TRANSATLANTIC YEARLING MARKET CATCHES ITS BREATH

**Keeneland September Yearling Sale | Keeneland**

by Chris McGrath

No billion-dollar babies, then. This time last year, the latest breathless advance in its value--up around 8% to just under $950 million--had put the transatlantic yearling market on course for a symbolic breakthrough this year. In the event, however, Jockey Club data published in **TDN** today shows that the 10-figure mirage has dissolved in 2019 into what was probably a pretty timely 4.5% contraction, down $42,713,595 to $905,622,360.

Timely? Well, the most notoriously inherent weakness of capitalism is that it is predicated on perennial growth. Not, clearly, the most sustainable aspiration. As a result, fiscal management typically seeks to avoid extreme lurches between boom and bust.

The conundrum for an industry like ours, however, is this. On the one hand, its organic, top-to-bottom health would benefit, like any trading environment, from relatively even cycles of growth and recession--above all because the breeding and raising of Thoroughbreds is such a patient business, leaving investment and planning perilously exposed to unstable markets. At the same time, however, bloodstock's headline indices will reliably be driven up during those super-heated periods when the most affluent are prospering. **Cont. p3**

MAXIMUM SECURITY AND SPUN TO RUN MEET AGAIN IN LOADED CIGAR MILE

With the two speedy headliners drawn alongside each other, a deep field of 11 will line up for Saturday’s GI Cigar Mile H. at the Big A. Disqualified GI Kentucky Derby winner **Maximum Security** (New Year’s Day) will look to his pad his loaded resume, which already includes top-level wins in this term’s GI Xpressbet Florida Derby Mar. 30 and GI TVG.com Haskell Invitational S. July 20. After sitting out the GI Pennsylvania Derby due to a bout of colic in September, the Gary and Mary West homebred returned from the bench in style with a sharp win over his elders **Tale of Silence** (Tale of the Cat) and **True Timber** (Mineshaft) in the GIII Bold Ruler H. going seven furlongs at Belmont last time Oct. 26. Maximum Security is favored at 3-2 on the morning line for the Cigar. **Cont. p5**

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HOPING FOR PAYDIRT WITH MAGNA GRECIA SIS

Koala (Fr), a 3/4 sibling to G1 2000 Guineas hero Magna Grecia (Ire), looks to rewards owner Bob Scarborough’s unflagging faith when she enters the ring at Arqana Saturday. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.**

**2019 Leading Sires of 2YO’s**

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STARRING ROLE FOR DONNA VELOCE

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TODAY’S GRADED STAKES

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2019 in Photos. June 15: Elate (Medaglia d’Oro) wins the GII Fleur de Lis H. under the lights at Churchill Downs. | EquiSport Photos
Yearling Market cont. from p1

American Pharoah—Leslie's Lady yearling filly brought a sale-topping $8.2 million at KEESEP | Keeneland

And that's certainly been the case during the decade since the financial crisis—when the wealthiest could gorge first on the cash steroids of quantitative easing and then, in the U.S., on tax breaks for the wealthy.

With all that in mind, it seems no bad thing for the bull run to have abated somewhat. After all, yearlings comprise only one layer of a much wider market. If their value keeps rising, then so will that of weanlings to be pinhooked; and so must that of 2-year-olds, having cost so much more to pinhook as yearlings.

Just because the stakes are constantly inflated, that won't necessarily be true of the returns. The more you can make from a pinhook, the more you can expect to invest in the first place. That will leave margins pretty much unchanged, with the only difference being the distance to fall if everything happens to go wrong—which, as we all know, can happen at any time with a Thoroughbred.

It's never easy, of course, to discern precise contours in a landscape as vast as the one contained in the accompanying tables. The combined North American and European markets embrace every yearling to have come under the hammer between Hip 1 at Fasig-Tipton's July Sale—curiously enough, a May 14 foal, which just goes to show that sweeping presumptions of any kind are best avoided in this game—and the Sixties Icon (GB) colt who made 70,000gns as the final lot through the ring at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale.

His third dam Indian Queen (GB) won the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, while his only sibling of racing age this year won four juvenile races between Britain and California. Sixties Icon is by Galileo (Ire) out of an Oaks winner, and this colt's dam is by another Derby winner in Sir Percy (GB), so good luck to anybody pretending the remotest certainty that he is any less eligible to
win at Epsom in 2021 than the most expensive of the 10,648 other yearlings sold either side of the ocean in 2019. (Namely, the 3,600,000gns Dubawi (Ire) colt sold out of Book I to Godolphin in the same ring the previous month.)

Be that as it may, the point remains that the behaviour of the marketplace is far more legible in year-on-year comparison between particular sales. And these had actually given pretty clear notice of trends we might perceive in today's figures.

For instance, last year's giddy hike in the gross value of the North American yearling market (up 17.4%) was accurately anticipated by its biggest single marketplace, Keeneland September, which had advanced turnover by around 18%. This time round, the same sale subsided mildly by 4.5%. Once again, that performance proves to have been virtually replicated by the 4.3% dip in the aggregate North American market.

Yearling sales at different levels of the market in Europe similarly laid the ground for an overall contraction. Actually its premier auction, Tattersalls Book I, registered only a 3.8% drop from the previous year's (seventh consecutive) record, compared with a 4.7% decline across the board. As we keep noting, however, wild growth in the Book I ledger disguises the role of an anaemic sterling since the Brexit referendum. In a market dominated by overseas investment, Book I turnover converted to U.S. dollars was actually lower this year than in 2014, at the prevailing rates. Sure enough, our tables today (likewise given in U.S. currency) show the damage done to the value of the average European yearling—slipping again this year to $78,562, down 12.5% from $89,812 six years ago.

And how about the size of the market? Well, a small drop in the number of yearlings catalogued in Europe was almost precisely balanced in the U.S., meaning that the global tally remained virtually identical. So let's take a look at how it absorbed demand.

In Europe, 6,864 yearlings were viewed as commercial commodities (i.e. entered for a sale) compared with 6,062 back in 2014. That's an 11.7% increase. But a weaker clearance rate (after a level percentage of scratchings) translates into 1,882 yearlings whose value could not be realised this year, compared with 1,458 in 2014. That represents a 29% increase in surplus stock. While actually quite an improvement on the equivalent equation in 2018, that still looks like tangible evidence of overproduction.

The clearance rate in America, while historically weaker than in Europe, remains pretty stable. Of far more concern is a steepening rate of scratchings, which rose for the fourth time in five years. In 2014, 13.04% of catalogued yearlings never made the ring. This year, the tally climbed again to 16.89%. In other words, the withdrawal ratio has plunged in that relatively short period to one "out" per 5.9 hips, from one per 7.7 hips.
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Whether you think that means sales vets are becoming too powerful, or just more nervous of recrimination, will doubtless depend on your own experience and perspective. But nobody could sensibly conclude that the soundness of the breed might have deteriorated over so short a span of time, so the change has to be in the commercial environment.

Apart from anything else, of course, the rising value of the "average" American yearling must partly reflect the removal of stock at risk of depreciation because of veterinary conjecture. In what is perceived as a rock-solid boom, that looks a pretty dangerous fissure.

Cigar Mile Preview cont. from p1

Fellow sophomore and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile upsetter **Spun to Run** (Hard Spun) will break one to his outside in post position six. The dark bay validated his gaudy 110 Beyer Speed Figure earned in the M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile S. at Parx Oct. 12 with a dominating wire-to-wire tally in the Championships at Santa Anita Nov. 2. The narrow GIII Smarty Jones S. winner was previously a well-beaten third behind Maximum Security in the Haskell. Spun to Run is a perfect three-for-three at the one-mile distance, albeit all around two turns.

Trainer Chad Brown will saddle a pair of intriguing runners in **Network Effect** (Mark Valeski) and **Looking At Bikinis** (Lookin At Lucky). The former, runner-up in last year’s GIII Nashua S. and GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct, returned from a lengthy layoff with a first-level allowance win over track and trip Nov. 10. Looking At Bikinis, meanwhile, followed a disappointing 11th after a stumbling start in the GI Runhappy Travers S. with a sharp win while cutting back to seven furlongs in a Keeneland allowance.
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Oct. 4. The classy veteran Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) stretches out to a mile for the first time after a rallying third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint Nov. 2.

DONNA VELOCE LANDS IN STARRING ROLE

Only four rivals will line up against the imposing ‘TDN Rising Star’ Donna Veloce (Uncle Mo) in Saturday’s GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos Race Course.

The jaw-dropping debut winner at Santa Anita Sept. 28 was favored at 2-1 in her first attempt around two turns in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 1, and finished a too-good-to-lose second to British Idiom (Flashback) that day.

“She didn’t win, but she ran a courageous race and that’s all you can ask,” trainer Simon Callaghan said following the Juvenile Fillies.

Two-time Grade I victress Bast (Uncle Mo) is the 4-5 morning-line favorite’s main rival. The GI Del Mar Debutante S. and Chandelier S. heroine was a solid third, beaten two lengths, after racing on a fast pace in the Juvenile Fillies. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert won the last two runnings of the Starlet with Dream Tree (2017) and Chasing Yesterday (2018).

Baffert will also saddle Gingham (Quality Road), who broke her maiden at fourth asking in Arcadia Oct. 31.
PLETCHER HOLDS STRONG HAND IN REMSEN

Todd Pletcher will saddle a pair of strong contenders in Saturday's GI Remsen S. at Aqueduct in Alpha Sixty Six (Liam's Map) and Chase Tracker (Verrazano). Tabbed a ‘TDN Rising Star’ in his debut win at Belmont Sept. 7, the former, a $400,000 KEESEP purchase, looks to rebound off a fifth after a slow start last time in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 5.

"We feel that he can run all day," owner Paul Pompa said. "He missed the break in the Champagne. He ran incredible, but he spotted the field six lengths and it’s hard to make up a lot of ground when you're up against those type of horses. We watched his gallop out and he did so very well. The race won't be a distance issue if he's good enough."

His stablemate Chase Tracker graduated by 3 1/4 lengths in his Parx unveiling Sept. 21 and rallied to be third behind the streaking Independence Hall (Constitution) in the GIII Nashua S. Nov. 3.

Don Alberto homebred Forza Di Oro (Speightstown) was second after missing the break behind an impressive performance from Ajaaweed (Curlin) in his career bow at Belmont Sept. 11 and came back to earn his diploma next out there Oct. 26. The chestnut enters off a bullet five panels in 1:00 flat (1/8) on the Belmont training track Nov. 21. Shadwell homebred Ajaaweed enters off a fourth in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland Oct. 5.

"He's doing very well. He shipped to Kentucky last time, but didn't ship really well and wasn't quite himself for a couple of days," Ajaaweed’s trainer Kiaran McLaughlin said. "He came back here and has been training very, very well, and he's ready. We think he wants a mile and an eighth, so all is well. He has a
really good closing kick. Going a mile and an eighth, he’ll probably come from off of it."

MAEDEAN HEADLINES LOADED DEMOISELLE

Tempted S. romper Maedean (Tapit) headlines a full field of juvenile fillies set for Saturday’s GI Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct.

Earning an 82 Beyer Speed Figure for her second-out graduation at Belmont Oct. 5, the $450,000 KEESEP buy rolled by 5 1/2 lengths in this venue’s one-mile Tempted S. Nov. 1.

"She’s doing excellent. I would think she would be well regarded," trainer Mark Hennig said. "She’s going to appreciate the stretch out. It helps to get that kind of race in the bank moving forward because you get a few [GI Kentucky Oaks] points, but also getting a good bottom in a horse."

Her biggest threat is likely to come from another Tapit filly in Godolphin homebred Lake Avenue. Second on debut at Belmont Oct. 6, the chestnut dominated by 12 3/4 lengths going seven panels here last time Nov. 14.

Shug McGaughey saddles a strong contender in Alandra (Blame). A debut winner at Saratoga Sept. 1, she was third behind divisional leader British Idiom (Flashback) in Keeneland’s GI Darley Alcibiades S. Oct. 4.

"She’s proven going two turns," said McGaughey. "I think she’ll run that far and I think she needed to run again after she ran at Keeneland. She was a bit green and I told [the owners] that she needed to run again and then we’ll give her a bit of a break and bring her back at Gulfstream and hopefully have a good 3-year-old campaign."

Ten Strike Racing’s Critical Value (Bodemeister) makes her first start in open company here. Missing by a nose on debut...
High Velocity against fellow Empire-breds Aug. 7 at the Spa, the bay scored a decisive victory in another Saratoga state-bred event next out Aug. 29. She followed suit with a 5 1/2-length romp in the Maid of the Mist S. on Empire Showcase Day at Belmont Oct. 19.

