimed for $50,000 last July at Del Mar, won the Nov. 10 Let It Ride S. over the oceanside oval's turf course and was making his first start since finishing seventh in the Dec. 1 GI Hollywood Derby. The 12-1 shot was unhurried early and settled near the back of the field. He gradually improved his position down the backstretch, was tipped out four wide at the top of the lane and closed strongly to best Keep Quiet (Fr) (Elusive City) by a half-length on the wire. Sales history: $60,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP **Click Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: SW, 11-4-1-1, $145,515.

O-Tom Acker, Barry & Judith Becker, Michael Bloom, Jon Lindo, & Thomas Wafer, Jr.; B-Glencrest Farm (KY); T-William Spawr.

3rd-Santa Anita, $57,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 2-17, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:13.35, gd.

ANGEL ALESSANDRA (f, 3, Ghostzapper--High Button Shoes {GSW, $278,221}, by Carson City) graduated second out and first turf last August at Del Mar, but was last of 11 in the Juvenile Fillies Turf S. there Sept. 3. Second over course and distance Jan. 21, the chestnut was last seen running fifth going a local mile Feb. 1. Made the 17-10 chalk turning back once more here, the $100,000 OBS April buy dropped back to caboose the field behind a :21.23 quarter.

Picking it up four wide nearing the turn for home, the chalk swept to the fore at the top of the lane and drew clear to beat Devils Dance (Goldencents) by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam produced a Shackleford colt last season before being bred to Misremembered. Sales History: $70,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $100,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $84,285. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Altamira Racing Stable, David A Bernsen LLC & Rockingham Ranch; B-My Meadowview LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Oaklawn, $83,000, (S), Msw, 2-17, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.90, ft.

RUSTY CAGE (g, 3, Laurie's Rocket--Loves to Fly, by Not For Love), let go at 13-1 for this first outing, rushed up between foes soon after the start to lead from the two path. Dueling into the bend with a high head carriage, the bay blew the race apart midway on the turn and couldn't be caught from there. Tapit Star (Double Irish) was 1 1/2 lengths back in second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Ernie Witt; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Ernie Witt II.

1st-Aqueduct, $65,960, Msw, 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.06, ft.
SMOOTH QUALITY (f, 4, Elusive Quality--Brushed Gold {MSP, $115,616}, by Touch Gold), overlooked at 33-5 off a 2-1 morning-line quote in this debut, pressed the speed of heavily favored Restructered (Blame) through a :22.86 quarter, drew on even terms passing a :46.25 half and took charge entering the lane en route to a 2 1/2-length score over Cadeau de Paix (Majestic Warrior). Restructure finished a well-beaten third. The victress has an unraced sophomore half-brother in Korea by Sky Mesa named Jeongmun Sky and a juvenile Distorted Humor half-sister named Golden Romance in Great Britain. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $37,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Godolphin Racing, LLC; B-Godolphin LLC (KY); T-Kiaran P. McLaughlin.

8th-Aqueduct, $60,000, (S), Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 6f, 1:13.20, ft.
SARATOGA PROMISE (c, 3, Violence--Paper Kite, by Bernardini) tipped his hand with a handful of sharp breezes at Belmont for this debut, capped by a five-furlong gate bullet in 1:01 4/5 (1/19) over the training track Feb. 10, and took a flood of late money to be 115-100 at the off. Stumbling at the start, the bay recovered to duel for command through a :23.18 quarter. Emerging from the pace scrum to take over into the stretch, he was soon confronted by I Saw It All (The Lumber Guy), but dug in through the final furlong to turn that foe back by a neck. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Mission Impazible and a yearling Constitution half-sister. His dam visited Laoban last term. Sales History: $70,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR; $35,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Henry Steadman & Paul Barrow; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Paul W. Barrow.

Sequel New York graduate

1st-Gulfstream, $43,980, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.66, fm.
TRENCHTOWN CAT (f, 3, Discreet Cat--Chez La Femme, by Afternoon Deelites) belied 26-1 odds when finishing second over course and distance here Jan. 13, but took nobody by surprise this time as the 3-5 chalk while making her first start since being transferred to the barn of Rohan Crichton from Leon Minott. Away on top, the dark bay was taken in hand to sit third along the fence by Irad Ortiz, Jr. She found a seam up the rail in midstretch when the pacesetter drifted out, and kicked away to don cap and gown by 1 3/4 lengths. Lady Munnings (Munnings) got up for second. The winner is a full-sister to Air Khalifa, GSW-Jpn, $2,054,021; and Princess Princess, GSP, $185,506. Her dam produced a Gio Ponti colt last season.
Sales history: $13,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; $36,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $34,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Dennis G. Smith, Span Investments Inc. & George S. DeBenedicty; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Rohan Crichton.

9th-Gulfstream, $43,560, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.04, fm.
SISTER KITTEN (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Megachurch, by Pulpit) finished a distant second to her superstar GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-winning stablemate Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in their respective debuts over yielding Saratoga sod back in August. The Ramsey homebred was third at 4-5 again in wet conditions at Keeneland Oct. 20, and was 17-10 getting an additional sixteenth to work with while facing a well-bred group here. Away sharply from her rail draw, the bay was taken back to sit off the pace in midpack or so along the fence as a longshot zipped out to set ambitious fractions. Weaving through horses heading for home, she dove inside in upper stretch and quickly put the result to bed as she galloped away a good-looking 2 3/4-length graduate. Dyna Passer (Lemon Drop Kid), a 31-1 half-sister to Grade I-winning millionaire Sadler's Joy (Kitten's Joy) who was getting on the grass for the first time, spiced up the exacta. The winner's dam is a full-sister to long-winded GSW Unitarian (Pulpit). She produced a full-brother to Sister Kitten in 2017 and a Bobby's Kitten filly last season. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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4th-Fair Grounds, $40,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.65, fm.
JUST MIGHT (c, 3, Justin Phillip--Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux) had seen three of his four prior outings rained off the grass, and his lone on-the-turf try was a sixth-place run here Dec. 6. He improved markedly next out to finish a close second in the slop at 42-1 on New Year's Eve, but was looking to atone for a third-place run at 7-5 Jan. 24. Off at 3-1 this time, the chestnut stalked from third around the bend, but seemed to be idling a bit to midstretch. He continued on as leader Cohete Rojo (Graydar) started to drop anchor, and got up in the shadow of the wire to prevail by a half-length. Cohete Rojo just out-nosed favored firster Thenextbestthing (Candy Ride {Arg}), who was away very slowly but put in a promising late run. The winner has a 2-year-old full-sister named Dynamite Gift. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $36,137. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-Griffon Farms & Michelle Lovell (KY); T-Michelle Lovell.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, $33,900, Msw, 2-17, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.14, ft.
MANTARAY ISLAND (c, 4, Bernardini--Winner, by Horse Chestnut {Saf}), a $350,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling and a $1.45-million Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream juvenile, was runner-up on debut in Hallandale last Sept. 27 for trainer Todd Pletcher and Coolmore, and tired to last of six while making his first start for these connections at Santa Anita Jan. 10. The 9-2 shot sprinted out to the early lead and was on top through fractions of :22.04 and :45.69 before striding home a three-length winner. Sought Bai (Sought After) closed from last to be second. Mantaray Island is a half-brother to Private Ensign (A.P. Indy, GSP, $124,384); and Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense, GSW & GISP, $852,360). Winner, who sold for $700,000 with Mantaray Island in utero at the 2014 Keeneland November sale, has an unraced 2-year-old filly by Medaglia d'Oro and was bred to Curlin last year. Sales history: $350,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG; $1,450,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR; $17,000 3yo '18 OBSOPN. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $26,351.
O-Charles Bartlett; B-Chadds Ford Stable, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

