

AMID BREAKDOWN EPIDEMIC, SANTA ANITA TO BAN RACE-DAY MEDICATION



Belinda Stronach | Horsephotos

by Joe Bianca

Off the heels of Thursday morning's **22nd reported equine fatality** at Santa Anita since its current meet opened, The Stronach Group has moved to ban race-day medication, including Lasix, at the Arcadia oval as well as its Northern California track Golden Gate Fields. The Stronach Group's Chairman and President Belinda Stronach penned a lengthy open letter announcing the drastic shift in policy, which coincided with a brief press conference given by chief operating officer Tim Ritvo at Santa Anita.

"What has happened at Santa Anita over the last few weeks is beyond heartbreaking," Stronach said. "It is unacceptable to the public and, as people who deeply love horses, to everyone at The Stronach Group and Santa Anita. The sport of horse racing is the last great sporting legacy platform to be modernized. If we expect our sport to grow for future generations, we must raise our standards. Today, I'm announcing The Stronach Group will take the unprecedented step of declaring a zero tolerance for race-day medication at Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields. These Thoroughbred racetracks will be the first in North America to follow the strict International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) standards."

Standing on the grandstand apron on live television, Ritvo read from a brief prepared statement, saying, "Any change is hard, but the love of the horse supercedes all else. We know firsthand that owners, trainers and jockeys love and care deeply for their horses. We love the horses too and we're making these changes to put the health and welfare of the horse and rider first. We are looking forward to working closely with the industry partners as these changes are implemented. It is important that everyone review these comprehensive changes. We will be answering follow-up questions at a later date."

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Describing this as a “watershed moment,” Stronach announced that, in addition to banning Lasix, the new policy will increase the ban on legal therapeutic NSAIDs, joint injections, shockwave therapy and anabolic steroids.

Basing her directive on “best practices currently employed at racetracks around the world,” Stronach also called for complete transparency of all veterinary records, increasing the time required for horses to be on-site prior to a race, significantly increasing out-of-competition testing, instituting a rule that horses in training are only allowed therapeutic medication with a qualified veterinary diagnosis and “a substantial investment by The Stronach Group in diagnostic equipment to aid in the early detection of pre-existing conditions.”

Stronach brought up the issue of whip usage as well, saying, “Additionally, it is time to address the growing concern about use of the riding crop. A cushion crop should only be used as a corrective safety measure. While we firmly believe our jockeys have not purposely been mistreating their mounts, it is time to make this change.”

She added, “We will be continuing our daily conversations with industry stakeholders to further define these transformative guidelines. But make no mistake: these changes will be implemented. The time to discuss ‘why’ these advancements must take place is over. The only thing left to discuss is ‘how.’ There are some who will take a stand and tell us that it cannot be done. To them, we say, ‘The health and welfare of the horses will always come first.’ We also say, ‘Not only can it be done, it is what we are doing.’ Racing at Santa Anita and Golden Gate is a privilege, it is not a right.”

The issues at Santa Anita had the potential to complicate this year’s Breeders’ Cup, set to be run at “The Great Race Place” for a record 11th time, but in a statement, Breeders’ Cup stood behind The Stronach Group and the track.

“Like all of racing, we are profoundly saddened by the loss of a life at any racetrack and we are heartbroken for those whose livelihoods are dedicated to the care of our horses,” the statement read. “As an organization, the Breeders’ Cup stands for the highest levels of safety and integrity. We support the effort by The Stronach Group to propose important changes and we commit to working with the racing industry in California and elsewhere to achieve meaningful reform on a national basis. We recognize that for real change to result from this difficult situation we must engage those stakeholders quickly and dedicate time and other resources. We must, as an industry, press forward on implementing existing best practices and rapidly proceed with the consideration of further reforms such as those proposed by The Stronach Group in California. It is vital that we all do so.”

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“This is a tipping point and I hope we see more racing companies take such powerful steps,” said Jim Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. “Now, more than ever, we need to reform the regulation of the sport such that we will be in step with all other racing nations, where the rate of fatal injury is less than half that of North America. And to those industry leaders that have said the status quo is OK, it is time to come clean and admit that our low standards and uneven rules remain a major weakness for the sport.”

Stronach noted that her company has spoken with the California Horse Racing Board, who will be holding a meeting Mar. 21 where the situation at Santa Anita will be addressed. She also acknowledged the impact on business the decision will have, but said The Stronach Group is willing to assist horses who may not be able to race without medication.

“We recognize this will impact our field size as horses and

horsemen adjust to this new standard,” she wrote. “There will be horses that will not be able to race because they have required medication to do so. For those horses, we are prepared to dedicate the capital required to rehabilitate, retrain, rehome and provide aftercare for them.

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Reactions from California horsemen started to pour in shortly after the announcement, with trainer Doug O’Neill among the staunchest supporters of The Stronach Group’s decision.

“I’m 100% behind it,” the two-time GI Kentucky Derby-winning conditioner said. “I think it’s so important that people who haven’t been to the barn area or haven’t been to the races realize how much

we love and care for our horses. I think it’s time to do away with race-day medication. I applaud the Stronach Group for stepping up and doing something that’s earth-shattering when it comes to American racing.”



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Simon Callaghan pointed out that the regulatory measures Santa Anita announced Thursday morning put the track in line with many other racing jurisdictions around the world. “You know, I've trained in Europe, so, to me it's not going to make a big difference,” he said. “We'll make some adjustments, and I think it's something we need to embrace rather than pull against.”

Trainer Richard Mandella said that he doesn't think the new changes will affect the way he runs his operation. “I'm fine. I don't have a problem,” he said. “I'm willing to do whatever it takes to set the world right.”

While he said he's not sure the changes will, on their own, reduce fatality rates at the track, Mandella added that he thought it's the right move in terms of optics. “The attempt is for the good, but whether it works or not, time will tell. I wouldn't want someone to take Lasix away from me and not somebody else, but if it's all gone, so be it. We'll live. Whatever the rules are, I'll do the best I can.”

Some horsemen were less positive, namely perennial leading Southern California trainer Peter Miller, who said, “I think it is inhumane to race bleeders without Lasix. I will be looking to move all of my bleeders out of California. I think it's a knee-jerk reaction.”

“It's always good that the welfare of the horse comes first, and I'm all for the elimination of NSAIDs for limiting breakdowns, but I'm not too sure how being off Lasix is going to help with that,” trainer Leonard Powell said. “It helps some horses and I don't think that any of the breakdowns are related to the usage of Lasix, but it is what it is and we have to make the best of it. It's not something I oppose, that's for sure, but everybody knows that some horses need that help and some horses are going to leave the circuit. I'm sure that some [trainers] are upset about this; some not. I hope that the owners support it.”

California Thoroughbred Trainers board member Ray Bell vowed that the trainers will do “everything in their power” to go along with whatever new measures are implemented, adding, “Anything that will ensure the safety and welfare of the horses is our foremost concern.”

California Horse Racing Board executive director Rick Baedeker commented that this is an unprecedented situation, “and the actions are equally unprecedented, but I think appropriate in this case.”

It is presumed, said Baedeker, that the new measures will require approval by the acknowledged horseman's organization, in this case the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC).

Indeed, the state rules that “any conditions” that are based on a participating horse's use of a drug or medication, or the presence of a drug or medication in a biological test sample taken from a participating horse, “shall be agreed to in advance in writing by the acknowledged horsemen's organization, which,



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in the case of Thoroughbreds, shall be the owner's organization, and approved by the Board before entries are taken for the race."

Nevertheless, Baedeker said that the CHRB has only been aware of these measures "for a few hours, so we'll need time to analyze the implementation of these changes from a legal standpoint," and added that other rules regarding private property could possibly come into play.

"I'd like to presume that everybody will understand the necessity [of these measures], and move forward together," said Baedeker. "The current situation requires bold action."

Concluding her letter, Stronach said, "We are taking a step forward and saying, quite emphatically, that the current system is broken. While the cause of the injuries on the racetrack might be varied, they have one thing in common: the industry has yet to do everything that can be done to prevent them. That changes today. First and foremost, we must do right by the horse. When we do right by the horse, everything--everything--will follow."

[Click here](#) to read Stronach's full letter.

Additional reporting for this story was provided by Dan Ross, Sue Finley, Bill Finley and Kelsey Riley.

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SANTA ANITA RACE-DAY MEDICATION BAN LEAVES MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

by *Bill Finley*

The Stronach Group dropped a bombshell on the horse racing industry when it announced that, in light of the rash of breakdowns that have occurred since the Santa Anita meet began Dec. 26, they are banning race-day medication at both Santa Anita and its sister track in Northern California, Golden Gate Fields.

While a lengthy press release issued by The Stronach Group Thursday had many details, there were many more that were left out and are crucial to this story. Here's what we still need to know:

- No mention was made about the status of race-day medication at the other Stronach-owned tracks--Gulfstream, Laurel, Pimlico, Portland Meadows and its lone harness track, Rosecroft Raceway. Should The Stronach Group continue to allow medication at those tracks, it is sure to open itself up to intense criticism. How can TSG possibly maintain that race-day medication is dangerous in California, but not in Maryland, Florida or Oregon?

While TSG is to be believed when it says Thursday's decision was all about putting the welfare of the horse first, it also no

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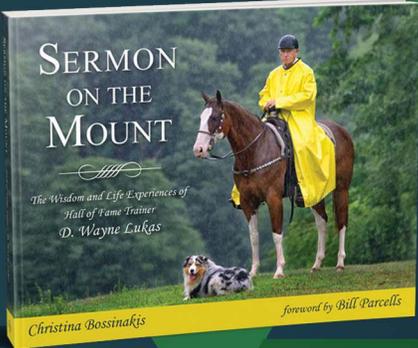


doubt had a lot to do with appeasing animal rights groups. So how can Belinda Stronach, Tim Ritvo, et al. explain this decision to PETA and other animal activists if horses start breaking down at Laurel or Gulfstream?

“That they made no mention of banning race-day medication at their other tracks shows how disingenuous they are,” said a Southern California trainer who asked not to be identified. “It shows that they really don’t believe medication is part of the problem and this is nothing more than a public relations spin.”

- It would seem that TSG almost has to ban the same medications at its other tracks. If so, will the GI Preakness S. be run medication free and might that keep horses out of the race, possibly even GI Kentucky Derby winner?
- The Breeders’ Cup issued a statement saying it stood by Santa Anita and would not move the event, which is planned to be held there in 2019. It would be too late to do so anyway. But if a number of important horses don’t participate and handle falls, will the Breeders’ Cup be inclined to stay away from The Great Race Place in the future?
- Has Santa Anita painted Del Mar and, to a lesser extent, Los Alamitos and the Northern California fairs into a corner? Del Mar was bombarded with negative publicity and had to deal with PETA’s wrath in 2014 when 16 horses died during its meet. What is going on now is as much a public relations battle as it is anything else and the very future of the sport may just depend on how track operators respond to the situation. After Santa Anita did what it did, can Del Mar possibly take the chance of allowing race-day medications and then having a meet that includes numerous breakdowns? It would be extremely risky to do so.
- When, exactly does the ban go into effect? No one was saying Thursday. Will race-day medication be allowed or not in the GI Santa Anita Derby and the GI Santa Anita H., both of which will be run Apr. 6? If it is not allowed, will trainers skip the race and instead opt for Kentucky Derby preps and major handicap races where they can use Lasix on their horses?
- Will any trainers be so fed up by TSG’s decision that they will leave California? It’s not an easy thing to do because California, when it comes to racing, is on an island. Moving to someplace else would be expensive and mean a disruption in what has become one’s daily life. But some trainers could find leaving enticing, especially with the type of purses that are offered at places like Oaklawn, NYRA, Churchill and Keeneland.
- Would pro-Lasix owners start taking their horses away from California-based trainers and start shipping them to other jurisdictions where they can use Lasix?
- How, exactly, is Santa Anita planning on putting the ban in place without the permission of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, which is required when it comes to rule changes? Will

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the TOC sign on? If not, what then? Santa Anita’s out may be in how it writes the conditions of its races. There is no rule in California dictating what conditions a racing secretary writes into a race. The racing office would have to write into the conditions of each and every race that horses will not be permitted to run with Lasix, etc.

