NO LONGER A BUY-IN RACE, PEGASUS WILL BE MEDICATION-FREE IN 2020

by Bill Finley

The Stronach Group has announced a major overhaul to the format for the GI Pegasus World Cup and the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park, races which will now be run for much smaller purses than previously announced and in which horses cannot compete on Lasix.

The purse for the Pegasus World Cup has been cut from $9 million to $3 million and the Pegasus World Cup Turf will drop to $1 million after being run for $7 million in 2019. However, owners will not have to pay the $500,000 fee that was required to guarantee a spot in the races when they were run in 2019. The 2020 Pegasus races will be held Jan. 25.

The purse reduction could cost the Pegasus what would be its biggest star, Maximum Security (New Year’s Day).

“Cutting the purse to $3 million is an absolute game-changer,” owner Gary West told Blood-Horse. “I wasn’t thinking about the Saudi Cup, but why should I run for $3 million when I can run for $20 million four weeks later? That’s a substantial change, and we don’t know what we’re going to do. There’s now a better than 50/50 chance we’ll go to the Saudi race. You don’t get a horse like Maximum Security that often, and when you have a chance to be one of the favorites in the richest race in the world, you have to consider it.” Cont. p3

RETIRING STORMY LIBERAL: IT’S THE RIGHT THING TO DO

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

Owner David Bernsen never said that 7-year-old Stormy Liberal (Stormy Atlantic) will definitely race again, only that he wants a fresh set of eyes to evaluate the two-time winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint before that decision is made. While not a totally irrational course of action, it’s one Bernsen needs to abandon. Bringing Stormy Liberal back to the races is far too risky.

Bernsen seems like a reasonable person and there’s no evidence to indicate that he is anything other than an owner who cares about the animal, but, at the same time, he seems out of touch with the climate not just owners, but the entire sport, is operating under. Cont. p5

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Demand for top-end yearlings was particularly strong in 2019, as more mares are being covered by sires standing for £/€20,000 and up. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.
SHOPLIFTED STEALS SPRINGBOARD MILE

‘TDN Rising Star’ Shoplifted (Into Mischief) just edged out odds-on favorite Answer In (Dialed In) to give Steve Asmussen his sixth victory in the Remington Springboard Mile S. Sunday night at the Oklahoma oval.
**Major Changes to Pegasus cont. from p1**

Rick Porter, who owns likely Pegasus World Cup starter Omaha Beach (War Front), said the changes will have no impact on his plans.

“The only thing I can think of is that they got in touch with the owners and trainers of all the horses they thought might be running in the Pegasus under the old format and they found out they didn’t have nearly enough,” Porter said. “If that’s true then I think they made the right move to let people know ahead of time that there will be a race, it will be called the Pegasus and that it’s for much less money. Even though this won’t be as big, it will still be an exciting race. Some people are probably disappointed the purse is smaller but some people are probably happy they don’t have to put up $500,000 to run.”

Chad Brown, who won the 2019 Pegasus Turf with Bricks and Mortar (Giants Causeway) and could have one of the favorites for this year’s race in Instilled Regard (Arch), said he still expects to compete in the turf race. But Brown added that in light of the changes, he won’t make any decisions until consulting with his owners.

“I’m disappointed we won’t have the big purses [from 2019] when I was lucky enough to win it,” he said. “We’ll just have to adjust. I’ll discuss things with my clients to see if they still want to run under the new format. In addition to Instilled Regard, I had some other horses I was considering for the race. With the new Lasix rules, I’m going to have to go back and evaluate which horses we will be running and which ones we will not.”

In a press release announcing the changes to the Pegasus, Stronach Group Chairman and President Belinda Stronach said the strict medication rules were part of the Pegasus’s history of being an innovative event.

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However you quantify it, **Frosted** is the best racehorse by Tapit. He has also been afforded the best books of mares of any of Tapit’s stallion sons. **One of the joys of the bloodstock game is that two plus two doesn’t always equal four. But mostly it does...**

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“We are investing in the future of our sport by creating new opportunities for horsemen and horses to run without medication,” she said. “The Pegasus World Cup Invitational Series has always been about innovation.”

“Running the Pegasus World Cup Invitational and the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational medication-free is a stepping stone to what will be the eventual phase-out of the use of race-day medications for all graded stakes races by 2021 and puts this event squarely in line with the changing culture of our sport,” Dr. Dionne Benson, Chief Veterinary Officer, The Stronach Group said in the same statement. “The health and safety of our athletes, equine and human, are our top priority.”

The Stronach Group also announced that 2% of the total purses for the Pegasus races, or $80,000, will be donated to Thoroughbred aftercare.

“The new and exciting medication-free format, along with giving back to horse care, showcases the leadership our industry is taking together to evolve beyond past achievements to create a more modern, sustainable and safer sport,” Stronach said in the release.

With just under six weeks to go before the Pegasus card, the fields for both races remain in flux. One horse who will not be running is GI Big Ass Fans Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile winner Spun to Run (Hard Spun). Owner Bob Donaldson said he was not planning to run his horse in the Pegasus and had not changed his mind after Sunday’s announcement from Gulfstream. He added that the first major goal for Spun to Run in 2020 could be the G1 Dubai World Cup.

The Pegasus races will also be held under several new rules The Stronach Group has been in the process of implementing after a series of breakdowns earlier this year at Santa Anita.

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An expanded team of veterinarians will monitor all horses, including those entered on the undercard races, in the barns, during training and on race day. In addition to stringent out-of-competition testing and enhanced medication protocols, including a 14-day stand down on intra articular injections and a 48-hour stand down of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory injections, the complete transparency of veterinary records for the 14-day period leading up to the Pegasus World Cup Championship Invitational Series races will be required for all horses.

The Pegasus races will be broadcast live on NBC from 4:30-6:00 p.m. ET.

_Week in Review cont. from p1_

Bernsen was cast into the spotlight last week when he had to defend himself after trainer Peter Miller put out a press release saying that Stormy Liberal had been taken away from him because he had insisted the horse be retired. Though many details of the story were unclear after Bernsen and his former partner in Stormy Liberal, Gary Hartunian, spoke up, Bernsen admitted that he had bought out Hartunian and that it was his idea to have Stormy Liberal evaluated by David Scanlon in Ocala before deciding whether to race him next year.

Again, Bernsen may have had a point, that there is nothing wrong with getting a second opinion before deciding what to do with a horse who once was good enough to have won an Eclipse Award as the nation’s top turf horse. But the optics were horrible and in 2019, when the sport is under a microscope and desperately trying to defend itself to the public and to politicians that could decide its future, optics matter.