An evenly matched field of four is set to line up for Saturday’s GII Los Alamitos Futurity S., which was previously run as a Grade I. Hall of Famer Bob Baffert seeks his 13th win in this event and sixth straight and he saddles half of the field. Gary and Mary West’s High Velocity (Quality Road) looks to score his third straight victory. A debut winner sprinting at Santa Anita Oct. 13, the bay captured the GIII Bob Hope S. next out at Del Mar Nov. 16. His stablemate Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile) earned an 88 Beyer Speed Figure for his first-out graduation in Arcadia Oct. 26 and adds blinkers for this step up in class.

Anneau d’Or (Medaglia d’Oro) more than outran his 28-1 odds when coming up just a head short of 45-1 shot Storm the Court (Court Vision) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Nov. 1, which was his first try on dirt. The $480,000 OBSAPR purchase romped by eight lengths in his unveiling on the Golden Gate turf Sept. 29.

Capturing his career bow at Del Mar July 27, Wrecking Crew (Sky Kingdom) finished second in the GII Best Pal S. Aug. 10 and filled the same spot in the GI Del Mar Futurity S. Sept. 2. The $875,000 FTFMAR buy completed the trifecta in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

**SMALL, BUT STRONG FIELD SET FOR FUTURITY**

High Velocity | Benoit
PORT LOUIS GIVES HIS 65-YEAR-OLD ROOKIE TRAINER NEW LEASE ON LIFE

by Bill Finley

For parts of 2017 and 2018, Bob Haynes couldn't have been doing worse. He was in his mid-sixties and heart problems had left him struggling to deal with everyday life. He had no energy and spent his days lying in bed.

Today, that dark period in his life is just a memory. He has recovered mentally and physically and is optimistic about his future. He owes his turn of fortune to the doctors who performed open heart surgery on him and to those who worked with him during a four-month cardiac rehabilitation process. That and a horse.

In July, the 65-year-old Haynes made good on a 40-year dream of becoming a horse trainer. He ignored his age, the fact that he flunked his trainer's test the first time he took it and his lack of experience, and spent $5,000 to acquire a Maryland-bred gelding named Port Louis (Despite the Odds). Three starts later, Port Louis has earned $37,601 for his rookie trainer, has not been worse than second and won a $50,000 starter handicap race on the Maryland Million card at Laurel.

Best of all, Haynes has formed a bond with the horse, realizing that being around him is what keeps him going.

"I think this horse is saving my life," he said.

Haynes tried being a jockey agent in 1974 but didn't last. Operating a company that fund-raised for police and fire departments, he became an owner and had his share of success. Running a medium-sized claiming outfit, his best horse was Heros Reward (Partner's Hero). He claimed him for $20,000 and the horse went on to win seven stakes and made it to the 2008 GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint, where he finished fifth. He claimed Due (Rinka Das) for $25,000 and later won the Maryland Million Classic with him.

Haynes enjoyed his success as an owner, but always wondered if he could make it as a trainer.

"I always wanted to be a trainer, probably for about 40 years," he said. "I would go to book stores, read books about horses, books about how to be a trainer. I knew nothing about the backside. Being a jock's agent, I didn't learn the game."

Finally, everything was aligned. He had overcome the heart problems and was healthy. He knew his girlfriend, exercise rider Vicki Irons, would be there to help him as a trainer. He studied diligently and passed the trainer's test on his second attempt. His spirits were lifted even higher with the birth of his first grandchild. All he needed was a horse.

Oftentimes, these stories don't end well and that appeared to be a possibility when Port Louis broke badly in the race he was claimed out of and was beaten by 17 3/4 lengths. But the good thing about having one horse is that you can spend every hour at the barn focused on fine tuning and trying to improve that horse. Haynes said Port Louis dealt with ankle and bleeding issues and that he found ways to get both under control.

"He's a real happy horse now," Haynes said. "His ankle is not bothering him and his airwaves are really good."

Port Louis ran second in his first start for Haynes in another $5,000 claimer. Haynes then ran him in what looked like an impossible spot, the Maryland Million starter handicap race. Sent off at 67-1, Port Louis ran the best race of his life to win by 1 1/2 lengths. He came back last Saturday and ran a solid second in starter allowance company.

Haynes realizes he still has a lot to learn, and part of the process includes reaching out to established trainers for advice.

"It has been on-the-job training," he said. "I wasn't sure how I was going to be able to do as a trainer. But I am focused and I've been around a long time and I ask questions. I'll ask Claudio Gonzalez, Dale Capuano, Donald Barr. I drive those guys crazy. A lot of people are willing to help someone new."

The advice helps, but Haynes understands that his early success as a trainer would not be possible without Port Louis, a
horse who has never been better. His former claimer may not be a star, but to Haynes he is more than he could have asked for. It’s not just that Port Louis is running well, he has the sort of personality that has made his trainer devoted to his every need.

"It’s an amazing feeling to be around an 1,100-pound animal that is so docile and so kind around you," he said. "They’re not always like that, but this particular animal is. I could have gotten a fractious horse or one that was nasty. This horse is like a gentle giant. I get up in the morning and every day I think about the responsibility I have. There is a heartbeat at Laurel Park that’s depending on me. That means a lot. I have a moral responsibility to take care of this animal and do the best job that I possibly can."

Port Louis has been claimed four times and Haynes believes that shuffling between barns is not good for any horse. For that reason, he has vowed not to drop Port Louis back into a claiming race and when the horse is no longer capable of performing at his best that he will give him a permanent home at his farm.

"He is happy and proud and feeling real good," Haynes said. "I talk to the horse in my own way. I told him I won’t run back for a tag. I’ll take my time with him and will run him when he’s fit and ready. When his career is over he’s coming home."

Haynes said he will look to get another horse or two, but doesn’t expect to get one quite like Port Louis.

"For us, he is the perfect horse," he said. "Training him is like my medicine, the best medicine there is."

SEVENTH OWNER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SARATOGA

OwnerView will host the seventh Thoroughbred Owner Conference July 20-21, 2020 at Saratoga Race Course.

“We are excited to bring the Thoroughbred Owner Conference to New York for the first time and to host owners and prospective owners at historic Saratoga Race Course, one of the most iconic sporting venues," said Gary Falter, project manager for OwnerView. “We appreciate the New York Racing Association’s (NYRA) support of our event and their recognition of the importance of attracting new owners to the industry.”
Registration for the 2020 conference will open in mid-December at ownerview.com.

SOLOMINI TO STAND AT MCMAHON OF SARATOGA

Solomini (Curlin–Surf’s Song, by Storm Cat) will take up stud duties at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds for a fee of $6,500. Raymond J. DeStefano, Hidden Lake Farm’s Chris Bernhard and Chris Larsen join McMahon in the stallion acquisition.

"He’s a winner of $834,993 and the only Grade I son of Curlin in New York," said Joe McMahon. "Solomini raced with the best of his class, beating many Grade I winners including McKinzie, Bolt d’Oro, Magnum Moon, Mendlessohn, Firenze Fire, Higher Power and others."

Campaigned by Zayat Stables and Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, Solomini retires with a record of 16-2-4-5 and earnings of $834,993. The $270,000 KEESEP buy’s career was highlighted by placings in the 2017 GI FrontRunner S. and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and the 2018 GI Arkansas Derby.

Solomini will be available for inspection in Kentucky, Dec. 8-13, before leaving for New York.

THOROUGHBRED EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS $5,000 TO GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF) has awarded $5,000 to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation to support their research efforts. Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation’s mission is to fund veterinary research beneficial to promoting the health and soundness of horses. In alignment with their own mission to support and promote equine education and research by supporting organizations that are educating the public in the proper care of horses, TERF will assist the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation in funding their next cycle of research projects recommended by their Research Advisory Committee and Board.

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**Breeders:** 1-Mrs Ann Greenwood, 2-Mongolian Stable, 3-Rozamund Barclay, 4-Barlar, LLC, 5-Claiborne Farm, 6-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Clearsky Farms, 8-Lynn B. Schiff

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SATURDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:
PRICEY CURLIN DEBUTS AT GULFSTREAM
By Christie DeBernardis
Sponsored by Alex Nichols Agency
1st-GP, $50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 1mT, 11:50 p.m. ET
Gary Barber and John Oxley’s $625,000 KEESEP buy HEAVENLY CURLIN (Curlin) makes her career bow in this spot. Her dam is a half to MG1SW and top sire Redoute’s Choice (Aus) (Danehill) and G1SW Platinum Scissors (Aus) (Danehill); and a full to G1SW and millionaire Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})

HENNIG UNVEILS SON OF GRACE HALL
5th-AQU, $70K, Msw, 2yo, 1m, 1:35 p.m. ET
Courtlandt Farms’ $725,000 KEESEP purchase OR’EFFICE (Medaglia d’Oro) debuts in this test for trainer Mark Hennig. He is a son of Grade I winner Grace Hall (Empire Maker), a $3.2 million FTKNOV buy in 2012. The bay colt enters off a half-mile bullet in :48 3/5 (1/12) at Belmont Nov. 29.

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham; J-Jose Lezcano. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, $102,300.
2--Homeland, 118, c, 2, American Pharoah–Khancord Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid. ($500,000 Ylg ’18 KEESSE). O-Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables, LLC & LNJ Foxwoods; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-William I. Mott. $20,000.

3--Mr. Kringle, 119, c, 2, Shakin It Up–South Wing, by Dixie Brass. ($35,000 Wlg ’17 FTNMIX; $10,000 Ylg ’18 SARAUG). O-That’s Amore Stable, Michael J. McMahon & Bob Weeks; B-Cheryl Prudhomme & Dr. Michael Gallivan (NY); T-John P. Terranova II. $12,000.

Margins: HD, 1, NO. Odds: 2.50, 2.45, 15.00.
Also Ran: City Man, Mo Ready, Ashraq, Old Chestnut. Scratched: Chase Tracker, Alpha Sixty Six, Prince of Pharoahs.

The Mike Stidham barn enjoyed a banner day last Saturday, with four victories capped by Alms (City Zip)’s tally in the GIII Jimmy Durante S., and kept the party going Friday with another stakes win by a City Zip-sired Godolphin homebred.
The dark bay was a well-beaten second to subsequent SW and GISP filly and fellow Sheikh Mohammed representative Fair Maiden (Street Boss) sprinting over the Arlington all-weather first out, and was third, one slot behind next-out Arlington-Washington Futurity winner Flap Jack (Oxbow), when stretched out on the grass Aug. 10. He broke through over yielding Chicago grass Sept. 1, and most recently just missed at 35-1 in the Oct. 26 Awad S. over Belmont turf with some give in it.
Breaking outwardly from his wide draw, Pixelate tugged his way into a midpack spot past the wire for the first time but was hung out around the first turn. Parked three deep down the backside, he was working hard to chip away at Mr. Kringle’s advantage at the head of the lane as Homeland came with what looked like a winning move. Seemingly spurred on by that one’s presence, Pixelate punched on gamely in the waning strides to outkick Homeland. The stewards took a look at contact made between the top two late, but no change was made as it appeared if anything that Homeland came in on the winner.

“He was in the right position today and that made the difference,” said winning rider Jose Lezcano. “Last time, he got pinched at the break and it was a tough race. He was too far back. Today, I got in the position I wanted. I asked him and he was still running a little green, but he gave me a good race. With a small field, I wanted to sit up close, I didn't want to be too far away.” Cont. p2
Central Park S. cont.

Stidham added, "Last time, we got shuffled back. It wasn't the plan to be that far back and he was unlucky to not get up that day. The pace was slower today. The course was yielding and he was able to lay in a closer spot. I thought that he was very game to keep his head down and stay in front."

Stidham mentioned the $200,000 Texas Turf Mile at Sam Houston Jan. 26 as a potential next target for Pixelate.