- How will field sizes be affected? TSG is known for how hard it pushes for full fields because large fields drive betting handle. Many trainers will bellyache that they now can’t run their horses without Lasix and, if that’s the case, field sizes will fall. However, there is another school of thought: that horses need so much time off between races because they come out of their races badly dehydrated because of Lasix and they cannot recover quickly. Perhaps the Lasix ban will be the beginning of the end of seeing horses average four or five starts a year.

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by Jennie Rees

CLEARWATER BEACH, Fla.--The theme of improving horse racing through greater sharing of data and revved-up analytics continued into Thursday's second day of programming at the National Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association's annual convention at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort.

Dr. Steven Vickner, an associate professor in the University of Louisville College of Business's equine industry program, discussed research projects designed to let the horse industry make smarter business decisions. Vickner portrayed the beneficial ways to "tease out" factors involved in when, why, how and on what people bet as limited only by the access to data. The presentation dovetailed nicely with the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation's new white paper entitled "Embracing a Future with Free Racing Data," a subject of Wednesday's keynote panel that advocated providing raw data files free to non-commercial entities as well as a form of basic free past performances as ways to encourage new horseplayers and to spur innovation.



Steven Vickner | Denis Blake/National HBPA

The white paper also recommended partnering "with universities to study racing data, developing new and advanced metrics for the betterment of the sport." That's music to the ears of Vickner, who said U of L's goal is to regain its position as the world's academic thought leader on the equine industry.

Vickner discussed a study model he constructed with his former University of Kentucky student Steve Koch (now the executive director of the Safety & Integrity Alliance of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association) that studied 1,515 thoroughbred races over 165 days in 2011 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto to identify factors influencing handle.

Perhaps surprising no one, the leading determinant of per-race handle was field size, albeit with diminishing marginal returns for each additional horse. Restricted race conditions, such as for Ontario-sired horses, had a negative impact on handle, though larger average field sizes in those races offset the effect. The study also looked at the impact of weather, race distance, surface, off-the-turf races and day of the week and month.

The Woodbine study also is a textbook on why such research is not more extensive. Missing data includes who the horses, jockeys and trainers are in each race. Vickner said it's not simply a matter of looking up the race charts on Equibase for data. In fact, the Woodbine study was possible because Koch was working there at the time, he said.

"Steve had to work with his IT department to get 1,515 rows in that spreadsheet, and literally there are 100 columns," Vickner said in a conversation after his presentation. "When I say data, it's per-race handle for the win pool, place pool, show pool, Pick 3, Pick 4, every pool. Plus on track vs. simulcasting, plus the weather at each point. So imagine for each and every race you're collecting that level of detail of data. That's hard to get an IT department to create those kinds of special requests. Then what's the temperature, wind and precipitation for each race?"

The Woodbine study is only the tip of the iceberg as to what can be achieved, Vickner said. For instance, while takeout--the amount taken off the top of every dollar wagered--was known in the Woodbine study, it takes a multi-year project to assess impact.

Impediments to getting data not only is the massive time and ensuing expense involved but some tracks are reluctant because of concern of revealing proprietary secrets or that something might "shine a negative light on a company," he said, adding that tracks are more likely to feel comfortable sharing old data.

Vickner said that fear should be assuaged once multiple tracks become part of studies, where conclusions can be broad-based and individual operations can't be pin-pointed.

He said his research team will be making requests of Equibase, The Jockey Club Information Systems and racetracks for data but wants to do it for upcoming racing rather than looking at a past year, to make the conclusions as relevant as possible. One such project is with Monmouth Park for the New Jersey track's 2019 racing season that will include data from Monmouth's new sports book.

"Now you will have a wonderful set of data that everybody is interested in," Vickner said. "Then you go to Equibase and say, 'Here's my ask,' rather than expending that on 2011 data. Because that's a big ask."

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Vickner said U of L ultimately will conduct economic-impact studies on every Kentucky racetrack every year for free as part of the mission of working for the commonwealth's horse industry.

"The idea is then to show this product to each and every racetrack in America and say, 'Wouldn't you want one of these, too?'" he said.

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HORSE RACING INTEGRITY ACT MOVES FORWARD

Representatives Paul Tonko and Andy Barr, co-chairs of the Congressional Horse Caucus, reintroduced H.R. 1754: the Horseracing Integrity Act Thursday to establish a uniform national medication program, bringing the United States in line with international standards.

"Horseracing thrives when we put the majestic equine athlete front and center" Tonko said. "Our legislation creates a set of nationwide rules that are clear, consistent, and conflict-free. This will make horseracing safer for our equine athletes and jockeys while increasing confidence in the sport among the trainers, owners, horseplayers, and horseracing fans alike. This sport of kings has long supported good jobs and delivers billions of dollars in economic impact every year in my home state of New York and throughout the country. I am grateful to Congressman Barr for partnering with me on this common-sense legislation and look forward to advancing our measure through the House."

"As the Representative for the Horse Capital of the World, I have the distinct honor of fighting for the future of this great American sport," said Congressman Barr. "I continue to believe the prosperity of Kentucky's signature horseracing industry depends on national uniform medication standards and testing procedures. I am proud to reintroduce this legislation with my friend and colleague, Congressman Tonko, and I look forward to building upon the great bipartisan work we secured last Congress, including more than 100 cosponsors, to ensure the safety and integrity of this sport is preserved for years to come."

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"The Jockey Club is grateful to Representatives Barr and Tonko for their strong support of the Horseracing Integrity Act," said Jim Gagliano, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Jockey Club. "This legislation is vital for the health and safety of our athletes and the integrity of the sport of horse racing."

This bill is supported by the Humane Society of the U.S., New York Racing Association, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), Animal Welfare Institute, the Water Hay Oats Alliance, the Jockey Club, Animal Wellness Action, the Breeders' Cup, Keeneland Association, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, and the Stronach Group.

"This is a horse-first bill. This bill will help ensure a safer environment for horses and riders at all tracks," said Shawn Smeallie, executive director of the Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity. "Representatives Tonko and Barr, along with their respective staff members, have worked tirelessly on this legislation. Thanks to their efforts, this initiative has gained the support of key stakeholders across the industry and continues to gain momentum. We look forward to working with other racing industry organizations to ensure productive legislative activity this year."

Ed Martin, the President and CEO of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, had a much more negative reaction to the bill's reintroduction, saying, "The sponsors of this legislation have proposed nothing to address the significant part of the racehorse industry that is totally unregulated. This bill will do nothing to protect horses. It is shocking that the use of bisphosphonates on young horses is not addressed, given the significant concern that they adversely affect bone development in young horses and contribute to stress fractures as they do in other mammals."

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ACCREDITATION OF THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ORGANIZATIONS A WELCOME RITUAL

by Diana Pikulski

In a few weeks, approximately 70 Thoroughbred aftercare organizations will file their accreditation applications or annual reviews with the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA). These non-profits are seeking to be accredited by the TAA or remain so. Applications for accreditation are due every other year and there is a less rigorous review in the off year. Once accredited, the charities apply for TAA grant money.

According to its website, since 2012, the TAA has granted more than \$13.8 million to accredited aftercare organizations and 7,800 Thoroughbreds have been retrained, rehomed, or retired by accredited organizations.

I caught up with Stacie Clark, who oversaw the establishment of the accreditation process and now serves TAA as Operations Consultant to talk about what the TAA seal of approval means and how it can help potential donors and owners looking to retire their horses to an accredited agency.

DP: What types of documentation and information does TAA require from the applicant?

SC: We require not only good horse care but also good governance and business practices. It is important that the organizations are viable and dependable in every way. We ask for proof of proper horse care in the way of receipts for services, feed, hay or supplies as well as policies on adoption, humane euthanasia and IRS compliance. And, we require proof that the policies and agreements are being followed. We also look at marketing materials because we want the Thoroughbreds and the industry to be represented fairly.

DP: How has TAA's relationship with the accredited/applying agencies changed over the past eight years?

SC: At first, it was seen by them and I think it felt to them like a huge burden. We evolved to make the process more user-friendly and created a mentorship program because our goal is to be inclusive and help as many horses as possible.

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SC (cont.): Now, more and more, the organizations utilize the mentors, and embrace the structure they must maintain. It seems that they have all come to appreciate the process of planning for the TAA review and keeping the records and the structure up to date all the time.

DP: Did TAA's processes change and evolve as well?

SC: Yes, it was interesting to see how different each organization is, not only in how they care for horses which is often a geographic thing, but also from an administrative and governing perspective. We have modified requirements to fit the widely varying programs but not lowered the standard. For example, in California, some farms are basically desert but the horses are maintained beautifully on smaller plots of land with good hay.



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DP: What are the numbers and ranges in size of the organizations?

SC: We have a minimum requirement. An organization must have five Thoroughbreds under its care, or 10 Thoroughbreds being adopted-out each year. The organizations range in size from five to approximately 600 Thoroughbreds.

DP: When we see the TAA accreditation seal on an organization's website or brochure, what can we assume?

SC: That the organization has submitted and TAA has reviewed all of their budgets, financials, governance practices, IRS filings, as well as policies. You can also assume that thorough inspections have been conducted. We require that a veterinarian inspect the horses and premises on our behalf and that a TAA staffer or member of our team of volunteers has inspected the premises and the horses before accreditation and in the off-year.

DP: Have the types of facilities or second careers changed since you began working in aftercare?

SC: Yes, in large part because our knowledge of what Thoroughbreds have to offer people has changed. It's amazing. The conversation isn't always about hunter jumpers and eventers any more. Starting with the TRF's prison program and now equine assisted therapy, we see that Thoroughbreds in particular, can profoundly change people in a positive way.

DP: You made one Eclipse Award-winning documentary on this topic, can you tell us what you are working on now?

SC: The first film was about Saratoga War Horse and how the Thoroughbreds initiate breakthroughs in treating PTSD in veterans. This time, we decided to follow the lives of people who have been helped by Thoroughbreds in a variety of programs for five years to tell the story of how their lives were transformed by their interaction with Thoroughbreds. Anything more would be a spoiler alert. Suffice it to say that no one who loves Thoroughbreds will be disappointed!

For more information, visit the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance website at www.Thoroughbredaftercare.org.

Diana Pikulski is the editor of the *Thoroughbred Adoption Network*.

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TESSA DOLE PASSES AWAY

Tessa Dole, the mother of Kentucky horseman John Stuart and an accomplished horsewoman in her own right, passed away Thursday in Richmond, Virginia. She was 90 years old.

Born in May 1928, Dole emigrated to this the United States from Buxton, England, when she was 19 as a show horse rider, according to her son. She taught riding for a year at Foxcroft School in Middleburg, VA, then became a horse administrator for 10 years at Liz Whitney Tippett’s Llangollen Farm in Upperville, VA, in the 1950s.

In 1960, Dole started the Stallion Services Bureau in partnership with Tyson Gilpin, son of former Fasig-Tipton owner Ken Gilpin. Tyson Gilpin served as Fasig-Tipton president from 1947-1952.

With her husband Richard, Tessa Dole relocated to Versailles, KY, in the early 1980s and founded the Woodford Hounds with the assistance of Dr. Charlie Walker. Richard Dole was the joint master of that organization.