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It may be unfair, but the reality is that Bernsen played right into the hands of racing’s enemies, giving them a major talking point when arguing that the sport is filled with people who will squeeze every last buck they can out of their horses. Bernsen can put that to rest by announcing that he has retired Stormy Liberal and sent him to Old Friends to live out his days as a pampered tourist attraction. Hopefully, he’ll do just that because racing Stormy Liberal in 2020 is to take a risk that could lead to one of the ugliest chapters in the sport’s history.

The odds that Stormy Liberal would break down if racing next year are small, but what if he did? The damage done to horse racing would be permanent and severe, maybe just the sort of thing that could be a tipping point as powers outside the sport continue to debate its future.

Stormy Liberal has all but told Bernsen what to do. He was 0-for-7 in 2019 and a non-factor in this year’s Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint. Soon to be eight, the fire appears to be gone and there’s no reason to believe it is coming back. That he will somehow be reborn after being taken away from the highly effective trainer Miller and once again perform at a high level and make a lot of money for his owner is beyond all reasonable expectations. Bringing Stormy Liberal back probably isn’t a good business decision. But this goes way beyond business. This is about a climate that has racing fighting for its life and about everyone involved doing the right thing, always putting the welfare of the horse and the sport first.

Send him to Old Friends. Right now.

Keep Focus on Aftercare

The annual racing symposium held by the University of Arizona’s Racetrack Industry Program concluded last week and the subject of aftercare was conspicuously absent from the agenda. That’s not surprising since it was an issue that was also never addressed when the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition was announced.

With the sport dealing with so many major issues—whipping, horse safety, track surfaces, drugs—at once, it’s not hard for some problems to slip through the cracks. But if anyone needs reminding of how much some people care about keeping horses out of the slaughterhouse, they might want to take a visit to the corner of 49th St. and Seventh Avenue in Manhattan.

There, in the center of the busiest and biggest city in the US, they’ll find a digital billboard that exposes the slaughter issue. While the group behind the billboards, Return to Freedom, is focused primarily on the fate of America’s wild horses and is not an organization, like PETA, that is clearly anti-racing, the message is clear: American horses end up being slaughtered and that’s something that has to stop. Most Americans agree.

Just like the breakdown issue, the problem of retired racehorses being killed for their meat is something that is a serious problem for the sport and something that gives its critics effective ammunition. At least some small amount of horses will always break down and die when racing. There is no magic bullet that will cure that. But slaughter can end. It just takes money and a plan.

While working towards other goals, don’t take the eye off the ball. Slaughter is a major issue and solving it is not only possible, but would be the sort of accomplishment that would go a long way toward cleaning up the sport’s image and restoring the public’s faith in the game.

Golden Gate Jockeys Whip Up a Controversy

Just when you thought you had seen everything...

Jockeys Julien Couton and Silvio Amador were each handed 30-day suspensions by the Golden Gate stewards after Amador handed off his whip during the stretch run of Thursday’s sixth race to Couton (race video). Earlier in the race, Couton had dropped his whip and Amador’s mount was tiring at the time of the exchange. Aboard Olive You More (Cairo Prince), Couton finished third.

It’s amazing that the two riders thought they could get away with this and surprising that the stewards didn’t disqualify Olive You More. Shouldn’t she have come down and been placed last? Regardless, good for them for severely penalizing both jockeys with stiff suspension.
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Grade 1 winning 2YO just like his sire SCAT DADDY and his half-brother INTO MISCHIEF.

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He also won the UAE Derby-Gr.2 on dirt by 18½ lengths and was runner-up in the Travers Stakes-Gr.1.
Sunday, Remington Park
REMINGTON SPRINGBOARD MILE S., $400,000, Remington, 12-15, 2yo, 1m: 1:37.95, ft.
1--SHOPLIFTED, 121, c, 2, by Into Mischief
1st Dam: Shopit, by Yes It’s True
2nd Dam: Shop Here, by Dehere
3rd Dam: Shopping, by Private Account

‘TDN Rising Star’ 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($525,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $800,000 2yo ’19 FTFMAR). O-Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables, LLC & LNJ Foxwoods; B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. $240,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $385,500.

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2--Answer In, 121, g, 2, Dialed In--D’ya Knowwhatimean, by Broken Vow. ($175,000 Wlg ’17 KEENOV). O-Robert V. LaPenta & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamp Stables (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $80,000.

Consigned by GAINESWAY

3--Embolden, 121, c, 2, The Factor--Silver Heart, by Lion Hearted. ($27,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $95,000 2yo ’19 OBSAPR). O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-Nancy L Terhune & Ernest Frohboese (VA); T-Michael Stidham. $44,000.

Sunday, Woodbine
VALEDICTORY S.-GIII, C$128,700, Woodbine, 12-15, 3yo/up, 1 3/4m (AWT), 2:57.67, ft.
1--PUMPKIN RUMBLE, 115, g, 8, by English Channel
1st Dam: Clarins, by Storm Cat
2nd Dam: Shell Ginger (Ire), by Woodman
3rd Dam: Truly Bound, by In Reality

Margins: HD, HF, 13HF. Odds: 4.30, 0.60, 11.10.
Also Ran: Jungle Runner, Maximiliano, Southgate, Rowdy Yates, Kirkcules, Slew Tang Clan, Alternate Time, Shipman’s Song.

Scratched: Piece of Work.

‘TDN Rising Star’ Shoplifted returned to the form from his scintillating maiden win and just edged out odds-on favorite Answer In to score in the Remington Springboard Mile S. Sunday night in Oklahoma.

Rallying to a sharp 4 1/2-length victory on debut July 27 at Saratoga to earn his ‘Rising Star’ badge, the $800,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream buy was a distant runner-up to stablemate Basin (Liam’s Map) in the GI Runhappy Hopeful S. there Sept. 2. Shipped across the country after that, he failed to make an impact when fifth in the GI American Pharoah S. and seventh in the GI TVG Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita.

Let go as the third choice here as the public crushed blowout Churchill maiden winner Answer In down to 3-5, Shoplifted was caught a bit wide going into the clubhouse turn and settled in sixth behind contested splits of :23.49 and :47.75. Picking it up three deep midway around the far bend, the bay kept Answer In pinned to his inside entering the stretch and set upon new leader Embolden in the final furlong. That one started to languish inside the sixteenth pole, leaving it to Shoplifted and Answer In, who was forced to squeeze through a rail opening, and the former just got on the right side of a head bob to prevail. Embolden was well clear for third.

Pedigree Notes:

Shoplifted becomes the 63rd stakes winner for super-sire Into Mischief and is the first black-type performer out of five foals to race for 14-year-old dam Shopit, who was sold for $65,000 to Sallusto & Albina at last month’s Keeneland November Sale. Shoplifted shares a second dam with GSW turf sprinter Imprims (Broken Vow). Shop Here is a half-sister to GSW Miss Shop (Deputy Minister), GSW and sire Trappe Shot (Tapit) and Shop Again (Wild Again), the SW dam of GSW and sire Power Broker (Pulpit). Shopit has a yearling colt by Graydar and foaled a Central Banker filly this term before being bred to Fast Anna.