Pixelate has a yearling half-sister by More Than Ready and a weanling half-sister by Astern (Aus). His dam, a half to MGSW dirt router Skylighter (Sky Mesa), was bred back to Hard Spun for 2020. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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5 Bridge Dancer Verrazano Martinez Hamm 5-1
6 Willoughby Gap Emcee Quinonez Hamm 8-1
7 Delta Hutch Paynter Henry Bennett 20-1
8 Two Sixty Uncaptured Gallardo Casse 2-1

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, $74,778, (S), Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (off turf), 1:12.66, ft.
CASH OFFER (f, 3, Shackleford--Monono (SW, $211,095), by Whywhywhywhy) had never been off the board in her eight tries in restricted company for the Mark Hennig barn. Second in the Bouwerie S. in May, she cleared her first-level allowance condition at Belmont Sept. 7 before finishing third and second at this level Sept. 28 and Nov. 7, respectively. Away at 27-10 as a main-track-only entrant, the chestnut was outfooted from the start only by fellow MTO Bertranda (Boys At Tosconova), and dropped back to third behind that foe as another runner sped off to force the issue. Cash Over took closer order in upper stretch despite having her head cocked to the stands and switching leads late, outkicked Bertranda in the final sixteenth to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother named Drop the Chalupa (Liam’s Map), a yearling half-brother by Mshawish and a weanling half-sister by Temple City. Her dam most recently visited Gayego. Sales history: $55,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 10-3-5-1, $204,473.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Woodbine, C$85,122, Msw, 12-6, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.13, ft.
STORMY SOUL (g, 2, Stormy Atlantic--In the Slips (SW & MGSP, $188,410), by More Than Ready) ran on a bit late to be third at 31-1 going a sixteenth shorter Oct. 27, and was 3-1 for this next attempt while in receipt of first-time Lasix. Locked on to even-money choice More Chances (Hard Spun) from the outset, the bay came under a busy ride to keep pace entering the straight. He soon found his best stride, and ran past the frontrunner to don cap and gown by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Awesome Again. His dam most recently visited Malibu Moon. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $45,975.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Aqueduct, $70,000, Msw, 12-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.04, ft.
SPIN CONTROL (f, 3, Hard Spun--Crimson Maple, by Rahy) checked in last of seven in her turf unveiling at Aqueduct Nov. 21, and was given a 5-1 chance switching surfaces here. Scrubbed on to emerge between horses and vie for early command, the chestnut dueled with a rival through an opening quarter of :22.42 and was clear by the time she hit the quarter pole in :46.80. From there it was simply a question of how far. The answer was 5 1/2 lengths over Beauty Buzz (Bernardini). The winner is half to Goldwood (Medaglia d’Oro), MSW, $410,130.
1st-AQU cont.
She has a yearling full-brother and a weanling half-brother by Honor Code and dam Crimson Maple was bred back to Violence. Spin Control’s second dam is MGISW Maplejinsky (Nijinsky II), who in turn produced champion Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and the dams of highest-level winners Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat) and Pleasant Home (Seeking the Gold). Sales history: $60,000 RNA Ylg ’17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2:1-0-0, $39,550. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Jorge Duarte, Jr.

3rd-Aqueduct, $62,000, (S), Msw, 12-6, 2yo, f, 6f (off turf), 1:15.60, ft.
MEDELLIN (f, 2, Japan--Haggith, by Thunder Gulch) was given a 6-1 chance for a good debut barn while looking to become the second winner for her first-crop sire (by Medaglia d’Oro). Away alertly, she attended the pace in between rivals while traveling strongly. She put her main pace foe away at the top of the lane, and was clearly running on fumes late, but found just enough to deny fast-finishing Girl’s Wave (Midshipman) by a neck. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Central Banker and her dam most recently visited Redesdale. Sales history: $7,000 Wlg ’17 FTNMIX. Lifetime Record: 1:1-0-0, $34,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable; B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

9th-Fair Grounds, $45,000, (S), Msw, 12-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.67, fm.
FRITZI (f, 3, Exchange Rate--Seauxbelle, by Dynaformer) showed little in her Aqueduct unveiling Nov. 9, and was ignored at 19-1 without any changes of circumstance to expect major improvement. Showing significantly more speed this time under red-hot Edgar Prado, the grey seized command into the first turn and doled out splits of :23.78 and :48.46. Seemingly in deep water as the two favorites ranged up to challenge heading for home, Fritzti was resilient and battled back gamely on the inside to fend off Smack (Super Saver) by a length. The winner’s dam is a half to MGISW champion Left Bank (French Deputy). She produced a Will Take Charge Filly in 2018 and an Honor Code filly in 2019 before being bred back to Lord Nelson. Lifetime Record: 2:1-0-0, $24,350. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Carolyn L. Gray; B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, $100,000 162 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Inaugural S., 6f, ANOTHER MIRACLE, 6-5 $210,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, JUULSTONE, 8-1 $495,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl
8-Los Alamitos, Msw 6f, PHAST PHAROAH, 4-1 $120,000 KEE SEP yrl; $120,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $175,000 FTS ANA 2yo
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SHELL SHOCK, 8-1 $200,000 FTS AUG yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill ‘n’ Dale Farms, $15,000 95 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, UIAM’S FIRE, 20-1 $75,000 KEE SEP yrl; $100,000 OBS OPN 2yo
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, SUNSATION, 10-1 $27,000 FTK OCT yrl; $160,000 OBS MAR 2yo

FIRST-CROP RUNNERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, $100,000 162 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Inaugural S., 6f, ANOTHER MIRACLE, 6-5
$210,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, SUNSATION, 10-1
$27,000 FTK OCT yrl; $160,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
69 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, HAUNTEDBYTHEMUSIC, 8-1

Boat Trip (Harlan's Holiday), Special T Thoroughbreds, $2,500
20 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
8-Golden Gate Fields, $75K Gold Rush S., 1m, BETTER TRIP NICK, 3-1

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, $5,000
46 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, RAGING WHISKEY, 5-1
$25,000 FTK OCT yr; $120,000 RNA FTS ANA 2yo
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, STONE COURAGEOUS, 10-1

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $25,000
124 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, DEFAULT RATE, 3-1
$160,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, GALIT JAK, 20-1
$8,000 KEE SEP yrl; $17,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, $7,500
94 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, DR. DOYLE, 5-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $7,500
111 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, TRASH TALKER, 7-2
$57,000 KEE NOV wnl; $115,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, CHILLS AND FEVER, 12-1
7-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, EGO MAN, 8-1
$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; $130,000 OBS APR 2yo
8-Aqueduct, $250K GIl Demoiselle S., 1 1/8m, GLASS CEILING, 20-1
$47,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $17,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $34,000 FTK OCT yrl
8-Aqueduct, $250K GIl Demoiselle S., 1 1/8m, JARA, 30-1
$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $240,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, SPEEDY HANS, 20-1
$65,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, $5,000
41 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Aqueduct, $250K GIl Demoiselle S., 1 1/8m, WATER WHITE, 10-1
$50,000 FTK JUL yrl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, $7,500
81 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Golden Gate Fields, $75K Gold Rush S., 1m, FINAL FINAL, 10-1
$32,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $25,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Aqueduct, $250K GIl Demoiselle S., 1 1/8m, I DARE U, 15-1
$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $25,000 OBS APR 2yo

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, $7,500
83 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, BLESSED ANNA, 20-1
$50,000 ESL MIX yrl

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, $5,000
67 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S., 7f, HELLO BEAUTIFUL, 5-2
$6,500 EAS DEC yrl
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, LADDIE LIAM, 3-1
$14,500 EAS DEC yrl
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, MINE NOT MINE, 12-1
$72,000 EAS OCT yrl
8-Parx Racing, $100K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f, OCCHI D'ORO, 20-1
$9,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, SIR BACK IN BLACK, 5-1
$34,000 EAS OCT yrl; $40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Hangover Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), Murmur Farm, $2,500
6 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
6-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S., 7f, MISS J MCKAY, 2-1
$1,500 EAS DEC wnl; $55,000 EAS OCT yrl; $85,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, $40,000
111 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, CROI MOR, 10-1
$125,000 KEE NOV wnl; $150,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Los Alamitos, $300K GI Starlet S., 1 1/16m, ROADRUNNER'S HONOR, 15-1
$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $100,000 OBS MAR 2yo
Imagining (Giant’s Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, $7,500
54 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Laurel, Wmc 5 1/2f, HEART HERO, 15-1
$95,000 EAS OCT yrl
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, MONDAY MORNING QB, 5-2
$25,000 EAS OCT yrl

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, $6,500
58 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, BAD BEAT BRIAN, 12-1
$22,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $16,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $115,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, $4,000
73 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, KING KHOZAN, 8-1
$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; $260,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
72 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, LIVELY LEA, 10-1
$37,000 ESL YRL yrl
3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, MAJESTIC RO, 12-1

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, $20,000
114 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Aqueduct, $250K GIIL Remsen S., 1 1/8m, ALPHA SIXTY SIX, 4-1
$240,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $400,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, WEST SIDE WARRIOR, 6-1
$55,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, COLLOQUIST, 30-1

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
123 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, ILL WILL, 8-1
$100,000 FTK JUL yrl

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000
96 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Sandpiper S., 6f, CAMPY CASH, 4-1
$42,000 OBS OCT yrl

Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, $5,000
49 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Los Alamitos, $200K G11 Los Alamitos Futurity, 1 1/16m,

WRECKING CREW, 7-2
$18,000 KEE NOV wnl; $115,000 FTK JUL yrl; $875,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
97 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, THE ANGRY MAN, 12-1
$180,000 KEE SEP yrl; $85,000 OBS OPN 2yo
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, HURRICANE BREEZE, 4-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
123 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, TAP N SWAY, 6-1

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
96 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, DACK JANIEL'S, 12-1
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, DE KOOINING, 15-1
$45,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, TONAPITA, 5-1
$70,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $120,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
130 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, VILLAINOUS, 15-1
$100,000 FTK JUL yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
Cairo Prince (Pioneeerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, $25,000
228 foals of racing age/80 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Golden Gate Fields, $75K Gold Rush S., 1m, CHAMPERS, 4-1
$67,000 KEE NOV wnl; $17,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Aqueduct, $250K GIIL Demoiselle S., 1 1/8m, DAPHNE MOON, 8-1
$65,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $182,000 KEE SEP yrl; $525,000 OBS APR 2yo
2-Aqueduct, $150K Winter Memories S., 1 1/16mT, MONACO PRINCESS, 3-1

Cajun Breeze (Congrats), Stonehedge Farm South, $5,000
23 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Inaugural S., 6f, CAJUN CASANOVA, 4-1

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $3,500
138 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Sandpiper S., 6f, MINTCHOCOLATECHIP, 15-1
$13,500 IND MIX yrl

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Drill (Lawyer Ron), Get Away Farm, $4,500
81 foals of racing age/33 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Inaugural S., 6f, HE’S SMOKIN NOW, 30-1

Fed Biz (Giant’s Causeway), WinStar Farm, $10,000
187 foals of racing age/64 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, TEA PARTY, 8-1
$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $20,000
256 foals of racing age/95 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, $100K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f, GOLDEN CANDY, 6-1
8-Parx Racing, $100K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f, NEWSTOME, 9-5
$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $30,000 EAS MAY 2yo

He’s Had Enough (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, $2,500
140 foals of racing age/41 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Aqueduct, $250K GI Cigar Mile H., 1m, MISS MARISSA, 15-1
$11,000 OBS OCT yrl
3-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Inaugural S., 6f, NO GETTING OVER ME, 3-1
$17,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, private
57 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Aqueduct, $750K GI Cigar Mile H., 1m, NETWORK EFFECT, 15-1
$95,000 OBS APR 2yo

Seville (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}), Heritage Stallions
119 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Laurel, $75K Politely S., 6f, LAS SETAS, 7-2
$30,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Shakin It Up (Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station, $5,000
118 foals of racing age/40 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, HURRICANE MIKE, 20-1
$1,100 OBS OCT yrl

Strong Mandate (Tiznow), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
140 foals of racing age/45 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Aqueduct, $150K Winter Memories S., 1 1/16mT, JENNEMILY, 8-1

Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit), Country Life Farm, $3,000
69 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Laurel, $100K Maryland Juvenile Futurity, 7f, TOMMY SHELBY, 6-1
$2,000 EAS OCT yrl

Toronado (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot, $12,000
217 foals of racing age/71 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Aqueduct, $150K Winter Memories S., 1 1/16mT, TUNED (GB), 7-2

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, $6,000
143 foals of racing age/42 winners/5 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Sandpiper S., 6f, TWO SIXTY, 2-1
$72,000 OBS OCT yrl; $260,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Haras Old Friends, $15,000
269 foals of racing age/88 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $100K Sandpiper S., 6f, BRIDGE DANCER, 5-1
$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
9-Aqueduct, $250K GIII Remsen S., 1 1/8m, CHASE TRACKER, 7-2
$67,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, MOZANO, 8-1
$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $12,000 FTK JUL yrl

Well Spelled (Spellbinder), Godstone Farm, $1,500
24 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Parx Racing, $100K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f, HOCKEY PUCK, 8-1

Will Take Charge (Unbridled’s Song), Three Chimneys Farm, $30,000
207 foals of racing age/48 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, UNEXPLAINABLE, 10-1
STAKES RESULTS:

PAT WHITWORTH ILLINOIS DEBUTANTE S., $56,550, Hawthorne, 12-6, (S), 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47.71, ft.

1--COWGIRL KIMMIE, 118, f, 2, Cowboy Cal--Fuzzy Kim, by Madraar. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Bob Esposito & Lynda Esposito (IL); T-Fernando Bahena; J-Carlos Joan Ulloa. $33,930. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $48,847. *Full to Cowgirl Callie, SW, $112,840.