“She was a really, really neat lady and so much fun to hunt with in the field,” said consignor James Keogh, who first met Dole in 1993. “She had a real aptitude and understanding of hounds and horses. She was a great encourager to a lot of young people that she brought along as future fox hunters. She was a very good horsewoman, she had a very good eye for horses. She

would always finish up in the right place at the right time and I always found that amazing.”

Tessa Dole is survived by her sons John and Andy.

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TEXAS 2YO SALE MOVED TO APR. 10

The Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, originally scheduled for Apr. 9, has been moved to Wednesday, Apr. 10, at 12 noon, the Texas Thoroughbred Association announced Thursday. The under tack show will be held on the originally scheduled date of Sunday, Apr. 7, at 10 a.m. Both the auction and under tack show will be held at Lone Star Park, which co-sponsors the sale with the Texas Thoroughbred Association.

“After talking with some of our major buyers, and confirming that our consignors were in support of the change, we decided to move the date back a day,” said Tim Boyce, sales director. “We think this new date on Apr. 10 will allow as many buyers as possible to attend in person, and as always we will accept phone bids from those who cannot.”

For more information about the sale, including replays after the undertack show and live video of the auction, go to www.ttasales.com.

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HOFFA'S UNION POINTING TO FL DERBY

Hoffa's Union (Union Rags), an impressive maiden winner at Laurel who was subsequently privately purchased and transferred to trainer Mark Casse, is being pointed toward the Mar. 30 GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby, Casse said Thursday.

Originally picked up for \$11,000 at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, the gelding debuted at 1 1/16 miles Feb. 28 and blew away his competition to the tune of a 15 1/2-length romp, earning a 94 Beyer. Owned by Non Stop Racing Stable, Rose Petal Stable and Foard J. Wilgis and trained by Gary Capuano at the time, he was bought by a group headed by Gary Barber and Adam Wachtel, with Capuano keeping an ownership interest. He has been at Casse's training center in Ocala since the purchase.

"So far I haven't done a whole lot with him, just galloping," Casse said. "He didn't run that long ago. We've got him here with us and he's a beautiful, beautiful horse. We're looking right now at the Florida Derby. We kind of like the timing of it. Obviously, it's going to be a huge step, but as long as he's doing well, we're going to take a shot."

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KEENELAND, TVG BROADEN RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW RACING, SALES INITIATIVES

Keeneland and TVG introduced Thursday several new initiatives on the racing and sales fronts that further enhance the track and network's long partnership. Beginning with the Thursday, Apr. 4, opening day of the Spring Meet, TVG racing analysts Gabby Gaudet and Scott Hazelton will host "Today at Keeneland," the track's live, on-site preview show, and provide expert commentary in the Paddock between races. Additionally, Hazelton and TVG host Christina Blacker will assist the Keeneland sales team with recruitment and relationship management services for buyers and sellers at Keeneland's four annual auctions.

"TVG is part of the extended Keeneland family, and we are excited to welcome Gabby, Scott and Christina in their expanded roles," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "Keeneland has successfully partnered with TVG since 1996, and we look forward to continuing to call upon their expertise in promoting Keeneland and Thoroughbred racing."

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KENTUCKY HORSE PARK TO HOST EQUITANA USA

Kentucky Horse Park will host a new, three-day equestrian event, EQUITANA USA, in the fall of 2020, officials for the park announced Thursday. The announcement, made in Essen, Germany, coincided with EQUITANA Germany, the world's largest equestrian trade fair and exhibition, produced by Reed Exhibitions. Over the course of nine days, the biannual German event attracts over 200,000 visitors.

"We are excited to be the home of EQUITANA USA," said Laura Prewitt, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park. "We look forward to collaborating with Reed Exhibitions to make EQUITANA USA one of our signature events and I am confident the community will embrace the opportunity to welcome guests from around the world."

EQUITANA USA invites all riding levels, disciplines, breeds, and enthusiasts of all ages to come together to celebrate the horse. A variety of popular equestrian personalities, professional equestrian performers, authors, veterinarians, and other top professionals will come together at the event to share their expertise on a wide range of disciplines and topics. Each day will feature a trade fair with a variety of equestrian-related products and services along with special performances each evening at the Alltech Arena.

For more information about the event, visit www.equitanausa.com or www.kyhorsepark.com.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Mar. 16	GI Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Azeri S.	Oaklawn
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 23	GII Muniz Memorial H.	Fair Grounds
	GII New Orleans H.	Fair Grounds
	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
	GII Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds
	GIII Hutcheson S.	Gulfstream
Mar. 24	GII San Luis Rey S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Sunland Derby	Sunland
Mar. 30	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
	GII Gulfstream Park Oaks	Gulfstream
	GII Pan American S.	Gulfstream
	GII Gulfstream Park Mile	Gulfstream
	GIII Santa Ana S.	Santa Anita

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7th-TAM, \$22.5K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 4:02 p.m.

Shug McGaughey unveils yet another blue-blooded Phipps homebred in **SEA GHOST (Ghostzapper)**. His second dam is champion Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat) and his third dam is MGISW millionaire My Flag (Easy Goer). This is also the family of undefeated Hall of Famer Personal Ensign and Grade I winners Traditionally, Miner's Mark and Mr Speaker. **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$92,000, (S), Alw (NW2X), Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.77, ft.

BYE BYE J (f, 3, Uncaptured--Red Pine, by Awesome Again)

brought a serious resume into this first dip into restricted company and left very little to chance, splitting rivals a quarter-mile from home before jogging in to score by 8 1/4 lengths as the overwhelming 3-10 chalk. A debut winner at Gulfstream last April, the chestnut was third in a Gulfstream West turf sprint in November before annexing the House Party S. back in Hallandale the next month. The chestnut was a very strong second to 'TDN Rising Star' Feedback (Violence) when last seen in the GIII Forward Gal S. Feb. 2, her final run for trainer Ron Spatz. Sales history: \$21,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 5-3-1-1, \$157,105. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Ron Moquett.

9th-Gulfstream, \$46,200, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.31, fm.

TICONDEROGA (h, 5, Tapit--Keertana {MGSW, \$1,031,938}, by Johar), winner of the 2017 GIII Palm Beach S. at three, took a

second-level Aqueduct allowance first off a six-month absence last April ahead of a fourth to stablemate Robert Bruce (Chi) (Fast Company {Ire}) in the GIII Fort Marcy S. the following month. Beaten a neck into second by stable companion and subsequent GI Arlington Million runner-up Almanaar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in Belmont allowance company June 8, the \$850,000 KEESEP yearling was last seen taking out an Aug. 8 Saratoga allowance at long odds-on. Sent off at 90 cents on the dollar for this 5-year-old debut, Ticonderoga was taken back to last and was ridden cold from the tail by Javier Castellano. Still out of the picture and with a double-digit gap to bridge leaving the three-eighths pole, the immaculately bred bay rallied inside into the lane, popped off the fence with better than a furlong to race and charged over the top of them late to win by a measured length in fast time. Ticonderoga covered his final 2 1/2 panels in a wicked :27.79 with a final sixteenth of a mile in a spectacular 5.68 seconds according to Trakus data. **Cont. p2**

9th-GP, cont.

The winner's dam, a five-time graded winner and twice Grade I-placed, was purchased for \$1 million in foal to Arch at KEEJAN in 2013. Keertana is the dam of a 2-year-old War Front colt that RNA'd for \$875,000 as a foal at KEENOV in 2017; and of a yearling filly by American Pharoah that was a \$360,000 KEENOV buyback. Sales history: \$850,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-5-3-1, \$406,470. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Woodford Racing LLC; B-Bryant H Prentice III (KY); T-Chad C Brown.

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 15****Alpha** (Bernardini), Darley/Sequel, \$8,500

95 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, ALPHADORA, 3-1
\$20,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

137 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 5fT, DAISY CAN, 6-1

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500

162 foals of racing age/24 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, TODAY COMES ONCE, 9-2
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

256 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 6f, STRIVE FOR A CURE, 12-1
\$62,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$9,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), Calumet Farm

29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Aoc 6f, SNOW BLOSSOM, 6-1

Honorable Dillon (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$5,000

107 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Charles Town, Msw 7f, ADONAI LOVE, 15-1
\$1,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$5,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Moro Tap (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, \$2,500

50 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, MORO COMPASS, 8-1
\$7,200 TTA MIX yrl; \$11,000 TTA APR 2yo
7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 5fT, RUBY DOES SPARKLE, 30-1

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

122 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, WAPI, 15-1
\$5,000 OKC YRL yrl

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

151 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 5fT, NOBLE LOVE, 7-2
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

148 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 6f, DANZ A REBEL, 10-1
\$7,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000

138 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Charles Town, Msw 7f, KELCIE'S MANDATE, 15-1
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$22,500

268 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1 1/16m, BELLAZANO, 15-1
\$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, \$30,000

207 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BECCA TAKES CHARGE, 7-2
\$72,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Oaklawn, \$91,000, 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.50, ft. **SAN JUAN DIEGO (g, 4, Heavy Breathing--Fortuesque {SP}, by Fortunate Prospect)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-4, \$141,679. O-Southern Springs Stables & William S Sparks; B-Dutchess Views Farm Inc, Sunrise Stables LLC & Golden Goose Enterprises (NY); T-Ron Moquett. *\$24,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$90,000 2yo '17 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Musket Man (Yonaguska), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,236,820.

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1st-Gulfstream, \$44,550, Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.85, fm.

FACTOROFWON (f, 4, The Factor--B R's Girl, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-3-3-2, \$166,005. O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Golden Goose Enterprises LLC (KY); T-Christophe Clement. *\$50,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR; \$400,000 3yo '18 FTKHRA.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, 3-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.81, fm.

RIVERSIDE WALK (GB) (f, 4, Showcasing {GB}--Distant Waters {GB}, by Lomitas {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$40,943. O-DARRS Inc & James Bredin; B-Natton House Thoroughbreds (GB); T-Brendan P Walsh. *20,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; 20,000gns 3yo '18 TATJUL.

2nd-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 3-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.15, ft.

HERE COMES COACH (g, 6, Windsor Castle--Midday Fun, by The Prime Minister) Lifetime Record: 29-7-3-5, \$75,665. O-Manilla Terrazas; B-James W & Ann M Casey (WV); T-Linda Dollinger-Stehr. *1/2 to Stunning Stag (Running Stag), MGSW, \$999,877; Thefun'sjustbegun (Luftikus), SP, \$174,608; Milwaukee Fun (Milwaukee Brew), MSP, \$183,050.

7th-Charles Town, \$24,000, 3-13, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.14, ft.

GRAND FIBER (g, 4, Fiber Sonde--Mrs. Stroud, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-6, \$85,375. O/B-Cynthia E O'Bannon (WV); T-John D McKee.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Another Rocket, f, 3, **Laurie's Rocket**--Hanyah, by Hansel. Oaklawn, 3-14, (S), 6f, 1:14.05. B-McDowell Farm (AR). *1/2 to Rock City Roadhog (Valid Expectations), MSP, \$483,329.

Stormieis Blue, f, 3, **Moro Tap**--Borrego's Treasure, by Borrego. Sam Houston Race, 3-13, 5f (off turf), :59.21. B-Leslie Clemmer (OK). *MSP.

Lady Storm, f, 3, **Stormy's Majesty**--She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home. Charles Town, 3-13, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.67. B-Maurice F Casey (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Left Alone (GB), f, 4, **Reckless Abandon (GB)**--Akhmatova (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Golden Gate Fields, 3-14, 6f (AWT), 1:10.58. B-Ropsley Bloodstock LLP (GB). *47,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; €120,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB; 20,000gns 3yo '18 TATJUL.