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Margins: 5 1/4, 2HF. 3. Odds: 0.75, 10.90, 14.40.
Also Ran: Sir Sahib, Surprise Twist, Ammunition, High Noon Rider, Auntie Katherine, Istartswitahdrink, Above All Names, Changi.

Eurico Rosa Da Silva, riding in his last stakes race at Woodbine as he wraps up an immensely successful career north of the border, went out on top and won for fun aboard heavy favorite Pumpkin Rumble in Sunday’s marathon GIII Valedictory S. at the Toronto oval. Cont. p8
Angling over to the rail as the field rounded the clubhouse turn, he advanced into third as the mile split went up in 1:41.19. Coming after the leaders passing the half-mile pole, he took charge three deep soon after and drew clear into the lane en route to a much-the-best triumph. Fearsome (GB) completed the exacta.

**Pedigree Notes:**

One of 48 stakes winners and 24 graded stakes winners for 17-year-old English Channel, Pumpkin Rumble is the third and final foal to race out of two-time winner Clarins. Second dam Shell Ginger (Ire) was a GSW in her native land, while third dam Truly Bound captured three graded stakes in her career.

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Victorious in this event last winter, the gelding kicked off his 8-year-old campaign with a pair of thirds in the GIII Dominion Day S. and GII Nijinsky S. this summer. Annexing the state-bred Alphabet Soup S. on the Parx turf Sept. 21, he was last seen running fifth in the GI Pattison Canadian International S. back here Oct. 12. Hammered down to odds-on in this 11-horse group, the chestnut was reined in to travel between horses in sixth behind a :49.69 half and three quarters in 1:15.79.
AMOSS JUVENILES SHINE AT FAIR GROUNDS SUNDAY by Jessica Martini

Tom Amoss made two trips to the winner’s circle at Fair Grounds Sunday after impressive victories by a pair of juveniles. First up, Nicole Lyvere’s Pranked (Into Mischief) went wire-to-wire to take her 1 1/16-mile turf debut by 4 3/4 lengths (video).

“We were really pleased with Pranked today,” Amoss said Sunday evening. “She’s a high-energy horse that has settled down a lot mentally.”

Pranked, a daughter of Tightly Wound (Hard Spun), was trying the lawn for the first time and making her first attempt at a route of ground in her fourth trip to the post.

“When you look at her pedigree page, it slants to the turf,” Amoss said. “So, today you watched a filly who ran to her pedigree in a relaxed fashion, which is nice.”

Asked if the filly had found a home on the turf, Amoss said, “Her pedigree reads that way and today’s race sure tends to make you think like that. We’re lucky down here in New Orleans in the winter there is plenty of turf racing. So it’s not as if the turf shuts down for the winter months.”

In the very next race, Amoss unveiled Maggi Moss’s No Parole (Violence) against a field of fellow Louisiana-breds in a six-furlong maiden special weight. With a series of bullet works on display, the colt was sent off at 3-5 and never gave the crowd an anxious moment when romping home by 14 1/4 lengths (video).

“We expected a strong race from him,” Amoss said. “This horse prepared very well. They don’t always take their morning practice to the game, but he did. We knew he was very athletic and very good from the gate and he showed all of those things today.”

As for where No Parole might start next, Amoss said, “We’ll see how he is in the morning, like we do with all of our horses after they run. Then I’ll get together with Maggi and we’ll make a game plan.”

Amoss is hoping Sunday’s two winners are just the beginning of a strong Fair Grounds meeting.

“We’ve got quite a few young horses at the barn that are getting ready to debut over the next month,” Amoss said. “We’re excited about them.”
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

NEW YORK STALLION SERIES S., $518,250, Aqueduct, 12-15, (C), 2yo, f, 7f, 1:25.81, my.

1--A FREUD OF MAMA, 120, f, 2, by Freud
   1st Dam: Mama Theresa (MSP, $240,898), by Carson City
   2nd Dam: Nothing Special, by Tejabo
   3rd Dam: Moody Maiden, by Apalachee
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-William Butler (NY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. $288,750. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-0-1, $342,068.

2--Officer Hutchy, 120, f, 2, Boys At Tosconova--A. P. Hutchy, by Patriot Act. O/B-Green Polka Farms, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice. $100,000.

3--Time Limit, 120, f, 2, Bustin Stones--Your Time Is Up, by Freud. ($30,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT). O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Hibiscus Stables (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. $64,500.

TRAPEZE S., $100,300, Remington, 12-15, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:40.73, ft.

1--PRINCESINHA JULIA, 119, f, 2, by Pioneerof the Nile
   1st Dam: Love and Pride (MGISW, $985,760), by A.P. Indy
   2nd Dam: Ile de France, by Storm Cat
   3rd Dam: Cara Rafaela, by Quiet American ($475,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $103,553.

2--Caribbean Sea, 118, f, 2, Hard Spun--Sea Island, by Pulpit. O-WinStar Stablemates Racing LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. $20,000.

3--Best Intentions, 117, f, 2, Curlin--Centrique, by Malibu Moon. ($47,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-WinStar Stablemates Racing LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. $11,000.

"It was the first time she was getting kickback, so it took her a little bit to get used to it," said winning rider Jorge Vargas, Jr. "Once she got into the bridle, she was there for me."

The winner’s dam is a half to New York Grade I winner Haynesfield (Speightstown). She has a yearling filly by Stay Thirsty and was bred to Sharp Azteca for 2020. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

"The connections of Freud of Mama picked a good time to try her on the dirt for the first time, as she belied 23-1 odds and picked up $288,750 in this lucrative event for New York-sired juvenile fillies. A second-out graduate turf sprinting at Belmont Sept. 13, the bay was third in the Oct. 5 GIII Matron S. there behind impressive recent Gill Jimmy Durante S. romper Alms (City Zip) and stablemate Time Limit. She most recently checked in a well-beaten sixth in the Stewart Manor S. on the local lawn Nov. 10.

Away well, the bay sat in midpack or so while ridden along and had to be wrapped up a bit into the turn as she tried to move up on the heels of horses. Time Limit was still going easily up front after a :46.47 half, but Officer Hutchy began to crank the pressure up on that foe at the quarter pole as A Freud of Mama swung wide and odds-on favorite Big Q (Big Brown) appeared to be coming up empty down inside. The pacesetter seemed like she might still get it done past the eighth pole, but her pursuers were relentless, and A Freud of Mama strode out the best late to separate herself in the end.
Princesinha Julia, off the board in a pair of efforts in Kentucky, graduated over track and trip third time out Oct. 10 and added a one-length victory over same in a Nov. 21 optional claimer last time out. The dark bay filly settled in midpack behind an opening quarter in :23.23. She took closer order through a half in :47.39 and waited for racing room while mired in traffic nearing the lane. She emerged from the turn in the clear and ran down Caribbean Sea in the dying strides for her first stakes win.