3--War Colors, 118, f, 2, Revolutionary--Debu, by Buddha. O-Sharon R. Morgan & Warchol Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Terry L. Morgan DVM & John Glueckert (IL); T-John C. Wainwright. $6,221.

Margins: 4HF, 3, 2. Odds: 5.20, 0.30, 5.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Aqueduct, $77,101, 12-6, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.59, ft.

FELIX IN FABULA (c, 4, Tale of the Cat--Mecanique, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 26-8-7-5, $349,967. O-Robert J. Amendola; B-Crossed Sabres Farm (KY); T-Mertkan Kantarmaci.

7th-Aqueduct, $70,010, (S), 12-6, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.17, ft.

SWEET MEADOW MIST (f, 3, D' Funnybone--Meadow Vista (GSP, $202,895), by Meadowlake) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, $104,859. O-Hayden Racing & Charlton Baker; B-EKQ Stables Corp. (NY); T-Charlton Baker. *1/2 to Bachata (Kingmambo), SW & GSP, $160,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Lantiz (Tizway), SP, $271,821.

8th-Gulfstream, $40,000, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 12-6, 3yo, f/m, f/m, 5fT, :55.55, fm.

MISS MIAMI (f, 3, Kantharos--Malibu Style, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, $61,270. O-Daniel Galvan; B-Chad Toups (LA); T-Bevery Burress. *$17,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $105,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

7th-Delta Downs, $39,040, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 12-5, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.31, ft.

ATTENTIVE (c, 3, Power Broker--Impractical, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $67,773. O-Bryan Hawk; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Boyd Caster.
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5th-Laurel, $36,050, (C), 12-6, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.33, ft. 
POPIZAR (g, 5, Tapizar--Popeye's Lady, by Forest Wildcat) 
Lifetime Record: 38-9-5-4, $229,919. O-McFalcingham LLC & Richard Vega Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD); T-Richard Vega. *$72,000 Ylg '15 EASOCT; $37,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

5th-Penn National, $29,596, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.69, gd. 
STUDIO B (g, 4, Majestic Warrior--Horseshoe Hill, by Street Sense) 
Lifetime Record: 18-3-5-4, $93,043. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Robert J.W. Johnston. *$65,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

6th-Penn National, $29,120, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.41, gd. 
MIDNIGHT ACT (g, 3, Midnight Lute--Act Quickly, by Awesome Again) 
Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-0, $63,564. O-James &Kelly Davis; B-Glen Hill Farm (FL); T-Flint W. Stites. *$70,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $115,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

1st-Charles Town, $29,000, (S), 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:50.22, ft. 
LIL SWEETHEART (f, 4, Wilko--Comic Debut, by Bertrando) 
Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-5, $69,100. O/B/T-Timothy M. Collins (WV).

6th-Charles Town, $28,000, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.70, ft. 
GOLD AND STRIKE (f, 3, Greeley's Conquest--Golden Striker, by Langfuhr) 

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, $21,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.15, fm. 
ZEFIRO (h, 5, Twirling Candy--Sammy Ammy, by Henbane) 
Lifetime Record: 37-9-6-3, $207,670. O-Harry R. Hoglander & Josie Gump; B-Trifecta Farms, LLC (KY); T-William M. Sienkewicz. *$10,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; $15,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSMAR; $13,000 2yo '16 OBSPORT; **1/2 to Sam Eye Am (Island Whirl), SW, $281,018. ***16th winner for first-crop sire (by City Zip).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS: 
Mnemba Island, g, 2, Conquest Curlinate--Kiamika, by With Approval. Woodbine, 12-6, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47.41. B-Frank Merenstein (KY). *1/2 to Garavogue Colleen (Sligo Bay [Ire]), GSP, $104,563; Crumlin Queen (Where's the Ring), MSP, $282,315. **2nd winner for first-crop sire (by Curlin).


Proud Victoria, f, 2, Laurie's Rocket--Rainbows Are Due, by Devil His Due. Remington, 12-5, 6 1/2f, 1:17.89. B-Bill McDowell (AR). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Devil and a Half (Storm and a Half), SW, $281,018.

White Lies, f, 2, Palace--Military Mama, by Include. Hawthorne, 12-6, (S), 6f, 1:12.02. B-John Truscott Racing (IL). *$18,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT; $40,000 Ylg '18 FTKFEB; $35,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Go Lady Jay (Run Away and Hide), SW, $245,848. ***16th winner for first-crop sire (by City Zip).

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CITY ZIP, Pixelate, c, 2, o/o Speckled, by Street Cry (Ire). Central Park S., 12-6, Aqueduct
CONQUEST CURLINATE, Mnemba Island, g, 2, o/o Kiamika, by With Approval. MOC, 12-6, Woodbine
COWBOY CAL, Cowgirl Kimmie, f, 2, o/o Fuzzy Kim, by Madraar. Pat Whitworth Illinois Debutante S., 12-6, Hawthorne
D’ FUNNYBONE, Sweet Meadow Mist, f, 3, o/o Meadow Vista, by Meadowlake. ALW, 12-6, Aqueduct
DECLARATION OF WAR, Piece by Peace, f, 3, o/o Be My Prospect, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 12-6, Tampa Bay
EXCHANGE RATE, Fritzi, f, 3, o/o Seauxbelle, by Dynaformer. MSW, 12-6, Gulfstream
FIRST DUDE, Nekia's First Lady, f, 2, o/o All Night Labor, by Double Honor. MSW, 12-5, Charles Town
FIRST SAMURAI, Fiduciary Values, f, 4, o/o Lantern, by Mineshaft. ALW, 12-6, Laurel
FLASHPOINT, Big Em C, g, 4, o/o Grand Kisses, by Grand Reward. AOC, 12-5, Delta Downs
GREELEY’S CONQUEST, Gold and Strike, f, 3, o/o Golden Striker, by Langfuhr. ALW, 12-5, Charles Town
HARD SPUN, Spin Control, f, 3, o/o Crimson Maple, by Rahy. MSW, 12-6, Aqueduct
INTO MISCHIEF, Into Trouble, f, 3, o/o Smooth Performer, by Benchmark. ALW, 12-5, Turfway
JAPAN, Medellin, f, 2, o/o Haggith, by Thunder Gulch. MSW, 12-6, Aqueduct
KANTHAROS, Miss Miami, f, 3, o/o Malibu Style, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 12-6, Gulfstream
LAURIE’S ROCKET, Proud Victoria, f, 2, o/o Rainbows Are Due, by Devil His Due. MSW, 12-5, Remington
LEWIS MICHAEL, Lanier, g, 7, o/o Saint Jamie, by Arch. AOC, 12-5, Turfway
MAJESTIC WARRIOR, Studio B, g, 4, o/o Horseshoe Hill, by Street Sense. ALW, 12-5, Penn National
MASS MEDIA, Lucky Lily Be, f, 3, o/o Please Be Seated, by Crafty Prospector. MSW, 12-5, Delta Downs
MIDNIGHT LUTE, Midnight Act, g, 3, o/o Act Quickly, by Awesome Again. ALW, 12-5, Penn National
MINESHAFT, Outamine, c, 3, o/o Noble Bandit, by Cat Thief. MSW, 12-6, Fair Grounds
NONIOS, Alacritous, g, 4, o/o Shes the Real Deal, by Songandaprayer. OCL, 12-6, Woodbine
PALACE, White Lies, f, 2, o/o Military Mama, by Include. MSW, 12-6, Hawthorne
PAYNTER, See What’s What, f, 3, o/o Cafe Concerto, by Trempolino. ALW, 12-5, Delta Downs
POWER BROKER, Attentive, c, 3, o/o Impractical, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 12-5, Remington
SHACKLEFORD, Cash Offer, f, 3, o/o Monono, by Whywhywhy. AOC, 12-6, Aqueduct
SMILING TIGER, Kristi's Tiger, f, 2, o/o Lottawampum, by Indian Charlie. MCL, 12-6, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
STORMY ATLANTIC, Stormy Soul, g, 2, o/o In the Slips, by More Than Ready. MSW, 12-6, Woodbine
TALE OF THE CAT, Felix in Fabula, c, 4, o/o Mecanique, by Maria's Mon. ALW, 12-6, Laurel
TAPIZAR, Popizar, g, 5, o/o Popeye's Lady, by Forest Wildcat. ALW, 12-6, Laurel
THE FACTOR, All Fact, f, 3, o/o Navy Chapel, by Chapel Royal. MSW, 12-6, Hawthorne
TWIRLING CANDY, Zefiro, h, 5, o/o Sammy Ammy, by Henbane. AOC, 12-6, Tampa Bay
WILKO, Lil Sweetheart, f, 4, o/o Comic Debut, by Bertrando. ALW, 12-5, Charles Town
SCARBOROUGH OFFERING CLASSIC SISTER

Koala is a three-quarter sister to Magna Grecia (pictured), winner of this year’s G1 2000 Guineas | Racing Post

By Kelsey Riley

A year ago, breeder Bob Scarborough opted to roll the dice and scratch his mare Cabaret (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) from the Tattersalls December Mares Sale after her 2-year-old Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) won the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy. One can imagine it was an agonizing decision; to sell while the mare’s stock was unquestionably high, or take the risk that another year might see her perceived potency as a producer decline.

Scarborough rolled his dice, and he hit the jackpot.

Six months after beating Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in the Futurity Trophy, and on his next start, Magna Grecia won the G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas. Some five months after that, his two years’ younger half-brother by Siyouni followed his brother into Ballydoyle when bought by MV Magnier for 1.3-million gns at Tattersalls October.

Cabaret wasn’t the only family member the Melbourne-based Scarborough–former chairman of the Moonee Valley Racing Club–held on to last year. Cabaret’s then yearling filly by Kodiak (GB), a three-quarter sister to Magna Grecia, went through the ring at the Arqana October yearling sale last year but was brought home by Scarborough after failing to meet her €100,000 reserve.

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RECORDER FOALS STEP OUT ON ARQAN NA STAGE  By Kelsey Riley

DEAUVILLE, France—the foal sales provide the market an opportunity to get a feel for the progeny of young sires, and shoppers at Arqana this weekend will have a good opportunity to form an opinion on Montfort et Preaux’s Recorder (Ire) (Galileo [Ire]), as the Group 3-winning 2-year-old has 11 first-crop foals catalogued.

Recorder, bred and raced by The Queen and trained by William Haggas, raced only at two but won two of his three starts. He took a seven-furlong Newmarket maiden in July of 2015, with eventual G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club victor Ventura Storm (Ire) (Zoffany [Ire]) in his wake in third, before taking York’s G3 Acomb S. with the Group 1-placed Cymric (Kitten’s Joy) back in third.

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**Scarborough Offering Classic Sister cont. from p1**

Thanks to the exploits of her brother, the filly now named **Koala (Fr)** is likely to make many multiples of that when she goes through the ring on Saturday at Arqana as **lot 130**.

“When I offered her as a yearling, she didn’t make her very modest reserve of €100,000 despite the fact that at the time Magna Grecia had won his maiden and had been beaten a neck in a Group 3 as a 2-year-old, and clearly looked very promising,” Scarborough recalled. “A week later Magna Grecia won the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy. All of a sudden I got a few phone calls—‘I’d be happy to pay the €100,000.’ I declined that and thought, ‘I may as well race her and see what happens,’ which I’ve done.”

Koala has made one start for trainer Nicolas Clement, finishing off the board over nine furlongs at Fontainebleau on Nov. 14. Scarborough said he is reluctant to sell Koala seeing as she is the only female he has thus far retained out of the 12-year-old Cabaret, but has deemed it a necessary business decision to further the progress of his boutique European broodmare band. That broodmare band is headed by Cabaret, who goes to Kingman this year after coming up barren for 2020. She foaled another colt by Siyouni—once again emulating the cross that produced this year’s G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Sottsass (Fr). This year’s G3 Prix Penelope winner Cartiem (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire}) visits Frankel (GB) for her first season at stud next year, having been bought by Scarborough for €750,000 at this year’s Arqana Arc Sale.

Another headed to Frankel after producing a Siyouni filly as her first foal this year is Cash in the Hand (Exchange Rate). The 4-year-old received a huge pedigree update when Star Catcher (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who is out of Cash in the Hand’s half-sister Lynwood Chase (Horse Chestnut {SAf}), took three Group 1s and Cartier champion 3-year-old filly honours.
GROUP WINNING 2YO

- Winner of the Gr.3 Acomb Stakes
- 2nd Gr.1 Vertem Futurity Trophy to Magna Grecia
- 2nd Gr.2 Champagne Stakes to Too Darn Hot

CLASSIC WINNING 3YO

Winner of the Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas by 3 lengths beating Too Darn Hot and Magna Grecia
Headed to Star Catcher’s sire Sea The Stars is Blissful Beat (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), the 12-year-old dam of Home of the Brave (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus})—a multiple group winner in England and Australia—who foaled an Invincible Spirit filly this year.

