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CALIFORNIA WHIP BAN ADVANCES



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By T.D. Thornton

By a 5-0 vote, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) advanced a rule proposal that could become the most stringent racehorse whipping ban in the nation on Thursday.

Under the terms of the new proposed rule, the whipping of horses will no longer be permitted at any state-sanctioned track for any circumstances other than “when necessary to control the horse for the safety of the horse or rider.”

A late amendment removed a potentially controversial clause that would have allowed for the pari-mutuel disqualification of horses whose jockeys struck them with the whip in non-safety instances. That change means offending jockeys could still be sanctioned and/or lose their share of the purse, but the order of finish for betting purposes and payouts would remain unaffected.

After a state-mandated 45-day period to gather and consider public commentary, the CHRB will take a final, binding vote on the whipping ban. It then must be approved by the state’s Office of Administrative Law before it becomes official. Until then, the current “three strikes before giving the horse a chance to respond” rule remains on the books.

The anti-whipping topic has rocketed to the forefront of the industry over the past several weeks after Santa Anita Park suspended racing in the wake of 22 equine deaths at the track since Dec. 26. **Cont. p3**

OP/ED: THE CHRB MAY JUST HAVE SAVED THE SPORT OF HORSE RACING

By Bill Finley

When the members of the California Horse Racing Board voted Thursday to ban the use of the whip (and it is a whip and not a crop) my first thought was one of relief. That was not so much because I've never been a supporter of whipping animals or understood the insistence on the part of the other side that whipping was necessary. No, it's because I knew I could go to sleep later that night a lot more confident that my sport will survive.

There will be plenty, maybe even a majority, who will disagree with me and find what I just said to be over the top hyperbole. Well, here's my response: You people don't get it.

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Some stakeholders have identified indiscriminate whip use as a factor in the catastrophic injuries.

The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns Santa Anita, on Mar. 14 announced a number of paradigm-shifting Thoroughbred welfare policies in an attempt to make racing and training safer. At the Mar. 28 meeting, the CHRB was seeking to codify some of TSG's proposed "house rules" by mandating them at the state level.

The topic of animal abuse—both real and perceived—was central to the 50-minute whipping discussion, which was impassioned but civil in the presence of a throng of mainstream media outlets and an audience that included animal-rights protestors who have advocated for an outright ban on the sport of horse racing.

Somewhat unexpectedly, the most straightforward attempt to defuse the "us versus them" mentality that exists between racing industry participants and animal rights protestors that have recently been picketing outside Santa Anita came from Kathy Guillermo, a senior vice president for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Guillermo said she routinely fields five or six phone calls a day from people within the racing industry tipping off PETA to abusive practices on the backstretches of the nation's racetracks.

"I've been working for [PETA for] 10 years, and I haven't said 'end racing,'" Guillermo explained. "What I have said is, 'Get rid of the drugs, get rid of the whipping, get rid of the abuse.' We never wanted to have a campaign against horse racing.... We got pulled into this industry because we couldn't ignore the phone calls from the public and the phone calls from people inside racing.

"The racing industry is constantly talking about improving its image to the public," Guillermo continued.

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“Well you can’t do that if you keep whipping horses who supposedly ‘love to run.’ There’s already been a compromise in allowing the jockeys to carry the whip and use it as a safety device and a correctional device. Sanctioning obvious physical abuse should not be a compromise.”

“Racing will adapt to a whipping ban,” Guillermo predicted. “The bettors will factor it in. The jockeys will adjust. And the irony here, for me, is that I’m giving the industry advice that will help it to survive in a world that has just become intolerant of abuse.”

Tom Kennedy, the general counsel for the Jockeys’ Guild, spoke on behalf of California’s riders by suggesting that the years-long series of modifications and enhancements to design a more humane whip haven’t been very well explained to the general public, leading to alleged misperceptions that striking the animals is cruel.

Kennedy also testified that “any use of the riding crop was not implicated in any of the circumstances under which, unfortunately, horses died at Santa Anita.” He added that “in our view, this proposed regulation does not reflect the level of research or factual investigation that would need to be a predicate before the process could be begun.”

That statement was immediately challenged by CHRB chairman Chuck Winner.

“I believe that’s not an accurate statement,” Winner said. “We don’t know that for sure. If you watch some of the tapes, the horses that went down in the morning, in some cases, in my view, the crop was being overused.”

Terry Meyocks, the president and chief executive of the Jockeys’ Guild, said he advocated for additional rounds of study at the CHRB’s safety committee level before the full board considered voting on any whip ban.

That line of reasoning drew a pointed riposte from CHRB vice chair Madeline Auerbach.

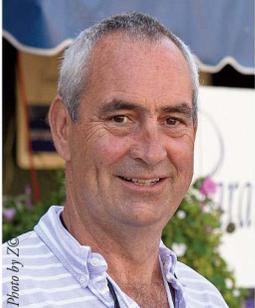
“What I have a problem with, and I’ll be direct with you, is your approach,” Auerbach said, addressing the Guild’s contingent. “Your approach is to come in here and tell us how to conduct our business, and I find that a little offensive. If you think that we haven’t had many, many discussions and done all of our due diligence, you are quite mistaken.

“We are appointed to take care of racing in California. And if we ignore the view or the people of this state we will all pay a very big price,” Auerbach continued. “We won’t be arguing about whips.... There will be no need for them, because we will have destroyed the industry by being viewed as not taking care of our horses. This is not going away. We need to fix our industry. And remember: What happens here will eventually happen elsewhere. So we are at the forefront of trying to save



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“I feel for my peers. But we’re at a very critical time for horse racing here in California, and it breaks my heart,” Solis said. “We’re talking about the future of California racing, so I feel like we have to compromise one way or another.”

Solis then asked Guillermo if PETA would support the racing industry if the CHRB voted in the whipping ban.

“I don’t think PETA would ever support any industry that uses animals to make money,” Guillermo said. But she added that there is a likelihood that “your enemies will be fewer if you adopt these rules.”

Belinda Stronach, the chairman and president of TSG, testified on behalf of the anti-whipping measure.

“Change can be scary. I get it,” Stronach said. “But I also believe when you take a principled stand, and you make change for the better and the right reasons, and demonstrate that we’re committed to doing the right thing and regaining public confidence, that we will end up in a better position.”

Stronach added that TSG would eventually be seeking to extend its in-house whipping ban to other tracks it owns outside of California, like Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, and Portland Meadows.

When Winner called for the CHRB vote, it was unanimous in favor of advancing the no-whipping rule to the 45-day public commentary period.

“What I’m going to do is ask staff to move this item to the top of the list of what they’re working on so it can go to the Office of Administrative Law more rapidly to expedite the process,” Winner said.

Several minutes after passage of the anti-whipping initiative—and even though the board still had other key equine drug-related voting initiatives on the agenda—Winner noted that mainstream media had largely vacated the meeting room.

“By the way, for you folks that were wondering what issues the public cares about, you might notice that most of the cameras have packed up and left,” Winner said. “That’s because the discussion of the crop rule is over. That’s what the public cares about.”

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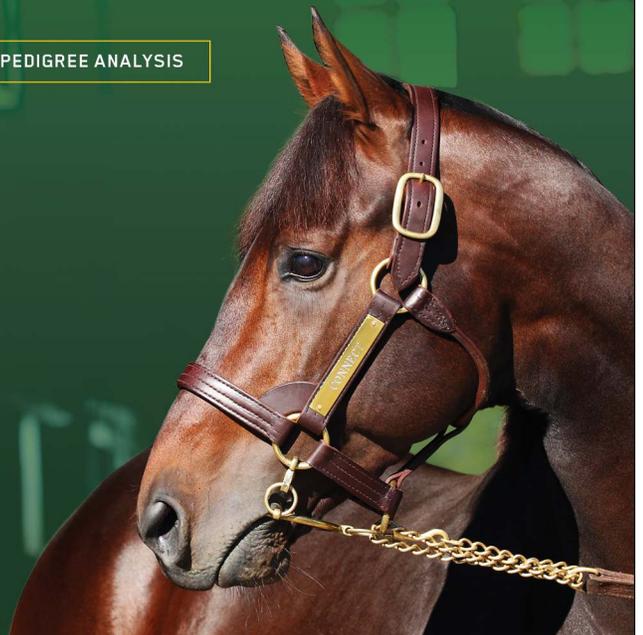
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The rash of breakdowns at Santa Anita was the biggest crisis I have ever seen this sport face in the nearly 35 years I have been covering it. With so many horses dying and with it happening in a major media market where every television station in town

was telling its viewers night after night that horses were dying out at Santa Anita and, oh by the way, they still whip these beautiful animals to make them run faster, the public had had enough.

Horse racing is an insular society and far too many people were completely oblivious to the gravity of the situation. It's not 1935 anymore. People love animals and don't want to see them be abused. That's why there's no more circus, no more SeaWorld and why 41 states have laws on the books outlawing dog racing. It is very possible that the same thing could have happened to horse racing, not just in California but across the country. California would have been the first domino to fall, with more, surely, to come.

Yet, at the CHRB hearing, one person after another, including representatives of the Jockeys' Guild, tried to make the argument that the new whips are softer than a roll of Charmin and they don't hurt the horses one bit. I doubt that's true, but maybe it is. Either way, it doesn't matter. The only thing that does is public perception and the majority of the public believes whipping horses is animal cruelty.

The only salient point made by the pro-whipping side is that a jockey may occasionally need the whip to correct a horse that is about to bolt or do something dangerous. And that's exactly why the CHRB will allow a jockey to carry a whip but only use it

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I do not believe that whipping played a major role in 22 horses breaking down at Santa Anita. It may not have played any role. Again, it's all about perception and not reality. The members of the CHRB understood the gravity of the situation and understood that something had to be done to appease PETA, et al. Go ahead and rail against PETA all you want. I'm not a fan either. But they have 700,000 members in California alone and the clout to get things done. You don't necessarily have to be their friend, but you sure don't want to be their enemy.

There was also the threat of government intervention. Congresswoman Judy Chu, who represents the district Santa Anita is located in, let it be known that she was "outraged" by the deaths at Santa Anita. She said she would call on the House Energy and Commerce Committee to investigate and hold a

hearing on the treatment of horses at Santa Anita and throughout our country. We don't know for sure, but if you connect the dots it's not hard to conclude the Chu had a role in the CHRB's decision. She may have been a bigger threat than even PETA and the CHRB could ill afford to go against something she clearly wanted--a whip ban.

The other choice was to sit back and do nothing or put another band-aid on the problem and if the CHRB would have allowed that PETA's next move was clearly to try to get a measure on the ballot in California to ban the sport. I have no doubt they would have gotten that accomplished and it would have been far from shocking had the voters of California voted to close down racing. Let me repeat: there was a real possibility that racing in California was going to be banned.

That's exactly what happened in Massachusetts in 2008 when a group called GREY2K USA got a referendum on the ballot, the Massachusetts Greyhound Protection Act, to ban the sport and it passed by a 56-43 margin. You'd have to either be very arrogant or very ill-informed to believe that that couldn't happen to horse racing.

Racing still isn't out of the woods. We still have whipping in all the other states and a report just came out that, among the tracks that share their casualty numbers, Churchill Downs had the second highest rate of fatalities in the country. A headlined

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What the CHRB accomplished was get PETA to back off. It was notable that when testifying Thursday Senior Vice President Kathy Guillermo was not her usual vitriolic self. While she said she would not support any enterprise that profited off of animals, she was clearly pleased that racing had taken what she sees as a step in the right direction. She also complimented The Stronach Group for its efforts to enact change. PETA is not against small victories, and this one all but ended the threats to have a ban racing vote put on the California ballot.

What happened yesterday can't be the end of this. While it represented a monumental shift in the way racing will be conducted in California, animal rights activists will see it only as a first step. The train left the station Thursday and it must not be derailed. The sport must continue to do the right things, stop paying lip service to all the problems, and clean up its act.

To those who disagree with me, I'm telling you to wake up, get your heads out of your you know what and join the effort to make this a safer, cleaner sport where the deaths of horses is reduced to the lowest possible numbers and whipping is banned everywhere. Because if that doesn't happen, you're not going to

need your whips and your Lasix, your clenbuterol and all your other pharmaceuticals much longer. They'll be pretty useless if there is no more horse racing.

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SANTA ANITA: REACTIONS FROM THOSE

PRESENT *by Dan Ross*

In a crowded conference room tucked away in the Santa Anita Grandstand during a meeting that was at various times somber, heartfelt, laudatory and heated, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) green-lit a sweeping set of changes that promise to alter the face of racing in California. The following lightly edited responses are a range of reactions from some of those present:

Jockey's Guild attorney, Tom Kennedy: "The guild is anxious to work with the horse racing industry and the CHRB to develop an appropriate rule for use of the crop that protects the animal and ensures safety," said Kennedy, in sober mood while the meeting progressed, when asked about the guild's approach as the proposed whip rule change enters a 45-day public comment period. "But we don't think that the rule that was adopted today is adequate for purposes of the best management of horse



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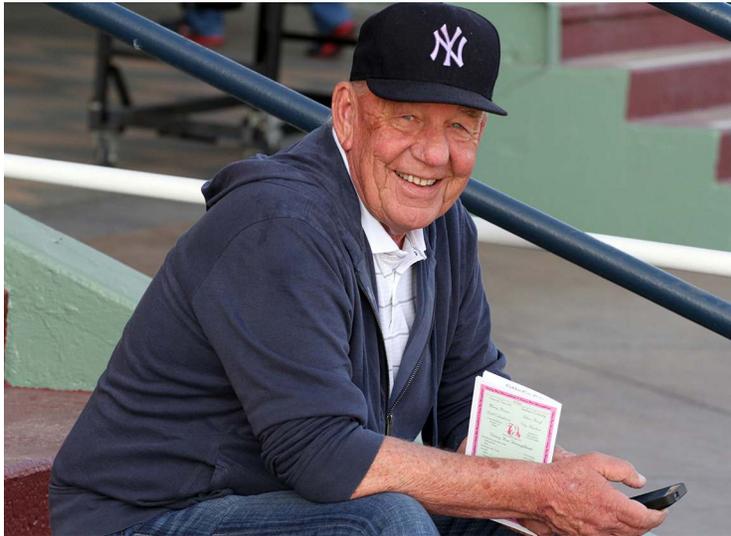
racing."