FIBER SONDE, Grand Fiber, g, 4, o/o Mrs. Stroud, by Grand Slam. ALW, 3-13, Charles Town

HEAVY BREATHING, San Juan Diego, g, 4, o/o Fortuesque, by Fortunate Prospect. ALW, 3-14, Oaklawn

LAURIE'S ROCKET, Another Rocket, f, 3, o/o Hanyah, by Hansel. MSW, 3-14, Oaklawn

MORO TAP, Stormieis Blue, f, 3, o/o Borrego's Treasure, by Borrego. MSW, 3-13, Sam Houston

RECKLESS ABANDON (GB), Left Alone (GB), f, 4, o/o Akhmatova (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). MSW, 3-14, Golden Gate

SHOWCASING (GB), Riverside Walk (GB), f, 4, o/o Distant Waters (GB), by Lomitas (GB). ALW, 3-14, Fair Grounds

STORMY'S MAJESTY, Lady Storm, f, 3, o/o She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home. MSW, 3-13, Charles Town

TAPIT, Ticonderoga, h, 5, o/o Keertana, by Johar. AOC, 3-14, Gulfstream

THE FACTOR, Factorofwon, f, 4, o/o B R's Girl, by Pulpit. AOC, 3-14, Gulfstream

UNCAPTURED, Bye Bye J, f, 3, o/o Red Pine, by Awesome Again. AOC, 3-14, Oaklawn

WINDSOR CASTLE, Here Comes Coach, g, 6, o/o Midday Fun, by The Prime Minister. ALW, 3-13, Charles Town

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REBEL S.-GII (Div. 1), \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Extra Hope	Shanghai Bobby	Jay Em Ess Stable	Mandella	Smith	117
2	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Court	119
3	Corruze 🍀	Into Mischief	Chris Wilkins	Hartman	Elliott	117
4	Easy Shot 🍀	Trappe Shot	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Eramia	117
5	Proud Nation	Tapit	West, Gary and Mary	Sharp	Cabrera	117
6	Ninth Street	Street Boss	H. V. Farms, Ltd.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
7	Classy John	Songandaprayer	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Cohen	117
8	Galleian	Uncle Mo	West Point Thoroughbreds, Barker, Denise & Sandbrook, William	Hollendorfer	Prat	122
9	Improbable 🍀	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club Int'l & Starlight Racing	Baffert	Van Dyke	119

Breeders: 1-Samantha Siegel, 2-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 3-Martha Jane Mulholland & John Henry Mulholland, 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 6-H. V. Farms, Ltd., 7-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson, 8-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc., 9-St. George Farm LLC & G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:06 p.m. EDT

REBEL S.-GII (Div. 2), \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Market King 🍀	Into Mischief	Baker, Robert C. and Mack, William L.	Lukas	Velazquez	117
2	Laughing Fox 🍀	Union Rags	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	119
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5	Game Winner 🍀	Candy Ride (Arg)	West, Gary and Mary	Baffert	Rosario	119
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Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tapa Tapa Tapa	Tapit	Beau Ravine LLC	Hamm	Gallardo	115
2	Midnight Bisou 🍀	Midnight Lute	Bloom Racing Stable, LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Allen Racing LLC.	Asmussen	Smith	119
3	Summer's Indy 🍀	Take Charge Indy	Makbrook Capital LLC, Jerome & Kristina Russell	Broberg	Cabrera	115

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4	Eskimo Kisses	To Honor and Serve	Gainesway Stable, Harold Lerner LLC, Nehoc Stables & Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Canchari	117
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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:37 p.m. EDT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jala Jala (Mex)	Point Determined	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Jaramillo	120
2	America's Tale 🌿	Gio Ponti	Naveed Chowhan	Flint	Hernandez, Jr.	122
3	Pacific Gale 🌿	Flat Out	Tobey L. Morton	Kimmel	Landeros	118
4	Cairenn	First Dude	Heider Family Stables LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Kisber, Michael E.	Motion	Castellano	122
5	Pink Sands	Tapit	Gainesway Stable and Rosen, Andrew	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	118
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8	Teresa Z 🌿	Smart Strike	St. Elias Stable	Margotta, Jr.	Bravo	124

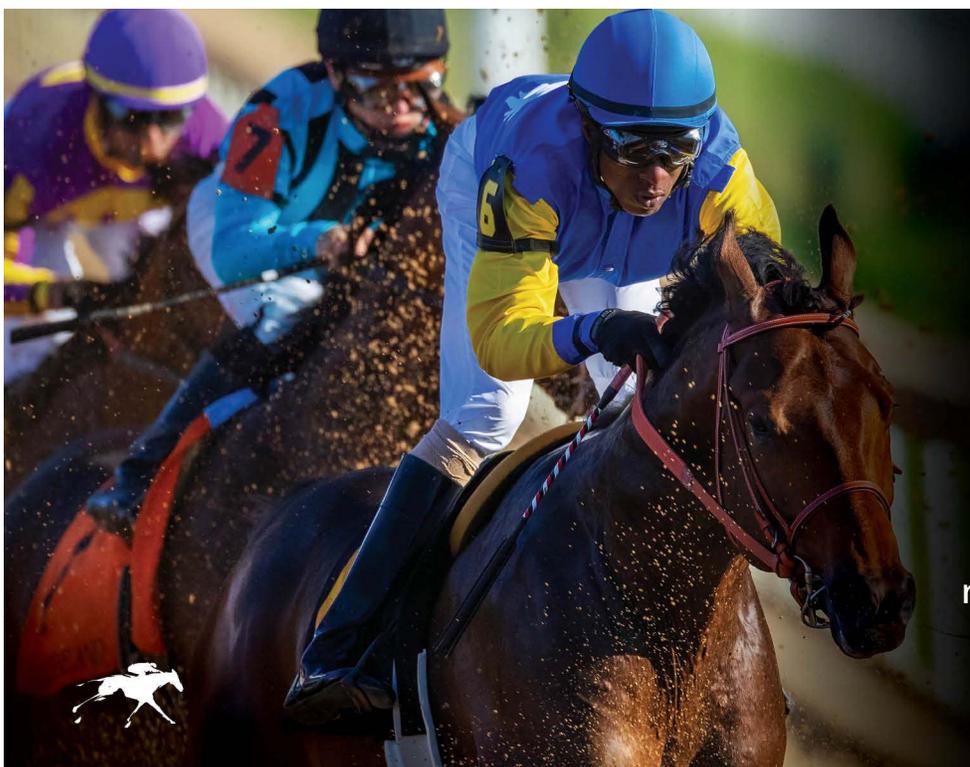
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Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Tapit	F06	KY	\$300,000	1	1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
2	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$125,000	1	1	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
3	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$100,000	1	1	\$650,000	\$650,000
4	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	2	2	\$575,000	\$575,000
5	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	2	2	\$557,500	\$557,500
6	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	6	3	\$458,333	\$475,000
7	Lemon Drop Kid	F02	KY	\$40,000	3	2	\$437,500	\$437,500
8	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$50,000	1	1	\$390,000	\$390,000
9	Discreet Cat	F09	KY	\$7,500	2	2	\$310,000	\$310,000
10	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$60,000	1	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
11	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$45,000	9	7	\$297,857	\$345,000
12	Tapiture	F17	KY	\$7,500	7	4	\$285,000	\$295,000
13	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$75,000	7	6	\$284,166	\$317,500
14	Super Saver	F12	KY	\$65,000	3	3	\$273,333	\$200,000
15	Majestic City	F17	NY	\$3,500	1	1	\$270,000	\$270,000

Leading 2019 Freshmen Sires of 2-Year-Olds

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	\$200,000	6	3	\$458,333	\$475,000
2	Tapiture	Tapit	KY	\$7,500	7	4	\$285,000	\$295,000
3	Majestic City	City Zip	NY	\$3,500	1	1	\$270,000	\$270,000
4	The Big Beast	Yes It's True	FL	\$6,000	6	6	\$247,000	\$65,000
5	Karakontie (Jpn)	Bernstein	KY	\$15,000	3	3	\$205,000	\$150,000
6	Tonalist	Tapit	KY	\$30,000	2	1	\$200,000	\$200,000
7	Commissioner	A.P. Indy	KY	\$7,500	6	5	\$199,000	\$145,000
8	Palace Malice	Curlin	KY	\$20,000	8	7	\$192,928	\$100,000
9	Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	KY	\$25,000	6	5	\$184,000	\$185,000
10	Fast Anna	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$7,500	4	4	\$171,750	\$92,500
11	Constitution	Tapit	KY	\$25,000	6	5	\$158,400	\$110,000
12	Summer Front	War Front	KY	\$10,000	2	1	\$130,000	\$130,000
13	Bayern	Offlee Wild	KY	\$15,000	5	4	\$116,750	\$105,000
14	Mr Speaker	Pulpit	KY	\$10,000	4	3	\$113,333	\$125,000
15	Race Day	Tapit	KY	\$7,000	3	3	\$108,333	\$125,000

2019 Cumulative Lifetime Active Sire List

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Mar. 13

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 15 Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private Highland Reel (IRE)</i>	262	417	176	305	70	131	1582	1046	10,530,964	202,821,595
2	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000 Testa Matta</i>	115	235	72	145	25	49	1016	760	4,791,677	138,273,217
3	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007 Crops: 11 Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000 Monterosso (GB)</i>	143	211	92	143	32	61	910	677	7,403,790	134,256,559
4	Distorted Humor <i>(1993) by Forty Niner FYR: 2000 Crops: 18 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000 Drosselmeyer</i>	147	257	61	117	16	34	1199	928	3,728,170	129,363,517
5	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 17 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$75,000 Orb</i>	113	214	46	101	15	34	1371	1001	2,612,516	114,680,925
6	Tale of the Cat <i>(1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 18 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$25,000 Gio Ponti</i>	80	180	29	65	7	21	1471	1097	6,169,800	114,597,412
7	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 16 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000 Roy H</i>	112	209	44	88	10	27	1342	982	3,139,765	108,286,446
8	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000 Songbird</i>	103	168	51	96	19	41	954	611	4,692,000	102,959,974
9	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled FYR: 2005 Crops: 13 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$85,000 Royal Delta</i>	59	101	31	57	11	23	1048	701	4,811,126	101,658,488
10	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$80,000 Gun Runner</i>	81	134	41	75	14	31	906	654	15,988,500	98,986,846
11	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 11 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000 Hawkbill</i>	91	161	42	87	12	31	995	699	4,777,480	97,992,747
12	Pivotal (GB) <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon FYR: 1998 Crops: 20 Stands: Cheveley Park Stud Eng Fee: Private African Story (GB)</i>	143	225	80	139	26	50	1264	906	7,865,831	97,113,461
13	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000 Reynaldothewizard</i>	100	157	45	82	14	29	834	634	2,210,790	95,376,115
14	Awesome Again <i>(1994) by Deputy Minister FYR: 2000 Crops: 18 Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: Private Game On Dude</i>	66	113	36	61	13	20	904	632	6,498,893	92,335,193
15	Stormy Atlantic <i>(1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 18 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$10,000 Stormy Liberal</i>	99	170	39	65	6	18	1244	900	1,952,330	91,542,304

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CHELTENHAM THURSDAY: THE SPORT OF QUEENS



Bryony Frost hoists the Ryanair Chase trophy | Getty Images

by Emma Berry

CHELTENHAM, UK—In the dark old days, women could hold neither a jockey's licence nor a trainer's licence but in these enlightened times they do more than hold their own, as Bryony Frost, Lizzie Kelly and Emma Lavelle so deftly illustrated as the Cheltenham Festival rolled through day three.

Frost, whose effervescence is contagious, became the first female jockey to ride a Grade 1 winner over jumps at the Festival when partnering **Frodon (Fr)** (Nickname {Fr}), who was also recording a first win at the highest level in the Ryanair Chase and his third successive victory at the home of jump racing this season.