Grade III winner Cheetah (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), whose 2-year-old colt Dark Vader (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) recently broke his maiden for Joseph O’Brien and whose yearling colt by that same sire was bought by Shadwell for 135,000gns at Tattersalls October, goes to Magna Grecia.

The multiple Group 3-winning Bewitched (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), who Scarborough owns in partnership with John Magnier, produced a stakes winner on Wednesday when Pablo Escobarr (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) took Kempton’s Listed Wild Flower S.

Scarborough was bit by the racing bug at the age of 19 after cashing in a small exotic bet to the tune of £1,000. “In those days I could have put a deposit on a reasonable family home with those winnings, but I decided I’d buy a yearling instead,” he recalled.

Scarborough soon expanded his horizons to the breeding game, with for many years Wood Nook Farm in Victoria as his base. “The only way I felt I could compete would be to breed so I started breeding from the horses I raced in the late 80s,” he said. “I got lucky early and got a Group 1 winner in 1991 and that was the start of getting more and more involved.”

Scarborough has since raced nine individual Group 1 winners Down Under, seven of which he bred, and he has bred an additional four Group 1 winners that have run in other colours. His name is the trophies of the likes of the Caulfield Guineas and Thousand Guineas, Victoria Derby and Blue Diamond S.

All the while, Scarborough was dabbling in breeding stock in America and Europe, and in 2011 he added Cabaret—then best known as the winner of the G3 Silver Flash S.—to his lineup for 600,000gns at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale.
“She was in foal to Danehill Dancer at the time and I got a lovely filly [named Prance],” Scarborough said. “I sold her as a yearling to the Niarchos family for 525,000gns, so I was pretty much out on Cabaret in one hit.

“She’s been pretty kind to me. She had a yearling go through this year for 1.3-million gns, which was another very kind thing she did for me. She’s been wonderful. She’s a beautiful mare, too--she’s a really lovely type.”

Cabaret was sent to Invincible Spirit in two of her first five years at stud, producing Magna Grecia and the triple winner Invincible Ryker (Ire), and Scarborough said it was the Danzig line over Galileo that initially appealed to him. While that cross through Danehill specifically has been so successful in recent years, Scarborough took the route through Danzig’s son Green Desert.

“The obvious cross comes with Danehill, but that route wasn’t available and Invincible Spirit was clearly doing very well,” Scarborough said. “At the time, there were no other obvious sires to send Galileo mares to. Now, things like using Siyouni with a Galileo mare is probably the right thing to do, and with Siyouni being out of a Danehill mare I think that’s a nick that’s probably working with that.

“Cabaret missed to Invincible Spirit this year. That was a shame, but these things happen. She’d been very good; she hasn’t missed a year. I’m going to do what I think is the obvious thing and go to a son of Invincible Spirit in Kingman. He’s so fashionable and he’s young. The market is already treating him as if he’s a superstar sire which is perhaps a bit ahead of itself, but I’m willing to take the odds on that for next year.”

By the time Magna Grecia was making headlines this year and last, Scarborough had sold Wood Nook Farm and dispersed most of his Australian stock to focus on Europe.

“I had decided it was more commercial for me to focus on the Northern Hemisphere,” he explained. “I felt that pricing of stallion nominations in Australia had gotten out of whack a bit and it was difficult for owners of broodmares to conduct a profitable business. So I decided if I dealt only at the very pointy end of the market in the Northern Hemisphere, I could do this commercially. I’m passionate about it, but it has to make sense at some stage. I don’t have oil wells that support my passion for the Thoroughbred industry. It has to be commercially successful at the end of the day.”

Scarborough has in recent years been selling all his stock as yearlings to fund the development of a boutique and high-quality broodmare band, but he said he may soon begin retaining the odd filly to take a shot at developing some of his own families.
ZARAK

First foals selling

A Gr.1 winner who was 2nd in the Gr.1 Prix du Jockey Club and victorious at two, three and four.

He is a son of Champion DUBAWI and 5-time Group 1 winner ZARKAVA.
“I’ve been trying to acquire more commercial mares over the last three years, so I’ve needed to sell everything I’ve been breeding to re-invest that into the purchase of new mares,” he said. “This year I have an Invincible Spirit filly out of Blissful Beat and I may well keep her and just see if I can get lucky. Perhaps if she’s good enough to get some black-type it’s a means of generating my own future broodmare.

“I’m going to have to take a bit of a punt probably every year and pick at least one of the fillies that I get from those mares and race them. It’s difficult; it’s always balancing this business of trying to make the whole thing commercial. I always like my mares to be highly commercial every time I put them to stud and if I don’t feel they’re commercial I’ll sell them. I’m perfectly happy to turn them over if I don’t feel happy about the progress they’re making at any point in time.”

And it is plainly clear that dual hemisphere Group 1 success has only fueled the fire that is Scarborough’s interest in the racing game.

“I don’t intend stopping at any point in the near future,” he said. “I’m very passionate about the whole thing and I’d like to slowly grow mare numbers to perhaps as many as 10. I hope it gets a little bigger and that the industry continues to get support.”

“IT’s obviously a great honor to stand Recorder, owned by Her Majesty The Queen of England, who has done so much for the industry. To have a horse like him in France is a great privilege. He’s by Galileo and he’s out of a multiple group winner in Memory. His first foals are very nice. We’ll know more in two years’ time and hopefully we’ll have a good story.”

As Alex referenced, Recorder is out of the G2 Cherry Hinton S. and G3 Albany S. winner Memory (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Recorder was her first foal, and the following year she produced his listed-winning and G2 Yorkshire Cup-third full-brother Call To Mind (GB) and his listed-winning three-quarter brother Learn By Heart (GB) (Frankel {GB}). The mare’s 3-year-old Space Walk (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was a winner this year for The Queen and Haggas, while her first filly, the 2-year-old Dusty Dream (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), ran twice this year for the same connections. Memory has a yearling filly by Galileo.

Alex said the team at Montfort and Preaux is in weekly contact with The Queen’s staff about Recorder, and the 10 mares she has sent to the stallion annually board on the stud.

“We are in touch with them every week, letting them know how many mares he has covered, how many mares he has booked to him and how the foals are going,” Alex said. “It’s a very nice way to work. They have put a lot of trust in us and we greatly appreciate it.”

Recorder Foals Step Out On Arqana Stage cont. from p1

“Recorder was one of the highest-rated 2-year-olds in England that year,” recalled Montfort et Preaux’s Mathieu Alex. “He won his maiden very impressively, defeating a Group 1 winner. And then he was an impressive winner of the Acomb S. The horse in third that day, Cymric, was then a short-head second in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere in France. So he had true Group 1 form. He only raced the two, but he showed that he had a lot of ability.”

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Recorder has bred around 250 mares in his first two seasons at stud, and Alex said his first crop are showing traits of both their sire and illustrious grandsire Galileo.

“His foals have been very, very popular,” he said. “We’re getting a lot of very positive feedback from the breeders. Most of them have been back, so that’s always a good sign. We have about 20 Recorder foals on the farm, so we have a good knowledge of what they’re like physically and mentally, and they have been very easy to deal with from the beginning. They seem to have a lot of confidence, and we really like them physically. They are strong and they’re very forward. They’re the type of foals that are born and as soon as they can get up they come to you and see you.

“Time will tell, but we are very happy at the moment. I think the breeders were delighted with him, but also they really appreciate that Her Majesty The Queen of England would stand a horse of this calibre in France.”

Montfort et Preaux has also supported the stallion with mares, and the operation has come full circle in a way, as Alex revealed that one of its nicest Recorder foals is out of La Hoguette (Fr), who was one of Le Havre’s first stakes winners.

“We have supported Recorder the same way we did with Le Havre, and we will keep doing so, but he’s also had plenty of support from outside breeders and also breeders from England. They look forward, like they will be sharp 2-year-olds. Time will tell, but we’re excited about Recorder.”

Alex said he is looking forward to seeing the market’s reception over the weekend, but noted it is just the beginning of Recorder’s story at stud.

“To have Recorder’s foals selling at the end of the year in Arqana, it’s exciting for us,” he said. “And we’re also seeing the foals that breeders are retaining, and there are very good reports about them. The foal sale is important, but we’ll probably know more next year at the yearling stage. But we have to say it's very positive.”
LE HAVRE

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Tattersalls Book 1
Lot 500 825,000 Gns

Tattersalls Book 1
Lot 388 575,000 Gns

Arqana August
Lot 29 €500,000
QUALITY RUNS DEEP IN AGA KHAN DRAFT

By Kelsey Riley

DEAUVILLE, France--Tracing back the bloodlines of some of the horses that have made headlines in recent weeks, a common thread can be found. Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) became a champion at two and three when earning Cartier champion 3-year-old honors. The first foals of Almanzor (Fr) have found favour at the sales. A Dubawi colt out of G1 Irish St Leger winner Voleuse de Coeurs (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) was the top lot at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale.

What do all these horses have in common? They come from Aga Khan families.

These are far from the only horses to have been culled or had their dams or grandams culled--by the great breeder and go on to success on the racetrack and in the breeding shed for new connections. Near the top of a very long list include names like Arcano (Ire), Capri (Ire), Dank (GB), Encke, Vadamos (Fr), Siyouma (Fr), Manighar (Fr) and Alpine Rose (Fr).

“People have had some success with these families,” said an understated Georges Rimaud, manager of the Aga Khan’s French studs. “There is always something still happening in the families when we sell them; it’s very rare that nothing would happen. There is always improvement to be made when they get into other peoples’ hands.”

The Aga Khan Studs offers 26 fillies and mares at Arqana this weekend and Rimaud said it is an important exercise each year to decide which to cull to keep the global broodmare band around 190.

“We decide on numbers first because we have to sell as many females as we produce to maintain an acceptable number of broodmares,” he explained. “That is the first exercise and the number can vary from one year to the next taking into account the number of mares we have in foal and numbers of maiden or barren mares.

“They then go by family. We tend to sell the fillies that have sufficient siblings in the broodmare band or coming off the track. There’s no academic way of doing it; it is very much a feeling we may have about some families. We very rarely sell the last filly from a family but it can happen, and we keep one or two from each family. There’s no great science about it, it is just about keeping alive certain families and making sure we don’t have too low of numbers from each family.”

This weekend’s Aga Khan offerings includes 11 fillies and mares that are Group 1 winners, daughters of Group 1 winners or sisters to Group 1 winners.

“Like any operation we have to make a bit of money so we’re selling a few mares that are worth a bit of money this time around,” Rimaud said. “We’re selling, for example, a couple of Group 1-winning mares or mares closely related to Group 1 winners. These kinds of horses are not very often on the market so it is an opportunity for buyers to get into those families. Some of these older mares, in their mid teens, we often still have the 2-year-old running or something that is ready to do well the next year.”

First up for the Aga Khan Studs on Saturday is Shalanaya (Ire) (Lomitas (GB)) (lot 8), the 13-year-old G1 Prix de l’Opera winner in foal to Almanzor on a Feb. 20 cover. While Shalanaya has yet to produce a stakes horse, she is the dam of three winners from four to race and Rimaud said her 2-year-old Shalamba (Fr) (Zoffany (Ire)) is showing promise.

“Shalanaya is a nice mare from a real nice Aga Khan family,” he said. “Shalamba, the Zoffany filly that we have retained who is a 2-year-old is looking quite nice and should be an interesting prospect for next year. We have a few fillies in that family; we have [half-sister] Shankardeh (Ire) (Azamour (Ire)) and Shahnaza (Fr) (Azamour (Ire)). This is typical of an interesting way to get into an Aga Khan family. It is not going to be hugely expensive because she is the age that she is, but she has a nice early cover and is a good prospect for someone who wants to start a broodmare band or is interested in breeding from that family.”

Rimaud noted that the Aga Khan supported Almanzor heavily in his debut season and is likely to continue to do so.

“We used Almanzor quite extensively last year and probably will again next year,” he said. “He was a very good racehorse and you have to give him that credit. He stands near us here in France and I think it is legitimate to support him even in the very first years. The first foals are very nice and we’ll probably carry on with him a while, at least until he has some runners and proves himself.”
Almanzor isn’t the only young sire outside the home roster that the Aga Khan has used; **Shamakiya (Ire)** (Intikhab) (lot 99), a multiple group-placed half-sister to G1 Gran Premio di Milano victress Shamdala (Ire) (Grand Lodge), is in foal to Derrinstown Stud’s G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Awtaad (Ire), who has his first 2-year-olds next year.

“Awtaad is a nice, young horse by Cape Cross, who is a horse we tend to like,” Rimaud said.