“She is a very nice filly and bred really well,” said trainer Steve Asmussen, who saddled the top three finishers. “Obviously the added distance has done the trick for her. She had a little traffic around the turn and that made us a little nervous, but she ran well.”

Three Chimneys Farm purchased multiple Grade I winner Love and Pride for $4.9 million at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Her weanling filly by Gun Runner sold to bloodstock agent Mike Ryan for $750,000 at that auction last month. Her yearling filly by Curlin sold for $675,000 at this year’s Keeneland September sale. The 11-year-old mare was bred to Quality Road this year.

Princesinha Julia’s third dam is Cara Rafaela, dam of champion Bernardini. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

**KING GLORIOUS S.** $100,000, Los Alamitos, 12-15, (S), 2yo, 1m, 1:36.28, ft.

1--CLUB ASPEN, 117, c, 2, by Clubhouse Ride
   1st Dam: Aspen Gal (MSW & GSP, $150,936), by Talkin Man
   2nd Dam: Treegees, by Geiger Counter
   3rd Dam: Gable’s Girl, by Screen King ($55,000 2yo ’19 FTSA). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Lawrence D. Lewis; B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis; J-Jorge I. Velez. $59,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, $118,211.

2--Tap Back, 121, c, 2, Einstein (Brz)--Tap Tap Ur It, by Tapit.
   O-Richard Barton; B-Adena Springs & Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. $19,000.

3--Papster, 117, c, 2, Munnings--Rizzi Rose, by El Prado (Ire).
   O-Jim Causky Memorial LLC & Terry Lavingier; B-Terry C. Lavingier (CA); T-Mike Harrington. $12,000.

Margins: 2HF, 3HF, 6. Odds: 8.70, 0.60, 2.90.

Also Ran: Dapper, Goveren Cinch. Scratched: Rookie Mistake.

Club Aspen, a maiden winner versus state-bred foes at Del Mar in August, was off the board in three stakes appearances before a runner-up effort in a six-furlong optional claiming at the oceanside oval Nov. 30 last time out. The chestnut colt sat just off pacemaker favorite Tap Back through fractions of :22.96 and :46 flat. Asked to quicken turning for home, he took a few strides to find his best gear in upper stretch, but wore down the pacemaker and, once he switched leads, sailed clear.

Aspen Gal produced colts by Tamarando in 2018 and 2019 and was bred back to Majestic Harbor. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Woodbine, C$89,143, Msw, 12-15, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.12, ft.
PARMIGIANO (g, 2, Tizway--Attract, by Saffir), backed at 5-1 for a good debut barn, was away a bit awkwardly before settling into a stalking spot. Under the whip leaving the turn, he responded to energetic handling to inch clear at the top of the lane and kick on clear by a length. Racing in the Rain (Atreides) was second best. The winner has an unraced weanling half-brother by Big Screen. Sales history: C$23,000 Ylg ’18 CANSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $38,816. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-George Bigliardi; B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Sid C. Attard.

1st-Aqueduct, $63,240, Msw, 12-15, 3yo/f, f/m, 1m, 1:38.20, sy.
ROYAL FLAG (f, 3, Candy Ride (Arg)--Sea Gull, by Mineshaft) closed to be third going 6 1/2 furlongs in her Sept. 20 debut at Belmont Park. Favored at 1-5 while facing just three foes, the chestnut filly raced last of the four in a compact field through a quarter in :23.47. She moved up to challenge for the lead three wide leaving the backstretch, put a head in front at the top of the lane and splashed clear under a hand ride to win by eight lengths. We Are Family (Into Mischief) was second. Coteau Grove purchased stakes winner Plus One, in foal to Violence, for $67,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. She produced a filly by Connect this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $46,400.

O/Maggi Moss; B-Coteau Grove Farms (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

5th-Turfway, $45,065, Msw, 12-14, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.76, ft.
TOWN BEE (c, 3, Jersey Town--Bees (SP, $105,021), by Rahy), a full-brother to Bee Jersey, GSW-US, GSP-UAE, $976,293, finished very far back in a pair of Meydan outings earlier this year while in the care of Doug Watson. He fired several bullets in preparation for his first Stateside attempt, capped by a swift :35 flat spin over this strip Nov. 30.

8th-Los Alamitos, $41,404, Msw, 12-15, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:36.67, ft.
PAIGE ANNE (f, 2, Take Charge Indy--Forbidden Brew, by Milwaukee Brew) was third in one-mile heats at Del Mar Aug. 29 and Santa Anita Oct. 12, and was most recently second behind well-regarded Mundaye Call (Into Mischief) while cutting back at Del Mar Nov. 16. Given a 7-2 chance stretching back out, the bay doled out splits of :23.21, :47.41 and 1:12.27 and was resilient in the stretch as she stiff-armed favorite Storie Blue (Empire Maker) to hold on by a head. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Orb and a weanling half-sister by Tapizar. Her dam was bred back to Practical Joke. Sales history: $120,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, $48,940. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Elie & Lori Feghali & Mark Mathiesen; B-Richard Peardon (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.
6th-Fair Grounds, $40,000, Msw, 12-15, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.76, fm.

PRANKED (f, 2, Into Mischief--Tightly Wound, by Hard Spun) opened her career with three third-place efforts while sprinting over the main track, most recently Sept. 24 at Indiana Grand. Stretching out and moving to the lawn, the 8-1 shot jumped out to the early lead and set all the pace to win by 4 3/4 lengths. Slime Queen (Karakontie (Jpn)) was second. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-3, $39,700.
O-Nicole Lyvere; B-Endeavor Farm (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Rousing Sermon (Lucky Pulpit), Harris Farms, $2,500
13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
10-Zia, Msw 6f, COASTLINE SERMON, 12-1

STAKES RESULTS:

BEAR FAN S., $75,600, Golden Gate Fields, 12-14, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.55, ft.
1--PRINCESS VIVIAN, 122, f, 3, Uh Oh Bango--Seductive Charm, by Macho Uno. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-MNM Thoroughbreds, M MacDonald, T Marsh & H Mendoza; B-MNM Thoroughbreds (CA); T-Sergio Ledezma; J-Catalino Martinez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, $107,634.
2--Apache Princess, 122, f, 3, Unusual Heat--Puskita, by Indian Charlie. O/B-KMN Racing (CA); T-J. Keith Desormeaux. $15,000.
3--Ima Happy Cat, 124, f, 4, Smiling Tiger--Ifernmal Magoon, by Wekiva Springs. ($14,000 RNA Ylg '16 WASSEP). O-Sue & Tim Spooner; B-Dale Mahlum (CA); T-Dan L. Markle. $9,000.
Margins: HF, HF, 2HF. Odds: 21.90, 1.20, 2.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Turfway, $51,068, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 12-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.21, ft.