7th-Tampa Bay Downs, $20,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 1m 40y, 1:41.45, ft.
CAMGO (c, 3, The Factor--Dream About {GSW, $235,463}, by Cherokee Run) got run down late when second as the favorite debuting Sept. 22 at Parx and dropped a spot, also as the public's choice, Jan. 12 at Gulfstream. Backed down to 4-5 to make amends in this two-turn and local bow, the $100,000 OBS March pickup tracked from second through sharp fractions of :23.06 and :46.26. Scrubbed along at the top of the far turn, the bay surged to the fore at the furlong grounds and edged clear from there to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths. Scoreswhenhewants (Itsmyluckyday) was second best. The winner is a half to Deeply Undervalued (Kitten's Joy), GSW, $216,412; Sleepless Knight (War Chant), SW & MGSP, $374,253; and Sleepless Dixie (Dixie Union), MSP, $180,445. His Grade II-winning dam has a juvenile colt by Carpe Diem and a yearling Union Rags colt. Sales History: $16,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $100,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $29,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Gelfenstein Farm & Albert & Michelle Crawford; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.

8th-Turfway, $18,456, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:41.00, ft.
ARTEMUS BRIDGE (c, 3, Verrazano--Kathern's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy), second in both of his prior track-and-trip outings--most recently Jan. 11--controlled the pace and kicked away to a convincing 3 3/4-length breakthrough. Against the Line (Morning Line) was second. The winner has a 2-year-old brother by Wicked Strong and a yearling half-sister by Jimmy Creed. She was bred back to Flintshire (GB). Sales history: $55,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $17,575. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
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IN UAE:
Muqaatil, g, 5, Lonhro (Aus)--Lightning Lydia, by Broad Brush. Abu Dhabi, 2-17, Hcp. (AED100k), 2200mT, 2:17.44; gd. Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-1, $70,162. O-Mansoor Al Mansoori. B-Sun Valley Farm, Carrie Ann Walker & Darley (KY). T-Ahmad bin Harmash. *$47,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; 160,000gns Ylg '15 TAOOCT; 18,000gns HRA '17 TATJUL. *1/2 to Go Maire Tu (Congrats), SP, $220,982; Charged Cotton (Dehere), SW, $162,741; and Walkwithapurpose (Candy Ride {Arg}), MSW & GSP, $297,210.

IN SINGAPORE:
Fame Star, g, 4, Twirling Candy--Fanlight Fanny (SP-Eng), by Lear Fan. Kranji, 2-17, Hcp. *($55k)*, 1200mT, 1:10.25. B-George W Brown MD (KY). *$39,000 2yo '17 OBSJUN. VIDEO

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Atreides (Medaglia d'Oro), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $6,500
102 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, $500K GIII Southwest S., 1 1/16m, SUENO, 7-2
$1,500 KEE NOV wnl; $61,000 KEE SEP yrl

Boisterous (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, $5,000
86 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Oaks, 1mT, KOOKIE GAL, 4-1
4-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Derby, 1 1/16m, LOUD MOUTH, 8-1

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
228 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/8mT, ALLTHEWAY TO CAIRO, 9-2
$265,000 FTK JUL yrl; $145,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, CASTLE CASANOVA, 7-2
$225,000 SAR AUG yrl; $140,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Capital Account (Closing Argument), BG Thoroughbred Farm, $1,500
20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Derby, 1 1/16m, FEELING STRONG, 12-1

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $7,500
135 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, $500K GIII Southwest S., 1 1/16m, BANKIT, 10-1
$85,000 SAR AUG yrl; $260,000 OBS MAR 2yo
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, RIKEN, 20-1
$24,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $12,500
187 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, CHANGE OF CONTROL, 12-1
$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; $95,000 OBS OCT yrl

Flashback (Tapit), Diamond B Farm, $7,500
175 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, BENNY, 10-1

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
256 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, STRIVE FOR A CURE, 12-1
$62,000 EAS OCT yrl; $9,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, $4,000
95 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
12-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LUCKY MIKE, 6-1

Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, $5,000
107 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, LONDON HOUSE, 7-2
$20,000 SAR AUG yrl; $110,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Icon Ike (Yes It's True), Starfish Stallions, $1,000
13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, FLAMIN ICON, 6-1
$2,200 RNA TTA MIX yrl

Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, $8,000
134 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, HONEST N LUCKY, 5-1
$55,000 KEE SEP yrl
12-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, YOUSHOULDBESOLUCKY, 12-1

Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Banstead Manor Stud, $55,000
227 foals of racing age/26 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, FIDES RATIO (Fr), 30-1
€70,000 ARA UG yrl

Lakerville (Unusual Heat), Harris Farms, private
44 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Oaks, 1mT, LAKERBALL, 5-2
$1,000 RNA NCA AUG yrl

Laurie's Rocket (Bluegrass Cat), McDowell Farm, $1,000
30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, TAPIT RIGHT, 15-1

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, $2,500
57 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, LADY OF LUXURY, 8-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, $15,000
122 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, MUCHO MAS, 10-1
$55,000 EAS MAY 2yo
5-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Oaks, 1mT, MUCHO UNUSUAL, 8-1
$170,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, $25,000
151 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
12-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, FINE SPIRIT, 10-1
$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Tidal Volume (Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center, $3,000
47 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, FIRSTHAND JUSTICE, 15-1
$5,200 PED OH yrl

Vertiformer (Dynaformer), Poplar Creek Horse Center, $2,000
14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, SAMMY DA BULL, 10-1

Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, $30,000
207 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
12-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, ALL IN CHARGE, 15-1
$95,000 OBS OCT yrl; $90,000 EAS MAY 2yo
3-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, BETTER CHARGE IT, 12-1
$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo; $65,000 EAS MAY 2yo

ADDITIONAL RACING

STAKES RESULTS:
LA CONEJA S., (NB) $85,000, Sunland, 2-17, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.98, ft.
1--**FAST GATOR, 122, f, 4, Diabolical--Gator Prowl (SW, $106,000), by Roar of the Tiger**. O/B-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (NM); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. $51,000. Lifetime Record: 10-7-1-0, $345,135.
2--**Tijuana**, 119, m, 6, Devon Lane--Quell, by Look See. O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC.; B-Robert & Del Rae Driggers (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $17,000.
3--**Bryn's Fancy Pants**, 122, m, 6, Southwestern Heat--Fan's Cat, by Devon Lane. O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC., Carey Taylor & Jon Hogg; B-Dale & Debbie Taylor (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. $8,500.
Margins: 2, 6 1/4, NK. Odds: 1.30, 1.50, 4.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
5th-Oaklawn, $84,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.54, ft.
DANCING BELLE (f, 4, First Samurai--London Mist, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-2-2-2, $188,755. O-Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC, W. Detmar, J. Desormeaux & G. Voss; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux. *$200,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

4th-Aqueduct, $67,771, (S), (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:52.57, ft.
BLEWITT (h, 5, Uncle Mo--Stopspendingmaria {GSP}, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, $129,975. O/B-Repole Stable Inc (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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7th-Fair Grounds, $47,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.53, ft.
FLASHY BREW (g, 4, Flashpoint--Miss Brew Ha Ha, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, $88,660. O-Allen Cassedy; B-Allen Cassedy, L J Thibodeaux Sr. & P G Thibodeaux (LA); T-Ron Faucheux.