The page of **Zarakiysha (Ire)** (Kendor {Fr}) (lot 55) should catch the eye, she being a half-sister to the Aga Khan’s peerless champion and Group 1 producer Zarkava (Fr) (Zamindar). Zarakiysha has spent most of her breeding career as a member of the Aga Khan’s select broodmare band in Australia, where she left the listed-placed and G1 Queensland Oaks fourth Zarzali (Aus) (Hussonet), and she is offered in foal to Siyouni.

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While her age, 15, will be a knock, Rimaud reasons that she is a gateway into an excellent family with the opportunity to strike big with her first foal for her new connections.

“I know these older mares aren’t really what makes a lot on the market, but we’re not focused on that; we have to cull and we have to pass them on,” he said. “You rarely get females of that family so directly acquainted to Zarkava. She’s in-foal to Siyouni, so it is a nice way to get into the family with a Siyouni foal first time out.”

It is a similar case for **Saliyna (Fr)** (Linamix {Fr}) (lot 9), who is 13 years old but has already produced a stakes-placed horse and comes from a family that just keeps on producing. She is a full-sister to Group 1 winner and sire Slickly (Fr) and the dam of Siyouni, and just this year Siyarafina (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), who also appears under the first dam, provided another Group 1 update with a win in the Prix Saint-Alary. Saliyna’s 2-year-old colt, Safiyann (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}), was placed on Nov. 26 at Deauville. Saliyna is offered in foal to Camacho (GB).

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“This is an interesting Lagardere family,” Rimaud said. “She is a half-sister to the dam of Siyouni so this is again a way of getting into a family that is rarely on the market. This is the family of Siyarafina this year so this is a family that is quite alive and there are a lot of things that are going to happen.”

Another stakes-producing, in-foal mare in the draft is **Valasyra (Fr)** (Sinndar {Ire}) (lot 159). The 12-year-old is a half-sister to the G1 Prix de Diane winner Valyra (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) and is in foal to Siyouni.

“She’s a stakes-placed mare from a good family,” Rimaud said. “She’s a sister to Valyra who won the Prix de Diane and it’s that ‘V’ family of Lagardere, which is very prolific. I think this is quite a nice page and a great opportunity for someone to get into that family with a Siyouni.”

Of the maiden 3-year-old filly offerings, **Sadiqa (Fr)** (Poet’s Voice {GB}) (lot 61), **Dalkeya (Fr)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) (lot 191) and **Elaya (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) (lot 64) are all sisters to Group 1 winners.

Sadiqa was a winner whose career was cut short by injury, and in addition to being a half-sister to Prix Saint-Alary winner Sagawara (Fr) (Shamardal), she is a granddaughter of the prolific producer Saganeca (Fr) (Sagace {Fr}).

“She is a half-sister to Sagawara and from Sagamix’s family, which is again a Lagardere family, but if you go a bit further down the page Shastye is the dam of Japan and Secret Gesture, so there again it is a nice family to get into.”

Rimaud noted that Dalkeya is being offered as a broodmare prospect only due to injury. Being a half-sister to G1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner Doliniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) and out of a sister to Daylami (Ire) and Dalakhani (Ire), she should have plenty of interested parties.

“She’s a lovely looking mare and would be a nice way to start,” Rimaud said. “She is very pleasant to the eye and I think she’ll get a lot of interest.”
ALMANZOR
by Wootton Bassett

“The best I have ever trained”
JC Rouget

1st Prix du Jockey Club Gr.1 - 1st Champion Stakes Gr.1 - 1st Irish Champion Stakes Gr.1 - 1st Prix de Guiche Gr.3 - 1st Prix Guillaume d’Ornano Gr.2 - Stakes winner at 2

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Elaya, meanwhile, is a full-sister to Ervedya (Fr), who took the Poule d’Essai des Pouliches, Coronation S. and Prix du Moulin de Longchamp of 2015.
“Elaya raced once and didn’t perform and then she hurt herself a bit,” Rimaud said. “She’s fine now and ready to be a broodmare. She’s a beautiful filly and with a family that is starting to improve not only with Ervedya but others, like Ebony (Fr), this year, a Le Havre (Ire) filly who was listed-placed in France.”

HALF TO WALDGEIST UNVEILED AT WOLVERHAMPTON
5.50 Wolverhampton, Novice, £5,300, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT)
WALDKONIG (GB) (Kingman {GB}) is a half-brother to the recently- elevated star of the firmament Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) due to his Arc heroics and also to the G2 Prix de Malleret winner Waldied (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) from a German family steeped in achievement. John Gosden has charge of the April-foaled bay, who like Waldgeist is owned and was bred in partnership by Gestut Ammerland and Newsells Park Stud.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

UNITED KINGDOM
Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
111 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
18:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, AUCHTERARDER (Ire)
€18,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Ifraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
17:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, BORSTAL BULL (Ire)
€10,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £37,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
17:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, CALL MY BLUFF (Ire)
€27,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 6,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Yearlings Sale 2018

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud
106 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
18:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, DANCIN INTHESTREET (GB)
GOFFS UK DECEMBER CONCLUDES

Goffs UK December Sale at Doncaster concluded with Friday’s horses-in-training session which saw 60 horses sell, topped by Juddmonte Farms’ Herculean (Frankel [GB]) (Lot 76). The 5-year-old, out of the Group-1 winner African Rose (GB) (Observatory), sold to Stuart Williams on behalf of Tom Morley for £38,000. The chestnut is a full-brother to Group 3 winner Fair Eva (GB). The single-day session realized an aggregate of £389,800 from 60 head sold. The session average was £6,497, with a median of £3,750. The clearance rate was 78%.

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Friday’s Results:

3rd-Newcastle, £7,400, Novice, 12-6, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:14.72, st.
DULAS (IRE) {c, 2, Raven’s Pass--Petit Calva (Fr) {MSW & GSP-Fr, $102,046}, by Desert King {Ire}}, fifth over seven furlongs at Leicester Sept. 23, showed speed to hold a slim early advantage. Kicking clear approaching the two-furlong pole, the 11-4 second favourite was eased late to record a 2 1/4-length success from Nehaali (GB) (Pivotal [GB]). The winner is a full-brother to the listed winner Rosay (Ire) who was also third in the G3 Prix Imprudence, and a half to Teofilo Calva (Ire) (Teofilo [Ire]), SP-HK, $550,850. The useful dam was also third in the Imprudence, having scored twice at listed level and finished second in the G3 Prix de la Grotte. She is a half to Mauralakana (Fr) (Muhtathir [GB]), whose substantial career achievements included successes in the GI Beverly D. S., GI New York S. and GII Sheeprase Bay H. Also connected to the G1 Hong Kong Cup and G2 Dubai Duty Free hero Jim and Tonic (Fr) (Double Bed [Fr]), her yearling colt is a full-brother to the winner and she also has a filly foal by Zarak (Fr). Sales history: 60,000gns Ylg ’18 TAOC. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $6,300. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Julie & David R. Martin & Pnr; B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE); T-C Hills.

6th-Newcastle, £5,300, Novice, 12-6, 3yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:45.39, st.
YURI GAGARIN (GB) (g, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Soviet Terms (GB), by Soviet Star), sent off the 2-5 favourite on this debut, broke well to race in the front line from the outset. Taking the measure of sole threat Dawry (Ire) (Showcasing [GB]) approaching the final furlong, the cleverly-named 300,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 graduate asserted to score by 2 3/4 lengths. The dam is a half to the G2 Lowther S. and G2 Queen Mary S. winner Best Terms (GB) (Exceed and Excel [Aus]), who in turn produced the G2 May Hill S. runner-up and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Star Terms (GB) by Sea The Moon’s sire Sea The Stars (Ire). From the family of another Russian-themed notable in the G2 Prix Hocquart winner Anton Chekhov (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), she also has a yearling colt by Awaad (Ire). Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg ’17 TAOC. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,513. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Godolphin; B-Genesis Green Stud Ltd & Thurso Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.
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NO NAY NEVER - Europe's outstanding young sire with 18 SWs from his first two crops including dual Gr.1 winner TEN SOVEREIGNS, and Gr.2 winners ARIZONA, MYSTERY POWER, CHESTNUT HONEY, SHADN, NAY LADY NAY (Mrs Revere S.-Gr.2 at Churchill Downs last Saturday) etc. Fee €175,000.

TEN SOVEREIGNS – Impressive Gr.1 winner over 6f. as a 2YO (Middle Park S.) and a 3YO (July Cup), both in very fast times. New for 2020, fee €25,000.

CARAVAGGIO – Brilliant Gr.1 winner over 6f. at 2 and 3. His outstanding first foals at Goffs and Newmarket sold for €305,000, €240,000, €195,000, €190,000, €190,000, €185,000, €170,000 etc. Fee €40,000.

SIoux Nation - Won the Phoenix S.-Gr.1 and Norfolk S.-Gr.2 at 2 and the Lacken S.-Gr.3 at 3. Out of a daughter of champion sprinter Oasis Dream and Gr.1 sprinter Catch The Blues. First foals in 2020, fee €12,500.

TEN SOVEREIGNS (above) beats Advertise and Fairyland in the July Cup-Gr.1

SIoux Nation, wins the Norfolk Stakes-Gr.2 at Royal Ascot - just like NO NAY NEVER

Remember Scat Daddy's first Gr.1-winning son with runners is No Nay Never!
FRBC UNDERGOES RESTRUCTURING

The French Racing and Breeding Committee (FRBC) has been integrated into the France Galop infrastructure and will now be headed by Clément Porcher. Created in 2000 by France Galop in conjunction with its partners, including sales agencies, representatives of the bloodstock agencies, breeders, trainers, and breeding associations (AQPS and AFAC), the FRBC was created to promote and support French racing and its clients internationally. The FRBC will continue to operate under its own banner, however, without an associative structure, which will allow to reduce its operational costs. The Inward Buyer Scheme (the reimbursement of travel expenses for foreign buyers at the sales) will be directly managed by the sales agencies.

Friday’s Result:
1st-Lyon La Soie, €16,000, Mdn, 12-6, 2yo, c/g, 9f (AWT), 1:54.99, st.
HARMYSIAN (GB) (c, 2, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Adja {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), runner-up at Lyon-Parilly when last seen Oct. 8, raced up with the pace from the outset. Sent into a clear lead from the home turn, the 11-10 favourite stayed on strongly to account for Canoeing (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) by three lengths. The dam’s first foal was Amboseli (Medaglia d’Oro), who was placed in the GII Yellow Ribbon H. and GIII Cardinal H., MGSP-US, $197,908. She is out of Ange Bleu (Alleged), the high-class Wildenstein producer who was a half-sister to the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic-winning sire Arcangues. Her two best performers were the GI Beverly D. S. and GI Diana S. heroine Angara (GB) (Alzao) and G2 Prix Corrida scorer Actrice (Ire) (Danehill), while she is the ancestress of multiple pattern-race runners. The third dam is the matriarch Albertine (Fr) (Irish River {Fr}), whose descendants include Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill), Artiste Royal (Ire) (Danehill) and Cape Verdi (Ire) (Caerleon). Adja’s yearling colt Spanish Honey (Ire) is by Iffraaj (GB), while she also has a filly foal by Churchill (Ire). Sales history: €37,000 RNA Ylg ‘18 ARAUG; €80,000 2yo ‘19 ARMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €14,300. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Ecurie De Montlahuc; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Papakura (Ire), f, 2, Worthadd (Ire)--Fantastic Opinion (Ire), by Fantastic Light. Lyon La Soie, 12-6, 9f (AWT), 1:54.95. B-Kildaragh Stud (IRE).
IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

In the Present, f, 2, Karakontie (Jpn)—Dreams of Fire, by Dynaformer. Dundalk, 12-6, 7f (AWT), 1:26.23. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). *SP-Ire.

NADAKUCHA TRIES TO REPEAT WITH RIA ANTONIA FILLY

Last year’s Hanshin Juvenile Fillies winner, Danon Fantasy (Jpn)

Trainer Mitsumasa Nakuchida returns to Sunday’s G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies with another favorite, Ria Amelia (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), after taking last season’s renewal with Danon Fantasy (Jpn). Out of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Ria Antonia (Rockport Harbor), Ria Amelia debuted in impressive fashion in June, when she won by eight lengths at Hanshin. She followed up in her second start by going from last to first on the final straight in the G3 Artemis S. Oct. 26 at Tokyo. There was some speculation after the filly put on 20kg ahead of the Artemis, however, she silenced her detractors when completing the final three furlongs in :33 seconds flat.

“She was not fat despite what her weight may have suggested,” said assistant trainer Teruhiko Saruhashi. “She just grew and started filling out, simple as that. I will not say she has no issues whatsoever after the way she’s raced so far, but I’m also not particularly worried either. We’ve been communicating with the jockey and everyone else on the team after the races so we’re in good shape. She’s been putting in the work since her last race at a constant. She was born a brilliant racehorse so I’m not sure how much better she can get. I don’t see a huge difference in her from the last start, but she’s shaping up really well.”