WHOA NELLIE (f, 3, Orb--Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-2, $196,230. O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. *$220,000 Ylg '17 KEENSEP.

5th-Laurel, $46,326, 12-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.36, ft.
MARCO ISLAND (g, 3, City Zip--Caxambas Pass, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-3, $111,786. O-Smart Angle LLP; B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Mark J. Reid. *$17,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

8th-Fair Grounds, $42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.39, fm.

CHANGE OF CONTROL (f, 3, Fed Biz--America's Blossom (MSP, $185,502), by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-3-1, $171,037. O-Roddy Harrison; B-John O'Meara (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. *$27,000 Wlg '16 KEESEP; $95,000 Ylg '17 OBSOCT.

11th-Golden Gate Fields, $40,756, (NW1S)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.39, ft.

GETTIN SIDEWAYS (f, 4, Grazen--Striking Point, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-4-5-3, $139,818. O-Glyn C. Kelly & Anne MacLennan; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Dan L. Markle. *1/2 to Luscious Lonna (Benchmark), MSW, $271,765.
7th-Ramington, $40,000, 12-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.01, ft. TRUMPEENCE (g, 5, Eskendereya--Enchanted Mesa, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, $72,366. O-Edward L. McAlvain; B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-Kenneth Nolen. *$4,500 RNA Ylg '15 ESLYRL; $45,000 2yo '16 EASMAY.

10th-Gulfstream, $40,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.99, fm. LOOKINLIKEAQUEEN (f, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Rockandrollqueen, by Deputy Commander) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-5, $99,517. O-Robert J. Slack; B-Dr. Tiffany A Atteberry & Scott Brown (FL); T-Rohan Crichton. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Charlie=s Brother (With Distinction), SW, $127,390.

12th-Golden Gate Fields, $39,382, 12-14, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.90, ft. FAITHFUL ONE (f, 3, Kafwain--Don't Lose Faith, by Ministers Wild Cat) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $46,605. O/B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA); T-Jonathan Wong.

4th-Remington, $34,000, 12-15, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.08, ft. SPORTS FAN (g, 3, New Year's Day--Arzella, by Offlee Wild) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-3, $54,795. O-Bryan Hawk; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Boyd Caster.

6th-Penn National, $30,798, 12-14, (NW2L), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.91, sy. LADY GEORGE (f, 2, Call Me George--Lady Seagirl, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, $47,583. O/B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Carla L. Morgan.

4th-Charles Town, $29,000, 12-14, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.12, sy. C R CASE'S LEGACY (f, 3, Fiber Sonde--Cedar Runs Case (MSP, $167,449), by In Case) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-6-6-0, $141,330. O-Cleil W. Albrite, Jr.; B-Cleil W. Albrite (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

8th-Charles Town, $28,000, (S), 12-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.60, sy. FREET DEM (g, 3, Global Force--Jerry's Girl, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, $50,895. O/B-T-Joseph Pyke (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Google It, g, 2, Giant Gizmo--Miss Scarlett Road (SP, $189,149), by Old Forester. Woodbine, 12-15, (C), 7f (AWT), 1:24.73. B-Tucci Stables (ON).


Mighty Bugsy, c, 3, Special Rate--Hermighty, by Uncle Abbie. Remington, 12-15, (S), 6f, 1:13.17. B-Culpepper Stock Company (OK). *$9,000 RNA 2yo '18 TTAAPR.

Canary Islands, g, 4, Mizzen Mast--No Lullaby (SP, $118,922), by Brahms. Hawthorne, 12-14, 6 1/2f, 1:20.25. B-Jeffery J Drown (MN). *$21,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; $6,000 Ylg '16 KEESSEP.
DIALED IN, Dialed Up, g, 4, o/o Boro, by Siphon (Brz). AOC, 12-14, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

ENGLISH CHANNEL, Pumpkin Rumble, g, 8, o/o Clarins, by Storm Cat. Gill Valedictory S., 12-15, Woodbine

ESKENDEREYA, Trumpence, g, 5, o/o Enchanted Mesa, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 12-14, Remington

FED BIZ, Change of Control, f, 3, o/o America's Blossom, by Quiet American. AOC, 12-15, Fair Grounds

FIBER SONDE, C R Case's Legacy, f, 3, o/o Cedar Runs Case, by In Case. ALW, 12-14, Charles Town

FIBER SONDE, C R Case's Legacy, f, 3, o/o Cedar Runs Case, by In Case. ALW, 12-14, Charles Town

FRED, A Freud of Mama, f, 2, o/o Mama Theresa, by Carson City. New York Stallion Series S., 12-15, Aqueduct

GIANT GIZMO, Google It, g, 2, o/o Miss Scarlett Road, by Old Forester. MOC, 12-15, Woodbine

GLOBAL FORCE, Freet Dem, g, 3, o/o Jerry's Girl, by Graeme Hall. ALW, 12-14, Charles Town

GRAZEN, Gettin Sideways, f, 4, o/o Striking Point, by Thunder Gulch. AOC, 12-14, Golden Gate

HONOR CODE, Code Runner, c, 2, o/o Nereid, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 12-15, Remington

INTO MISCHIEF, Pranked, f, 2, o/o Tightly Wound, by Hard Spun. MSW, 12-15, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Shoplifted, c, 2, o/o Shopit, by Yes It's True. Remington Springboard Mile S., 12-15, Remington

JERSEY TOWN, Town Bee, c, 3, o/o Bees, by Rahy. MSW, 12-14, Turfway

JIMMY CREED, Dancing Destroyer, f, 2, o/o De Mystique, by Dehere. MSW, 12-15, Gulfstream

KAFWAIN, Faithful One, f, 3, o/o Don't Lose Faith, by Ministers Wild Cat. ALW, 12-14, Golden Gate

LEONNATUS ANTEAS, Analyzer, g, 4, o/o Striking Miss, by Smart Strike. ALW, 12-15, Woodbine

LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Lookinlikeauseen, f, 3, o/o Rockandrollqueen, by Deputy Commander. AOC, 12-15, Gulfstream

MALIBU MOON, New York Style, c, 3, o/o Great Attraction, by El Prado (Ire). MCL, 12-15, Gulfstream