11th-Gulfstream, $44,240, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.30, fm.
MR FRENCH (GB) (g, 5, Mr. Sidney--Finella {Fr}, by Kingsalsa) Lifetime Record: 17-8-3-1, $121,670. O-NME 56 LLC; B-Earl Haras Du Quesnay (GB); T-Marcial Navarro. *$45,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

8th-Delta Downs, $40,300, 2-16, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.56, ft.
ZARELDA (f, 4, My Golden Song--Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $47,400. O/B-Billy Clevenger (TX); T-Beverly Burress.

6th-Sunland, $38,500, (S), 2-17, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.66, ft.
BLAZING NAVARONE (g, 4, Song of Navarone--Carmen's Delight, by Carmen's Glory) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-8-2-3, $406,576. O-George E. Coleman & E. Henry Dominguez; B-Lucky Six Inc. (NM); T-Henry Dominguez.

8th-Penn National, $32,480, 2-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.88, gd.
JUMP SHIFT (c, 4, Smarty Jones--Five Diamonds {SW, $208,060}, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, $82,450. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr.

6th-Penn National, $29,736, 2-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.36, gd.
MARTINI KID (g, 6, Lemon Drop Kid--Chic Corine, by Nureyev) Lifetime Record: 27-5-4-3, $105,564. O-M3 Racing Stable; B-Barak Farm (MD); T-M Moore. *1/2 to Rasta Farian (Holy Bull), SW, $238,172; full to Somali Lemonade, GISW, $981,796.

6th-Charles Town, $24,500, 2-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.63, ft.
JET SETTIN LADY (f, 4, Congrats--Jet Setting {SP, $136,642}, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, $39,486. O-G L M Stables; B-Darren & Marilyn Pollitt (KY); T-Jeff C. Runco. *$52,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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7th-Charles Town, $24,000, (S), 2-16, (NW3L), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:22.03, ft.
MABEL (f, 3, Windsor Castle--Miracle Mist, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, $46,399. O-Michael Lee Weeks; B-Thomas Weeks (WV); T-Michael Lee Weeks.

7th-Turfway, $22,395, 2-16, 4/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.38, ft.
BROKEN PROMISE (g, 5, Broken Vow--No Use Denying {SW, $219,016}, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 26-9-3-3, $213,813. O-MSM Stables, LLC & Kenneth W. Dalton; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Ethan W. West. *1/2 to Noble Thought (Harlan's Holiday), GSP, $180,048.

3rd-Sam Houston Race, $20,500, 2-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.02, fm.
HE'S A RANGER (g, 6, U S Ranger--Winsome {GB} {MSP-Fr}, by Kris {GB}) Lifetime Record: 52-4-11-9, $112,766. O/T-Terry Eoff; B-Royal Oak Farm (KY). *$19,000 RNA Wlg '13 KEENOV; $1,500 Ylg '14 KEESEP.

6th-Turfway, $20,400, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 2-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.53, ft.
SUGARSUGARSUGAR (m, 5, Archarcharch--Cherokee Caucus, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 33-4-6-5, $101,015. O-Andrew Knapczyk; B-Nolan Creek Farm, Sergio De Sousa & Karen Wolfsdorf (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras. *$19,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; $20,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wild Bean, g, 3, **Champ Pegasus**--Pagosa Springs, by A.P. Indy. Santa Anita, 2-17, (S), (C), 6f, 1:10.80. B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA).

Surprise Fashion, g, 3, **Congrats**--Holiday Fashion, by Harlan's Holiday. Santa Anita, 2-16, (C), 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:17.76. B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY). *$57,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Revolutionary Road, c, 3, **Justin Phillip**--Demure (GB), by Machiavellian. Laurel, 2-17, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.38. B-Castleton Lyons (KY). *$2,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Il Warrd (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), MSW & GSP-Eng, $152,789.

King Cloudy, c, 3, **Littleexpectations**--Queen Cumulus, by Sky Mesa. Sam Houston Race, 2-16, 6f, 1:13.10. B-Keith I. Asmussen, KDE Equine LLC & Lee Ackerly (TX). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Spectator Sport, c, 3, **Midnight Lute**--Awesome Bella, by Awesome Again. Aqueduct, 2-17, (C), 1m, 1:38.64. B-DP Racing, LLC (KY). *$210,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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Contraband, g, 3, **Mister Lucky Cat**--Sierra Passion, by Our Emblem. Delta Downs, 2-16, 5f, 1:00.39. B-Millar Equine (OK).

The Big Lebanese, g, 3, **Soaring Empire**--Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle. Aqueduct, 2-17, (S), 6f, 1:13.03. B-Fedwell Farms (NY).

Arch Anthem, g, 4, **Arch**--Heat Lightning, by Summer Squall. Golden Gate Fields, 2-17, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.52. B-AR Enterprises, LLC (KY). *$135,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Stevie Wonderboy (Stephen Got Even), Ch. 2yo Colt, GISW, $1,058,940; Queen Joanne (Mr. Greeley), SP, $161,466; Theyskens' Theory (Bernardini), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GISP-US, $195,502.

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ARCH, Arch Anthem, g, 4, o/o Heat Lightning, by Summer Squall. MSW, 2-17, Golden Gate

ARCHARCHARCH, Sugarsugarsugar, m, 5, o/o Cherokee Caucus, by Cherokee Run. AOC, 2-16, Turfway

BERNARDINI, Mantaray Island, c, 4, o/o Winner, by Horse Chestnut (SAf). MSW, 2-17, Golden Gate

BODEMEISTER, Risky Proposition, g, 4, o/o Risk, by Wavering Monarch. AOC, 2-17, Santa Anita

BROKEN VOW, Broken Promise, g, 5, o/o No Use Denying, by Maria's Mon. ALW, 2-16, Turfway

CHAMP PEGASUS, Wild Bean, g, 3, o/o Pagosa Springs, by A.P. Indy. MCL, 2-17, Santa Anita

CITY ZIP, Snapper Sinclair, c, 4, o/o True Addiction, by Yes It's True. AOC, 2-17, Oaklawn

CONGRATS, Jet Settin Lady, f, 4, o/o Jet Setting, by Forestry. ALW, 2-16, Charles Town

DIABOLICAL, Fast Gator, f, 4, o/o Gator Prowl, by Roar of the Tiger. La Coneja S., 2-17, Sunland

DISCREET CAT, Trenchtown Cat, f, 3, o/o Chez La Femme, by Afternoon Deelites. MSW, 2-17, Gulfstream

ELUSIVE QUALITY, Smooth Quality, f, 4, o/o Brushed Gold, by Touch Gold. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