The 23-year-old daughter of Grand National-winning jockey Jimmy Frost rode her 100th winner on Sunday after turning professional in the summer of 2017 and for Frost, refreshingly, it is only ever about the horses she rides despite the increasing media furore surrounding her rising career.

"It's his day," she said, immediately deflecting a question about her own achievement. "He's won at the Festival. He's my partner in crime and, oh my God, did he answer me today. Everything he did out there, we were totally in sync. He's so on song. The team at Ditcheat had him 200% ready for this and he's come here in the form of his life. This year he's better than ever. He's so intelligent and he just takes it all in." [Cont. p2](#)

SHIUX NATION TO STAND AT SWETTENHAM

Group 1 winner **Sioux Nation** (Scat Daddy--Dream the Blues {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) is bound for Swettenham Stud in Victoria to stand the 2019 Southern Hemisphere season, the stud announced on Thursday. The 4-year-old, the first son of the late Scat Daddy to stand in Victoria, will command a fee of A\$16,000 (plus GST) and will arrive Down Under in August. He holds court for €12,500 in his first season at Coolmore Ireland this spring.

"Securing Sioux Nation is an incredible coup for the Victorian breeding industry," said Swettenham's Adam Sangster. "Tom Magnier and his father John Magnier recognise that breeders here have heavily supported Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and although they had planned to stand Sioux Nation in the Hunter [at Coolmore Australia], the Magnier family have graciously allowed the stallion to stand with us at Swettenham Stud knowing he will be very popular with Victorian breeders.

"He's a Group 1 winning 2-year-old by a world-class sire. I saw him in Ireland and he is a magnificent, strong and masculine individual that stands over 16.1 hands. Raw power, he's built like a true Australian speed horse. He matured early and won at Royal Ascot at two." [Cont. p8](#)



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Frodon, a customary front-runner, surrendered his lead temporarily to **Aso (Fr)** between the penultimate and final fences but, as Frost explained eloquently in the post-race debrief, he's no quitter.

She said, "I don't know what it is about him but he's competitive and he's brave. He loves to be dared. Out in the countryside, he knows the ditches, he knows the water, the first ditch he came to he gave it another foot. He's just intelligent and so sharp out there. He's on the right lead on all of the bends and we know every blade of grass together. I thought beforehand that if I'm going to ask him the biggest question of his career it's going to be at his favourite track and this sure is his favourite track.

"[When he was headed] most horses would have accepted defeat but not Frodon. He said no, and I said no, and for that minute, those few strides, it could have gone the other way, but he grabbed hold of me and said 'no kid, we keep going, that hill's still there, there's still one more to jump and we're still in it, the line isn't here yet'. And with his ears flat back on his neck he wanted it more than anyone."

For trainer Paul Nicholls, who switched Frodon to the Ryanair Chase from Friday's Gold Cup, it was a second Grade 1 victory in 24 hours following the success of Topofthegame (Ire) (Flemensfirth {Ire}) in the RSA Insurance Novices' Chase on Wednesday.

He said, "The decision to go for this race wasn't difficult in the end with the ground. The good thing is, to win this race, you need something that stays three miles and he got the three. That was perfect and we might look at something different next year."

Nicholls added, "Bryony deserves it, everyone in the team deserves it and, most of all, the horse deserves it. He is just the most amazing horse you ever want to train. He is not very big and it is a very, very special day."

Paisley Park is Prince of Prestbury

If the 68,000 racegoers at Prestbury Park on Thursday thought they had witnessed the feelgood result of the day in the Ryanair, they quickly returned to their vocal best to welcome back **Paisley Park (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}) to the winner's enclosure after an emotional victory in the G1 Sun Racing Stayers' Hurdle.

The Emma Lavelle-trained favourite nearly lost his life to colic two years ago but, returned to full health, the 7-year-old has been the star of the staying hurdling division this season, during which he has remained unbeaten in five starts.

Paisley Park is owned by Andrew Gemmell, who has been blind from birth but is a regular racegoer the world over. **Cont. p3**



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TWO OLD WARRIORS SET TO BATTLE

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Cheltenham Results Day 3 Cont.

He named his horse, bought for him as a 3-year-old store at Goffs, after the home of his favourite musician, the late Prince.

He said, "Paisley Park is a bit like [former Stayers' Hurdle winners] Big Buck's (Fr) and Baracouda (Fr) in that he does hit a flat spot, but he keeps finding. It was a scary moment when he made a mistake at the last too.

"This has been a brilliant journey and I have enjoyed it all the way. I've been to Cheltenham for years and years. It is just something else to be in the winner's enclosure. I hope this is the first of many because I will keep coming back. We are so chuffed, we're all in tears."

Lavelle, who is assisted in her Hampshire stable by her husband and former jockey Barry Fenton, added, "I felt that if the will of the people was anything to go by this horse was going to win. He had so many people behind him and they were probably just blowing him up the hill. It's just brilliant, absolutely brilliant. I can't say quite how bad our hangovers are going to be in the morning."



Aidan Coleman celebrates aboard Paisley Park | Getty Images

Kelly Joins the Party

Following moments in the spotlight for Bryony Frost and Emma Lavelle came the turn of Lizzie Kelly, who, in 2015, became the first female jockey to ride a Grade 1 winner over fences in Britain when Tea For Two (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}) won the Kauto Star Novices' Chase.

Siruh Du Lac (Fr) (Turgeon), trained by Kelly's stepfather Nick Williams, is another to have gone unbeaten this season and returned to the course after his victory in January to win the G3 Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate.

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Kelly is the third woman to ride a winner at Cheltenham this week, with Rachael Blackmore, who currently lies in second in the Irish jump jockeys' table with 84 winners this season, having struck on A Plus Tard (Fr) (Kapgarde {Fr}) on Tuesday.

Outside the main entrance to Cheltenham, bookmaking firm Paddy Power, which is renowned for its eye-catching publicity stunts, has erected a 7.5-metre statue of Rachael Blackmore with an inscription on the plinth which reads, 'Some jockeys have big balls, others are just great jockeys'. Indeed.



Siruh Du Lac & his happy connections | Getty Images

returned to the Cheltenham winner's enclosure for the second time after landing the G1 JLT Novices' Chase for Philip Hobbs and Barry Geraghty. The jockey

was back for more in the following race, the Pertemps Network Final, driving **Sire Du Berlais (Fr)** (Poliglote {GB}) up the hill to give McManus and trainer Gordon Elliott each their third win of the week. Finally, **Any Second Now (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}), bred for McManus by his wife Noreen and trained by Ted Walsh, landed the final race of the day, the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup under crack amateur Derek O'Connor.

Defi Du Seuil, though just six, is nevertheless a Festival veteran, having won the G1 JCB Triumph

Hurdle two years ago before missing last year.

"He's amazing," said Hobbs. "He's very, very tough and his jumping is fantastic." **Cont. p5**

Doubles and Trebles All Round

Owner JP McManus started the day with a double and ended it by bringing up a treble. **Defi Du Seuil (Fr)** (Voix Du Nord {Fr})



Bryony Frost celebrates Frodon (Fr) (Nickname {Fr})'s victory in the G1 Ryanair Chase at Cheltenham. | racingfotos.com



Defi Du Seuil took Thursday's Cheltenham opener | Getty Images

Cheltenham Results Day 3 Cont.

He added, "Sometimes these smaller horses are better at the whole thing because they are more athletic.

"He only ran twice last season, but the horses weren't 100% healthy and if they are not, they are not going to win."

The trainer added, "He's been our main flagship now for a while. He jumped beautifully and had a great run all the way round—it couldn't have gone better."

With 11 wins to his credit from just 16 starts, Defi Du Seuil was a second winner this week for the late Haras de Cercy stallion Voix Du Nord, who was also responsible for Champion Hurdle winner Espoir d'Allen (Fr). He was co-bred by leading French jockey Pierre-Charles Boudot in partnership with his mother Catherine and sister Marie-Gabrielle, and the family later celebrated a double of their own when 5-year-old mare **Eglantine Du Seuil (Fr)** (Saddler Maker {Ire}), trained by Willie Mullins, was given the verdict over **Concertista (Fr)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) in the G2 National Hunt Breeders Supported By Tattersalls Mares' Novices' Hurdle.

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Eglantine Du Seuil wins in a nailbiter | Getty Images

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RECORD PRICE FOR NH MARE AT FESTIVAL SALE

CHELTHENHAM, UK—With the popularity and profile of National Hunt racemares rising steadily, so too are the prices in the sales ring and a new record for a jumping mare in training was set on Thursday evening at the Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale when maiden point-to-point winner **My Whirlwind (Ire)** sold for £400,000.

Auctioned as **lot 9**, the 4-year-old daughter of Stowaway {GB} hails from the family of Grade 1-winning hurdler Mister Morose (Ire) and clearly made quite an impression on her winning debut just 11 days before the sale.



The Cheltenham Festival Sale on Thursday evening | Emma Berry

Consigned by Patrick Turley, who bought her for €42,000 at last year's Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale, she will now be trained by Nicky Henderson. Tattersalls Ireland CEO Matt Mitchell was on the telephone as he placed bids from the parade ring and later confirmed that My Whirlwind had been bought on behalf of a "well-established owner".

During a lively post-racing session, 21 lots changed hands from 23 offered for a total of £3,410,000 at an average price of £162,831. Both those figures represented small increases on the 2018 Festival Sale and last year's joint-top price of £330,000 was passed twice.

Top of the geldings was **lot 12, Bravemansgame (Fr)** (Brave Mansonnien {Fr}), a graduate of Donnchadh Doyle's Monbeg Stables who timed his first win to perfection last Sunday, scoring by eight lengths over three miles on debut at Killinick. **Cont. p6**



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1	125	Winx (AUS)	AUS
4	123	Happy Clapper (AUS)	AUS
5	120	Beat the Clock (AUS)	HK
5	120	Exultant (IRE)	HK
5	120	Roy H (USA)	USA
5	120	Santa Ana Lane (AUS)	AUS
5	120	Trapeze Artist (AUS)	AUS



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Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale Cont.

Tom Malone, standing with trainer Paul Nicholls, went to £370,000 to secure the 4-year-old.

“He’s for Paul,” Malone confirmed. “I saw him as a store then again at Donnchadh’s in January. He tore the field apart when he won and at 16.3hh not many horses could do that at his age.”

Gordon Elliott will take over the training of **lot 22, Farouk d’Alene (Fr)** (Racinger {Fr}), an 18-length winner on Sunday at Belclare point-to-point who provided another decent return for Monbeg Stables when Mags O’Toole signed the docket at £260,000.

Matt Coleman, buying with trainer Venetia Williams, signed for two of the higher prices of the evening, including recent Newcastle bumper winner **Crypto (Ire)** (Gold Well {GB}) (**lot 23**) at £200,000, and **Hold That Taught (GB)**, by leading British National Hunt sire Kayf Tara (GB) (**lot 19**) for £220,000. Hold That Taught was another youngster to have scored on Sunday, for Denis Murphy of Ballyboy Stables. The 4-year-old’s 10-length winning debut at Turtulla came a day after the Sandown hurdles victory of fellow 4-year-old Le Milos (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}), who is out of Hold That Taught’s half-sister Banjaxed Girl (GB) (King’s Theatre {Ire}), herself an eight-time winner, including two listed victories over hurdles.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Native Silver (GB), c, 3, **Olympic Glory (Ire)**--Kendorova (Ire), by Kendor (Fr). Southwell, 3-14, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.15. B-SCEA Des Prairies (FR). *€20,000 Ylg '17 ARAAUG; £33,000 2yo '18 TATABR.

FRANCE



Thursday’s Results:

PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 3-14, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.62, st.