MIZZEN MAST, Canary Islands, g, 4, o/o No Lullaby, by Brahms. MSW, 12-14, Hawthorne

MR. PRANKSTER, Distorted Splendor, f, 2, o/o Hot and Bothered, by A. P Jet. MSW, 12-14, Charles Town

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Sports Fan, g, 3, o/o Arzella, by Offlee Wild. ALW, 12-15, Remington

ORB, Whoa Nellie, f, 3, o/o Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 12-14, Turfway


SPECIAL RATE, Mighty Bugsy, c, 3, o/o Hermighty, by Uncle Abbie. MSW, 12-15, Remington

SQUARE EDDIE, Shinny, c, 2, o/o Cryptic, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 12-15, Golden Gate

SUPER SAVER, Super John, c, 2, o/o Atlantic Park, by Awesome Again. AOC, 12-15, Laurel

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Paige Anne, f, 2, o/o Forbidden Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. MSW, 12-15, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

TIZWAY, Parmigiano, g, 2, o/o Attract, by Saffir. MSW, 12-15, Woodbine

UH OH BANGO, Princess Vivian, f, 3, o/o Seductive Charm, by Macho Uno. Bear Fan S., 12-14, Golden Gate

VIOLENCE, No Parole, c, 2, o/o Plus One, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 12-15, Fair Grounds

WHERE'S THE RING, Where's Anthony, g, 4, o/o Bold Isabella, by Bold Executive. ALW, 12-15, Woodbine
**BUOYANT YEARLING MARKET AT THE TOP IN 2019**

Lot 148, a colt by Dubawi (Ire) topped the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 at 3.6 million gns | Tattersalls

By John Boyce

Returns at the yearling sales in 2019 may have been particularly buoyant, but that doesn’t mean the future economic landscape is particularly easy for commercial breeders in Britain and Ireland. The yearling sales have been on an upward trajectory for many years.

Right across Europe, commercial sellers have seen excellent growth in the market. The overall average of £60,096 is 6.6% ahead of last year’s figure—and that was also the highest ever recorded. The median price has reached £22,000 for the first time in history and significant gains were witnessed at all levels of the market.

The average price for elite yearlings—the top 10% which numbers about 525 this year—rose to a record £224,165, well ahead of the £207,669 recorded in 2018. And just to put this number in perspective, it is a third higher than the £168,217 posted as recently as 2015.

Moreover, the same pattern can be seen throughout all sectors of the market as each and every decile (10% segment) showed a significant improvement on the year before. There were also a record number of £500k-plus yearlings in 2019 than ever before. It just goes to show what can be achieved when all of the powerful ownership groups participate fully at all the major sales as they did in 2019. Cont. p2

**MG1SW SABIANGO PASSES AT 21**

MG1SW Sabiango (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}--Spirit of Eagles, by Beau’s Eagle), a Group 1 winner on both sides of the Atlantic, passed away, Galopponline.de reported. He was 21. Bred at Fahrhof, he raced in their colours for the early part of his career, including wins in the G1 Credit Suisse Private Banking Pokal and G2 166 Oppenheim-Union-Rennen at three and in the G1 Deutschland-Preis at five. Transferred Stateside to Bob Baffert, the chestnut scored a surprise win in the GI Charles Whittingham Memorial H. for Monty Roberts, who leased the horse from Fahrhof. Sabiango also captured the GIII Kentucky Cup Turf H. Retired with seven wins from 19 starts and $828,333 in earnings, he stood at Fahrhof where he sired five black-type placed runners from 149 foals on the Flat. A half-brother to German highweight, MG1SW and Group 1 sire Silvano (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), his final crop was born in 2014.

**IN TDN AMERICA TODAY**

PEGASUS WORLD CUP OVERHAULED

The Stronach Group has overhauled the GI Pegasus World Cup and GI Pegasus World Cup Turf. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Yearling Market Cont. from p1

But even if it is the case that there is extra money around as the headlines suggest, it doesn’t all go to the commercial breeder’s bottom line. Investment costs have a habit of eating up any extra money in the market. It’s not that stallion studs—in their efforts to try to make commercial sense of their own business models—are charging more per stallion. They are, after all, as conscious as anybody that commercial breeders need to make money to facilitate future growth.

No, it is the sheer quantity of highly priced stallions that now dominate the landscape. By my reckoning there will be at least 42 stallions priced at either £20,000-plus or €20,000-plus in the market for next spring’s coverings. That’s a record and it contrasts markedly with only 25 as recently as six years ago or the 21 eight years ago. In 2019, as many as 5,398 mares were bred to 39 higher-priced stallions, compared to 2,510 in 2011—that’s an increase of over 100% which is partly explained by a climb out of recession. On the face of it, more mares being bred to better stallions ought to be good for the breed, all other things considered.

But there are consequences. Trading conditions become more difficult because the growth in the number of expensively produced yearlings is now running at a faster pace than the gains in overall spending at the sales.

At this year’s big five yearling sales—Tatts Book 1 and 2, Goffs Orby, Arqana and Doncaster—64% of yearlings made enough to cover their advertised conception fee, plus £20,000. This was the lowest return for six years and down from 67% last year and 71% in 2017.

What’s more, this year’s yearlings were produced from the 2017 stallion rosters, when there was 4,808 mares were bred to 20k-plus British and Irish sires. Since then that number has increased to 5,034 in 2018 and 5,398 this spring. It’s a number likely to rise further in 2020 with a record number of 20k-plus sires available. So, we can look forward to another three years of even more expensively produced yearlings coming to sale. In these circumstances, we can only expect a fall in overall profitability.

And that is a better-case scenario when your yearling makes it into one of the big five sales. Spare a thought for those European commercial breeders with yearlings that don’t. This sector of the market has also come under pressure—in 2019 the percentage of yearlings sold outside the big five sales making enough to cover advertised conception fees, plus £20,000 was a mere 12.9%, down from 15.8% a year earlier. Of course, you can argue that is the nature of markets and it has always been thus.

In times of trouble, commercial breeders often seek refuge among first-season sires. But there can be an oversupply of new recruits and not even they can protect you.

Back in 2007 and 2008, an average of 25 new stallions retired to stud. But the market couldn’t sustain such numbers and crashed. For the next four years an average of only 14 per year were retired. Now the pressure is building again and there has been five straight years with 20-plus new sires, peaking at 28 in 2017, the conception year incidentally for this year’s yearlings.

It’s entirely possible and indeed likely that another fairly major readjustment to the stallion market is just around the corner, unless of course the yearling market climbs markedly in the next three years.

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MARES BRED TO 20K+ STALLIONS IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

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GSW RAYMOND TUSK EYEING SAUDI CUP UNDERCARD

Connections of GSW Raymond Tusk (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) are to consider taking in the staying event on the undercard of the Saudi Cup at Riyadh on Feb. 29, on the way to All-Weather Championship Finals Day on Good Friday.