Senior vice president of PETA, Kathy Guillermo: "It seemed

very progressive and pretty good," said Guillermo, whose address to the room during the meeting was met with scattered groans of disapproval. "We support the new rules that the Stronachs have proposed, and we're glad to see the horse racing board, and at least some of the owners and trainers, get behind those."

"It's very interesting to me to see the discussion of the perception of racing, because there's a persistent belief among many in racing, not all but many, that if they could just educate the people on what they do, it'll be ok, but you're never going to educate the public into thinking it's ok to hit a horse, or medicate a horse, or mask injuries with legal medications. So, I think it's very important the

idea that to change perception we need to change practices-that's what's going to make a difference to the views of the public."



Jim Cassidy | *Horsephotos*

Jim Cassidy, president of the California Thoroughbred Trainers:

"I think all the important people said the right things, and I was very pleased actually," said Cassidy. "It's going to affect everybody, but we're just going to have to work around it. You can work around Lasix, certainly. As far as medications go, that's just the way it is. I don't think there's going to be that much of a change for a lot of people, because the majority are not abusing the system."

Cassidy said that only three of his horses need more than 5 ccs of Lasix--the new permitted administration level at Stronach Group owned tracks in California. "And two of them are on route to Florida as we speak. They're bad bleeders. I wouldn't

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CHRB commissioner, Madeline Auerbach: "I think that the board showed courage today and I think we did the right thing," said Auerbach, whose terse exchange with Jockeys' Guild national manager, Terry Meyocks, was one of the more strained moments throughout the meeting. "Today, we stood up for the horse. We gave voice to the horse in everything we did today, and I don't think anybody can argue with that."

When asked if the measures implemented by the CHRB should be employed nationwide, Auerbach said, "It better, if the industry's going to survive. I think it's survival of the industry. If we don't take the health and well-being of the horse, and what goes into that, and make it the core of what we do, we're not going to survive as an industry. That's my belief."

Gary Fenton, chairman of the Thoroughbred Owners of California's (TOC) Racing Affairs Committee: "I thought the meeting went as expected. As I mentioned before, there was a big meeting before any of this got announced, all the stake holders were in the room, and they wanted to make positive changes for the entire industry. And it was within that mentality that these proposed rules were initiated. And today was an important step to moving forward with that."

As to the possibility of expanding the therapeutic medication changes state-wide, Fenton said that "We sat down with Belinda [Stronach], and came to a meeting of the minds, and that was important to re-opening the gates here. We haven't had those discussions with Del Mar or Los Alamitos, and until we do, and understand how they feel, there's nothing we can say [publicly]. Obviously, we feel good enough to agree with Belinda on some of them. I think we believe in some of them strongly, but this is a stake-holder business, right? There are the owners, there's the trainers, there's the racetrack management, there's a regulatory body, so, it's now time for us to sit down with the other racetracks to discuss how they feel. We've got 30 days."

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state-wide, Morey said that, "We're actually in our regular process of starting our horseman's agreements with those associations as part of their licensing process, so, I would expect that we will address medication as part of our negotiations over our horseman's agreements."

Trainer Jeff Mullins: "I think that's a jockey issue," said Mullins, about the proposed changes to the whip rule. "I care, but that's a jockey issue, it's not for me to comment. It won't impact me, it'll impact the betting public."

"Bad bleeders will be no more-they'll be retired," he said, about the Lasix change. "I've already retired one and I'm sending one to Kentucky. Owner didn't want to see him bleed. Horse bleeds real bad, so she retired him. The other one went to Kentucky where they can use more Lasix." As for the other medication changes, "I think it'll be nationwide before we know it, so, we're just going to have to deal with that," he said. "We're just going to have to learn to adjust."

Trainer Leonard Powell: "I'd say it opens the window [to breaking the rules] in major races where purse money is not the only factor," said Powell, about the changes to the whip rule which, as currently written, would lead to jockeys facing possible suspensions, fines and purse-cuts. "The residual value of a horse comes into context, and the connections of the horse could tell the jockey, 'You know what, if that makes the difference between being third in a big race and winning, where a horse gains considerable value, we'll pay for your fine, and we'll pay for whatever it costs you.'"

As for the changes in medication and Lasix usage, "There's no going back. It's in motion, and it's going to happen. I'm pretty conservative, so I don't think it will affect me at all. But the main concern, it's going to affect field size, and it's going to affect

handle, and finally, it will affect the purses. That's the main worry, that it will affect the purses in the long term."

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LASIX DOSAGE HALVED FOR REMAINDER OF SANTA ANITA, GOLDEN GATE MEETS

By T.D. Thornton

Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields received unanimous California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) support on Thursday allowing both tracks owned by The Stronach Group (TSG) to implement an in-house rule that will halve the allowable race-day dose of Lasix for the balance of their current meets.

TSG and the Thoroughbred Owners of California had already agreed to the adoption of an in-house rule that cuts the race-day dose of Lasix from 10 cc to 5 cc, but the CHRB's vote made it official.

The medication reforms are part of a sweeping set of welfare changes proposed by TSG in the wake of 22 recent equine deaths at Santa Anita.

CHRB chairman Chuck Winner stressed that the rule change voted upon at the Mar. 28 meeting does not pertain to any future discussions that might arise about an eventual phasing-out of Lasix that TSG has proposed for its California tracks.

Prior to the 5-0 vote, CHRB equine medical director Rick Arthur, DVM, reminded stakeholders that "we actually had a maximum dose of 5 cc (250 mg) for Lasix in California for almost a 10 to 12 year period. We allowed it to be increased so we would be uniform with national policy. In my review of handling the Breeders' Cup Lasix for four or five years in California, 90% of the dosages were five [cc] or less...and there were no negative consequences that were apparent."

A separate rule passage that also advanced by a 5-0 vote will suspend the use of previously allowed race-day steroidal and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs at the current Santa Anita and Golden Gate meets. This was also an agreed-upon change between TSG and TOC.

Arthur said the use of anti-inflammatory drugs "really make[s] it difficult for not only the examining veterinarians, but the trainers of those horses and the jockeys to know what the real condition of the horse is, and that's why we've been looking to lower these for the last several years. These are certainly reasonable steps. We've met with trainers [and] we've met with veterinarians here at Santa Anita. I think we're as prepared as we can [be] to properly apply the changes we're proposing here."

A third proposed rule that would have broadened the suspension of those race-day anti-inflammatory drugs to other



Sarah Andrew photo

race meets and for other breeds throughout the state for the balance of the year was removed from the agenda by CHRB chairman Chuck Winner after Greg Avioli, the TOC’s president and chief executive, said his organization had yet to discuss the topic with the managements of other racetracks.

“We’re not in a position to support the expansion of this rule for the full-year period,” Avioli said. “One of the reasons that we were able to get up and support [the anti-inflammatory ban through the current Santa Anita and Golden Gate meets] is that we had detailed conversations with [TSG management] and we were in agreement. I haven’t had the first conversations about this with Los Alamitos, with CARF [California Authority of Racing Fairs] or Del Mar.”

So that agenda item will be moved to the CHRB’s Apr. 18 meeting, Winner said.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB CALLS FOR SWEEPING INDUSTRY REFORM

The Jockey Club published a major white paper Thursday calling for comprehensive reform of the U.S. horse racing industry, including a major overhaul of drug use and uniform out-of-competition drug testing, citing the need for “transparency into the medical treatment, injuries, and health of all racehorses.”

The paper’s release follows the death of 22 racehorses at Santa Anita Park in less than three months. The Jockey Club wrote, “It would be a mistake to view the Santa Anita fatalities as an isolated situation--spikes in the deaths of horses have occurred at other tracks and they will continue to occur without significant reforms.”

The Jockey Club was particularly critical of drug use in the horse racing industry, noting that “improper drug use can

directly lead to horse injuries and deaths. Horses aren’t human and the only way they can tell us if something is wrong is by reacting to a symptom. If that symptom is masked, the results can be devastating... We lag behind cheaters and abusers and by the time we have caught up they have moved on to the next designer substance.”

The Jockey Club expressed its strong support for federal legislation, citing the Horse Racing Integrity Act of 2019, H.R. 1754, which would create a private, independent, horse racing anti-doping authority responsible for developing and administering a nationwide anti-doping and medication control program. The program would be administered by the United States Anti-Doping Agency, the body responsible for administering anti-doping programs for human athletes including the U.S. Olympic teams.

“For far too long, cheaters have been abusing the system and the horses are most often the ones to suffer,” said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. “It is particularly disturbing that there is little out-of-competition drug testing in the United States. U.S. horse racing lags far behind international standards. It’s time we joined the rest of the world in putting in place the best measures to protect the health and safety of our equine athletes.”

In addition to reforming how drugs are used and monitored, The Jockey Club is calling for other reforms targeted at health of equine athletes, including: enhanced race surface analysis; reporting of all injuries during racing and training; more comprehensive pre-race veterinarian examination; use of approved medications only; confirmed fitness to train; and industry-wide contributions to aftercare.

“Will we ever know the exact cause of spikes in horse fatalities? Unless there is change in the industry that answer is, sadly, probably not,” wrote The Jockey Club. “A key to this change is the requirement of full transparency into the medical treatment, injuries, and health of all racehorses. Today, we can’t fully see what is going on with a horse because of differing state and track practices, antiquated practices, and purposeful deceit about what drugs are given to horses at what times.”

The Jockey Club is the breed registry for Thoroughbreds in North America. Since its founding 125 years ago, it has been dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, focusing on improvements to the integrity, health, and safety of the sport. The Jockey Club has long held that horses must only race when they are free from the effects of medication.

The full report can be found [here](#). For additional information, please visit [The Jockey Club](#) or the [Coalition for Horse Racing Integrity](#).

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MOTT HOPES TO HAVE THREE CHANCES TO TAKE HOME THE ROSES *By Christie DeBernardis*



Bill Mott | *Eclipse Sportswire*

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL--It is typical to see trainers like Bob Baffert, Todd Pletcher and Steve Asmussen saddle two or three horses in the Run for the Roses, but it is not something usually seen from Bill Mott. The Hall of Famer has only saddled eight starters in the GI Kentucky Derby since opening his stable in 1978, but this year he could have three starters on the First Saturday in May with **Hidden Scroll** (Hard Spun), **Tacitus** (Tapit) and **Country House** (Lookin at Lucky).

Hidden Scroll looks to secure his spot in the Derby starting gate Saturday when he goes postward in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. The Juddmonte homebred dazzled the crowd on GI Pegasus World Cup day at Gulfstream with a 14-length debut graduation over a sloppy mile Jan. 26. Straight to the front as the favorite in the GII Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 2, the '**TDN Rising Star**' went a bit too fast early and was run down in the stretch, finishing fourth.

"I think we probably have to alter his running style a little bit, but he is working well and doing very well," Mott said. "We are increasing the distance of the race by a sixteenth of a mile, so we have to see if he will complete that new distance in good order. He went a little fast early in his race last time and it probably compromised him at the end. Hopefully, he will have a more even trip this go around and bring himself up."

Hidden Scroll drew the rail for Saturday's event, but his conditioner said that will not effect their game plan.

"I don't think the post position is going to influence us too much," Mott said. "He has natural speed, but there is speed in the race. I don't think it will force our hand one way or another."

There is also a chance of rain in Hallandale Saturday, which is just fine by Mott.

"If that were to happen, it certainly wouldn't bother me with

the way he broke his maiden on an off track," the conditioner said.

Mott hopes to have a second Derby starter for Juddmonte in GII Tampa Bay Derby hero Tacitus. Graduating at second asking at Aqueduct Nov. 10, the gray made his sophomore bow a winning one with a late rally to take the Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 9. Mott indicated that the colt would make his next start in the Apr. 6 GII Wood Memorial S. back in Ozone Park.

"He is a nice horse," Mott said. "He is doing well and he is coming off of a spectacular race at Tampa. He was coming off a bit of a layoff and he ran very well. He has made huge strides since his maiden win, which was in early November. To come back and do that off of that layoff, I thought was a big step forward and big improvement for him, the right kind of step that you want to see and the kind of step that you need to see. That was very gratifying to see him run like that."

Tacitus is the first foal out of champion Close Hatches (First Defence), who Mott trained to nine victories, five of which were Grade 1s, and earnings over \$2.7 million.

"It is a lot of fun to train the offspring from the families you have trained in the past," Mott said. "It makes it a little more special. They are all special, but it is nice to relate to the families and it is good that they are carrying it on for us."

Juddmonte Farm and Mott have won many major races together, but the Kentucky Derby has eluded them, which gives even more meaning to the fact that they could have two chances this year.