FIRST SAMURAI, Dancing Belle, f, 4, o/o London Mist, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 2-17, Oaklawn

FLASHPOINT, Flashy Brew, g, 4, o/o Miss Brew Ha Ha, by Chief Seattle. AOC, 2-17, Fair Grounds

GHOSTZAPPER, Angel Alessandra, f, 3, o/o High Button Shoes, by Carson City. AOC, 2-17, Santa Anita

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Just Might, c, 3, o/o Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux. MSW, 2-17, Fair Grounds

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Revolutionary Road, c, 3, o/o Demure (GB), by Machiavellian. MCL, 2-17, Laurel

KITTEN'S JOY, Sister Kitten, f, 3, o/o Megachurch, by Pulpit. MSW, 2-17, Gulfstream

LAURIE'S ROCKET, Rusty Cage, g, 3, o/o Loves to Fly, by Not For Love. MSW, 2-17, Oaklawn

LEMON DROP KID, Martini Kid, g, 6, o/o Chic Corine, by Nureyev. ALW, 2-16, Penn National

LITTLEEXPECTATIONS, King Cloudy, c, 3, o/o Queen Cumulus, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 2-16, Sam Houston

MIDNIGHT LUTE, Spectator Sport, c, 3, o/o Awesome Bella, by Awesome Again. MCL, 2-17, Aqueduct

MISTER LUCKY CAT, Contraband, g, 3, o/o Sierra Passion, by Our Emblem. MSW, 2-16, Delta Downs

MR. SIDNEY, Mr French (GB), g, 5, o/o Finella (Fr), by Kingsalsa. AOC, 2-17, Gulfstream

MY GOLDEN SONG, Zarelda, f, 4, o/o Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow. ALW, 2-16, Delta Downs

SMARTY JONES, Jump Shift, c, 4, o/o Five Diamonds, by Flatter. ALW, 2-16, Penn National

SOARING EMPIRE, The Big Lebanese, g, 3, o/o Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

SONG OF NAVARONE, Blazing Navarone, g, 4, o/o Carmen's Delight, by Carmen's Glory. ALW, 2-17, Sunland

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Motion Emotion, f, 3, o/o Golden Motion, by Smart Strike. AOC, 2-17, Oaklawn

THE FACTOR, Camgo, c, 3, o/o Dream About, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 2-17, Tampa Bay

TO HONOR AND SERVE, Honor Up, c, 4, o/o Unobstructed View, by Yes It's True. Haynesfield S., 2-17, Aqueduct

U S RANGER, He's a Ranger, g, 6, o/o Winsome (GB), by Kris (GB). ALW, 2-16, Sam Houston

UNCLE MO, Blewitt, h, 5, o/o Stopspendingmaria, by Montbrook. AOC, 2-17, Aqueduct

VERRAZANO, Artemus Bridge, c, 3, o/o Kathern's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 2-16, Turfway

VIOLENCE, Saratoga Promise, c, 3, o/o Paper Kite, by Bernardini. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

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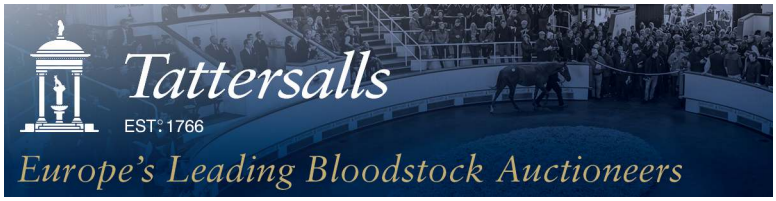

LEADING FIRST-SEASON SIRE VERDICTS

Ger Lyons gives Gleneagles a vote of confidence for champion first-season sire honours | *Coolmore*

By Emma Berry

The first juvenile race won't be run until the end of next month, but the buzz and feedback on the stock of young stallions always starts early, and Fitzdares has already opened a market on the first-season sires' championship. We'll be asking a number of horsemen and women for their opinions over the coming weeks and today, trainer Ger Lyons gives us his view.

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

GL: Without a shadow of a doubt, Gleneagles (Ire) should be the class act among them all. He has the pedigree and the race record and should make a top-class sire.

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

GL: I've two 2-year-olds by Free Eagle (Ire) and I'm not saying they're going to be early but what attracted me to the sire is that Pat Smullen is no hypologist and he said that Free Eagle was the best horse he ever sat on.

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PURTON LETTER-PERFECT IN QSJC, GOLD CUP WINS *by Alan Carasso*

Zac Purton unseated three-time defending champion Joao Moreira in a pulsating duel in the 2017/2018 jockeys' premiership that went down to the wire in Hong Kong and he is well on his way to another title--all things equal--due in some part to the Magic Man's abandoned attempt to become a fixture in Japan, but primarily owing to the Aussie's abundant talent.

Purton's considerable skills were on full display Sunday at Sha Tin, as he put on two tactically-perfect rides to win the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup and the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup. To be fair, it didn't hurt a little that he was on the two heavy favourites, including the reigning Horse of the Year, but it was equal parts finesse, power and and sheer brilliant decision making that saw him take out HK$20 million in features.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

GRAY ATTEMPT TACKLES SOUTHWEST

Gray Attempt (Graydar), a winner of the Smarty Jones S., lines up in the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park on Monday. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

Leading First-Season Sire Verdicts Cont. from p1

GL Cont. I walked out of Doncaster and said that Outstrip (GB) would be the leading first-season sire this year. I bought what I considered to be the nicest of his yearlings there but I didn't see any others after that.

I found the sales difficult last year. I used to be renowned for buying yearlings by first-season sires but I can't really do it any more as there's no value there. In my opinion, in the last decade the business has turned around. When I was growing up the winner's enclosure was sacrosanct, it's where we all wanted to be, but now it's all about the sales. People are breeding horses thinking 'what can top the sale' instead of trying to breed a Derby or a Guineas winner. Retiring horses to stud at two is a complete no-no for me--it shouldn't be allowed.

TDN: Which stallion do you think will go on to be the best of this intake?

GL: If we say that an ounce of pedigree is worth a ton of feeding then Golden Horn (GB) and Gleneagles are head and shoulders above the rest.

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INVINCIBLE ARMY TARGETS DUKE OF YORK

James Tate has earmarked the G2 Duke of York S. as the first major target this year for his talented sprinter **Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The Newmarket trainer plans to give the 4-year-old a prep run in the Listed Unibet Cammidge Trophy on the opening day of the turf season at Doncaster on Mar. 30, before taking aim at the six-furlong Group 2 prize at York. Invincible Army has struck twice at the Group 3 level, in the 2017 Sirenia S. at Kempton and in the G3 Pavilion S. at Ascot last May.

"Invincible Army lost his way in the second half of the season, but we realised that running on fast ground didn't really suit him," said Tate, whose charge ran second in the G2 Sandy Lane S. on May 26 and was off the board in two more 2018 appearances at the group level. "We decided to give him a nice break and prepare him for this season. He is going really well at the moment. He has been second in three Group 2 races, including when beaten a nose in the Sandy Lane last year--and my first task is to make him a Group 2 winner. The Duke of York will be his aim. All being well, he will have a prep in the Cammidge Trophy at Doncaster." **Cont. p3**

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DIZZY APPLEBY EXCELLING DOWN UNDER

Michael Cox speaks with Godolphin assistant trainer Dizzy Appleby. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**

Invincible Army Targets Duke of York Cont.