The Richard Hannon-trained 4-year-old booked his place in the Betway All-Weather Marathon by taking a fast-track qualifier at Newcastle, but the new meeting in Saudi Arabia is tempting, as excellent prize-money is up for grabs and the race fits in nicely ahead of Lingfield on Apr. 10.

"We would go there [Lingfield] with every chance and that would be the target," said Tim Palin, partner and director of racing for owners Middleham Park Racing. "The only thing that might be added to the agenda could be the new race in Saudi Arabia in February. He came back from Australia after the G1 Melbourne Cup, so travelling and coming back does not get in the way of his performance. We'll see how he comes out of the race and probably make a decision into the new year."

DIVERSITY IN RACING ANNUAL UPDATE PUBLISHED

British racing’s 2019 annual update was published on Sunday. The annual update emphasizes the opportunities open in the sport, as well as sets the DiRSG’s overall strategy and priorities for the next 12 to 18 months. The four focus areas for 2020 are:

- Raising awareness of the importance of diversity & inclusion across racing through industry-wide events and a digital awareness and engagement campaign
- Collate and evaluate cross-industry diversity data, publishing where possible, to build a clear evidence base for decisions; new methods for data collection will also be explored
- Look at ways to create a culture of inclusivity in racing through the development and publishing of best practice toolkits and case studies for the industry as well as aligning with wider campaigns such as Stonewall’s Rainbow Laces
- Increase participation of female jockeys through further research into every stage of a female jockey’s career and by improving facilities on racecourses. Cont. p4
Diversity in Racing Annual Update Cont.

Khadijah Mellah, Bryony Frost, Rachael Blackmore and Hollie Doyle and the reaction to research published by PhD student Vanessa Cashmore caught the attention of the mainstream media this year and these highlights were utilized as evidence of how highlighting the breadth of talent in British racing can be used to attract new audiences and broaden the appeal of the sport. Also, the update tracked progress against British racing’s first Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan, published in 2018.

Securing vital funding from Racing Foundation to assist in key enabling activity in 2020, supporting PhD research by David Letts on masculinity within racing and carrying out a full audit of female jockey facilities in conjunction with the RCA, BHA and PJA were all part of the Action Plan. The British Racing School’s Di-Farrell Thomas, MEP Rory Palmer and trainers John Berry and Suzy Smith will join the Diversity in Racing Steering Group beginning in 2020.

“The Diversity in Racing Steering Group has made good progress since its formation in 2018 and the publishing of the action plan, and since I joined the BHA it has been useful to understand more about how the different parts of the industry feel about making racing a more inclusive sport,” said Rose Grissell, Head of Diversity and Inclusion for British racing. “Our focus now is on improving our evidence base, getting out to the industry and raising awareness of the benefits of having an inclusive sport. We aim to empower everyone in the industry to play their role in creating a sport which offers a big-hearted welcome for everyone. Without the funding recently received from the Racing Foundation the next stage of work would not have been possible, so our thanks must go to them.”

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Monday, Dec. 16, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud

114 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner

18:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, DIVINE CONNECTION (GB)

2,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 2,800 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

17:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, SILVER START (GB)

£3,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

“Foals from the debut crop of Churchill have been subject to some rave reviews”

James Thomas, RACING POST, Nov 29

First crop foals sold for

€270,000, €235,000, €140,000, €135,000, €130,000, €125,000, €100,000, €100,000 etc.

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Cable Bay is looking for his 26th winner on Monday.

**Music Master (GB)** (Piccolo (GB)), Throckmorton Court Stud
15 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
17:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, NEWSCIAL (GB)
£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Autumn HIT & Yearling Sale 2018

**Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
18:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 9.5f, ZERO LIMITS (GB)
8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

**Suppliant (GB)** (Kyllachy (GB)), Haras des Trois Chapelles
7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, BAILEYS IN BLOOM (Fr)
£15,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018

**Telescope (IRE)** (Galileo (IRE)), Shade Oak Stud
95 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
18:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 9.5f, ROYAL ASTRONOMER (GB)

**Galiway (GB)** (Galileo (IRE)), Haras de Colleville
31 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
7-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, SIWAY (Fr)

**Ivawood (IRE)** (Zedbee (GB)), Haras de Mont Goubert
100 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, RADICAL CHIC (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018

**Konig Bernard (FR)** (Touch Down (Ger)),
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, TAKUHI (Fr)

**Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, LOCMARIA (Ire)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2017; 3,500gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

**Prince Gibraltar (FR)** (Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)), Haras de Montaigu
51 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, MY CHARMING PRINCE (Fr)
€14,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

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**FRANCE**

**Anjaal (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty (GB)), Rathasker Stud
149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
7-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, TWELVE BROS (Ire)

**Danza** (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm
91 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
7-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, OVER TOP LOVE
$5,500 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall 2018 Yearling Sale; $10,000 RNA Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company 2019 March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training

**Free Eagle (IRE)** (High Chaparral (IRE)), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
7-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, SUPERHON (IRE)
€21,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €7,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Virofiay (Fr)**, c, 2, **Air Chief Marshal (IRE)**--Red Vixen (IRE), by Agnes World. Pau, 12-15, 8f (AWT), 1:35.80. B-SCEA Plessis (FR). *Full to Rougeoyant (Fr), SW-Fr.

**Crystal Cliffs (Fr)**, f, 2, **Canford Cliffs (IRE)**--Preciously (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Lord of England (Ger). Pau, 12-15, 8f (AWT), 1:34.10. B-ML Bloodstock Ltd (FR).

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**GERMANY**

**Waldana (Ger)**, f, 3, **Areion (Ger)**--Windzeit (Ger), by Lagunas (GB). Dortmund, 12-15, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:50.83. B-Herman Schroer-Dreesmann (GER). *€12,000 Ylg 17 BBAGO.
**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

**Chronicles (GB)**, c, 5, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Najoum, by Giant’s Causeway. Wuhan, 12-14, 2850m (A$10,416), sand, 3:11.48. O-Zhao Chun. B-Darley (GB). VIDEO. *1/2 to Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Eng, $231,042. **€15,000 HRA ’17

**IN UAE:**


**SALIOS STEAMS TO VICTORY IN ASAHI HAI**

After setting a new race record in the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup in October, heavy crowd's pick **Salios (Jpn)** (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}) added another mark to his ledger in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. at Hanshin on Sunday. He covered the 1600 metres in 1:33 flat, lowering the mark set by Danon Premium (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in 2017 by 0.3 seconds.