1--**PIZZICATO (ITY)**, 128, g, 3, by **Dabirsim (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Resaca (Ger)**, by **Touch Down (Ger)**

2nd Dam: **Resafe (Fr)**, by **Poliglote (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Sally’s Room (Fr)**, by **Kendor (Fr)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€62,000 Ylg '17 ARV2). O-Antoine Gilibert, Ecurie Vivaldi & Fabrice Chappet; B-Allevamento SL

Fra. Srl (ITY); T-Fabrice Chappet; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, 6-3-0-1, €103,500.

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2--**Sicilia (GB)**, 125, f, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Palitana, by Giant’s Causeway. (250,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-Al Shira’aa Farms; B-Hascombe and Valiant Studs (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €11,000.

3--**Vanilla Gold (Ire)**, 125, f, 3, **No Nay Never**--Miss Childrey (Ire), by Dr Fong. (€120,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG). O-Gerhard Heinrich; B-Lynch-Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Nicolas Clement. €8,250. Margins: SHD, 1HF, SHD. Odds: 3.40, 6.00, 11.10.

Also Ran: Power Best (Ire), Wind Test (GB), Quiet Endeavour (Ire), Kodyanna (Ire), Big Brothers Pride (Fr), Singing Tower (Fr), El Guanche (Fr), Strings of Life (GB), No War.

Third on turf last term in the Listed Prix Roland de Chambure over seven furlongs at ParisLongchamp, Pizzicato had come back from a winter gelding operation to show a penchant for the Polytrack and followed a mile conditions win here Jan. 13 with a second in the Listed Prix de la Californie also over that trip at Cagnes-Sur-Mer Feb. 10. Never far from the lead on this drop back in distance, the bay ground his way to the front 150 metres from the line and held on as Sicilia closed in out wide.

“He’s a horse that had shown some quality last year, but also some temperament so gelding him proved a wise decision,” trainer Fabrice Chappet said. “He’s been excellent this season and now that we have a program for sprinters in France he’ll go to a group race. Where, we will decide in time.”

The unraced dam is a full-sister to the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani winner Ravenel (Ger) from the family of the sire Califet (Fr) (Freedom Cry {GB}) and the G3 Prix de Cabourg scorer and G1 Prix Morny third Tourny (Fr) (Country Reel). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 3-14, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:11.86, hy.

1--**TERTIUS (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Siyouni (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Rhenania (Ire)** (SW-Fr, \$154,743), by **Shamardal**

2nd Dam: **Cois Cuain (Ire)**, by **Night Shift**

3rd Dam: **Pitmarie (Ire)**, by **Pitskelly (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Christa Zass (FR); T-Markus Nigge; J-Hugo Journiac. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €51,350.

2--**Cigalera (Fr)**, 125, f, 3, **Elusive City**--Macarella (Ire), by Shamardal. O/B-Cuadra Mediterraneo (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. €11,000.

3--**Happy Odyssey (Ire)**, 125, f, 3, **Camacho (GB)**--Casual Remark (Ire), by Trans Island (GB). (€5,000 RNA Wlg '16 TATNOV; €13,500 Ylg '17 GOFOT; £14,000 2yo '18 GOFAPR; €300,000 HRA '18 ARQARC). O-Zhang Yuesheng; B-Ciara Doyle (IRE); T-Nicolas Clement. €8,250.

Margins: 6, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 6.30, 11.20, 3.10.

Also Ran: Milord's Song (Fr), Pardon My French (Ire), Enough Said (GB), Survoltee (Ger), Tisona (GB), Shumookhi (Ire), We Go (Fr).

Off the mark over six furlongs on good-to-soft turf at Deauville in October, Tertius was third on his juvenile finale in the Listed Prix Yacowlef over this course and distance the following month. Always travelling comfortably just off the pace racing wide, the chestnut was ahead at the two-furlong pole and drew steadily clear from there for an emphatic first black-type success.

"We knew he had improved over the winter and he is a nice-looking horse," trainer Markus Nigge said. "The question mark was the conditions, because his dam only went on fast, but it was not a problem. He also didn't have any cover there. It remains to be seen if he stays further or if he's only a sprinter, but for the time being we'll keep him over short trips and the G3 Prix Sigy [over this course and distance Apr. 13] will be his next race."

The dam Rhenania was effective at around a mile for these connections, winning the 7 1/2-furlong Listed Prix Miss Satamixa on the Fibresand. She is a granddaughter of the stakes-winning and G1 Phoenix S.-placed Pitmarie, whose Kitza (Ire) (Danehill) was placed in the G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and the G3 Norfolk S.-winning sire Marouble (Ire) (Double Form {Ire}). Her 2-year-old colt is by Elusive City. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Tertius | Scoop Dyga

2nd-Chantilly, Debutantes, €25,000, 3-14, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:39.19, st.

SINGSTREET (FR) (g, 3, Evasive {GB}--Sinnderelle {Fr}, by Sinndar {Ire}), sent off at 17-2, broke well before racing in the slipstream of the leader throughout the early stages. In front before the two-furlong marker, the bay opened up to score with authority by 2 1/2 lengths from Bizerta (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). The

dam, a granddaughter of the G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner and G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Asfurah (Dayjur), also has a 2-year-old filly by Muhtathir (GB) named Salinas Grande (Fr), Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Ecurie Noel Forgeard, EIRL Myriam Bollack-Badel & Pierre Bonnier; B-M Bollack-Badel, N Forgeard & P Lamy (Fr); T-Myriam Bollack-Badel.

5th-Chantilly, Debutantes, €25,000, 3-14, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.70, st.

CASTLE LADY (IRE) (f, 3, Shamardal--Windsor County, by Elusive Quality), sent off the 27-10 favourite, tracked the early pace in second. Asked to settle the issue with two furlongs remaining, the homebred responded willingly to Pierre-Charles Boudot's question and was being eased near the line en route to an impressive 3 1/2-length verdict over Red Curry (Fr) (Denon). Golden Box (Kitten's Joy), the daughter of the G3 Prix Cleopatre winner Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon) from the family of Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), was an encouraging third, a further neck away. The winner's unraced dam's first foal was the useful Top Score (GB) (Hard Spun), SW-UAE & SP-Eng, \$422,848. A full-sister to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S.-winning sire Raven's Pass and a half to the GIII Miami Mile Breeders' Cup H. scorer Gigawatt (Wild Again), she is also connected to the sire E Dubai (Mr. Prospector) and leading racemare and broodmare No Matter What (Nureyev), whose son Wissahickon (Tapit) captured this month's G3 Winter Derby. The dam has a 2-year-old colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a yearling colt by Dark Angel (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.



IN QATAR:

Yvanlend (Ire), g, 4, **Pivotal (GB)**--Helen Glaz (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. Al Rayyan, 3-14, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:03.02. B-Ahmed Jassim Al-Thani. **VIDEO**

Alignement (GB), g, 6, **Pivotal (GB)**--Soldata, by Maria's Mon. Al Rayyan, 3-14, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:02.92. B-Wertheimer et Frere. *GSW-Fr. **€310,000 HRA '18 ARQARC. **VIDEO**

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Sioux Nation to Stand at Swettenham Cont. from p1

“There is no doubt he will suit the Australian conditions, as all his wins were on turf and he loves fast ground,” Sangster said. Bred by Fethard Bloodstock in Kentucky, the bay colt went into training for a Coolmore partnership and soon rose to prominence for trainer Aidan O’Brien in 2017, landing the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot and taking the G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh later that summer. He continued to perform with credit last year, adding the G3 Lacken S. last May and was also third in the G1 Flying Five S., and retired with four wins in 15 starts and earnings of \$363,292.

The second foal out of the winning Oasis Dream mare Dream the Blues, Sioux Nation’s second dam is dual Irish highweight and Group 3 heroine Catch the Blues (Ire) (Bluebird), who also ran third in the G1 Haydock Park S. This is also the extended family of French champion 3-year-old and G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Caracolero (Graustark).

Sangster added, “He comes from a European speed-focused pedigree. He is free of Danehill and Galileo blood and will be a brilliant breeding outcross for the Australian mare population.”

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THREE-WAY TIE AT TOP OF LONGINES WBRR

Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), the co-2018 Longines World’s Best Racehorse remains atop the first edition of the 2019 Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings at 125, a distinction she shares with Hong Kong wunderkind **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) and G1 Pegasus World Cup hero **City of Light** (Quality Road). The pride of Australia is currently riding a 31-race winning streak and has added victories in the G1 Tab Chipping Norton S. and the G2 The Star Apollo S. already this term. Beauty Generation continues his dominance in Hong Kong, accumulating up wins in the G1 Stewards’ Cup and G1 Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup, while City of Light starred in the Jan. 26 Pegasus before stud duty beckoned.

The veteran MG1SW **Happy Clapper (Aus)** (Teofilo {Ire}) is two points lower at 123, and has finished second to Winx in both of her aforementioned appearances this year. It is a five-way tie for fifth at 120, with G1 Centenary Sprint Cup winner **Beat The Clock (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) second to Beauty Generation in the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup and fellow Hong Kong horse **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) landed the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup

and G3 Centenary Vase. Aussie duo **Trapeze Artist (Aus)** (Snitzel {Aus}), who won the G1 Canterbury League Club S. and G1 Newmarket H. fifth **Santa Ana Lane (Aus)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) are joined by GII Palos Verdes S. victor **Roy H** (More Than Ready).

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Winx | Sharon Lee Chapman

HONG KONG DERBY COULD BE MOLAN’S SHINING MOMENT

It will be business as usual this coming Sunday at Ireland’s Riversfield Stud, roughly halfway between Limerick and Cork. When the clock strikes 8:30, Shane Molan figures to ‘be mucking out the stables,’ but you’ll forgive him if he takes a few minutes out of his morning to sit in front of a TV or a device of his choosing to watch racing from halfway around the world.

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Waikuku | HKJC photo

Hong Kong Derby Could Be Molan's Shining Moment Cont.

After all, the very first horse Molan ever bred in his own name, **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}), is expected to jump as one of the favourites in the HK\$18-million (€2.03 million) BMW Hong Kong Derby at Sha Tin Racecourse.

Molan, whose father Thomas bought Riversfield Stud about 15 years ago, is all of 33 years old, and the Waikuku story begins in 2013, when Molan acquired the six-time maiden London Plane (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) at the Goffs February Sale about 200km north and east of Riversfield. He managed to purchase the then-5-year-old mare--a daughter of the MSP Aunt Julia (GB) (In The Wings {GB}) and a full-sister to G3 Winter Hill S. third Al Waab (Ire)--for a mere €13,500.

"She represented good value, first and foremost, and she's by a good broodmare sire," Molan said when asked exactly why this mare fit the bill. "She had a good bit of size and she was a full-sister to quite a good horse in Al Waab. On pedigree, we wanted to buy something that we could afford and then on physical, she had good bone, a good step, a very nice frame. She was a bit light coming out of training and she didn't look all that impressive at first, but there was a nice bit of quality there to work with. She was a very straight-forward filly that was affordable on the day for us. She was only just out of training when I bought her, but she let down nicely and really thrived over the summer."

Barren to Born to Sea for 2014, Molan decided to breed London Plane to Harbour Watch, a son of Acclamation (GB) who won the G2 Richmond S. for Richard Hannon Sr. in 2011, but suffered an injury while being prepared for a start in that year's G1 Dewhurst S. Harbour Watch sired four crops at Tweenhills Stud, but his injury led to an arthritic condition which ultimately led to his premature retirement from stallion duties. Harbour Watch was bred by Thomas Molan.



Harbour Watch | *Racing Post*



John Oxx | *Alayna Cullen photo*

Additionally, according to Shane Molan: "We liked his first foals, he was really stamping his stock. He was a good-sized horse himself and a very good 2-year-old and we wanted to get a good-sized [stallion] into her for her first foal. And, then obviously, to support a stallion that Dad bred himself."