"They have been a great client and they breed and race good horses," Mott said. "They want to participate in the big races. That is what they are all about and I am certainly delighted to be part of it."

Mott's third potential Derby starter is '**TDN Rising Star**' Country House, who was last seen finishing fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 23 and could make his next start at Oaklawn.

"We are very interested in running him another time," Mott said. "He has 30 points, but he may be in a situation where he needs more points than that. He is a big, tough horse and he is one we talked about, even before he ran last time, getting another race in. The timing is such with him that you can go back to the [GI] Arkansas Derby [Apr. 13]. It is three weeks and if he ran well, it is still another three weeks to the Derby. It is a doable thing with him because he is a big, tough, robust kind of horse. It is something we would certainly consider with him."

Ultra-impressive when earning his diploma at third asking at Gulfstream Jan. 17, Country House was a bit green, but still made a strong showing when second to War of Will (War Front) in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 16 and made up ground late to be fourth last time in the Louisiana Derby.

“He made great strides from his first maiden start to when he broke his maiden and it was a big move forward when he was second in the Risen Star,” Mott said. “This last race was sort of equivalent to the Risen Star. He did not move forward as much as I would have liked to have seen, so hopefully he will in the next race.”

When asked how he felt at the thought of having three starters in the Run for the Roses this year, especially given the fact he has only had eight starters in the past 40 years, Mott said, “It is a nice situation to be in because you don't have to worry about one all of the time. You can spread it out and worry about three of them.”

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SOUTH KOREAN DWC RUNNER CARRIES HOPES OF VIRGINIA BREEDERS *by Alan Carasso*



Dolkong | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

When South Korean star **Dolkong** (Afleet Alex) enters the outside stall for Saturday's \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan Racecourse, he will carry the hopes not only of an entire nation's fan base, but also those of his Nokesville, Virginia-based breeder Ellen B. Kill Kelley. Suffice to say that the race can't come soon enough.

“It's unbelievable is what it is--absolutely unbelievable!” Kill Kelley said Thursday when reached by phone. “We've had some pretty wild dreams, but this has not been one of them.”

Kill Kelley is the owner and operator with her husband John of See Jay Farm in Nokesville, a town with fewer than 1,500 residents located about 100 miles from and nearly due north of the state capital of Richmond. The couple purchased Dolkong's granddam Bayou Bird (Stately Don) for \$47,000 in foal to West by West at Keeneland November in 1997.

“We were looking for a little black-type, and she had a little

black-type as a 2-year-old,” Kill Kelley explained. “She had a bump on her knee so I guess that's why she didn't go on. But she was an attractive, young mare and she was in our ballpark as far as the price was concerned.”

After foaling the colt that would become Tarek, runner-up to D'Wildcat in the 2001 GIII Swale S., Bayou Bird produced colts in 2001 and 2002 and, after aborting to Broken Vow in 2003, produced Dolkong's dam Swampoodle to the same sire's cover the following season. The dark bay didn't make the Kill Kelleys famous by any stretch, winning twice from 25 starts, but has become the 'star' of the couple's small broodmare band.

“She's a very big mare. She has a lot of bone and has a lot of substance,” Kill Kelley said. “She is a very plain mare, she has no chrome, but she is a very sweet mare, very easy to get along with. The easy mares are easy to love.”

After doing their homework, the Kill Kelleys landed on Afleet Alex for Swampoodle's cover in 2013.

“We try to do our nicking and it changes year to year, and the year we were doing her, it looked like Afleet Alex would be a good match for her,” Ellen Kill Kelley said. “We were focused on Afleet Alex and what he accomplished as a racehorse. At the time, it seemed a good match for her. We try to breed commercially. He was affordable and it looked like a good match on paper.”

Swampoodle foaled a chestnut colt on Mar. 13, 2014, and he was an uncomplicated sort, Kill Kelley recalled.

“He was a very easy-going horse,” she said. “We were just talking about this yesterday with a couple of folks who helped us that year with our yearlings. We remember one or two issues with some of the other yearlings, but he really had no issues. He did whatever we asked him to do, he was just like the quiet guy in the back of the class that did everything you asked him to do.”

Through agent James M. Herbener, the Afleet Alex colt was consigned to the 2015 Fasig-Tipton October sale, where he was purchased for \$52,000 by Wayne Detmar, who was clearly hoping lightning would strike twice with the stallion.

“Wayne Detmar was partner in Afleet Alex's son [GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner] Texas Red,” Kill Kelley explained. “He was a very loquacious guy, he came back to the barn after the sale to talk to us, he wanted his picture taken with the horse and introduced himself as the part-owner of Texas Red.”

The Afleet Alex colt was prepared by Mayberry Farm for the 2016 OBS April Sale and, somewhat to Kill Kelley's surprise, was hammered down to Korean interests for \$35,000.

“That to me was not a good sign, but he has clearly thrived over there. He's been given every chance to succeed and he's done extremely well for them--obviously!”

Dolkong is not the first prominent Korean runner bred by Kill Kelley. She is also responsible for having bred Cowboy Son

(Cowboy Cal), Korea's champion imported 3-year-old colt in 2014.

Swampoodle, who is one of five mares boarded at Windmill Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, was covered last season by 'TDN Rising Star' Unified (Candy Ride {Arg}) and "is due any minute," according to Kill Kelley.

Come 12:40 p.m. EDT Saturday afternoon, you can rest assured that Ellen Kill Kelley will be one of the more vocal cheerleaders should Dolkong make a run at the leaders in the world's richest horse race.

"You bet we will. We will be glued to the TV. We have told more people than want to hear about it," she said with a laugh. "I don't know if any of them will be watching or not, but we have certainly tried to spread the word here in Nokesville."

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HAWKISH RETURNS IN APPLETON



Hawkish | Leslie Martin

by Joe Bianca

'TDN Rising Star' Hawkish (Artie Schiller) showed immense talent in five starts as a sophomore, but will try to rebound from a disappointing finish to his 3-year-old campaign when he goes postward as the favorite off a near nine-month layoff in Friday's GIII Appleton S. to kick off the weekend's graded stakes action at Gulfstream.

Debuting for AJ Suited Racing Stable last January in Hallandale, the bay unleashed a devastating closing kick to get up by a half-length, which prompted Robert LaPenta to buy into him, then arguably ran better when fourth behind a dawdling pace in the GIII Palm Beach S. Easily annexing an Aqueduct allowance while showing more early foot Apr. 15, he fully announced himself when rallying to a comprehensive score in the GII Penn Mile S. June 2. Stretching out to 10 furlongs in the GI Belmont

Derby, however, Hawkish flattened out to finish seventh and has been unseen since. He shows a sparkling worktab at Palm Meadows for trainer Jimmy Toner leading up to this, capped by a half-mile move around dogs in :47 4/5 (10/59) Mar. 23.

Hawkish's main competition appears to come from Larry Pratt and Dave Alden's **Doctor Mounty** (Street Sense), who looks for his second graded stakes win of the stand. Earning his first black-type tally with a 26-1 upset of the Baltimore/Washington International Turf Cup S. last fall at Laurel, the progressive 6-year-old was eighth in a loaded renewal of the GII Fort Lauderdale S. here Dec. 15. He flew late to get up in the GIII Tropical Turf S. when last seen Jan. 12. The Shug McGaughey pupil also shows a sharp recent worktab, highlighted by a five-furlong bullet on the Payson Park grass in :59 3/5 (1/20) Mar. 16.

Bill Schettine's **Krampus** (Shakespeare) looks to build off a career high as well. Knocking around the allowance ranks for a while, the homebred was a troubled fourth in the local El Prado S. Feb. 9 and gamely held off odds-on Breaking the Rules (War Front) to capture the GIII Canadian Turf S. here Mar. 2.

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ROY H SCRATCHED FROM GOLDEN SHAHEEN

Roy H (More Than Ready), the back-to-back winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and the Eclipse award for champion sprinter, has been scratched from Saturday's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Meydan. Owner Brian Trump of Rockingham Ranch tweeted on Thursday morning, "We have decided to scratch Roy H from the Golden Shaheen. When Roy arrived in Dubai, he developed a sore foot which [trainer Peter Miller] and his team immediately attempted to treat. Unfortunately, the only cure for his foot is time off to heal. So that is what he will get, time off until he tells us he is ready with our goal of pointing towards the Breeders' Cup."

Rockingham Ranch still has two chances for success on Saturday's card, with the back-to-back GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner **Stormy Liberal** (Stormy Atlantic) lining up in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, in which he was second last year, and **X Y Jet** (Kantharos) looking to go one better than his second in last year's, and the 2016, Golden Shaheen.

Trainer Jorge Navarro said after X Y Jet trained on Thursday morning, "He looks good. He's ready. My little horse has handled everything. Is he going to run a big race? Yes.

"I think I'm the speed of the speed. We're going to find out who's faster," Navarro said. "One thing with the American horses--they use a beep here, not a bell, so they won't be used to that. X Y Jet, he's heard it before. This is his third time here and he's acting like he's at home. He loves it here."

Stormy Liberal schooled at the gate on Thursday and required a bit of persuasion to enter the stalls. Trainer Peter Miller said, “He had a little adventure at the gate. California style is what I wanted to do, but it’s just different here with the lights, the crew. Normally, he’s great in the gate. Today was different for him and that’s why you school them. It worked out OK. Hopefully on Saturday night we’re good.”

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JOCKEYS’ GUILD ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE USE OF BISPHTHONATES

Jockeys’ Guild, the organization representing professional jockeys in Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing in the United States, has issued the following statement on the use of bisphosphonates.

“The Board of Directors of the Jockeys’ Guild, which is composed of leading Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse jockeys, supports the view that until the research being conducted by the RMTC, AAEP, and Grayson Jockey Club Foundation determines the effects of this drug on young horses, the best course of action is an immediate ban on the use of these medications in horses under four years of age. Many experts believe the use of this drug could make bones more susceptible to fractures. It is always the position of the Jockeys’ Guild that the safety of the horses and jockeys will be the first priority. The Board also calls for improved methods of detection and strict guidelines for its use in horses over four years of age.”

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A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Non-Industry Media

Churchill Downs is One of the Deadliest Racetracks in America

“Of the 25 racetracks that share their casualty counts with the public, only one was more deadly last year than Churchill Downs. And despite its recent rash of gloomy headlines, it wasn’t Santa Anita.” **Tim Sullivan, Louisville Courier Journal**

RETIRED RACEHORSE PROJECT ELECTS NEW CHAIR, VICE CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Carolyn Karlson, Ph. D., has been elected as chair of the Retired Racehorse Project’s Board of Directors and Sue Smith has been elected vice chair. Also elected to the board were Graham and Anita Motion.

A resident of Saratoga, Karlson is a longtime racehorse owner, owning horses both in partnership with Bourbon Lane Stable and independently. She is the founder and owner of Starting Gate College Consulting, which helps students and their families navigate the college application and transition process.

Smith, a graduate of Mount Holyoke, is the executive director for Canter Pennsylvania and has a professional background in commercial and industrial real estate.

Grade I-winning trainer Graham Motion and his wife, Anita, were also voted in as board members and will begin serving their term in 2019.

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OAKLAWN GETS A NEW NAME

Oaklawn Racing & Gaming will now be known as Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort. As a full-service casino, Oaklawn will begin offering live craps, live blackjack, and continue offering popular slot games Monday, Apr. 1. It will be adding sports betting in the coming weeks.

“There has never been a more exciting time in Oaklawn’s history than right now,” Oaklawn’s President Louis Cella said. “We are already reaping the benefits of racing all the way through May 4 with amazing crowds and world-class racing. We couldn’t be more thrilled about our future as we continue to elevate Thoroughbred racing and strengthen regional tourism in Hot Springs and Arkansas.”

Oaklawn announced a \$100-million expansion last November and will begin construction in early May. This expansion includes 28,000 square feet of additional gaming space that will open prior to the 2020 live racing season. The expansion also includes a 200-room luxury hotel with pool, spa and fitness center, a 14,000 square foot, multi-purpose entertainment center to open prior to the 2021 racing season along with additional dining options, and more.

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NEW VOCATIONS AND NAPRAVNIK TO OPEN SATELLITE FACILITY IN LOUISIANA

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program will be opening a satellite facility in Covington, Louisiana. The new facility will focus solely on taking in horses retiring from one of the four Louisiana racetracks as well as training centers and farms within the state.

Last November former jockey Rosie Napravnik initiated talks with both New Vocations and the Louisiana HBPA, expressing her concern for the need to create more aftercare options for retired racehorses in the state. Those talks lead to what will now be the New Vocations Louisiana facility located at the Equi-Best Equestrian Center.

“It was clear that Louisiana needed help with Thoroughbred aftercare and I knew there had to be a way that I could assist,” Napravnik said. “We are excited to offer the horseman in Louisiana another alternative for their horses when they are finished racing!”

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INTRICATELY (IRE), 5, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Inner Realm (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

Foal born Jan. 30, a colt by Dubawi (Ire).

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Boarded in England.

Will be bred back to Dubawi (Ire).

Accomplishments: G1SW, \$272,765.

PRIVATE GIFT, 17, Unbridled--Private Status, by Alydar

Foal born Mar. 3, a filly by Honor Code.

Owned by/boarded at Mt. Brilliant.