Also trained by Nakuchida, Cravache d’Or (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)) won her September debut going a mile at Hanshin against the boys and then followed up with a runner-up finish in the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup Oct. 5. In the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup, Cravache d’Or faced Salios (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry), who won in a course record for 2-year-olds, and is slated to contest next week’s Asahihai Futurity S.

“I don’t think we could have asked for more out of her in the previous start,” Saruhashi said. “It was a good performance. We always felt the challenge for her was going to come away from the race itself—traveling to the racetrack, all the waiting around, warming up, that sort of thing. Maybe because it was her second time out, but she handled everything much better than we expected.”

Given a freshener since that effort, Cravache d’Or has been working out well which only strengthens her case as a legitimate contender.

“She’s been training good at the stable since. She isn’t nervous and is all set to go,” Saruhashi said.

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**GROUP ENTRIES**

**HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES-G1, Y, 2yo, f, 1600mT**

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BURGUNDY SUCCUMBS TO LAMINITIS

by Paul Vettise

Cambridge Stud has suffered another devastating blow after Burgundy (NZ) (Redoute’s Choice) lost his battle on Friday with laminitis.

He was being treated for the acute condition in his front feet before a deterioration in the last two days and the decision was made between the major partners that he should not suffer further.

Burgundy was bred by Sir Peter Vela and his late brother Philip and was sold through the Pencarrow Stud draft at New Zealand Bloodstock’s National Yearling Sale for NZ$1.3 million to Te Akau chief David Ellis.

He was a son of the G1 Australasian Oaks winner Grand Echezeaux (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and was a three-quarter brother in blood to multiple Group 1 winner and producer Darci Brahma (NZ) (Danehill {USA}), himself a NZ$1.1 million Karaka graduate.

Their dam was a three-quarter sister to Romanee Conti (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}), who won the Hong Kong International Cup, which then carried Group 3 status.

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She subsequently produced the champion staying mare Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm), who in 2001 completed the G1 Caulfield Cup and G1 Melbourne Cup double.

It is also the family of Supera (NZ) (Savabeel), who is the pre-post favourite for Saturday’s G1 Captain Cook S. at Trentham.

Speed Machine

Burgundy raced in the Te Akau colours and was described by managing-owner Ellis as the fastest horse ever trained at Te Akau.

A multiple stakes winner and Group 1 placed in the Telegraph H., Burgundy was subsequently syndicated to stand at Cambridge Stud.

At the time of his passing, Burgundy had sired 39 individual winners from 93 representatives in five countries.

His leading representatives to date have been the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year and G2 Sir Tristram Fillies’ Classic winner Dijon Bleu (NZ) and the G2 Hawke’s Bay Guineas winner Hard Merchandize (NZ), who has won in Hong Kong as Telecom Puma.

At the recent New Zealand Cup carnival, Burgundy’s son La Romanee (NZ) won the Listed Welcome S. while Brandenburg (NZ) has been a dual group placegetter in Australia this season.

Cambridge Stud paid tribute to the unrelenting efforts of the Cambridge Equine Hospital’s Rob Hitchcock and Alanna Zantingh for their treatment of Burgundy.

His loss follows the tragic passing earlier this year of Roaring Lion (USA) following a battle with colic in August and then being forced to withdraw Tavistock (NZ) from service in October after he suffered a freak hoof injury in a paddock accident.

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WINX IN-FOAL TO VINNE

by TDN AusNZ

The ownership group of Winx (Street Cry {Ire}) has confirmed the champion mare is in foal to Yarraman Park’s I Am Invincible.

“We are delighted confirm that Winx is expecting her first foal in spring, 2020. She has taken to retirement wonderfully well and has settled in perfectly at her new home,” they said in a statement.

“We are very excited about this next stage of her career. Hopefully, she will be blessed with good luck and good health through the balance of her pregnancy, delivering a happy and healthy first foal by I Am Invincible. “He is a fantastic stallion and we are very grateful to the Mitchell family and all of the team at Yarraman Park for their assistance through the breeding season.”

Winx | Bronwen Healy
AETHERO TAKING TYREEL STUD TO THE ‘NEXT LEVEL’

Aethero faces a date with destiny in Sunday’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin | HKJC photo

by Alan Carasso

A little more than an hour north and west of Central Sydney sits Tyreel Stud, situated on 100 acres of land in the Hawkesbury Valley which the late Jim Fleming developed into one of the more formidable broodmare operations in the Southern Hemisphere in the late 1980s.

Following Fleming’s passing in 2007, Tyreel continued operating for a time under his sons Dean and Paul, but the stud was sold in early 2014 to Linda and Laurence Monds. A little more than five years later, the couple is set to be represented by one of the most exciting young horses in the world, the 3-year-old Aethero (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) in Sunday’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin Racecourse.

“This is what dreams are made of for small boutique breeders such as ourselves, and it gives us confidence in the business model we have created for ourselves, the broodmares we are investing in, the matings we are creating and the development of our young stock,” said Linda Monds, who bred Aethero in New South Wales under the banner of Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd.

A Great Start...And That’s No Lie...

Less than four months after their purchase of Tyreel, Linda and Laurence Monds went shopping for mares and a very well-related filly—still shy of her fifth birthday—caught the couple’s eye. Some A$320,000 later, Pinocchio (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) was theirs.

“Pinocchio was purchased from the Milburn Creek broodmare draft at Magic Millions [Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale],” Linda Monds commented. “We inspected her several times during the sales period. She was a beautiful steel-grey mare who was powerfully built with a lovely, loose walk. We were very much attracted to her physical appearance, her kind eye, relaxed demeanour and outstanding pedigree that is littered with speed.”

Pinocchio offered a big pedigree bang for the buck, as she was an own sister to champion and five-time Group 1 winner Racing To Win (Aus) and a half-sister to Group 3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude winner and future sire Purrealist (Aus) (Tale of the Cat). Pinocchio was sent through the ring carrying to Foxwedge (Aus).

Monds continued, “Pinocchio is everything that we desire in a broodmare with great hind-quarter strength, a strong gaskin, strong shoulder, strong forearm and deep girth. She was purchased with a plan to create fast-sprinting types like her family suggests, but also that can go the further distance. She was in foal to a first-season sire, but my plan was to give her every opportunity over the coming years to send her to proven sires, all the time critiquing the physical article we were creating and trying to enhance this. Pinocchio has proven that her strong genetics are stamping her babies every time.”

Pinocchio’s First Mate? No Doubt About It...

With the above very much in mind, the Tyreel braintrust elected to send Pinocchio to Arrowfield Stud and a date with Not A Single Doubt (Aus) for her first cover under her new ownership.

“I absolutely love Not A Single Doubt,” Monds explained. “Whilst we need to breed a great physical specimen, we also need to follow that up with genetics and the desire to create an athlete, therefore sending Pinocchio to Not A Single Doubt was a must. Our business is breeding, nurturing, growing, developing and selling yearlings at all the major Australian yearling sales, but we do all this with a plan to producing an athlete who will perform on the racetrack.” Cont. p2
Put in foal on an early cover date, Pinocchio dropped a colt on Sept. 8, 2015.

“He was a character from birth,” Monds recollected. “He was very sociable, had a big personality and was a favourite of all the staff. He was a strong, solid boy who was quite like his mum. He developed a splash of white across his rump which gave him individuality in his appearance. He always had a loose walk and grew into a strong, robust yearling.”

Consigned by Tyreel to the 2017 Inglis Sydney Classic Yearling Sale, the colt was purchased by Carmel Size for A$400,000. Owner Boniface Ho turned the horse, now named Classique Legend, over to trainer Les Bridge, same as he did with another son of Not A Single Doubt, the Hong Kong-trained and G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase-bound Southern Legend (Aus).

Classique Legend’s racetrack career was off to a flying start, as he won three of his first four races, including the G2 Arrowfield 3YO Sprint during The Championships this past April. Mooted as a possible starter in the Sprint, he was a troubled sixth in The Everest in October, but only 10th in the Nov. 2 Golden Eagle. For now, at least, Hong Kong will have to wait.

What To Do For An Encore?...

The breeding barn at Widden Stud was the next stop for Pinocchio, as the Mondses elected to mate her with Sebring (Aus) not long after she produced the colt who would become Classique Legend.

“The decision to send Pinocchio to Sebring was due to our desire to add a bit more length of leg and that is exactly what we got,” Monds explained. “We also love the Sebring x Encosta De Lago broodmare nick. Aethero—like his brother—was strong and relaxed. He had the most amount of bone on a yearling that I have seen. He was a big boy, but was balanced and athletic. He turned heads at the Inglis Easter Sales in 2018, not only with his size but he was just so strong.

She continued, “He was born 62.5kg, which is a good, average-sized foal, but grew into a lovely, well-developed, big, strong yearling. His size did not create any issues with his management here at Tyreel. He grew continuously, but maintained balance and athleticism. Aethero possessed a loving nature, and for a big boy, his size could be said to be intimidating. But he was certainly not that.”

His disposition combined with his physicality and conformation had Monds thinking big as the Easter sale approached.

“With Aethero, his sheer strength and power from his hind quarters, shoulder, gaskin and forearm, it was so obvious from early on he had the physical attributes to become a champion,” she said. “Then watching him throughout every process of his development from weaning and then towards the yearling sales, his relaxed nature, loose walk and the way he used his body was impressive, we just knew he would have the maturity, mentally, to be a performer.”

George Moore saw off all would-be suitors for the strapping colt at A$575,000 and Monds was always of the mindset that he would make a good horse in the equine hustle-and-bustle environment that is Hong Kong.

100%,” she affirmed when asked if she thought he was a horse that could thrive there. “Aethero was the one that we were sure was going to Hong Kong and we had no doubt that he would be able to cope with the system. His size, his nature, being a colt and his athleticism had him tipped as a possible Hong Kong purchase.”

While Aethero was one of the more high-profile sales for Tyreel, the nursery also clearly prides itself on serving the entire market.
**Aethero/Tyreel cont.**

“We have sold horses at all levels and aim to continue to do that into the future,” Monds said. “We have achieved some outstanding results in the time we have been presenting our yearlings. It is important to always try to meet the market at every sale and we believe we have done that. We are grateful to have been supported so well by the industry and investors which have given our babies the opportunity to go on to achieve the results they have. We could not provide a better base to grow and raise our young stock with a strong emphasis on nutrition and developing them towards the yearling sales. Once at the yearling sales, we are confident that we could not have possibly done any more for these babies and the rest is 'in the lap of the gods.' We just hold our breath and hang on tight.”

**A Star Is Born...**

Aethero has certainly come a long way in a short time. Untouched in three starts at two--each at long odds-on and in one case, a money-back proposition--Aethero had trainer John Moore thinking Hong Kong Sprint as far back as the summer. His current preparation was off to a rocky beginning, as he finished a troubled third in Class 2 company Oct. 1, necessitating some outside-the-box thinking from his connections. A remarkable $4.30 chance in a Class 2 up the Sha Tin straight course 11 days on, he pummeled his rivals by 2 1/2 lengths and most recently led throughout to win the G2 Jockey Club Sprint, his final clocking of 1:07.58 just outside the track record held by champion Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago). The chestnut stands to make history on Sunday, as no 3-year-old has ever won the Sprint. To say Monds is bursting with pride would be an understatement of monumental proportions. She is, however, taking nothing for granted.

“He has to win the Sprint first, then he has created history,” Monds hastened to mention. “To have created the mating, foaled him down, raised him at our farm, prepared him in our yearling barn, presented him at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sales and sold him with our brand to now watching his career take off is 'next-level' for us. There are no words for the pride that we feel and the respect we have for the horse himself and to everyone that has held his hoof along the way. The journey our team that surround us--farm, family and Pinocchio herself--is on was planned for, but we all know plans generally don't go the way they were intended--this is one plan I am so glad we stuck to.”

Pinocchio, one of about 32 members of the Tyreel broodmare band, is the dam of a yearling colt by So You Think (NZ), who will be aimed for the 2020 Easter Sale, and Monds knows full well that success between now and then by Aethero and/or Classique Legend, will make that produce that much more desirable.

“He is very much the same model as his brothers. Pinocchio firmly stamps her babies,” Monds said.

In the space of just five years, Tyreel has become an important participant on the Australian breeding and sales scene, a true feather in the cap of Linda and Laurence Monds.

“There are no words to describe how special it is to have bred such outstanding athletes who have not only performed within Australia, but also to have international success and recognition as well with the likes of Aethero and Classique Legend,” Monds said.