Molan described Waikuku as a very likable sort in his early days.

"He was a very straight-forward colt growing up, very athletic, nicely put together," he said. "He had a great temperament--we had quite a few foals here by Harbour Watch and they all had lovely temperaments. He enjoyed his work, he thrived through his prep and seemed to have a toughness about him as well as a good attitude."

The decision was made to pass on the foal sales and the colt was ticketed for the 2016 Tattersalls Ireland sale. He sold for a respectable sum--€33,000 is nothing to sneeze at. That a world-class conditioner and judge the likes of John Oxx signed the ticket made the transaction that much sweeter.

"His pedigree wasn't massive at the time and it was the sire's second season, when they tend to go a little bit quiet on second-season sires until they're proven," Molan said when asked if the hammer price was a satisfactory one. "But he was going down quite well, quite a few trainers liked him. John Oxx obviously liked him very much and, in fact, Johnny Murtagh was the underbidder on the day. You see John Oxx coming towards your horse and you can't help but get pretty excited. No matter how much it's going to make, you know it's going to be in good hands. To have bred something that one of the top trainers of the world is interested in is overwhelming. And you gain some confidence that maybe he does something to enhance the value of the mare."

Molan was on hand when Waikuku made his career debut on a rainswept August Sunday afternoon at The Curragh. Waikuku had done some growing up. [Cont. p10](#)

Hong Kong Derby Could Be Molan’s Shining Moment Cont.

“He wasn’t over-big, but he did have some size and scope as a yearling and he’d turned into quite a big horse,” Molan commented.

Fifth in a 16-horse field in yielding-to-soft ground, Waikuku went missing for the better part of a calendar year, returning in a seven-furlong Leopardstown maiden (video) over a sounder surface in July 2018. Ridden prominently by Colm O’Donoghue, the 11-10 favourite took command 100 yards from home and edged clear to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths.

“A lot of the credit has to go to John Oxx for the way he handled the colt, he is the kind that is willing to give these bigger horses a little bit of time and you saw the payoff,” Molan said. “There’s a lot of emphasis now on early 2-year-olds in Europe, but he was willing to take his time. He said that he was one of the better horses he’d had in the last few years.”

The effort had caught the eye of Alastair Donald, whose SackvilleDonald agency is renowned for their success in exporting European horses to Hong Kong, and Waikuku was purchased by Siu Pak Kwan. For the Siu family, SackvilleDonald had secured the likes of 2017 G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup hero Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) and the talented Irian (Ger) (Tertullian), among others. SackvilleDonald has also brokered the deals on past Derby winners Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire}) (2006), Collection (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), 2009 and Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), 2014.

Waikuku was subsequently gelded and turned over to John Size. For Molan, Hong Kong was a brand new frontier.

“I wouldn’t have actually known a whole lot about Hong Kong racing until I found out the horse was going to John Size,” he said. “I looked him up on Google and saw all that he’s accomplished and you know the horse is in safe hands then, going from a leading trainer in Europe to a leading trainer in Hong Kong.”

Waikuku dropped a narrow decision in his Hong Kong debut, but has improved steadily to scoop four races on the bounce since. He was exceptionally impressive in overcoming a wide, no-cover trip to land a Class 2 over the 1400 metres Feb. 17 (video) and most recently handled an extra quarter-mile with aplomb when coming home 1 1/2 lengths to the good Mar. 2 (video). He enters Sunday’s race on a field-best rating of 108.

Molan sees no issues with Sunday’s 2000-metre trip.

“I suppose the only doubt was that Harbour Watch was a six-furlong horse, but in all his races, he really ran out all the way to the line,” he said. “He was actually ante-post favourite for the Guineas. So looking at that, you had confidence that the mile was going to be OK. The dam’s full-brother was a good mile-and-a-quarter horse and Aunt Julia was a good mile-and-a-half horse herself.

When Waikuku stepped up to the nine furlongs last time, he looked to improve even more, so you’d like to think another furlong won’t give him any trouble.”

Molan reports that London Plane foaled a filly by two-time G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase winner Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) Mar. 10, and is looking forward to Waikuku further advertising the family this weekend.

“You have a world-leading jockey like Joao Moreira and the signs all seem pretty positive for a good effort,” he said. “The way he ran last time, you’d have to be pretty confident.”

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WAIKUKU, FURORE ASSIGNED DOUBLE-DIGIT BARRIERS AT DERBY DRAW by Alan Carasso



The Derby field was drawn Thursday in the Sha Tin parade ring HKJC photo

Already under a bit of an injury cloud, the task ahead of top-rated **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) in Sunday’s HK\$18-million BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) became just a little trickier after the Irish import was assigned the widest stall in the field of 14 for the marquee race on the domestic calendar when post positions were drawn Thursday morning in the Sha Tin parade ring.

But if that outcome was causing perennial leading trainer John Size any angst whatsoever, the notoriously level-headed conditioner wasn’t showing it and he’s happy to play the hand he’s been dealt.

“It depends on how it plays out,” Size, who won his third Derby just last year with Ping Hai Star (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu {NZ}), told the HKJC’s David Morgan. “It could be worse, it could be better, it just depends on the set-up of the race and how they run the race. I’ll look at it closely, but he’s proven to be quite versatile. He began from the outside last start, very fast, and then went back in the field, so he’s not a difficult horse to manoeuvre. We’ll just have to work around that.”

Hong Kong Derby Draw Cont.

Joao Moreira, who guided the late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) to victory in 2017, added: "It's not the ideal gate but looking at the draw overall, it seems like the way the race might unfold will make it very interesting. I don't have a particular set-up in mind yet of how we'll do things. It could be an unusual Derby based on where the horses are in the draw."

Waikuku was reportedly sore in a foot earlier this week and was given an easy time of it for a few days, but Size felt comfortable galloping his charge Thursday. Waikuku closed off 800m of work in :25.7 and was given a clean bill of health.

"It was just a normal workout for him," Size said. "There was nothing special or different about it, it was just the normal work that he would usually do."

Size's former protege Frankie Lor sends out the three other 100-plus rated gallopers in the field, including Hong Kong Classic Mile hero **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}) and **Mission Tycoon (Aus)** (Written Tycoon {Aus}), the Classic Mile second who caused a massive boilover in the Hong Kong Classic Mile last time. The duo drew gates 12 and 11, respectively, while the well-regarded **Dark Dream (Aus)** (All American {Aus}) is a few stalls down the line in eight.

"The horses' form is good and you always need luck in the race. I can only produce the horse in top form for the race and then we need luck and we'll see," Lor said. "I'll talk to Hugh Bowman about Furore; Dark Dream maybe can travel midfield from that draw."

Mission Tycoon will be prominent in the run, as will the Tony Cruz-trained **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) who will likely make the running from his inside barrier in two.

"The horse is in top form and I reckon I've got the best draw for him, he's got the inside and I'm very happy with that," said Cruz, three times a Derby winner as a jockey and a two-time Derby-winning trainer.

A pair of horses with longshot appeal have also drawn low. **Harmony Victory (Brz)** (Public Purse), unplaced, but with some excuses in the first two legs of the 4-year-old series, gets the shortest way around from gate one, while **Sunny Speed (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}), a much-improved fourth to Waikuku last time over 1800m, leaves from the four-hole.

The Derby is carded as race eight on a 10-race program, with post time set for 4:35 local time. Click for the [HKJC form](#).

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Thursday's Results:

1st-Meydan, AED165,000, Maiden, 3-14, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:25.68, ft.

BLOCKCHAIN (IRE), (c, 4, Dubawi {Ire})--Song (Ire), by Sadler's Wells was making a belated career debut on Thursday, and settled in midpack. Improving to third as noses pointed toward home, the bay shoved through on the inside 700 metres out and pulled away to win by 6 1/2 lengths. It was tight for second with five horses vying for bridesmaid honours, but Zalmi Star (Hard Spun) prevailed by a short head over Raayan (Animal Kingdom). "He only joined us in January, but the team have done well to get him ready for this so quickly," said trainer Fawzi Nass. "He has a nice pedigree, but one which suggests he will be better over further so that is a great start. We will look for another dirt race in April with him, but always have the option of trying him on turf." The winner is followed by a juvenile colt by American Pharoah, while his dam Song, who was knocked down in foal to Frankel (GB) for €1 million at the Goffs November Sale in 2013 to Friarstown Stud, was covered later that spring by Dark Angel (Ire), but proved barren. His second dam produced the high class Irish highweight and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), as well as G1 Moyglare Stud S. victress and fellow Irish highweight Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The influential blue hen Alruccaba (Ire) (Crystal Palace {Fr}) is the third dam of Blockchain. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,958. [Click for the Emirates Racing chart or Emirates Racing video.](#) O-Khalid A Rahim; B-Friarstown Bloodstock Limited (Ire); T-Fawzi Nass.



Blockchain | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

HANDICAP RESULTS:

4th-Meydan, AED190,000, Hcp., 3-14, NH & SH 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:12.13, ft.

LYTHAM ST ANNES (IRE) (g, 6, Bahamian Bounty {GB}--Kerrys Requiem {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by King's Best) Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-3, \$121,740.

O-Mohd Khalifa Al Basti; B-Wansdyke Farm Ltd & Oghill House Stud (Ire); T-Doug Watson. *€43,000 RNA Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 70,000gns Ylg '14 TAOOCT.

5th-Meydan, AED190,000, Hcp., 3-14, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:38.19, ft.

THEGREATCOLLECTION (g, 5, Saint Anddan--Cactus Cadillac {SW-US, \$141,897}, by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: SP-US & UAE, 16-4-4-2, \$307,589.

O-Zaur Sekrekov; B-Kathleen Amaya & Alexandro & Raffaele Centofanti (FL); T-Doug Watson.

3rd-Meydan, AED185,000, Hcp., 3-14, NH & SH 4yo/up, 2200m, 2:19.07, ft.

WELFORD (GB) (g, 6, Dubawi {Ire}--Avongrove {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Tiger Hill {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 23-4-2-5, \$135,110.

O-Touch Gold Racing; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar. *Full to Don't Give Up (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SP-UAE, \$200,873.

6th-Meydan, AED175,000, Hcp., 3-14, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:24.90, ft.

SPEEDY MOVE (IRE) (g, 7, Iffraaj {GB}--Beautiful Filly {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 31-5-2-2, \$108,157.

O-Touch Gold Racing & Sean Ewing; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (Ire); T-Satish Seemar. *57,000gns Ylg '13 TAOOCT; 50,000gns HRA '15 TAAOCT. **1/2 to Raven's Corner (Ire) (Raven's Pass), GSW-UAE, \$320,016; and to Unforgettable Filly (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSW-Ger, \$196,960.

7th-Meydan, AED170,000, Hcp., 3-14, NH & SH 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:03.78, ft.

GUNDOGDU (g, 4, Bernardini--Cloud Jumper, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-0, \$61,813.

O-Hamad Rashid Ghadayer; B-Brushwood Stable (PA), T-Salem bin Ghadayer. *\$75,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

2nd-Meydan, AED165,000, Hcp., 3-14, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:39.83, ft.

SPIRIT OF SCOTLAND (h, 5, Girolamo--Forty Greeta (Arg) (MG1SW-Arg), by Roar) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, \$45,734.

O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Darley (KY); T-Rashed Bouresly. *AED25,000 HRA '17 GODSEP. **1/2 to Fort Hughes (Henny Hughes), SW.

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Wednesday's Result:

DIOLITE KINEN-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥54,400,000

(US\$487,282/£367,389/€431,158), Funabashi, 3-13, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:37.30, hy.

1--CHUWA WIZARD (JPN), 121, c, 4, King Kamehameha (Jpn)

1st Dam: Chuwa Blossom (Jpn), by Durandal (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Autumn Breeze (Jpn), by Timber Country

3rd Dam: September Song (Jpn), by Real Shadai

O-Shinobu Nakanishi; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Ryuji Okubo; J-Yuga Kawada. ¥32,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 10-6-2-2.