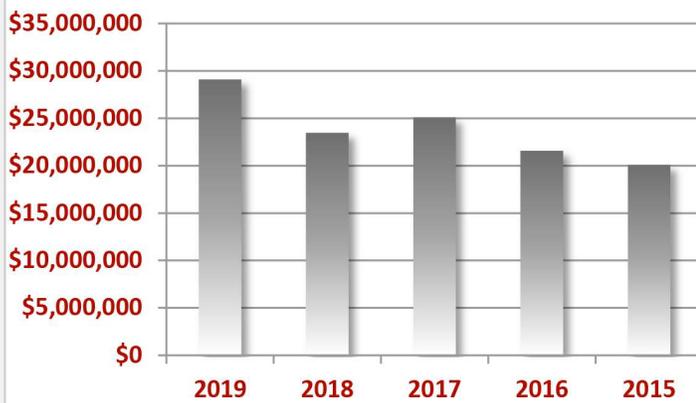
Will be bred back to West Coast.

Accomplishments: SW, \$212,248; dam of Secret Someone (A.P. Indy), MSW & GSP, \$409,301.



WEEKLY SALES INDEX

FASIG-TIPTON GULFSTREAM SALE



“Led by six seven-figure transactions, Wednesday’s Fasig-Tipton Florida sale produced records for gross, average, and median, proving the demand for top-level horses remains strong. But with only 31% of the catalogue selling, this was clearly a sale where buyers were only interested in the top of those top-level horses.”

-Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	187	100	59	46.5%	59%	31.6%	\$29,115,000	\$493,475
2018	165	91	61	55.2%	67%	37%	\$23,495,000	\$385,164
2017	162	87	74	46.3%	85.1%	45.7%	\$25,115,000	\$339,392
2016	154	96	66	37.7%	68.8%	42.9%	\$21,590,000	\$327,121
2015	175	132	89	24.6%	67.4%	50.9%	\$20,095,500	\$225,792



Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SAN LUIS REY S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Epical	Uncle Mo	D P Racing LLC	Cassidy	Baze	2-1
2	Risky Proposition 🐾	Bodemeister	Acker, Tom, Becker, Barry & Judith, Bloom, Michael, Lindo, Jon & Wafer, Jr., Thomas J.	Spawr	Van Dyke	5-1
3	Unapologetic 🐾	Temple City	Acker, Tom, Allen Racing LLC, Bloom, Michael & Lindo, Jon	Spawr	Franco	8-1
4	Beach View 🐾	Giant's Causeway	Levy Racing	Powell	Bejarano	5-2
5	Marckie's Water	Tribal Rule	Little Red Feather Racing & Tavares, Norman	Baltas	Gutierrez	8-1
6	Ashleyluvssugar	Game Plan	Alesia, Sharon, Bran Jam Stable & Ciaglia Racing	Eurton	Desormeaux	5-2

Breeders: 1-Jamm, Ltd., 2-Glencrest Farm LLC, 3-Darrell Brown & Lendy Brown, 4-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin, 6-Estate of Alesia, BranJam Stables &Ciaglia Racing, LLC

Friday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT

APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Cowboy's Hero 🐾	Cowboy Cal	Northwest Stud Stables	Castillo	Lugo	20-1
2	Dr. Edgar	Lookin At Lucky	Canzone, Sr., Peter J. & Eloise	Tagg	Leparoux	10-1
3	Holiday Stone 🐾	Harlan's Holiday	Hill, Jim & Susan	Weaver	Saez	6-1
4	Hawkish	Artie Schiller	AJ Suited Racing Stable & LaPenta, Robert V.	Toner	Ortiz, Jr.	2-1
5	Krampus	Shakespeare	William C. Schettine	Mott	Velazquez	4-1
6	Uncle B	Zensational	David Caprio	Kurtinecz	Rendon	10-1
7	Vici	War Front	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	15-1
8	Uno Emayo	D' Funnybone	Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC	Kurtinecz	Hernandez	20-1
9	Doctor Mounty 🐾	Street Sense	Pratt, Larry and Alden, Dave	McGaughey III	Castellano	3-1

Breeders: 1-Barronstown Stud, 2-Frederick M. Allor & Michael T. Barnett, 3-Nesco II Limited, 4-AJ Suited, LLC, 5-William C. Schettine, 6-Andy Reynolds, 7-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 8-Glasscock Financial Services, LLC, 9-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey

Friday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:08 p.m. EDT

ORCHID S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Maroubra (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Manganaro Bloodstock & West Point Thoroughbreds	DeVaux	Leparoux	12-1
2	A. A. Azula's Arch 🐾	Arch	A & A Farms	Attard	Castellano	20-1
3	Giant Zinger	Giant's Causeway	Team Penney Racing	Mott	Hernandez, Jr.	10-1
4	Cha Cha Heels	Mission Impazible	Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC	Kurtinecz	Rendon	30-1
5	Homeland Security 🐾	Smart Strike	Moyglare Stud Farm	Clement	Velazquez	6-1
6	Shezaprado 🐾	Paddy O'Prado	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Maker	Hernandez	20-1
7	Ickymasho (GB)	Multiplex (GB)	Triton Stable	Attfield	Saez	9-2
8	Kallio 🐾	Scat Daddy	Madaket Stables LLC, Cambron, Tim, Cambron, Anna and Bradley Thoroughbreds	Walsh	Gaffalione	6-1
9	Santa Monica (GB) 🐾	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	K R Japan	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	1-1

Breeders: 1-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd, 2-Fox Hill Farms, 3-Gallagher's Stud, 4-Burleson Farm, 5-Reiko Baum & Michael Baum, 6-Paradox Farm, Inc. & D. Andrews, 7-Allseasons Bloodstock, 8-Nolan Creek Farm, 9-D. J. Erwin Bloodstock

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**XPRESSBET FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hidden Scroll	Hard Spun	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Castellano	122
2	Current 🐾	Curlin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Robert V. LaPenta & Dixiana Farms LLC	Pletcher	Franco	122
3	Harvey Wallbanger	Congrats	Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables, Nehoc Stables, Scott K. Akman, Paul Braverman, Magdalena Racing & David A. Bensen, LLC.	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
4	Bourbon War 🐾	Tapit	Bourbon Lane Stable & Lake Star Stable	Hennig	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Everfast 🐾	Take Charge Indy	Calumet Farm	Romans	Landeros	122
6	Hard Belle 🐾	Hard Spun	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Batista	122
7	Maximum Security	New Year's Day	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Saez	122
8	Bodexpress 🐾	Bodemeister	Top Racing, Global T'bred & GDS Racing Stable	Delgado	Juarez	122
9	Code of Honor 🐾	Noble Mission (GB)	W.S. Farish	McGaughey III	Velazquez	122
10	Union's Destiny	Union Rags	Los Samanes LLC	Avila	Reyes	122
11	Garter and Tie	Brooks 'n Down	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Sanchez	122

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 2-Hinkle Farms, 3-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 4-Conquest Stables, LLC, 5-Extern Developments, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 8-Martha Jane Mulholland, 9-W. S. Farish, 10-CESA Farm, 11-Jacks or Better Farm Inc.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**FRANK E. KILROE MILE S.-GI, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hunt (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Michael House	D'Amato	Blanc	120
2	Ohio (Brz)	Elusive Quality	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Bruce Treitman	McCarthy	Fuentes	120
3	Desert Stone (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Zayat Stables, LLC	Baltas	Franco	120
4	Catapult 🐾	Kitten's Joy	Woodford Racing, LLC	Sadler	Van Dyke	122
5	Next Shares 🐾	Archarcharch	Michael & Jules Iavarone Jerry McClanahan, Christopher T. Dunn, William Marasa, Ritchie Robershaw & Mark Taylor	Baltas	Desormeaux	124
6	River Boyne (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Bejarano	122

Breeders: 1-Michael O'Callaghan, 2-Fazenda Mondesir, 3-Arkle Bloodstock, 4-Breffni Farm, 5-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 6-Limestone & Tara Studs

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT**BEHOLDER MILE S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Secret Spice 🐾	Discreet Cat	Little Red Feather Racing	Baltas	Franco	121
2	Selcourt	Tiz Wonderful	Medallion Racing and Abrahams, Keith	Sadler	Baze	121
3	Paradise Woods	Union Rags	Steven Sarkowsky & Martin J. & Pam Wygod	Shirreffs	Roman	121
4	Exuberance	Archarcharch	Seltzer Thoroughbreds	Kruljac	Espinoza	121
5	Marley's Freedom 🐾	Blame	Cicero Farms, LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	121
6	Just a Smidge 🐾	Into Mischief	Debbie Lanni	Baffert	Espinoza	121
7	Mopotism 🐾	Uncle Mo	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	121

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Keith Abrahams, 3-Herman Sarkowsky, 4-Lakland Farm, 5-Jack Swain III, 6-Carolyn R. Vogel, 7-Frank T Batten

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 1:00 p.m. EDT**GULFSTREAM PARK MILE S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tale of Silence	Tale of the Cat	Charles E. Fipke	Tagg	Franco	118
2	Millionaire Runner 🐾	Warrior's Reward	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Reyes	118
3	Be Gone Daddy 🐾	Scat Daddy	Crossed Sabres Farm LLC	Vitali	Saez	118

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4	Prince Lucky	Corinthian	Daniel McConnell	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
5	All Golden 🐾	Alternation	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC	Mejia	Meneses	118
6	Guy Caballero 🐾	Quality Road	Steven T. Duffield	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Charles Fipke, 2-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson), 3-Huntington Stud Farm Corp., 4-Daniel W. McConnell Sr., 5-Albert Bell & Joyce Bell, 6-Sean & Dorothy Fitzhenry

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:00 p.m. EDT**GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Safta	Dialed In	Nice Guys Stables, Hornstock, Del Russo & Bick	Magner	Franco	122
2	Shacklette	Shackleford	Jones, Jr., Frank L. and Delony, Nancy	Romans	Juarez	122
3	Point of Honor 🐾	Curlin	Stetson Racing, LLC	Weaver	Castellano	122
4	Bella Ciao 🐾	Flatter	Magic Stables LLC	Sano	Saez	122
5	Champagne Anyone 🐾	Street Sense	Six Column Stables, LLC and Bloch, Randall L.	Wilkes	Landeros	122
6	Dunbar Road 🐾	Quality Road	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Cookie Dough	Brethren	Arindel	Gold	Sanchez	122

Breeders: 1-Tony Lacy & Kathie Maybee, 2-Nancy Delony, 3-Siena Farms LLC, 4-Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Jeffery J. Drown, 7-Arindel

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**PAN AMERICAN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Focus Group 🐾	Kitten's Joy	Klaravich Stables, Inc. & William H. Lawrence	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Melmich	Wilko	Stephen Chesney & Cory S. Hoffman	Attard	Castellano	120
3	Village King (Arg)	Campanologist	Angels of Catalina, Inc.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
4	Canessar (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Guy Pariente	Delacour	Lynch	120
5	Nessy	Flower Alley	Sierra Farm	Wilkes	Leparoux	118
6	Highland Sky	Sky Mesa	Joyce B. Young & Gerald & Jerrie Stewart McManis	Tagg	Franco	120
7	Salute the Colonel	Colonel John	Patricia A. Generazio	Orseno	Saez	118
8	Soglio 🐾	Scat Daddy	Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey	Maker	Hernandez	118
9	Bigger Picture	Badge of Silver	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	124

Breeders: 1-Dixiana Farms LLC, 2-Andrew Stronach, 3-Santa Maria de Araras, 4-Haras De S.A. Aga Khan SCEA, 5-Sierra Farm, 6-Bonner Young, 7-Patricia Generazio, 8-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 9-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**SAN CARLOS S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kanthaka	Jimmy Creed	West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Bejarano	123
2	Ax Man	Misremembered	Patti & Hal J. Earnhardt III	Baffert	Van Dyke	121
3	Touching Rainbows	Aragorn (Ire)	KM Racing Enterprise, Inc., Madaket Stables LLC & Slam Dunk Racing	D'Amato	Pereira	121
4	St. Joe Bay	Saint Anddan	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	121
5	Zatter 🐾	Midnight Lute	Zayat Stables, LLC	Baffert	Franco	121
6	Dr. Dorr	Lookin At Lucky	Natalie J. Baffert	Baffert	Baze	123
7	Solid Wager	Birdonthewire	Gary & Cecil Barber & Stanford Stable	Miller	Pedroza	121

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 2-Hal J. Earnhardt, 3-Esembee Inc., 4-Bonnie Heath Farm, LLC, 5-Sean Speck & Barbara Speck, 6-Madeline Auerbach, Mr. Jack Klugman & Bob Baffert, 7-Madera Thoroughbreds LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SANTA ANA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stradella Road	Elusive Quality	Bo Hirsch, LLC	Stute	Franco	120
2	Streak of Luck	Old Fashioned	Roncelli Family Trust	Chew	Baze	122
3	Lynne's Legacy	Unusual Heat	Maureen Richardson, Ritchie Robershaw & Steve Rothblum	O'Neill	Quinonez	122
4	Poster Girl (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Victor Racing & Peter Jeong	Chew	Roman	120
5	India Mantuana 	Wilburn	Richard A. Bell	Bell, II	Desormeaux	124
6	Elysea's World (Ire) 	Champs Elysees (GB)	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Christopher T. Dunn & Jerry McClanahan	Baltas	Van Dyke	124
7	Zaffinah (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Carava	Bejarano	120
8	Tell Me More	Quality Road	Ballena Vista Farm	Miller	Figuroa	120

Breeders: 1-Bo Hirsch LLC, 2-Roncelli Family Trust, 3-Harris Farms, 4-Mrs D. O. Joly, 5-Paul Knapper, 6-Haras D'Haspel, 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 8-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC



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Leading 2019 Sires of 2-Year-Olds