A drop down to listed level, and further raids over to France, could be on the cards for last year's French 2000 Guineas runner-up **Hey Gaman (GB)** (New Approach {GB})--who was campaigned at the highest level on four of his six starts in 2018.

Tate added, "His best performance last year was when he finished second in the French 2000 Guineas. His favoured conditions look to be going right-handed on a turning track on soft ground, so I can see him making a lot more trips across the English Channel. I've not set any targets yet. But as he no longer has a listed penalty, we might start him there and go up through the grades. If the opportunity came up in Group 1, with the right conditions, we would have a look at it. Being a large build of a horse, this should be his year."

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Kempton, £25,000, Cond, 2-16, 4yo/up, 15f 218y (AWT), 3:32.93, st/sl.

STAMFORD RAFFLES (GB) (g, 6, Champs Elysees {GB}--Romantic Retreat {GB}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 19-5-4-0, $51,392. O-Jane Chapple-Hyam & Bryan Hirst; B-C A Cyzer (GB); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam. *£10,000 RNA Ylg '14 DNSIL; 22,000gns 3yo '16 TATAHI.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mare Mosso (Fr), c, 3, **Rajsaman (Fr)**--Zilly Fish (Fr), by Generous (Ire). Machecoul, 2-17, 11f 165yT, 2:38.94. B-Mme Angela Kurth (FR).

Wessly (Fr), f, 3, **Youmzain (Ire)**--Queen's Ball (GB), by King's Theatre (Ire). Machecoul, 2-17, 11f 165yT, 2:23.53. B-Fernand Krief (FR). *1/2 to Ball Prince (Ire) (Slickly {Fr}), MSP-Fr, $219,016.

Berrahri (Ire) (Bahri) landed the 80th edition of the Longines Grosser Preis Von St. Moritz in Switzerland on Sunday.
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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Waikuku (Ire), g, 4, **Harbour Watch (Ire)**--London Plane (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-17, Hcp. *(£193k/€220k)*, 1400mT, 1:22.77. B-Shane Molan. *€33,000 Ylg '16 TATIRE. **VIDEO**

IN UNITED STATES:

Belvoir Bay (GB), m, 6, **Equiano (Fr)**--Path of Peace (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Santa Anita, 2-16, Wishing Well S. ($74,104), 5fT, :56.39, gd. B-Mrs R. D. Peacock (GB). *20,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; $625,000 5yo '18 FTKNOV. **MGSW-US.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Purton Letter-Perfect in Hong Kong Cont. from p1

Even as Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) was down in trip, having made the 1600m G1 Stewards' Cup his sixth consecutive win Jan. 27, he was 4-1 on to successfully defend in the Queen's Silver Jubilee, a race in which he scraped home narrowly from **Beat the Clock (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) last season. That rival was back in better form, with a Group 1 win in the Centenary Sprint Cup last time out, and along with GSW and Stewards' Cup runner-up **Conte (Aus)** (Starcraft {NZ}), formed a formidable John Size entry.

Beauty Generation too tough in the QSJC | *HKJC photo*

Beat the Clock was given a positive ride by Moreira and led them along early, with Beauty Generation stalking at first, but Purton gave him a just bit of rein and the duo was in front with 900m left to travel. Bowling along powerfully on the turn, as is his wont, the champ turned them in and really never looked in any sort of danger as Beat the Clock and Conte gave game chase, albeit in total vain.

"Everyone's had a go at beating him," winning trainer John Moore told the HKJC's David Morgan. "The little bit of hype around a couple of the other horses was fair but he just keeps doing it. It was another great ride by Zac (Purton) because before the corner you could see he was saying 'now I'm putting the revs up and you've got to chase me'. He's just too good and Zac's the composite horseman, he knows exactly what's going on."

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Purton Letter-Perfect in Hong Kong Cont.

Moreira could only pay homage to the winner, saying of Beat the Clock, "He gave his very best, but just wasn't able to beat the best horse in Hong Kong."

Equally 'Ex'-Cellent in the Gold Cup...

If his ride in the QSJC was good, the horsemanship he showed atop **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in the Gold Cup was nothing short of phenomenal. The G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m) winner, coming off a defeat of **Dinozzo (Ire)** (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}) in Group 3 company Jan. 27, raced eagerly in the latter half of the field as defending champ **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko) set a sedate tempo from his full-brother **Glorious Forever (GB)**. But knowing exactly what he had beneath him, Purton got after Exultant at the 1000m mark and by the time they'd hit the turn, he was in front, daring Hong Kong's best middle-distance horses to outstay him. And they flat out could not, as he found yet another gear into the final furlong and a half and won clear. Trying the 2000m for the first time, **Southern Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) got home very well for second, while Dinozzo punched through late for third to juice up the exotics. Exultant joins Indigenous (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) as the only horses to follow up in the Gold Cup after winning the Vase.

Exultant and Purton following the Gold Cup | *HKJC photo*

"They were just going too slow," Purton told HKJC's Graham Cunningham. "But I knew my horse was the best stayer in the race and I knew he'd keep going--he just doesn't seem to get tired. He's got a lot stronger since this time last year and as a result he's just furnished into a better horse. We know what we've got now, so I can use him and ride him accordingly."

Exultant has already been ruled out of an overseas trip and is likely for the G1 QE II Cup (2000m) in late April and the G1 Champions and Chater Cup (2400m) the following month. Southern Legend is scheduled to leave for Dubai Feb. 28. He holds entries for the G2 Godolphin Mile on dirt as well as the G1 Dubai Turf (1800m) and could make a Carnival appearance prior to the big night.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

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, 1:21.03, gd.

1--**BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ), 126, g, 6, by Road to Rock (Aus)**
1st Dam: Stylish Bel (Aus), by Bel Esprit (Aus)
2nd Dam: Stylish Victory (Aus), by Durham Ranger
3rd Dam: Romantic Peace (Aus), by Mikado
(NZ$60,000 Ylg '14 NZBSEL). O-Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Nearco Stud Ltd; T-John Moore; J-Zac Purton; HK$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year & Ch. Miler-HK, 28-15-3-4, HK$74,278,220. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Beat the Clock (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Flion Fenena (Aus), by Lion Hunter (Aus). (A$70,000 Ylg '15 INGMAR; NZ$200,000 2yo '15 NZBRTR). O-Merrick Chung Wai Lik; B-Miss J Henderson; T-John Size; HK$2,200,000.

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3--**Conte (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Starcraft (NZ)--Miss Midas (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus). (A$50,000 Ylg '15 INGEAS). O-Phillip Chan Kwok Chung; B-G P Nolan (Qld); T-John Size; HK$1,000,000.

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Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 1. Odds: 1-4, 23-5, 9-1.
Also Ran: Rattan (NZ), Seasons Bloom (Aus), Pingwu Spark (NZ), Fifty Fifty (NZ), Winner's Way (Aus), Beauty Only (Ire), Little Giant (NZ).

Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.
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Pedigree Notes...