And things stand to get even better this weekend.
LONGINES HONG KONG CUP

Purse: HK$28 million (€2,727,210/£3,227,098/A$5,229,719/
US$3,576,655)
Distance: 2000 metres
2018 champion: Glorious Forever (GB) (Archipenko)

THE PICK: While the defection of Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord
Kanaloa (Jpn)) has robbed this year’s HKIR of its marquee player,
a solid octet remains for the richest of Sunday’s four events.
Despite being out a very long time this season and making a
remarkable 12th trip to the races over an even more remarkable
10th different surface, Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) shows no
signs of being over the top and looms the one to beat. Though
the 4-year-old failed to get her picture taken in her first 10 starts
this term, she ran with great credit to be runner-up in the
G1 Pegasus World Cup Turf in January, the G1 Pretty Polly S.--her
lone try against her peers--the G1 Arlington Million and in the
G1 Irish Champion S. Fourth and not beaten far behind last
year’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase second Lys Gracieux (Jpn)
(Heart’s Cry (Jpn)) in the G1 Cox Plate on Australian debut
Nov. 26, the bay came from 21st to fill 10th spot in the
G1 Melbourne Cup Nov. 5. Back just four hence for the
G1 Mackinnon S. over Sunday’s trip, she sat handy to the pace
and outstayed the very classy Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands
(Aus)) for a maiden top-level success.

THE CONTENDERS:

Rise High (Fr) (Myboycharlie (Ire)) is the pick of the locals as
Hong Kong looks to win the Cup for the third consecutive year.
Held in the highest regard by trainer Caspar Fownes, the 5-year-
old was a nice Class 1 animal 12 months ago, but suggested
there was more under the hood with an excellent runner-up
effort to Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)) in the G1 Champions and
Chater Cup over the 2400 metres in May.

Winner of the G3 Premier Plate H. to close the season, he
resumed with a 16-1 upset of G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile hope
Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch (Ire)) in the G2 Sha Tin Trophy H.
(1600m) Oct. 20, but was a touch flat when fourth in the course-
and-distance G2 Jockey Club Cup Nov. 20.

Win Bright (Jpn), a son of 2001 Vase winner Stay Gold (Jpn),
defeated Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre (Jpn)) in the G2 Nakayama
Kinen in February before defying overlaid odds of 47-1 to upset
the G1 FWD QE II Cup here Apr. 28. Away six months, the grey
entire resumed in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) and chased from
a bit off the rail before just running out of fitness in the final 200
metres in a race that also produced next-out G1 Japan Cup hero
Suave Richard (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)). Win Bright should come
on for the run and can be in the mix.

THE ROUGHIE: As discussed in Sunday’s TDN Europe, trainer
Alain de Royer-Dupre won the 2006 Cup with the diminutive
Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) and he’ll send out Edisa (Kitten’s Joy)
on behalf of the Aga Khan Sunday afternoon. The chestnut filly,
the lone American-bred runner in any of the four HKIR, placed
twice at group level in France earlier this summer, including a
runner-up effort to future G1 Prix de l’Opera winner Villa Marina
(GB) (Le Havre (Ire)). She travelled to Belmont Park to scoop the
valuable Jockey Club Oaks Invitational S. over a mile and three
furlongs Sept. 7 and exits a second-place effort in the G2 Prix du

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LONGINES HONG KONG MILE

Purse: HK$25 million (£2,435,246/€2,881,541/A$4,670,140/US$3,193,369)
Distance: 1600 metres
2018 winner: Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock (Aus))

THE PICK: If the Mile were a beauty contest (it may well be a 'Beauty' contest), there would be nearly no doubt that Persian Knight (Jpn) (Harbinger (GB)) would take down the prize. But good looks don't necessarily correlate one-to-one to on-track performance, and such is the case with Persian Knight, who is winless since the 2017 G1 Mile Championship S. The nearly black 5-year-old tries the Hong Kong Mile for the second year in a row, having finished a deceptively good fifth from a horrible draw last term.

There have admittedly been more lows than highs this season, as he was a slow-starting 10th in the G1 Yasuda Kinen in early June, though he did finish his final three furlongs in :32.70, fractionally quicker than the victorious Indy Champ (Jpn) (Stay Gold (Jpn)). Not beaten far in the G2 Sapporo Kinen and in the G2 Mainichi Okan over longer trips he may not prefer, he showed some signs of life last time, again clocking a faster final 600m than Indy Champ when third to that one in the Nov. 17 Mile Championship. He clearly needs to lift on his current form, but he gets the hot-riding Oisin Murphy back in the boot and he'll be very attractive in the market.

THE CONTENDERS: Japanese raiders have won the Mile on three occasions (Eishin Preston, 2001; Hat Trick (Jpn), 2005; Maurice (Jpn)), 2015) and Indy Champ has claims to join that group Sunday. Fourth to Danon Premium (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) in the G2 Yomiuri Milers Cup in April, the 4-year-old got the better of the good barometer Aerolithe (Jpn) (Kurofune) and

Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen, parlaying a perfect forward trip into a neck success. Two spots and a half-length ahead of Persian Knight in the Mainichi Okan, he proved the beneficiary in the Mile Championship when favoured Danon Premium petered out in the final 150m and joined Horse of the Year Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero (Jpn)) in completing the Yasuda Kinen/Mile Championship double. He is an obvious win candidate and drawn to sit another golden trip, but can be taken on as the likely second choice. Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock (Aus)) is the two-time-defending champ in the Mile and can join Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) as the only three-time winners of the race this weekend. Since stretching his winning streak to 10 in the G3 Celebration Cup H. Oct. 1, he has lost his cloak of invincibility, including a third to Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch (Ire)) and Ka Ying Star (GB) (Cityscape (GB)) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 17. It’s level weights Sunday, the reports are all positive and if you like him, you’re going to see a price you have not seen in some time.

THE ROUGHIE: While a 3-year-old has yet to win the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint (more on that on the next page), two have succeeded in the Mile, the most recent being Lucky Owners (NZ) (Danehill) in 2003. Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major (Jpn)) was winning the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity just shy of two years ago, completing an unbeaten championship season. The chestnut snapped a baby two-race losing streak with a half-length tally in the G1 NHK Mile Cup at Tokyo May 5 and has just one run since, a ninth to G1 Victoria Mile heroine Normcore (Jpn) (Harbinger (GB)) in the G3 Fuji S. (1800m) Oct. 19. He’s back at his preferred distance Sunday and has been impressive in his Sha Tin trackwork.

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LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT

Purse: HK$20 million (£1,948,169/$2,305,125/A$3,735,990/US$2,554,706)
Distance: 1200 metres
2018 winner: Mr Stunning (Aus) (Exceed and Excel (Aus))

THE PICK: Hong Kong has been blessed with one world-class sprinter after the next over the last two decades, a list including the likes Fairy King Prawn (Aus), Silent Witness (Aus), Absolute Champion (Aus), Sacred Kingdom (Aus) and Aerovelocity (NZ). In the form of Aethero (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), Hong Kong has something that could possibly surpass the lofty achievements of those before him. As discussed at length in today's cover story, Aethero was an expensive purchase by George Moore out of the 2018 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, a horse very much in the mould of former Hong Kong and John Moore stable star Able Friend (Aus) (Shamardal). Zac Purton didn't have to lay a finger on Aethero in three appearances at two and, while he stubbed his toe a bit on his seasonal debut Oct. 1, it has been nothing but smooth sailing since. His two-length victory in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint came at the expense of nearly every top local sprinter, including Hot King Prawn (Aus) (Denman {Aus})--beaten as the favourite in last year's Sprint--and the ever-consistent Beat the Clock (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}). Aethero will start from barrier 10, outside the other speed, and he will try to cross and clear with as little fuss as possible. Purton has given his stamp of approval and it is very much all systems go for one of the more exciting Hong Kong gallopers for many years.

THE CONTENDERS: Third to Mr Stunning (Aus) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)) last year, Beat the Clock would go on to champion sprinter honours after annexing the G1 Centenary Sprint Prize over Mr Stunning and the season-closing G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize, besting Rattan (NZ) (Savabeel (Aus)) by a half-length. Beat the Clock made his seasonal debut in the Jockey Club Sprint and ran on admirably from the rear to be third. Joao Moreira has the call for trainer John Size and some improvement can be expected. Mr Stunning is the two-time defending champion in the Sprint, but he will have to make up five lengths on Aethero, having finished eighth in the JC Sprint. Hot King Prawn made the early running in last year's Sprint, but he faded tamely into the final 300 metres and struggled home ninth at skinny odds of 11-10. Of all the first-up efforts in the Jockey Club Sprint, his was arguably the most promising, as he settled better than midfield and kept on very well to finish second.

THE ROUGHIES: On bare form, Full of Beauty (Aus) (Darci Brahma (NZ)) appears to be overmatched, with his lone victory at group level coming in the G3 National Day Cup H. up the 1000-metre straight course at Sha Tin. He threw in a final 400m in an other-wordly :43.42 when beaten a head into second by Seasons Bloom (Aus) (Captain Sonador {Aus}) in the G2 Premier Bowl H. Oct. 20 and closed off in a race-fastest :21.79 to fill fourth spot behind Aethero in the Jockey Club Sprint last time. He did so from gate 14, but has a much neater draw in barrier five and has each-way appeal. In Her Time (Aus) (Time Thief {Aus}) brings proven Group 1 form from Australia into the Sprint. Ridden by Zac Purton when victorious in the G1 The Galaxy S. (1100m) around a right-handed bend at Rosehill in 2018, the 7-year-old added the G1 Lightning S. up the five-furlong straight course at Flemington this past February. She has made a favourable impression during the week and should give an honest account of herself.
LONGINES HONG KONG VASE

Purse: HK$20 million (£1,948,169/€2,305,125/A$3,735,990/US$2,554,706)
Distance: 2400 metres
2018 winner: Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire))

THE PICK: Despite being assigned the widest gate in the field of 14 for the Vase, Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)) feels like the banker of the day in the first of the internationals. Exultant was named Hong Kong’s champion middle-distance horse and stayer in a season that also included wins in the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m) and G1 Champions and Chater Cup (2400m) after connections declined to travel the horse in between. Resuming in the G3 Sa Sa Ladies’ Purse over an 1800-metre trip that was always going to be too sharp, the 5-year-old stuck on into third, and he progressed to the G2 Jockey Club Cup two weeks later. Asked to kick fully 1000 metres from home, he made a sustained run and found the line 1 1/4 lengths to the good of Hong Kong Derby winner Furore (NZ) (Pierro (Aus)). Expect Zac Purton to ride Exultant forward from out wide and try to slot in, then use his superior stamina to outstay the competition.

THE CONTENDERS: Prince of Arran (GB) (Shirocco (Ger)) split the field in last year’s Vase after veering out at the start, and similar to last year, has sprung to life with a trip to Australia for the Melbourne Spring Carnival. The 6-year-old defeated the re-opposing True Self (Ire) (Oscar (Ire)) in the G3 Geelong Cup (2400m) Oct. 23 just 11 days on from a runner-up effort in the G2 Herbert Power S. at Caulfield. With a ballot exemption for the G1 Melbourne Cup, Prince of Arran raced relatively handy and grinded it out late to be third before being promoted to second. Melbourne Cup form has read well in the Vase, with both Red Cadeaux (GB) and Dunaden (Fr) using the race en route to Vase success. Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) is the first winner of the G1 Investec Derby to race in Hong Kong. Subsequently runner-up in the G1 Irish Derby and third in the G1 QIPCO Irish Champion S.–with female stablemates Magical (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) ahead of him—he exits a solid third in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Turf and may have gone a bit closer but for some stretch interference. Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger (GB)), second in last year’s Hong Kong Cup, has been ambitiously campaigned this year, with a marquee win in Goodwood’s G1 Nassau S. to her credit. Fourth with some trouble in the Irish Champion S., she was a latest third in unsuitably soft ground in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot. Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre (Jpn)) has looked good in the flesh this week and will look to parlay a victory in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2200m) into a Vase title.

THE ROUGHIES: Called To The Bar (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) has been a reliable money spinner in his career, having missed the top three just twice in his 16 career starts. Repeat winner of the G3 Prix Gladiateur at ParisLongchamp Sept. 8, he missed the G1 Prix Royal-Oak owing to heavy ground and goes fresh in the Vase. Trainer Roger Charlton sends in Aspetar (GB) (Al Kazeen {GB}), victorious in the G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly (2400m) in June and showed an impressive finishing kick when proving the 2 1/2-length winner of the G1 Preis von Europa at Cologne Sept. 22. He has been specifically set for this and has trained with good energy at Sha Tin. (Click below to share the entire HKIR preview edition)
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**LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1**, HK$20,000,000 (€1,948,169/£2,305,125/A$3,735,990/US$2,554,706), 3yo/up, 2400mT (PPs)

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