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream)

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Curlin	F10	KY	\$100,000	4	4	\$1,254,750	\$682,500
2	Tapit	F06	KY	\$300,000	4	3	\$933,333	\$600,000
3	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$125,000	2	2	\$825,000	\$825,000
4	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	3	3	\$783,333	\$900,000
5	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	14	8	\$610,625	\$442,500
6	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	3	2	\$557,500	\$557,500
7	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$45,000	16	11	\$516,818	\$350,000
8	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$100,000	4	2	\$512,500	\$512,500
9	Lemon Drop Kid	F02	KY	\$40,000	3	2	\$437,500	\$437,500
10	Blame	F12	KY	\$25,000	2	2	\$400,000	\$400,000
11	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$50,000	2	1	\$390,000	\$390,000
12	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$60,000	3	3	\$350,000	\$300,000
13	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$75,000	18	12	\$340,000	\$362,500
14	Sky Kingdom	F17	KY	\$5,000	4	3	\$335,666	\$110,000
15	Discreet Cat	F09	KY	\$7,500	2	2	\$310,000	\$310,000

Leading 2019 Freshmen Sires of 2-Year-Olds

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream)

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	\$200,000	14	8	\$610,625	\$442,500
2	Sky Kingdom	Empire Maker	KY	\$5,000	4	3	\$335,666	\$110,000
3	Tapiture	Tapit	KY	\$7,500	7	4	\$285,000	\$295,000
4	Majestic City	City Zip	NY	\$3,500	1	1	\$270,000	\$270,000
5	Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	KY	\$25,000	8	6	\$261,666	\$215,000
6	The Big Beast	Yes It's True	FL	\$6,000	7	7	\$226,000	\$95,000
7	Constitution	Tapit	KY	\$25,000	9	7	\$220,285	\$140,000
8	Karakontie (Jpn)	Bernstein	KY	\$15,000	3	3	\$205,000	\$150,000
9	Tonalist	Tapit	KY	\$30,000	6	4	\$200,000	\$160,000
10	Commissioner	A.P. Indy	KY	\$7,500	6	5	\$199,000	\$145,000
11	Liam's Map	Unbridled's Song	KY	\$25,000	4	4	\$182,500	\$130,000
12	Bayern	Offlee Wild	KY	\$15,000	10	6	\$177,833	\$130,000
13	Palace Malice	Curlin	KY	\$20,000	9	8	\$175,062	\$75,000
14	Fast Anna	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$7,500	4	4	\$171,750	\$92,500
15	Summer Front	War Front	KY	\$10,000	3	1	\$130,000	\$130,000

Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by Cumulative Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, March 27

Earnings and Black-type represents North American/European figures & stud fees are for 2019

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i>	13	21	8	13	4	7	232	133	\$777,890 <i>Paradise Woods</i>	\$12,514,944
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>
2	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front</i>	13	32	3	9	1	3	257	169	\$758,107 <i>Bound for Nowhere</i>	\$12,220,565
											<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>
3	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i>	8	20	3	8	--	2	156	99	\$4,361,800 <i>Gunnevera</i>	\$11,864,143
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
4	Bodemeister <i>(2009) by Empire Maker</i>	11	24	4	7	1	3	259	147	\$2,415,860 <i>Always Dreaming</i>	\$11,824,017
											<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
5	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit</i>	5	15	3	9	1	2	197	129	\$2,954,750 <i>Monomoy Girl</i>	\$10,671,700
											<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>
6	Shackleford <i>(2008) by Forestry</i>	6	20	4	8	1	1	224	138	\$1,020,280 <i>Promises Fulfilled</i>	\$10,573,890
											<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>
7	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini</i>	6	15	2	5	1	1	174	126	\$777,280 <i>Coal Front</i>	\$9,693,136
											<i>Stands: Lovacres Ranch CA Fee: \$6,000</i>
8	Creative Cause <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	11	20	4	6	1	1	176	114	\$887,000 <i>Pavel</i>	\$9,692,394
											<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>
9	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow</i>	6	22	2	4	1	1	202	131	\$291,503 <i>Yellow Agate</i>	\$8,536,205
											<i>Stands: Arcadiana Equine LA Fee: \$4,500</i>
10	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i>	10	25	3	5	2	2	136	94	\$1,125,200 <i>Cloud Computing</i>	\$7,951,787
											<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>
11	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini</i>	7	16	2	3	--	--	139	110	\$579,785 <i>Recruiting Ready</i>	\$7,112,632
											<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>
12	Mission Impazible <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song</i>	5	11	1	1	--	--	107	67	\$290,326 <i>Pure Silver</i>	\$5,636,209
											<i>Stands: Sequel New York NY Fee: \$7,500</i>
13	Astrology <i>(2008) by A.P. Indy</i>	4	9	1	1	--	--	139	89	\$302,790 <i>Clairvoyant Lady</i>	\$5,300,675
											<i>Stands: Acadiana at Copper Crowne LA Fee: \$4,000</i>
14	Get Stormy <i>(2006) by Stormy Atlantic</i>	6	8	4	6	--	--	139	71	\$661,288 <i>Fifty Five</i>	\$4,785,837
											<i>Stands: Crestwood Farm KY Fee: \$6,500</i>
15	Star Guitar <i>(2005) by Quiet American</i>	8	13	--	1	--	1	86	58	\$428,580 <i>Givemeaminut</i>	\$4,407,473
											<i>Stands: Clear Creek Stud LA Fee: \$7,500</i>

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Bridlewood Cat in the ring at Keeneland September | Keeneland

by Joe Bianca

6th-TAM, \$27K, Msw, 3yo, 1m 40y, 3:27 EST

Bridlewood Farm went to \$750,000 at Keeneland September to secure **BRIDLEWOOD CAT (Street Sense)**, a half-sister to 2016 GI Spinaway S. heroine Sweet Loretta (Tapit). Her stakes-placed dam is also a half to Canadian champion and GISW Spring in the Air (Spring At Last), with MGSW Tejano Run (Tejano) residing further down the page. Trained by Jonathan Thomas, the bay has shown speed in several Gulfstream workouts, most notably a half-mile breeze in :48 flat (4/70) Mar. 3. Edwin Anthony's **Skep (Bodemeister)** is bred to be a runner and sold for \$200,000 at OBS April after working a quarter-mile in :21 2/5. The first foal out of her dam, she counts as her second dam 2009 GI Darley Debutante S. heroine Mi Sueno (Pulpit), while her third dam is the brilliantly fast 2004 GI Ashland S. winner Madcap Escapade (Hennessy). **TJCIS PPs**

5th-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 6:00 PM EST

In a rarity this late in the season, a field of only first-time starters will line up as racing returns to Santa Anita Friday, with 10 colts and geldings set to open their accounts. Headlining the group is OXO Equine's \$750,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy **OGGONIS (Animal Kingdom)**, previously scratched out of a similar spot Feb. 14. Trained by Jerry Hollendorfer, the bay is out of a half-sister to GSW Indian Firewater (Indian Charlie) and has

had a stamina-building workout, capped by a six-furlong move over the local training track in 1:16 2/5 (2/4) Mar. 23. Bob Baffert appears to have a promising runner in Rashed Humaid Rashed's **Rafal (Alpha)**. From the first crop of his MGSW sire, the New York-bred half to New York Derby winner Force (Flatter) summoned \$150,000 at OBS April after breezing a col-bullet quarter-mile in :20 3/5. He's built on that promise with a handful of blistering workouts, most notably a :58 4/5 (1/43) five-furlong spin from the gate here Mar. 4. **TJCIS PPs**

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Friday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:06 p.m. EDT

SKIP AWAY S., \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Realm	Haynesfield	Landeros	Tagg	6-1
2 Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Hernandez Jr	Mitchell	10-1
3 Zulu	Bernardini	I Ortiz Jr	Navarro	3-1
4 Biblical	Tapit	Velazquez	Pletcher	8-1
5 Marconi	Tapit	Saez	Pletcher	6-1
6 The Scotsman	Sky Mesa	Vasquez	Gonzalez	4-1
7 Rocketry	Hard Spun	Castellano	Jerkens	5-2

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin and Nakayama Racecourses:

Sunday, March 31, 2019

2nd-HSN, ¥9,550,000 (\$86k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

AMERICAN SOLEIL (c, 3, **Tapit**--**Funny Feeling**, by **Distorted Humor**) turned in a promising effort in his lone racetrack appearance to date, finishing third in a newcomers' event over 1400m of the Tokyo turf Nov. 10 ([video](#), gate 9). A \$550K Keeneland September yearling and trying dirt for the first time, the May 2 foal is out of a stakes-winning full-sister to GISW Jimmy Creed whose son Gato Del Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) was third in the GIII Oklahoma Derby in 2017. His Grade I-winning second dam Hookedonthefeelin (Citidancer) is also responsible for treble GISW Pussycat Doll (Real Quiet), while two-time GISW Midnight Lucky (Midnight Lute) appears under the third dam. *B-S-B 2919 J.V. No. 2 & Summer Wind Equine (KY)*

6th-NAK, ¥13,720,000 (\$124k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600mT

JASPER JACK (c, 3, **Declaration of War**--**Crescent Moon**, by **Seeking the Gold**) got his career off on a winning note, scoring on his September debut ([video](#), gate 15) and drops out of listed stakes company and drops in trip for this test. A \$175K KEESEP yearling, the bay is out of a daughter of MGSW Wandering Star (Red Ransom), dam of G1SW War Command (War Front) and GSW Naval Officer (Tale of the Cat). *B-Camas Park Stud (KY)*

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Alpha (Bernardini), Darley/Sequel, \$8,500

95 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, RAFAL, 8-5
\$18,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 5fT, HAY FLO, 4-1
\$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$375,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Cajun Breeze (Congrats), Stonehedge Farm South
23 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, CAJUN FIRECRACKER, 9-2

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$12,500
162 foals of racing age/25 winners/5 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, TRAFFIC CONTROL, 30-1

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
187 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 1m, CONTAGION, 3-1
\$85,000 KEE JAN yrl; \$90,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
256 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, BANO SOLO, 4-1
\$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$400,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Guilt Trip (Pulpit), Red River Farms, \$2,500
67 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, GOBLER, 30-1
\$3,000 ESL MIX yrl

Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$4,000
95 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, AND I KNOW, 20-1

Magician (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Corlay, \$12,500
127 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Msw 1m, MAGIC FINNISH, 10-1

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, \$2,500
57 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5fT, TIA AURORA, 20-1
\$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

Moro Tap (Tapit), Double Infinity Ranch, \$2,500
50 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5fT, DANCING AWESOME, 6-1
\$1,500 RNA TTA MIX yrl; \$2,200 HER OCT yrl; \$10,000 TTA APR 2yo
3-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5fT, MORO JOY, 20-1

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$15,000
122 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, AIR BOSS, 15-1
\$11,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$22,000 RNA OBS WIN yrl; \$35,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$105,000 OBS APR 2yo

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7th-Oaklawn, \$91,000, 3-28, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m,
 1:44.29, ft.

WHISPERING SPEAKER (m, 5, Proud Citizen--Whispertoascream {MSP, \$275,496}, by Honor Grades) Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-4, \$172,231. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Frank Di Giulio (ON); T-Norman McKnight.

8th-Oaklawn, \$91,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-28,
 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.43, ft.

HIGHLAND LASS (f, 4, Quality Road--Stockings, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$120,100. O-Franklin Ave Equine, LLC & Tri-Star Racing, LLC; B-Michael Talla (KY); T-Jason Barkley. *\$35,000 3yo '18 KEENOV.



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5th-Gulfstream, \$44,060, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-28,
 4yo/up, 5f (off turf), :57.91, wf.

MACHO BLUE (g, 4, Crown of Thorns--Blue Katana, by Formal Dinner) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$64,300. O-Robert J. Amendola; B-D. W. Frazier (FL); T-Jose A. Gallegos. *\$14,000

Wlg '15 OBSOCT; \$8,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$50,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Crafty Blue Kat (Crafty Shaw), MSW, \$174,048.

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9th-Gulfstream, \$43,560, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-28,
 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37.90, my.

BEACH WALTZ (f, 4, Treasure Beach {GB}--Kitten's Dancer {SP}, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-2-2, \$133,529. O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

3rd-Charles Town, \$24,500, 3-27, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f,
 1:25.29, ft.

LAST TRUE LOVE (f, 4, Yes It's True--Ghost of Love, by Silver Ghost) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-4-0, \$125,620. O/B-Dr. Stephen G. & Debbie Jackson (KY); T-Flint W. Stites.

5th-Charles Town, \$24,500, (S), 3-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f,
 :52.39, ft.

CASTLE FIVE (g, 4, Windsor Castle--High Five Gal {SP, \$113,540}, by High Brite) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-3, \$69,233. O-William R. Lewis, Jr. & Maxine S. Wratchford; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-William R. Lewis, Jr.

7th-Charles Town, \$24,000, (S), 3-27, (NW3L), 3yo, 6 1/2f,
 1:19.81, ft.

BOASTER (c, 3, Creative Cause--Kvell, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$38,745. O-Huntertown Farm LLC; B-Heinz Joseph Steinmann (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sun Summers, f, 3, **Broken Vow**--High Speed Access (SW, \$157,115), by Kingmambo. Gulfstream, 3-28, (C), 1mT, 1:36.16. B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (FL). *\$31,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Matapan, f, 3, **Majesticperfection**--Kombat Lake, by Meadowlake. Oaklawn, 3-28, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.78. B-McDowell Farm (AR). *\$37,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$70,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Catholic Cowboy (Heatseeker {Ire}), MSP, \$488,171; and Ode to Sami (Lion Heart), SP, \$276,060.