Beauty Generation is one of two foals from his dam to make the races and is kin to a filly by Tavistock (NZ) that was led out unsold on a bid of NZ$200,000 during Book 1 of the 2019 NZB Karaka Yearling Sales. Stylish Bel produced a colt by Tavistock's G1 Rosehill Guineas and G1 VRC Derby winner Tarzino (NZ) last Oct. 31 and is in foal to I Am Invincible (Aus), according to a tweet from Rosemont Stud. The latter is the stallion home of Starcraft, sire of Conte.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

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, 2:00.87, gd.

1--**EXULTANT (IRE), 126, g, 5, by Teofilo (Ire)**
1st Dam: Contrary (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)
2nd Dam: Crystal Gaze (Ire), by Rainbow Quest
3rd Dam: Jumilla, by El Gran Senor
O-Eddie Wong Ming Chak; B-Ballygallon Stud Limited; T-Zac Purton; J-Zac Purton; HK$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Ire, 20-8-5-2, HK$34,037,150. *Formerly Irishcorrespondent (Ire).
Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Southern Legend (Aus)**, 126, g, 6, Not A Single Doubt (Aus)--Donna's Appeal (Aus), by Carnegie (Ire). (A$280,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS). O-Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Corumbene Stud (NSW); T-Caspar Fownes; HK$2,200,000.

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3--**Dinozzo (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, Lilbourne Lad (Ire)--Nisriyna (Ire), by Intikhab. (€44,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; €75,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB). O-Siu Pak Kwan; B-Swordlestown Little; T-John Size; HK$1,000,000.

Margins: 1HF, 3, NK. Odds: 11-10, 56-1, 31-1.

Also Ran: Simply Brilliant (GB), Glorious Forever (GB), Eagle Way (Aus), Northern Superstar (SAf), Gold Mount (GB), Singapore Sling (SAf), Pakistan Star (Ger), Time Warp (GB).

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Pedigree Notes...

One of 16 worldwide Group 1 winners for his sire, Exultant is out of a winning half-sister to Irish highweight Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and to Italian champion Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Exultant's third dam was a full-sister to German highweighted Winter Quarters and was responsible for SW Jonquil (Ire) (Machiavellian). Contrary is the dam of the 3-year-old gelding Irish Agent (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and has no listed subsequent progeny.

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CAME HOME SIRES FEBRUARY S. VICTOR

by Heather Anderson

The ultra-consistent **Inti (Jpn)** (Came Home), favoured at 8-5 in Tokyo's 1600-metre G1 February S. on Sunday, did not let his backers down and took the field pillar to post, holding off the surging **Gold Dream (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) by a neck to take the spoils. **Yuranoto (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) was another four lengths back in third. The February S. is a "Win and You're In" for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita in November.

Bounding straight to the head of affairs, the blinkered chestnut was allowed to bowl along on the lead through splits of :23.90 and :48 flat. By the time his rivals realized the leader was not stopping a quarter mile from home after six panels in 1:11.80, Inti had scampered a few lengths clear. Only Gold Dream emerged as a viable threat 200 metres out and cut into Inti's advantage with every stride as the Shigeo Takeda colourbearer began to tire. At the wire, a long neck separated the top two, with Inti becoming the first Group 1 winner for his sire.

"The horse broke well and we were able to take the lead and set an ideal pace," said winning hoop Yutaka Take. "He was a bit too eager in the post parade and I was worried that he had used up his energy, but we secured a safe lead at the last turn and he showed amazing strength to the wire. He has so much potential, we have a lot to look forward to in his future starts."

Inti | *Horsephotos*

A winner of seven of his eight trips to the post, Inti made his 4-year-old bow in the G2 Tokai TV Hai Tokai S., where he earned his first group victory over 1800 metres on Jan. 20.

Nakano Fujita, the first Japanese female jockey to ride in a Group 1 event, piloted MGSW **Copano Kicking** (Spring At Last) to a rallying fifth, six lengths off the winner. "I am truly grateful to all who made it possible for me to ride in this race," commented Fujita. "I have experienced this course numerous times before today, everything looking totally different."

Pedigree Notes...

In addition to Inti, Came Home, a three-time Grade I scorer Stateside, has sired Group 3 winners in Tagano Tonnerre (Jpn), Passion, and Sound Rihanna (Jpn) among his 16 black-type winners. The first foal out of the four-time winner Kitty, Inti is followed by the unraced 4-year-old colt Nyame (Jpn) (Sinister Minister). Cont. p8

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Third dam Haleakala (Ire) (Kris {GB}), a SW at Santa Anita, is a half-sister to MGISP Blue Burner (French Deputy). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan
FEBRUARY S.-G1, ¥194,440,000
(US$1,760,419/£1,362,615/€1,558,969), Tokyo, 2-17, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:35.60, gd.

1--**INTI (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Came Home**
1st Dam: Kitty (Jpn), by Northern Afleet
2nd Dam: Forest Kitty, by Forestry
3rd Dam: Haleakala (Ire), by Kris (GB)
1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Shigeo Takeda; B-Kiyoshige Yamashita (Jpn); T-Kenji Nonaka; J-Yutaka Take; ¥103,108,000. Lifetime Record: 8-7-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Gold Dream (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Mon Vert (Jpn), by French Deputy. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥40,888,000.

3--**Yuranoto (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Koiuta (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥25,444,000.

Margins: NK, 4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.60, 2.00, 30.60.
Also Ran: Moanin, Copano Kicking, Sunrise Soar (Jpn), Sunrise Nova (Jpn), Success Energy (Jpn), Wonder Lider (Jpn), Omega Perfume (Jpn), Queen's Saturn (Jpn), Nobo Baccara (Jpn), Nonkono Yume (Jpn), Meisho Utage (Jpn).
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Sunday, Kokura, Japan
KOKURA DAISHOTEN-G3, ¥78,020,000
(US$706,450/£547,034/€625,619), Kokura, 2-17, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:46.70, fm.

1--**STIFFELIO (JPN), 126, h, 5, Stay Gold (Jpn)**
1st Dam: Serious Attitude (Ire) (G1SW-Eng & GISW-Can, $296,460), by Mtoto (GB)
2nd Dam: Zameyla (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire)
3rd Dam: Angelic Sounds (Ire), by The Noble Player
O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Genki Maruyama; ¥41,504,000. Lifetime Record: 20-7-3-2. **Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Tanino Frankel (Ire)**, 119, c, 4, Frankel (GB)--Vodka (Jpn), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). O-Yuzo Tanimizu; B-Yuzo Tanimizu (Jpn); ¥16,144,000.

3--**Saimon Ramesses (Jpn)**, 117, h, 9, Black Tide (Jpn)--Copano Marcolini (Jpn), by Mayano Top Gun (Jpn). O-Akinori Sawada; B-Yanagawa Farm (Jpn); ¥10,072,000.

Margins: NK, 1HF, NK. Odds: 5.00, 3.00, 126.50.
Also Ran: Night of Knights (Jpn), Air Anthem (Jpn), Mount Gold (Jpn), Black Spinel (Jpn), Retro Rock (Jpn), Suzuka Deep (Jpn), My Style (Jpn), K T Clever (Jpn), Eterna Minoru (Jpn), Maltese Apogee (Jpn), America's Cup (Jpn).
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MISSION TYCOON DEFIES DISTANCE QUERY IN CLASSIC CUP *by Michael Cox, courtesy TDNAus/NZ*

The Frankie Lor phenomenon continued in Hong Kong when the sophomore sensation again trained the first two home and produced a blowout result when **Mission Tycoon (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}) beat hot favourite **Dark Dream (Aus)** (All American {Aus}) in Sunday's Hong Kong Classic Cup.