2--Apollo Kentucky, 123, h, 7, Langfuhr--Dixiana Delight, by Gone West. (\$55,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP). O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Doug Branham (Jpn); ¥11,200,000.



3--All Blush (Jpn), 123, h, 7, War Emblem--Blushing Princess, by Crafty Prospector. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); ¥6,400,000.

Margins: 4, HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.40, 9.80, 7.30.



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Friday, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, post time: 7:00 p.m.

ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP-G3, AED380,000 (US\$103,471/£79,108/€91,617), NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kronprinz (Ger)	Lord of England (Ger)	Fresu	Charpy	126
2	Earnshaw	Medaglia d'Oro	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
3	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	Ramadhan	125
4	Hermoso Mundo (SAf)	Ideal World	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	125
5	Jaaref (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
6	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Mullen	Seemar	125
7	Second Summer 🌿	Summer Bird	O'Shea	Al Rayhi	125
8	Connect (GB)	Roderic O'Conner (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	124
9	Walk in the Sun 🌿	Street Sense	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	124

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:35 p.m.

BMW HONG KONG DERBY-LR, HK\$18,000,000 (£1,728,195/€2,028,789/A\$3,247,021/US\$2,292,991), NH/SH4yo, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	14	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size
2	8	Dark Dream (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Purton	Lor
3	12	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Bowman	Lor
4	11	Mission Tycoon (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Leung	Lor
5	2	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Ho	Cruz
6	13	Helene Leadingstar (Aus)	Wanted (Aus)	Teetan	Cruz
7	9	Red Warrior (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Schofield	Size
8	5	Enrichment (Aus)	Teofilo (Ire)	Moore	Size
9	1	Harmony Victory (Brz)	Public Purse	de Sousa	Shum
10	4	Mr So and So (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Rispoli	Size
11	10	Ho Ho Khan (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	McDonald	Hall
12	7	Gold Chest	War Front	Murphy	Gibson
13	6	Tianchi Monster (NZ)	Shocking (Aus)	Williams	So
14	3	Sunny Speed (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	Callan	Moore

All carry 126 pounds.

Breeders: 1-Shane Molan, 2-Miss J E Healey (NSW), 3-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic), 4-A G Tobin (Vic), 5-Kingsclere Stud, 6-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, 7-Barronstown Stud, 8-D Kerr & Mrs L Moore, 9-Stud Jaguarete, 10-Matrix Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW), 11-G Harvey, 12-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt, 13-C E, Mrs C F, Mrs I S & J W Thompson, 14-Whitwell Bloodstock

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TWO OLD WARRIORS SET TO BATTLE



Happy Clapper | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

The racing and sporting worlds are full of examples of star athletes unfortunate enough to be born in the same era with one who would prove an absolute immortal. Hay List (Statue of Liberty {USA}) was brilliant enough of a sprinter to win three Group 1s but is often remembered as the horse who ran second to unbeaten Black Caviar (Bel Esprit) on four occasions at the top level. In Australian cricket, the careers of Shane Warne, Australia's greatest ever bowler, and fellow leg--spinner Stuart MacGill, ran in parallel, and it was MacGill who suffered from the comparison. In any other era, the MacGill would have been a superstar, but the considerable shadow of Warne hung over him throughout his career.

In the Winx (Street Cry {Ire}) era there have been two horses who she has famously made play second fiddle. Earlier in her career, it was **Hartnell (GB)**, (Authorized {Ire}), beaten by her four times, including by eight lengths in the 2016 Cox Plate. In the past couple of years, it has been the grand miler **Happy Clapper (Teofilo {Ire})** who has repeatedly been Winx's bridesmaid. Having raced her on 10 occasions, the three-time Group 1 winner has been second five times, including twice in the past month in the G2 Apollo S. and the G1 Chipping Norton S. If not for Winx, Happy Clapper would have won seven Group 1s.

On Saturday, the two 8-year-olds get clear air, contesting the inaugural A\$5-million All Star Mile with their nemesis resting up back in Chris Waller's stables. Amazingly, it is just the third time they have met on the racetrack. Both their previous clashes have gone in Hartnell's favour, but with Winx a dominant winner. The first was in the 2016 Cox Plate, with Hartnell second, three lengths clear of Happy Clapper in sixth, while in the 2017 Queen Elizabeth S. Hartnell was second, with 'The Clapper' as he is affectionately known, a further 2.5l back in fifth.

Of all of his 13 rivals on Saturday, Hartnell is the horse that Happy Clapper's trainer Pat Webster respects the most. "I love Hartnell, he's a beautiful horse isn't he?" Webster told RSN. "He's such a tough bugger, he won the Epsom with top weight. They are real tough weight for age horses."

Two Old Warriors

As a new concept race, involving a considerable amount of public activation, there is plenty left to learn about the nature of the All-Star Mile. But as Webster points out, put simply, it is a 1600m weight-for-age race, conditions which he feels suit experience over precocity.

"I remember Robbie Laing was staying with me once and I said 'What makes a good weight-for-age horse?', and he said 'a big bastard like that' and Clapper was walking past him," he said. "They are old warriors and they get out there and cop bumps and they cop everything. They are old warriors and they are there to be beaten, but you've got to beat them."

Certainly in terms of credentials over the mile, it's hard to fault the form of the 8-year-old pair. **Cont. p2**

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Happy Clapper's trainer Pat Webster on rival Hartnell

Old Battlers Cont. from p1

Between them they have won two Epsoms and a Doncaster, while Happy Clapper has been runner-up in Group 1 miles to Winx on three occasions. The most recent of those was two weeks ago, when jockey Blake Shinn threw the gauntlet down to Hugh Bowman and Winx by taking off at the 600-metre mark in the Chipping Norton. For a few brief strides, Webster admits his heart raced with possibility.

"I did at the 600m when Blake pushed the pedal, but I could see Hughie's elbows, he did panic a little bit but it was only for a matter of strides and then she went up a gear and he sat back on her and he had Clapper covered all the way. There was never any threat of him knocking her off," he said.

It was a moment reminiscent of the 2011 TJ Smith S., when Hay List skipped four lengths clear of Black Caviar, only to be overpowered late. This proved one of the most memorable of her 25 wins and the one which defined the nature of the rivalry between the two sprinters.

The amazing thing about Happy Clapper is that while plenty of horses had had their hearts broken by racing against Winx, it doesn't seem to bother him or his trainer.

"He's used to it. That was his fifth second to her. It doesn't seem to affect him, he's run second to her, but she's a freak and the best horse in the world. He seems to back up ok and he goes

up to the next level. We are really happy with him," he said.

The People's Champ

The indefatigably positive approach of both Webster and his horse is one of the reasons that Happy Clapper enjoys such enormous popularity in Australia. That has been enhanced by the fact that he has won two of the major 'peoples' races of Australia, the Doncaster and Epsom. It was somewhat of a surprise, and perhaps a quirk of the first year of the popularly-elected system, that he did not get an automatic entry into the race and needed a wildcard from Racing Victoria to his ensure his participation on Saturday.

Being everyone's second favourite horse doesn't help when they can only vote for one, while in a racing world more divided along state boundaries than it has been for some time, being New South Wales trained would have not assisted him. Added to that is the fact he has failed to win in six starts in Victoria, with his best performance when runner-up in the 2017 Emirates S. at Flemington. His most recent run south of the Murray saw him suffer a bleed when fifth in the G1 Makybe Diva S. last September. That record doesn't faze Webster, who is confident that at eight, his champ, a winner of A\$6.5m, is in career best form. **Cont. p3**



Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) and Hugh Bowman winning the G1 Epsom Handicap at Randwick. | Bronwen Healy

Old Battlers Cont.

"If you take his Flemington runs, he's been good," he said. "At the moment he is going as good as he ever has. I think the two runs he has had show that. If this race was at Randwick on Saturday, he'd be a \$2.50 chance."

No End in Sight

The looming retirement of Winx, plus the discussion over the long-term racing future of star colt The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice), has brought into sharp focus the short window in which the public gets to enjoy champion horses. But the Happy Clapper chapter of Australian racing is not yet ready to close.

"I hope he races until about 12," Webster joked. "All going well, I reckon I can have him here again this time next year in the same form again, He's been very well looked after. And why shouldn't he be? And he'll be very well looked after he retires. I can't see him not being around next year, barring anything unforeseen."

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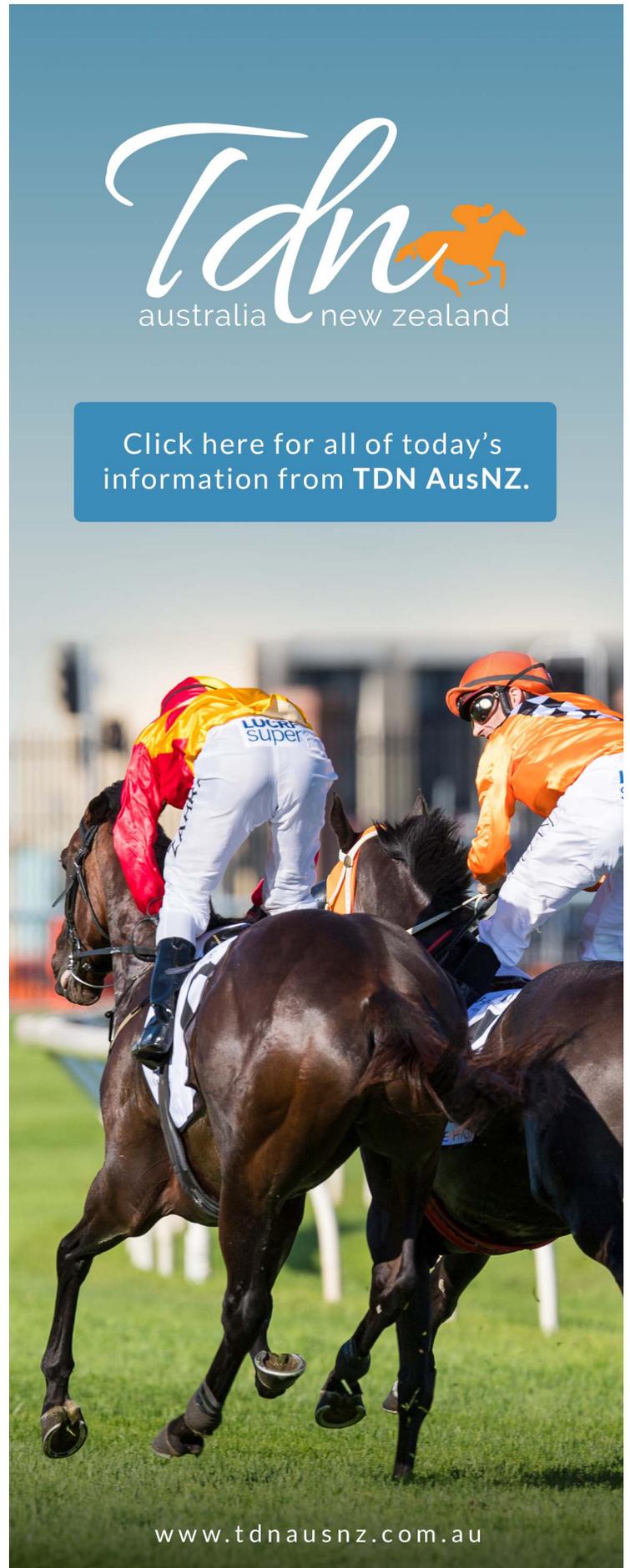
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	Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	The Galaxy	Rosehill
	Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 30	The Tancred S.	Rosehill
	Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill

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