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Warrior Empress, f, 3, **Midshipman**--Silver Empire, by Pioneerof the Nile. Gulfstream, 3-28, (C), 7f, 1:24.49. B-Gus Gus King Stables (TN).

Gentle Ruler, f, 4, **Colonel John**--Winikins, by Cozzene. Gulfstream, 3-28, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.95. B-Builder's Mart, Inc. (KY). *\$18,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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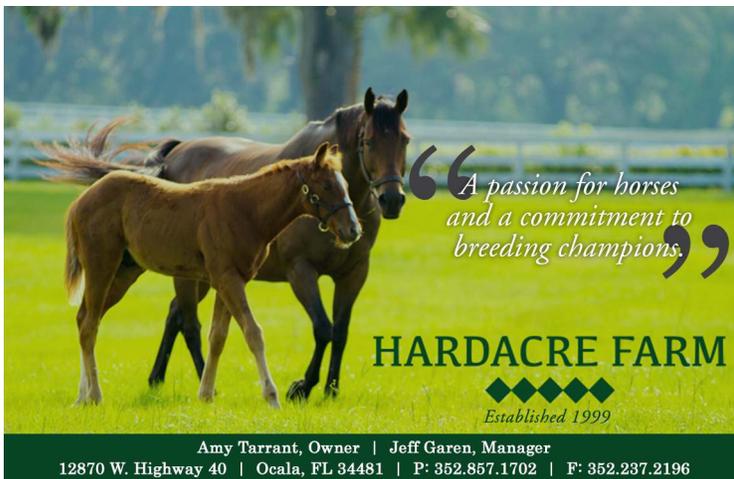
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COLONEL JOHN, Gentle Ruler, f, 4, o/o Winikins, by Cozzene. MSW, 3-28, Gulfstream
CREATIVE CAUSE, Boaster, c, 3, o/o Kvell, by More Than Ready. ALW, 3-27, Charles Town
CROWN OF THORNS, Macho Blue, g, 4, o/o Blue Katana, by Formal Dinner. AOC, 3-28, Gulfstream
MAJESTICPERFECTION, Matapan, f, 3, o/o Kombat Lake, by Meadowlake. MCL, 3-28, Oaklawn
MIDSHIPMAN, Warrior Empress, f, 3, o/o Silver Empire, by Pioneerof the Nile. MCL, 3-28, Gulfstream
PROUD CITIZEN, Whispering Speaker, m, 5, o/o Whispertoascream, by Honor Grades. ALW, 3-28, Oaklawn
QUALITY ROAD, Highland Lass, f, 4, o/o Stockings, by Hennessy. AOC, 3-28, Oaklawn
TREASURE BEACH (GB), Beach Waltz, f, 4, o/o Kitten's Dancer, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 3-28, Gulfstream
WINDSOR CASTLE, Castle Five, g, 4, o/o High Five Gal, by High Brite. ALW, 3-27, Charles Town
YES IT'S TRUE, Last True Love, f, 4, o/o Ghost of Love, by Silver Ghost. ALW, 3-27, Charles Town



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FIRST-SEASON SIRE PREDICTIONS



Muhaarar had excellent results at the yearling sales | *Shadwell*

Op/Ed by Kevin Blake

The bloodstock business never fails to amaze. Despite so few new sires ultimately becoming commercial successes, it is remarkable to witness the untethered enthusiasm, excitement and speculation which greets each new batch of new and unproven stallions that retire to the breeding shed every year. Despite the relatively unattractive odds involved, the majority of players in the game dream of being on the right side of the next successful sire and are willing to back their judgement and support these unproven sires in the hope of striking gold.

Thus, with the first runners of the latest bunch of new sires about to hit the racecourse, now is as good a time as any to search for statistical hints as to what might prove to be the pick of the new sires based in Great Britain and Ireland.

One thing that must be said is that it is a competitive year for sires with their first runners in 2019. There are 17 stallions based in Great Britain and Ireland that have 75 or more 2-year-olds to represent them. For the sake of comparison, there were 14 such stallions in 2018, 10 in 2017, 13 in 2016 and eight in 2015. Also worth noting is that there is more depth in the upper end of the market than is often the case, with six individual stallions having covered their first crop at a published fee of €20,000 or higher. [Cont. p2](#)

GIBSON MOUNTS DOUBLE ATTACK

By Emma Berry

DUBAI, UAE--The most striking element of the Dubai World Cup meeting has always been its global pull. The international flavour of the meeting is perhaps perfectly embodied by Richard Gibson, the Englishman who cut his teeth in the competitive training ranks of Chantilly before moving seven years ago into the even more challenging territory of Hong Kong.

At 49, he's been around the world and back with stable flag-bearers from both bases and has arrived in Dubai ready to launch a two-pronged attack on the world's richest race day. Of course, for Hong Kong racehorse owners, the prize-money lure is not nearly so compelling as for those from elsewhere, but the draw of victory on a major international stage remains strong for Gibson. "I'm comfortable now in my career in travelling horses. We've been doing it for a number of years, but with the Hong Kong racing system we don't get the opportunities to travel because there's so much prize-money at home that there's little incentive to travel," says Gibson, whose earlier forays from his time in France included back-to-back wins in the G1 Hong Kong Vase with a horse still making headlines via his offspring. [Cont. p3](#)



The Richard Gibson-trained Wishful Thinker | *Mathea Kelley*

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First-Season Sire Predictions cont. from p1

The method used to assess the prospects of the first runners of various stallions is an interesting subject. As always in the bloodstock world, there will be no shortage of subjective opinion based on what observers have seen with their own eyes at the sales and on the gallops, but this piece will seek to make a statistics-based assessment. While statistics

based on yearling sales results are far from cast iron given the potential for some of the results to not be quite as they seem, there is always plenty of interesting information to be extracted from the results.

The chosen method of assessment in this piece is to express the average and more significantly the median price achieved by a sire's progeny at the yearling sales in relation to their sire's nomination fee. This can give an idea of how they performed in the context of the expectation implied by their nomination fee. However, that methodology undoubtedly favours sires with lower nomination fees, so it is fairer to all to include a set figure to account for the costs up to the point of sale as a yearling.

As has been discussed in previous sales analysis pieces, what this figure should be is a subject of great debate given the differing circumstances of the horses that sell at yearling sales. Based on feedback from industry figures over the years, the number I have decided to use this year to best reflect an industry-wide average is 10,000gns.

It is also worth noting that when I converted the 2016 nomination fees of Irish-based stallions from Euro to Guineas for ease of comparison, I used the average exchange rate from Oct. 1, 2016 to Mar. 1, 2017 (87p to €1) in an effort to best reflect the cost to the breeder at the average time of payment.

With all that in mind, statistical analysis of this nature will never be fully reflective of the situation, but it can certainly help to cut through the bluster and give a good indication of how the market really received the first yearlings of these new sires.

So, what do the numbers say?

As can clearly be seen, **Muhaarar (GB)** (Shadwell) was the stand-out performer in this analysis. The best-ever son of Oasis Dream was in incredibly high demand when he retired to stud at a fee of £30,000 after his exceptional sprinting campaign as a 3-year-old that saw him win four Group 1 races. The commercial breeders that were fortunate enough to get a mare into him were very well rewarded at the yearling sales. Indeed, his 'median as a multiple of stud fee plus costs' figure is the highest recorded by any first-season sire since I started analysing them in this style.

There were many individual highlights amongst his yearling sale results. Shadwell bought five of his offspring themselves, including three of his five most expensive lots. These included the most expensive Muhaarar yearling sold thus far, a half-sister to the Group 1-winning Fairyland (Ire) that realised 925,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1. They also signed for a colt out of Alexander Goldrun (Ire) that realised 500,000gns and a half-brother to Washington DC (Ire) for 350,000gns at the same sale, as well as a filly out of Group 1-placed Beach Bunny (Ire) that cost €500,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale.

Sire	2016 Fee	Fee (Gns) + 10,000 gns		Live Yearlings		Average (Gns)	Median (Gns)	Average as Multiple of Stud Fee + Costs	Median as Multiple of Stud Fee + Costs
		Costs		Foals	Sold				
Muhaarar	£30,000	38571		105	56	169196	100000	4.39	2.59
Golden Horn	£60,000	67143		97	35	143886	130000	2.14	1.94
Brazen Beau	£10,000	19524		78	46	36304	31000	1.86	1.59
Gleneagles	€60,000	59714		109	53	117736	82000	1.97	1.37
Hot Streak	£7,000	16667		80	52	40436	20000	2.43	1.20
Gutaifan	€ 12,500	20357		164	113	41394	24000	2.03	1.18
Night Of Thunder	€30,000	34857		103	55	62136	40000	1.78	1.15
Make Believe	€20,000	26571		88	49	41949	30000	1.58	1.13
Free Eagle	€ 20,000	26571		86	44	50352	25000	1.89	0.94
Ivawood	€6,000	14971		100	48	18933	14000	1.26	0.94
Outstrip	£5,000	14761		106	60	18418	12500	1.25	0.85
Fountain Of Youth	£5,000	14761		71	38	14168	10000	0.96	0.68
Anjaal	€5,000	14143		149	73	14010	9000	0.99	0.64
Cable Bay	£6,500	16190		113	58	20024	9250	1.24	0.57
Due Diligence	£6,500	16190		83	49	14745	9000	0.91	0.56
Fulbright	€4,000	13314		37	14	8929	7250	0.67	0.54
Kingston Hill	€ 6,000	14971		93	34	14297	7000	0.95	0.47
Telescope	£3,000	12857		100	17	7471	6000	0.58	0.47
Cappella Sansevero	€ 4,500	13729		60	18	21872	6000	1.59	0.44
Hallowed Crown	€ 7,000	15800		77	39	15477	6500	0.98	0.41
French Navy	€ 4,000	13314		43	18	5661	4500	0.43	0.34

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First-Season Sire Predictions cont.

Other notable members of his first crop that sold at Tattersalls October Book 1 are a half-sister to Breton Rock (Ire) that was bought by Blandford Bloodstock for 500,000gns and a half-sister to Libranno (GB) that cost Canary Bloodstock 425,000gns. With eight other yearlings being sold for €250,000 or more, it really was a sensational set of results for a sire that has stood for no more than €30,000 in all of his seasons at stud to date.

With Muhaarar having been precocious enough to make a winning debut in May of his own 2-year-old season, we are unlikely to have to wait too long to see the first of his offspring on the track. With him having over 100 2-year-olds to represent him this year, he is without doubt a worthy favourite for the title of champion first-season sire.

The leader of the chasing pack is **Golden Horn (GB)** (Dalham Hall), who was the most expensive first-season sire of this group with a covering fee of €60,000. While being a son of Cape Cross (Ire) that stayed well enough to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as a 3-year-old suggests that his progeny are likely to take time to mature, the market greeted his first yearlings with more than enough enthusiasm to suggest they will be worth the wait.

A colt out of the listed winner Astonishing (Ire) that was bought for 550,000gns by BBA Ireland at Tattersalls October Book 1 was the pick of his sale results. In total, he had no fewer than 14 yearlings that changed hands for €200,000 or more.

While there wasn't a stand-out performer amongst the sires that stood at the lower half of the nomination fee table, **Brazen Beau (Aus)** (Dalham Hall), **Hot Streak (Ire)** (Tweenhills) and **Gutaifan (Ire)** (Yeomanstown) all emerged from the analysis with positive returns. It is also worth noting that while Gutaifan is lower down the table than those other two sires, the fact that he achieved his numbers from more than double the number of yearlings sold than them gives his figures more solidity.

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Gibson Mounts Double Attack cont. from p1

Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), now the sire of celebrated jumpers La Bague Au Roi (Fr), Sharjah (Fr) and Sceau Royal (Fr), not to mention the classy Flat fillies Golden Legend (Fr) and Physiocrate (Fr), netted almost £2-million in earnings during a globetrotting career which included not only his twin Sha Tin triumphs but also victory in the GI Man O'War S. at Belmont Park. Of equal importance to his young trainer was the fact that it made his name instantly recognisable to Hong Kong's racing cognoscenti when the time came to take up residence at Sha Tin himself.

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Doctor Dino was also the first horse Gibson brought to Dubai, back in the old days of Nad Al Sheba, with the stallion finishing third in the 2008 G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.

"We also came here with Akeed Mofeed (GB), who could have run better in the Dubai World Cup, so it's great to be back here again with a couple of international performers," he says.

The two horses currently under his care at Meydan have been plucked from each hemisphere. **Gold Mount (GB)** (Excellent Art {GB}) knows a thing or two about performing on the big stage having won the King George V S. at Royal Ascot in 2016 when trained by Alan King and known by the name of Primitivo. He was also notable for being the first major Flat winner for erstwhile jump jockey Willie Twiston-Davies.



Richard Gibson at Meydan | Emma Berry

Since then the Pan Sutong-owned 6-year-old has become a reliable Hong Kong campaigner and joined Gibson's stable for the start of the current season. His new trainer believes a step up in distance for the G2 Dubai Gold Cup should be well within his capabilities and, depending on the outcome of tomorrow's race, could pave the way for more international outings.