The lure of Hong Kong Derby glory leads many owners to push horses better suited to sprint races into the 4-year-old series and despite a second at 204-1 in the Classic Mile Jan. 27, Mission Tycoon's presence in the 1800m second leg wasn't taken seriously by punters.

Clearly the Sha Tin faithful felt Lor was simply ceding to overzealous owner's wishes by entering Mission Tycoon in the feature and he went around unwanted at 91-1.

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Hong Kong Classic Cup Cont.

But once Mission Tycoon's jockey Derek Leung stole a cheap lead from a tricky draw and proceeded to jam the handbrake on down the long back straight, with Zac Purton taking a cautious sit back off the leader's hip on the odds-on favourite, the chances of another Classic Cup upset grew.

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Mission Tycoon causes the boilover | *HKJC photo*

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR, HK$10,000,000 *(£996,186/€1,127,542/A$1,794,443/US$1,274,443)*, 4yo, 1800mT, 1:47, gd.

1--**MISSION TYCOON (AUS), 126, g, 4, by Written Tycoon (Aus)**
1st Dam: Lakemba Gold (Aus), by Made of Gold
2nd Dam: Currency (Aus), by Shalford (Ire)
3rd Dam: Penny Version (Aus), by True Version (Aus)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (A$50,000 Ylg '16 INGFEB). O-Elite Leisure Syndicate; B-A G Tobin (Vic); T-Frankie Lor; J-Derek Leung; HK$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, HK$9,778,150.

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2--**Dark Dream (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, All American (Aus)--Buchanan Girl (Aus), by Lion Hunter. O-Albert Hung Chao Hong; B-Miss J E Healey (NSW); T-Frankie Lor; HK$2,200,000.

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3--**Ka Ying Star (GB)**, 126, g, 4, Cityscape (GB)--Casual Glance (GB), by Sinndar (Ire). O-Leung Shek Kong; B-Kingsclere Stud; T-Tony Cruz; HK$1,000,000.

Margins: 1, 1, HF. Odds: 91-1, 9-10, 12-1.

Also Ran: Furore (NZ), Helene Leadingstar (Aus), Harmony Victory (Brz), Ho Ho Khan (NZ), Mr So and So (Aus), Red Warrior (Ire), Gold Chest, Sunny Speed (GB), Easy Go Easy Win (NZ), Green Luck (Aus), Solar Patch (Aus).

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Mission Tycoon is the 27th black-type winner for Woodside Park Stud's Written Tycoon, whose five Group 1 winners include 2016 G1 Golden Slipper S. hero Capitalist (Aus). Written Tycoon has been represented by 12 winners from 16 to race in Hong Kong. The dam of Mission Tycoon's 3-year-old full-sister Written Gem (Aus), Lakemba Gold produced a filly by Reward For Effort (Aus) in 2016, but passed away 24 days after foaling a Fighting Sun (Aus) filly at the age of 15 in 2017.

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IN HONG KONG:

Happy Force (Aus), g, 4, **Pierro (Aus)**--Hosiery (Aus), by Night Shift. Sha Tin, 2-17, Hcp. *(A$246k)*, 1400mT, 1:21.89. B-Bowness Stud (NSW). *1/2 to Long John (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Hwt. 4yo-UAE at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Aus, GSW-UAE, GSP-Eng, $1,018,606. **A$280,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

IN SINGAPORE:

Toosbies (Aus), g, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Pinpante (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Al Hareb. Kranji, 2-17, Restricted Maiden *(A$77k)*, 1200mT, 1:10.85. B-Erinvale Investments Pty Ltd (Vic). *1/2 to Pantenny (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), SW-Aus, A$221,260. **A$17,000 Wlg '16 INGMAY; A$33,000 Ylg '17 MGMMAR; A$110,000 2yo '17 MMGC2YO. **VIDEO**

Revolution (Aus), g, 3, **Unencumbered (Aus)**--Sadler's Wish (Aus), by Not A Single Doubt (Aus). Kranji, 2-17, Hcp. *(A$71k)*, 1100m (AWT), 1:05.65. B-Bell River Thoroughbreds, B Hogno, L Walker (NSW). *A$40,000 Wlg '16 INGJUN; A$80,000 Ylg '17 MGMMAR; NZ$150,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

Gingerella (Aus), f, 4, **Gingerbread Man (Aus)**--Jestervale (Aus), by Real Jester (Aus). Kranji, 2-17, Hcp. *(A$72k)*, 1100m (AWT), 1:05.34. B-Cromartry Park (WA). *A$11,000 Ylg '16 MGCFEB. **VIDEO**

Zac Kasa (Aus), g, 4, **Reset (Aus)**--Unabated (Aus) (MSP-Aus, A$323,050), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Kranji, 2-17, Hcp. *(A$103k)*, 1200mT, 1:09.66. B-Newhaven Park Stud (NSW). *1/2 to Supara (Aus) (Domesday {Aus}), MGSP-Aus, A$136,450.
MSP-Sin. ***A$200,000 Ylg '16 INGEAS. **VIDEO

Lucky Hada (Aus), g, 4, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Lucky Morna (Aus) (GSP-Aus, A$112,675), by Ferocity (Aus). Kranji, 2-17, Hcp. *(A$52k)*, 1600mT, 1:36.03. B-Goldin Australia Pty Ltd (SA). *A$100,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

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DIZZY APPLEBY EXCELLING DOWN UNDER

Dizzy Appleby and Guelph | *TDN AusNZ*

by Michael Cox

The Godolphin 2-year-olds are flying this season, a whole new crop of "babies" have just entered Crown Lodge at Warwick Farm and helping the keep the operation running smoothly is a popular English import with a well-known name. Production line is probably an apt description of the system producing what seems like every second juvenile success story this season, but without a human quality the machine wouldn't have the magic and that's where Godolphin's Victoria "Dizzy" Appleby fits in.

Mornings at Warwick Farm are a blur of horses heading in all directions, and more than a hundred of them are coming out of Crown Lodge carrying the riders decked out Sheikh Mohammed's distinctive blue livery. When you witness the scale of this pre-dawn wave of horseflesh it's not hard to draw a military comparison, especially given the discipline and precision with which the operation runs, and "the Blue Army" is another, oft-used soldiery-related term that comes to mind.

While Godolphin Australia managing director Vin Cox and head trainer James Cummings have seamlessly shifted into general-like roles in the last two years, sitting at the centre of it all at trackwork, among the burly blokes of the Warwick Farm trainer's stand is the slightly built and always effervescent Appleby. Maybe her role could be described as field lieutenant, and while it would fit the army analogy, Crown Lodge's assistant trainer Appleby prefers a more artistic metaphor for what she does to help keep Godolphin's talented 2-year-olds humming in tune.

"The way I like to describe it is that James writes the music, I am the conductor and the work riders and the strappers are the symphony orchestra that makes the music," she says.

2-year-old Talents

When *TDN AusNZ* caught up with Appleby it was the Sunday after yet more 2-year-old success, with **Tenley** (Medaglia d'Oro {USA}) scoring in Sydney and **Microphone** (Exceed And Excel) winning the Listed Talindert S. Appleby had just returned from Port Botany where she and staff were swimming the current G1 Golden Slipper favourite **Tassort** (Brazen Beau), due to return next weekend in the G2 Silver Slipper, and Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner **Exhilarates** (Snitzel).

Last weekend after **Bivouac** (Exceed And Excel) reappeared on the scene to win the Listed Lonhro Plate, colleague Darren Beadman, when asked where the speedy colt ranked in the Godolphin pecking order, quipped "he might make the top 10."

It was a comment made tongue-in-cheek but it did speak to the embarrassment of riches Godolphin has in its juvenile ranks ahead of the autumn features. Throw in G3 Widden S. runner **Amercement** (Lonhro) and pre-New Year's Day winners **Kiamichi** (Sidestep), **Athiri** (Lonhro), **Pin Sec** (Lonhro), and the Boys in Blue have the makings of a golden era.

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Tassort after a recent barrier trial | *TDN AusNZ*

Dizzy Appleby Excelling Down Under Cont. from p1

"It's an exciting time," said Appleby, who knows a thing or two about 2-year-old golden eras, having come through the ranks at what was then known as Darley, shortly after the sale to Sheikh Mohammed and under the guidance of trainer Peter Snowden.

She was there in 2011 when the breeding powerhouse swept through five 2-year-old majors when future stallions Sepoy (Elusive Quality {USA}) won the G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Golden Slipper double, Helmet (Exceed And Excel) scored in the G1 Sires' Produce S. and Benfica (Lonhro) capped a remarkable season with a win in the G1 T.J. Smith in Brisbane. At that time Appleby was a trackwork rider and travelling foreperson, working hands-on with horses like Pinwheel (Lonhro), Guelph (Exceed And Excel) and Applegate (Exceed And Excel). After time spent working under bloodstock and racing manager Jason Walsh, Appleby got the call-up to help run Crown Lodge.

Now Appleby sits at the nerve centre of the system producing those 2-year-old winners, but even though Appleby is now at the coalface, she is grateful for the time in the engine room with Walsh.

"I learnt a lot more about the breeding and bloodstock operations, just learning how tirelessly those people in the breeding and nominations teams work," she said. "I think sometimes in the racing stable you isolate and focus on one thing. Sometimes you lose track of just how big the operation is and how many people it takes to gain the success that we do."

The Godolphin string heads out for morning trackwork | *TDN AusNZ*

Crown Lodge Still The Base

While the cutting edge 126-acre, 84 box Osborne Park facility at Agnes Banks is where Godolphin's older horses have been trained since its establishment in 2010, Crown Lodge at Warwick Farm--built by the Inghams in 1985 and with a system fine-tuned during the John Hawkes heyday--is where the newcomers are still nurtured. It is a process that needs eyes and ears on the ground while Appleby's main responsibility is her equine "babies".

"It helped that I had that knowledge on how it was run, it was such a slick operation and we wanted to get everybody back in to the way of how things could be run efficiently," she said.

When it comes to the system, Appleby is of the opinion "If it ain't broke don't fix it," and her main concern are the 70 or so staff that care for the horses.

"It's about camaraderie and getting everybody working as a team. There are a lot of staff that I used to work alongside as a trackwork rider, and they know I have done the hard yards, I still muck in when needed, I am not somebody that has just being brought out of management to fill a role, I have actually been there and done that. I have mucked out boxes, taken horses to the races and trials, have done the early mornings and late nights getting horses off the floats.

"I am not a shouter and I get on very well with staff. They know I am the boss but they know they can come and talk to me, they can suggest ideas to me where we can improve. If you have happy staff you are going to have happy horses."

Godolphin's Australian boss Vin Cox said, "The results speak for themselves" when it comes to the way Cummings, Beadman and Appleby have been able to combine their skillsets at Crown Lodge.

"It helps that Dizzy has been with Godolphin more than 10 years," Cox said. "Having a lot of experience through the Snowden era, and with 2-year-olds, has been a key part of what we do there. Obviously with James's guidance, and her experience, they have got the 2-year-olds humming.

"She is a very good team player, and she works hard at that, and when the team is working well, the horses are working well. One follows the other. That combination of James, Dizzy and the team, the results are speaking for themselves. She lives and breathes the horses, but more importantly she lives and breathes the staff, and that's the key element to her leadership."

Generation Next

If the results are any indication, the horses are clearly happy right now, and it isn't just the 2-year-olds. As well as the juveniles on the track, this week saw the first batch of the 2019-20 crop come through the stables for the first time. In the coming months, around one hundred will come through in batches of 10 for a week-long familiarisation course in stable life; the tie-up stalls, the wash bays, coming in and out of stables and walking to the track.

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Dizzy pictured with brother Charlie Appleby | *TDN AusNZ*

Dizzy Appleby Excelling Down Under Cont.

"Every week we get a new batch that come in and do their education, we rotate them," Appleby said. "They come in for a week, they go out for a spell. They come in for a month of training, go out and think about life. Then we can think about which ones are forward and which ones need more time."

Family Ties

Of course there is that name--Appleby--that rings a bell with any racing follower, and yes, Dizzy is the younger sister of Godolphin's rising training star trainer Charlie, based in England. Dizzy's big brother had an amazing 2018 flat season that was capped with a sparkling spring Down Under, winning the G1 Rupert Clarke S. with Jungle Cat (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) and giving Godolphin its first G1 Melbourne Cup with Cross Counter (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}).

The siblings from Devon grew up racing ponies and have since crossed over many times during their time in racing; they first worked together in the yard of legendary former jockey Lester Piggot and his wife Susan at Newmarket, with Appleby riding as an apprentice. These were the days when women weren't as recognised for their skills in the saddle and after a stint riding on the Yorkshire circuit, she soon re-joined her brother at Godolphin's French operation, then followed trainer David Loder when he went on his own. Then came "the complete culture shock" of a shift to Australia from England , a shock that Appleby has clearly overcome.

A True Leader

Appleby is keenly aware that she has worked into a leadership role in an industry still falling behind others when it comes to gender parity, not that those hard heads in the Warwick Farm training ranks aren't supportive.

"They've known and watched me come through the ranks here at Warwick Farm," she said. "I have my regular spot now alongside the guys. But there are other women moving through the ranks in the company. At home Marie Murphy is Charlie's assistant trainer at Newmarket, and Sophie Chretien looks after the team in Dubai.

"It's not all about physical strength in racing and I think women can bring a different perspective to leadership roles. To some extent I see my role as a mothering role, looking after staff and recognising when they might need some personal attention."

As the autumn racing gets serious, and more babies come into the Crown Lodge crèche, Appleby's leadership is sure to grow along with that 2-year-old winners list.

"It's about fulfilling the vision of what Sheikh Mohammed is looking for, and that is excellence," Appleby said. "The aim is to produce racehorses that can go on to be Darley broodmares and stallions, and it is those horses that can create the future lines."

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