"It's the same old adage, one race at a time," he says. "The reason that he's travelling is simple, and that's because we don't have staying races in Hong Kong and there isn't a 2400-metre race for him for another two months. The horse needs a minimum of 2400 metres. Ryan [Moore] rode him only a month ago in Hong Kong and we were really pleased with the way the horse ran. We know that he's crying out for a longer distance and I'd already entered him here in the Sheema Classic but Ryan was keen to try further and luckily so was the owner, who has agreed to roll the dice.



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Gibson Mounts Double Attack cont.

"I think if he was trained in Europe he would already be very comfortable over the distance."

The same owner and trainer combination has already come excruciatingly close to Group 1 success overseas with Gold Fun (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}), who was beaten a neck by Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot in 2016. Should Gold Mount prevail over a competitive field for the Dubai Gold Cup, he will qualify for a tilt at the Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million, meaning that a return to Royal Ascot for the Gold Cup may prove tempting for his connections.



Richard Gibson watches over Gold Mount and Wishful Thinker at Meydan | Emma Berry

At the opposite end of the distance spectrum and from the other side of the world hails **Wishful Thinker (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), who is something of a rising star of the Hong Kong sprinting ranks and joined Gibson just over a year ago having started off in his native Australia in the Melbourne stable of Mick Price. The 5-year-old will jump from stall 13 in the 13-runner field for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, headed, on paper at least, by Godolphin's proven Group 1 performer Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal).

"Wishful Thinker is drawn stands' side, which the experts tell me is good, and as long as the experts are happy so am I," Gibson says with a grin as he casts his eye down the long, green stretch of the Meydan sprint course.

"Hong Kong has been strong in this division for a number of years and Hong Kong sprinters have always performed well in Dubai. The guy we have brought is one of the up-and-coming sprinters of Hong Kong. He's won four out of five this season, which is a tough thing to do in Hong Kong.

"I brought him here as I like the idea of running on a 1200-metre straight, which again we don't have in Hong Kong. So that's why we're here and we are sacrificing a couple of group races in Hong Kong to come here. The owners of this horse are a syndicate and a good bunch of friends and they have been game to take up the challenge of travelling him. My gut feeling says that he's going to be better over a straight 1200 metres rather than a turning 1200."

From the rural north of England, not far from the border with Scotland, Gibson has found his niche in his adopted home among the skyscrapers of the Far East, his professional profile doubtless boosted by his training of the Hong Kong Cup and Hong Kong Derby winner Akeed Mofeed, Gold Fun and G1 Stewards' Cup winner Giant Treasure (Mizzen Mast) among others.

He says, "Hong Kong came up at a good time in my career. It sounds a bit of a cliché but you never stop learning and it certainly opened up my eyes to a very different format of training. Hong Kong is very Americanised in its training programme; our race programme is very sprint-orientated so it's been very interesting learning and adapting to a new system."

He adds, "I never worked with horses in England. I arrived in France at a young age and a bit by chance really I stayed there, and then luckily the Hong Kong Jockey Club came knocking at my door at the right time in my career. I was very lucky to be asked and I haven't looked back since." [\(Return to story p1\)](#)

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SHOWERS FOR BREAKFAST, BUT STARS STILL SHINE

By Emma Berry

DUBAI, UAE--Torrential showers in Dubai on Thursday morning prompted a change of plan not just for the organisers of the popular Breakfast With The Stars event, but also for John Gosden's sole contender for World Cup night, **Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who remained on the Tapeta training track instead of heading to Meydan's turf track.

Tanya Gunther arrived at the track in time to see the colt she bred with her father John take an easy spin around under his regular rider Maurizio Varju, and she and Gosden, along with his son Thady and travelling head man Tony Proctor, seemed satisfied with the progress of the G1 St James's Palace S. winner ahead of his clash with Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in the G1 DP World Dubai Turf.

"We decided not to go on the turf because the training surface takes the rain very well," said Gosden, who has twice been successful at this meeting in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic with Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling).



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"He's been breezing at home and had a racecourse workout at Chelmsford just under a fortnight ago. Coming here without a race under the belt has worked for me in the past and it was never the plan for him to have a run. He's a horse who runs well fresh. He's taken the journey well, is eating well and looking well, so I'm very pleased with him."

Without Parole and his fellow Dubai Turf contender, the grey **Lord Glitters (Fr)** (Whipper), had the training track to themselves as most of the international raiders opted to take their turn on the main track, including the Aidan O'Brien-trained quintet, led by **Hunting Horn (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}).

Trainer David O'Meara was on hand to watch Lord Glitters in company with his owners Geoff and Nick Turnbull, who stand their GI Arlington Million winner Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) at home at Elwick Stud near Hartlepool.

"Danny [Tudhope] just got a feel of him and they went a half-mile in a strong canter," O'Meara said. "He's travelled well and I was pleased to see a bit of rain--his best form is with a bit of cut in the ground. We've got a good draw so I'm happy enough going into the race. After this, we'll look at some of the top mile races in Britain, such as the Lockinge at Newbury and Queen Anne at Royal Ascot."

The early rain had stopped by the time the duo emerged around 8 a.m., but earlier it had been a case of dodging heavy showers as lightning strikes lit up the sky over the main track as the early birds emerged in the dark from 5 a.m.

American-based Irishman Brendan Walsh, a former work rider in Dubai,

will saddle his first World Cup night runner on Saturday, and he was at Meydan to watch his G2 UAE Derby contender **Plus Que Parfait** (Point Of Entry), who will be ridden by Jose Ortiz for Imperial Racing LLC.



Tony Proctor, Thady and John Gosden and Tanya Gunther | Emma Berry



Dubai Sheema Classic contender Hunting Horn leads the Aidan O'Brien string at Meydan on Thursday morning | racingfotos.com

Showers For Breakfast, But Stars Still Shine cont.

Walsh said, "I worked here from 1997 to 2006 and the last time I was here on vacation was about 12 years ago. I always dreamed about this and it's surreal to really be here. I wanted to wait to run here until I had a horse that would acquit himself well. People keep asking me if I think I've got a chance and I wouldn't have brought him here if I didn't. I think he's got a shot."

Among the 13 opponents Plus Que Parfait will face is Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's **Jahbath (GB)**, from the first crop of Shadwell stallion Mukhadram (GB), the recent facile winner of the 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' Conditions S. at Kempton. His trainer William Haggas was on site with Sheikh Hamdan's racing team Angus Gold and Richard Hills to watch the strong colt be put through his paces by Jim Crowley.

Haggas said, "He just stretched out over the last 400 metres and Jim felt that he was going nicely. I'm quite happy with how he has been, he looked great and Jim is pleased."

Another Newmarket-based horse to have really caught the eye over the last few mornings is the seasoned traveller **Prince Of Arran (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}), who has been a picture of rude health in his daily workouts with Natasha Eaton. His trainer Charlie Fellowes has returned to Dubai after being present for his good fourth place in the G2 Dubai City Of Gold on Super Saturday.

He said of the Saeed bel Obaida-owned 6-year-old, who will renew his rivalry with Melbourne Cup winner Cross Counter (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup, "He loves it out here, he really enjoys his travelling and looks great. He had the perfect prep race on Super Saturday and we've had a smooth run since then. I'm hopeful he'll go well in what does not look as strong a renewal of the race as last year. He could have done with a stronger pace in his last race. He was outpaced to start with and then stayed on all the way to the line. The step up to 3200 metres will suit and he loves it around here. He's in a better place mentally and physically than he was 12 months ago so he should run well."

One horse who will not make his planned engagement in the G1 Golden Shaheen on Saturday is dual GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Roy H (More Than Ready), who was **ruled out by trainer Peter Miller** on Thursday with a sore foot. The 7-year-old was third in the race last year to Mind Your Biscuits (Posse).

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ROMANISED AIMING FOR LOCKINGE

Last year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Romanised (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) will kick off his 4-year-old campaign in the G3 Gladness S. at Naas on Apr. 13, with a long term goal of the G1 Lockinge S. the following month.

Romanised looks for his first win since that Classic score and just his second overall, and trainer Ken Condon said, "He's wintered nice. He's good and strong, and he's hopefully going to start in the Gladness. He'll have a Group 1 penalty to carry, but we're looking at introducing him there and getting him started off close to home--and then maybe the Lockinge after that."



Romanised | racingfotos.com

"He'll like nice ground. It's drying up here at home, but in two weeks' time it could be very soft. If it's testing I might not run him, but I want to get him started and get the season under way."

Condon is also planning to send out **Success Day (Ire)** (Jeremy) in the same card's G3 Alleged S. The now 7-year-old had an ambitious target last April when he took on Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) first-up in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S., and he trailed in last of 10. Condon said Success Days showed signs of being tired later in the campaign, but is freshened up after a winter holiday.

"He ran very well on his first start back home after his run in the Queen Elizabeth down there, but his form tailed off towards the latter end of the season," he said. "He's had a long break over the winter, and his home work is good and he's full of enthusiasm."

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LEVY BOARD BOOSTS PRIZEMONEY

The Levy Board has given British racing a one-off injection of £6.5-million in additional prizemoney for 2019, *Racing Post* reports. The intention of the added funds is to aid those affected by falling income from media rights, which is a fallout from the closure of betting shops as a result of the government’s decision to reduce the maximum bet on FOBTs.

Levy Board chairman Paul Lee told *Racing Post*, "This increase in expenditure has been possible due to our additional income from the 2017 extension of the levy to bookmakers outside Britain but also because, since 2017, the board has carefully sought to increase its reserves rather than expending all of that extra income.

"As far as the additional contribution to prizemoney is concerned, the board was very clear with racing that the £6.5-million is a one-off grant. It is intended to provide increased certainty to the recipients of prizemoney and breathing space for the sport while the scale and effects of licensed betting office closures become known during this year."

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BHA EXPANDS WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

The British Horseracing Authority has expanded its whistleblowing policy to the racing industry and the wider public. The policy was previously only available to employees of the BHA to express concerns relating to the organization’s actions or activities. The policy is available [here](#).

Catherine Beloff, Director of Legal and Governance at the BHA, said, "This update to the BHA’s whistleblowing policy is designed to protect those involved in horseracing or who come into contact with the BHA against potential wrongdoing, as was the case with the safeguarding policy launched in December.

"Whether you are a member of BHA staff, a participant or a member of the public, there is now a secure and defined method by which you can report any concerns relating to the running of the BHA or the conduct of its employees, which can also be anonymous if you wish. It is also vital that as the governing body and regulator the BHA is accountable, and this policy now allows anyone who is either involved in racing or comes into contact with the BHA at any level to report any potential concerns."

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Best Horse	Best Solution (Ire) (Kodiac {GB})
Best Jockey	Patrick Cosgrave
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People’s Choice Award	Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire})

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Friday, March 29:

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2-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1000m, GALICIANA (Fr)

Hunter's Light (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras du Logis
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2-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1000m, MARATECA (FR)
€10,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018

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BRITAIN

**Thursday's Results:**

2nd-Chelmsford City, £8,550, Alw, 3-28, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.86, st.

FOX LEICESTER (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Pop Art {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Excellent Art {GB}), runner-up over a mile on soft ground when last at the races at Redcar in October, instantly assumed control on the front. In the clear in midstraight, the 1-4 favourite was eased down late to score by three lengths from King Shamardal (GB) (Shamardal). Fox Leicester is the first runner for the dam, who proved a useful performer in Ireland for Jacqueline O'Brien and Susan Magnier at around this trip. Sold for 145,000gns at the 2014 Tattersalls December Mares Sale, the relative of the G2 Great Voltigeur-winning sire Sacramento (GB) has a 2-year-old colt by Kodiak (GB) and a yearling filly by Lawman (Fr) to follow. Sales history: 85,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; €310,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$13,225.

O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Marston Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

4th-Chelmsford City, £8,550, Mdn, 3-28, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.26, st.

RUX POWER (GB) (f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Cut Short, by Diesis {GB}), sent off the even-money favourite on the strength of her latest second to the subsequent G3 Prestige S. runner-up Accordance (GB) (Archipenko) in a seven-furlong Goodwood maiden in August, kicked into an early lead. Turning the screw approaching the final furlong, the bay hit the line with a commanding 3 1/2-length margin over White Coat (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The dam, who hails from Cliveden Stud, also produced the Listed Dick Poole Fillies' S. winner Brevity (Street Cry {Ire}) and Concise (GB) (Lemon Drop Kid), who finished third in the G1 Garden City S., GISP-US, \$187,412. Cut Short is a full-sister to the G2 Champagne S. and G32 Richmond S.-winning sire Daggers Drawn and a half to the useful Enemy Action (Forty Niner) who in turn is the dam of the G1 1000 Guineas third Super Sleuth (IRE) (Selkirk). Her yearling colt is by Muhaarar (GB), while she also has a foal full-sister to the winner. Sales history: 550,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,485.

O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Cliveden Stud Ltd (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

5th-Wolverhampton, £5,800, Novice, 3-28, 3yo/up, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:12.82, st.

MAWAKIB (GB) (c, 3, Havana Gold {Ire}--Keladora {MSP-Fr, \$122,253}, by Crafty Prospector), who was last seen finishing third over this course and distance at the start of November, tracked the pace-setter Ustath (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) under cover in third early. Taking until the last 50 yards to get to that rival, the even-money favourite finished off strongly to prevail by a half length. The useful dam, who also has a yearling colt by Charming Thought (GB), is out of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Karmifira (Fr) (Always Fair) and therefore a half to On Verra (Ire) (Smart Strike) who also placed at the highest level, in her case when second in the Prix Marcel Bousac. Sales history: 28,000gns RNA Wlg '16 TATFOA; 190,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,059.

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O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Mrs J. E. Laws (GB); T-Roger Varian.

FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

4th-Chantilly, €28,000, 3-28, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.77, st.

SKALLETI (FR) (g, 4, Kendargent {Fr}-Skallet {Fr} {SW & MGSP-Fr, \$181,946}, by Muhaymin) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, €35,250. O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Guy Pariente Holding; T-Jerome Reynier. *€85,000 Ylg '16 ARQAUG.

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DUBAI WORLD CUP SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINES-G1, \$12,000,000, NH 4YO/UP & SH 3YO/UP, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Gunnevera 	Dialed In	Jaramillo	Sano	125
2	Capezzano	Bernardini	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
3	North America (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
4	Audible	Into Mischief	Prat	Pletcher	125
5	Seeking the Soul	Perfect Soul (Ire)	Smith	Stewart	125
6	Pavel 	Creative Cause	Rosario	O'Neill	125
7	Gronkowski 	Lonhro (Aus)	Murphy	bin Ghadayer	125
8	Axelrod	Warrior's Reward	French	bin Ghadayer	125
9	New Trails	Medaglia d'Oro	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
10	Yoshida (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Ortiz	Mott	125
11	K T Brave (Jpn)	Admire Max (Jpn)	Moreira	Sugiyama	125
12	Thunder Snow (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
13	Dolkong	Afleet Alex	Doleuze	Foster	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 7:20 p.m.

DUBAI TURF SPONSORED BY DP WORLD-G1, \$6,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Purton	Fownes	125
2	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
3	Deirdre (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Moreira	Hashida	121
4	Vivlos (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Barzalona	Tomomichi	121
5	Majestic Mambo (SAf)	Mambo in Seattle	Marcus	de Kock	125
6	Lord Glitters (Fr)	Whipper	Tudhope	O'Meara	125
7	Almond Eye (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kunieda	121
8	I Can Fly (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Moore	O'Brien	121
9	Mountain Hunter	Lonhro (Aus)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
10	Yulong Prince (SAf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	125
11	Century Dream (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Murphy	Crisford	125
12	Without Parole (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	125
13	Wootton (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Buick	Appleby	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 8:00 p.m.

LONGINES DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1, \$6,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Cheval Grand (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Bowman	Tomomichi	125
2	Old Persian (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	124
3	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	120
4	Racing History (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
5	Hunting Horn (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Lordan	O'Brien	124
6	Rey de Oro (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Lemaire	Fujisawa	125
7	Suave Richard (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Moreira	Shono	125
8	Desert Encounter (Ire)	Halling	Crowley	Simcock	125



Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 6:40 p.m.**DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G1, \$2,500,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Roy H	More Than Ready	Scr	Scr	Scr
2	Imperial Hint	Langfuhr	Ortiz	Carvajal	126
3	X Y Jet	Kantharos	Jaramillo	Navarro	126
4	Promises Fulfilled	Shackelford	Albarado	Romans	126
5	Drafted	Field Commission	Dobbs	Watson	126
6	Switzerland	Speightstown	Barzalona	Asmussen	126
7	Nine Below Zero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	de Vries	Nass	126
8	Tato Key (Arg)	Key Deputy	Foley	Marnane	126
9	Matera Sky	Speightstown	Take	Mori	126
10	Fight Hero (GB)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Moreira	Tsui	126

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 5:30 p.m.**AL QUOZ SPRINT SPONSORED BY AZIZI DEVELOPMENTS-G1, \$2,000,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Stormy Liberal	Stormy Atlantic	Rosario	Miller	126
2	Sands of Mali (Fr)	Panis	Murphy	Fahey	126
3	Lost Treasure (Ire)	War Front	Moore	O'Brien	126
4	Mazzini (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	126
5	The Right Man (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Bertras	Guillemin	126
6	Brave Smash (Jpn)	Tosen Phantom (Jpn)	Bowman	Lees	126
7	Belvoir Bay (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Prat	Miller	121
8	Blue Point (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby	126
9	Caribou Club	City Zip	Talamo	Proctor	126
10	Ekhtihaar (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Crowley	Watson	126
11	Illustrious Lad (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Darmanin	Gelagotis	126
12	Viddora (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Bowditch	Kennewell	121
13	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Badel	Gibson	126

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 6:05 p.m.**UAE DERBY SPONSORED BY SAEED & MOHAMMED AL NABOODAH GROUP-G2, \$2,500,000, NH & SH 3yo, 1900m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Walking Thunder	Violence	Dettoni	bin Harmash	125
2	Jahbath (GB)	Mukhadram (GB)	Crowley	Haggas	125
3	Golden Jaguar	Animal Kingdom	Murphy	bin Harmash	125
4	Plus Que Parfait	Point of Entry	Ortiz	Walsh	125
5	Derma Louvre (Jpn)	Pyro	Lemaire	Toda	125
6	Divine Image	Scat Daddy	Buick	Appleby	121
7	Superior	Majesticperfection	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
8	Gray Magician	Graydar	Rosario	Miller	125
9	Razeena	Malibu Moon	Dobbs	Watson	121
10	Al Hayette	Union Rags	Veron	Mohammed	121
11	Van Beethoven	Scat Daddy	Moore	O'Brien	125
12	Stubbins	Morning Line	Prat	O'Neill	125
13	Swift Rose (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	121
14	Manguzi (Fr)	Planteur (Ire)	Jara	Al Rayhi	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 4:15 p.m.

GODOLPHIN MILE SPONSORED BY MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM CITY-DISTRICT ONE-G2, \$1,500,000, NH

4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Major Partnership (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Murphy	bin Suroor	125
2	Nonkono Yume (Jpn)	Twining	Moreira	Kato	125
3	True Timber 🌿	Mineshaft	Rosario	McLaughlin	125
4	Kimbear 🌿	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	125
5	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
6	Muntazah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	125
7	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	O'Shea	Al Mheiri	125
8	African Ride (GB)	Candy Ride (Arg)	Soumillon	Crisford	125
9	Logrado (Arg)	Manipulator	Fresu	Charpy	125
10	Good Curry (Tur)	Sharp Humor	Karatas	Kocakaya	125
11	Musawaat (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	de Vries	Nass	125
12	Coal Front	Stay Thirsty	Ortiz	Pletcher	125
13	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Mullen	Seemar	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 4:50 p.m.

DUBAI GOLD CUP SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, \$1,500,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 3200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Marinaresco (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Fayd'Herbe	de Kock	126
2	Call the Wind (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Lemaitre	Head	126
3	Red Galileo (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	126
4	Platinum Warrior (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Foley	Sadler	121
5	Prince of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Murphy	Fellowes	126
6	Ispolini (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	121
7	Sharpalo (Fr)	Shamardal	Beasley	bin Harmash	126
8	Team Talk (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126
9	Cross Counter (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	121
10	Gold Mount (GB)	Excellent Art (GB)	Moore	Gibson	126

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GRUNT HEADS UP YULONG ROSTER



Grunt

By Bren O'Brien

Grunt (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) has been confirmed as Yulong Investments' foundation stallion at its Nagambie-based stud, with the dual Group 1 winner to begin his stud career in 2019.

The winner of the G1 Australian Guineas and G1 Makybe Diva S. will stand for an introductory fee of \$13,750 inc. GST.

"It is tremendously exciting for Yulong's stallion division to be launched with a dual-Group 1 miler the quality of Grunt," Yulong Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray said. "Many of the best stallions throughout history have excelled at a mile and we believe Grunt has the profile for success at stud."

"He is an outstanding looking horse and importantly for breeders, completely Danzig-free."

Grunt was purchased out of Trelawney Stud's draft at Karaka for NZ\$220,000 by trainer Mick Price and bloodstock agent Cameron Cooke. He is out of Ruqqaya (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy {USA}), who is a half-sister to New Zealand Horse of The Year and promising sire Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park). The dam won twice and has also produced stakes performer Addison (NZ) (Jimmy Choux {NZ}) and all three of her foals to race have been successful.

Like promising young stallion Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Grunt carries Zabeel (NZ) on his dam side and he is free of Danzig (USA) blood.

He is one of 13 Group 1 winners by dominant New Zealand sire O'Reilly, whose sons Alamosa (NZ) and Shamexpress (NZ) have sired six group winners including three at the elite level.

"On type and pedigree Grunt will suit a wide variety of mares, which is one of the major elements that attracted us to him," Fairgray said. "Yulong has strengthened its broodmare band over the last 12 months and we will be supporting Grunt in his first season with many of these mares. We will be active at the upcoming broodmare sales to ensure he has the best possible start to his stud career."

Grunt finished third in his only 2-year-old appearance behind the subsequent Group 1 winner Aloisia (NZ) (Azamour {Ire}). He returned the following season to break at his maiden at his first appearance, two starts later he won the G3 CS Hayes S. and he showed his quality next time out with victory in the G1 Australian Guineas.



Grunt as a yearling

"He's a magnificent specimen of a horse and he deserved a really strong Group 1 win like that," regular rider Damien Oliver said after the Flemington feature."

The honour roll of the Australian Guineas includes such outstanding stallions as Zabeel (NZ), Flying Spur, Pins, Dash For Cash and Reset.

Grunt returned as a 4-year-old to impressively win the G1 Makybe Diva S. earlier this season by two lengths at Flemington, beating eight Group 1 winners in the process.

He retires with a Timeform rating of 123 as a 4-year old, ranking him as elite among his generation.

“An outstanding individual and brilliant 1600 metre horse,” Price said. “Grunt had a great temperament and I think he will make an excellent stallion.”

Redoute's Choice Mare On The Market

A beautifully-bred Group 1-placed daughter of Redoute's Choice in foal to I Am Invincible is among the first confirmed Wildcard entries for Inglis' Chairman's Sale.

Sensibility's career-best performance came as a 3-year-old in the Group 1 Flight S. at Randwick where she finished runner-up behind four-time G1 winner Guelph (Exceed And Excel).

Sensibility is a three-quarter sister to the G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner Running Tall (Stratum) and hails from the family of international stars Frosted (USA) (Tapit) and Midshipman (USA) (Unbridled's Song {USA}).

Sensibility's first two foals, a Sebring colt and an I Am Invincible filly, have sold for \$730,000 and \$450,000, respectively.

"She's a stunning-looking mare who produces great-looking stock," Segenhoe Stud's Peter O'Brien said.

Wildcard entries to The Chairman's Sale are being accepted until 10 a.m. on Monday, Apr. 22.

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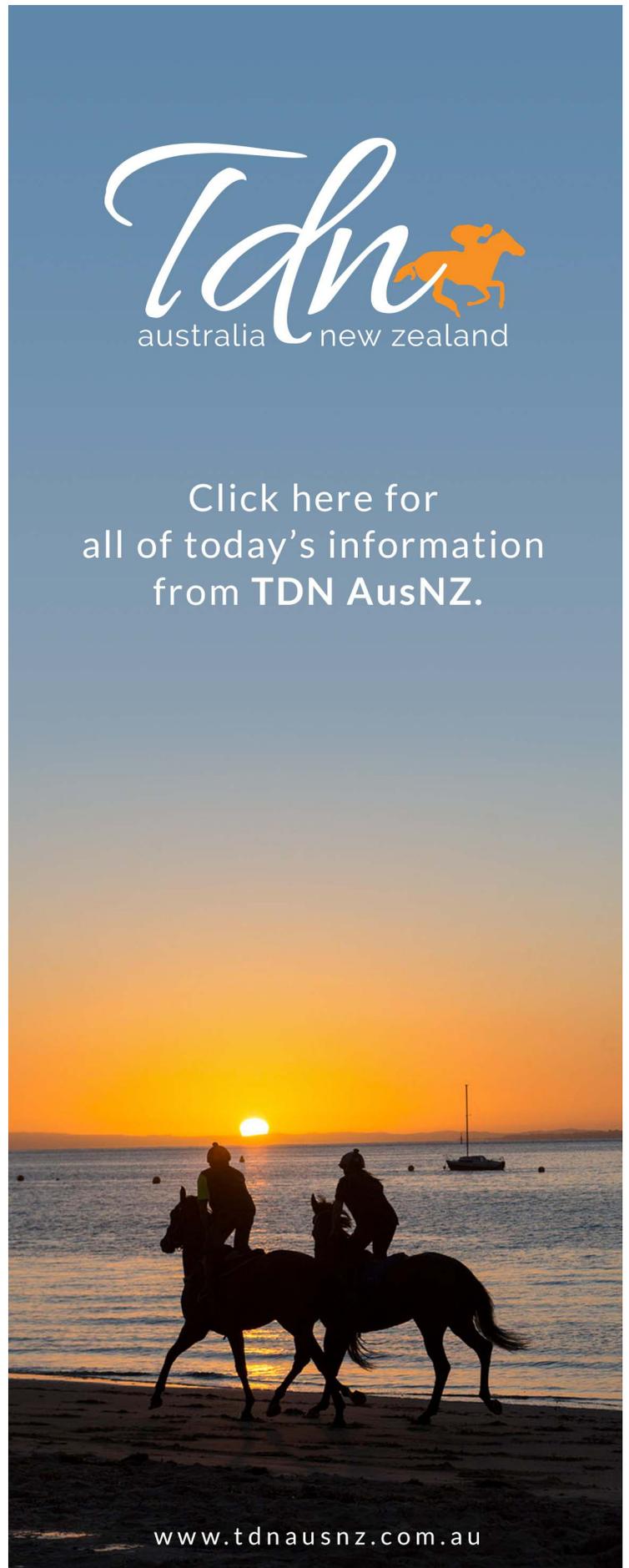
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