Sent off at even money, the Silk Racing silksbearer perched in fourth one off the fence as **Bien Fait (Jpn)** (Kizuna (Jpn)) set the pace. Fanned three deep at the head of the lane, he came calling with his run, passed Bien Fait at the 250 and motored home to win by two lengths. **Taisei Vision (Jpn)** (Turtle Bowl (Ire)) rallied to take second, a half-length ahead of **Gran Rey (Jpn)** (Rulership (Jpn)) in third.

“He was a lovely horse,” said Ryan Moore, riding on a short-term license since November. The track ran very fast, but he’s a colt that’s not short-paced and he was still very green on the turn, so he should run even faster in the future. He’s a big powerful colt and when I sat on him, you get the impression that he’s very strong already, but he should improve and be even better as he gets older being the size that he is and hopefully he’ll carry on.”

A winner on debut in a Tokyo Newcomber event going a mile over firm turf in June, the chestnut returned off a lengthy layoff to claim the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup on Oct. 5.

**Pedigree Notes**

The 10th Group 1 winner for his Shadai-based sire, Salios IS out of the 2012 G1 German Oaks heroine Salomina, who has only visited sons of the late Sunday Silence to date. She gave a hint of her ability as a broodmare when her second foal, the two-time winner Salacia (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), filled the frame in the G2 Rose S. and G3 Epsom Cup. Her last reported foal is a yearling colt by Deep Impact (Jpn).

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

**ASAHI HAI FUTURITY S.-G1, ¥135,620,000 (US$1,239,823/£929,673/€1,114,852)**, Hanshin, 12-15, 2yo, c/f, 1600mT, 1:33.00 (NRR), fm.

1--**SALIOS (JPN)**, 121, c, 2, by Heart’s Cry (Jpn)

1st Dam: Salomina (Ger) (G1SW-Ger, $332,689), by Lomitas (GB)

2nd Dam: Saldentigerin (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire)

3rd Dam: Salde (Ger), by Alkalde (Ger)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Ryan Moore. ¥71,134,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. *Half to Salacia (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn, $937,847. Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Taisei Vision (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Turtle Bowl (Ire)--Somnia (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn), by Seiho Tanaka; B- Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥28,324,000.

3--**Gran Rey (Jpn)**, 121, c, 2, Rulership (Jpn)--Miracle Berry (Jpn), by Falbrav (Ire). (¥19,440,000 Ylg ’18 JBBAUG). O-Nagoya Yuho Inc.; B-Takeshi Maetani (Jpn); ¥18,162,000.

Margins: 2, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 4.80, 228.30. Also Ran: Tagano Beauty (Jpn), Prince Return (Jpn), Jun Light Bolt (Jpn), Bien Fait (Jpn), Laudav Sion (Jpn), Win Greatest (Jpn), Red Bel Jour (Jpn), Triple Ace (Ire), Carinito (Jpn), Meiner Grit (Jpn), Egremni (Jpn), Meisho Titan (Jpn), Pale Ale(Jpn).

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**DECRYPT STAMPS HIMSELF AS ONE TO WATCH IN HONG KONG UNVEILING**

by Alan Carasso

**Decrypt (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), last seen finishing a game third to Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh in May, gave an excellent account of himself on his Hong Kong debut Sunday afternoon, finishing third in as the 123-pound topweight in a Class 2 over 1400 metres.

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Decrypt Cont.

Sent off an 89-10 chance with Zac Purton riding for Hong Kong Derby-winning conditioner Frankie Lor, the gray landed in a midfield position and held his spot while quietly ridden on the turn. The gray colt found running room about five paths off the inside in upper stretch, was bothered slightly by a rival with a little more than 300 metres to race and ran his final quarter-mile in a second-fastest clocking of :23.01 to finish 1 1/2 lengths adrift of fellow 4-year-old Perfect Match (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) (video).

“It was encouraging,” Purton told the Hong Kong Jockey Club’s David Morgan. “I thought he did a good job. He travelled a bit keenly through the early-mid stages, but he came out to win and he just ran out of gas at the end.”

Lor indicated that Decrypt would prep for a start in the Jan. 27 Hong Kong Classic Mile in another Class 2 handicap over 1400 metres Jan. 5.

Perfect Match is also under consideration for the Classic Mile, but his trainer Danny Shum was dousing the idea with a bit of cold water post-race.

“The mile could be a problem,” Shum said of the 6-5 favourite. “If you look at him, he’s a 1400-metre horse, the pedigree says the mile even might be an issue and if we push him to the 1600 (metres) and he runs no good, it wouldn’t be ideal. But I’ll talk to the jockeys and the owner and then we’ll make a plan what to do.”

Decrypt’s stablemate Reliable Team (NZ) (Reliable Man {GB}) further enhanced his Classics credentials with a one-length victory in Class 3 company over 1600m Sunday (video). It was his first run at Sha Tin, having won three of his previous five career starts at Happy Valley.

“He’s solid, he’s honest—he had to do a little bit of work to get there but he was able to get a breather through the middle stages and once again he was good on the line,” said Purton, who won two on the program and placed in three others to take the afternoon’s jockeys’ challenge.

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AMERICAN FOCUS BRINGS REWARDS FOR KIA ORA

By Richard Edmunds

With an impressive performance in Saturday’s $500,000 Inglis Nursery at Randwick, first-starter Wild Ruler (Snitzel) flew the flag high for Kia Ora Stud’s imported American broodmare Gypsy Robin (USA) (Daaher {Can}). After strong wins in both of his trials, the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained Wild Ruler made a perfect start to his racing career on Saturday.

Steered around Randwick by Kerrin McEvoy, he peeled off the rail around the home turn and out-sprinted his rivals down the straight to win by 1l.

“He did so much wrong, but still managed to win quite comfortably,” Paul Snowden said. “He has got a bit of substance to him. He will be on a Blue Diamond-Golden Slipper preparation. He is a pretty good horse, he is still learning.”

McEvoy was similarly impressed by the performance.

“It was a quality win,” he said. “He’s got a nice way about him. He’s got speed, but was out-sped early. We took a sit, and I liked the way he picked up when I wanted to go. He’s done it there in what I’d say is not a bad 2-year-old race.”

Wild Ruler was bred by Kia Ora Stud, who sold him at the 2019 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale for $525,000. He was bought by the China Horse Club, Newgate Bloodstock and WinStar.

“It was great to see him win so well on Saturday,” Kia Ora Stud manager Andrew Perryman said. “He’d done everything right in his trials leading into it, and that was certainly a very impressive debut performance. He’s an exciting prospect.”

Wild Ruler is the second winner from three foals to race for Gypsy Robin, who was bought for Kia Ora by Alex Kingston at the 2013 Keeneland November Breeding Sale for US$750,000. Gypsy Robin is a daughter of listed winner Feisty Princess (USA) (Indian Charlie {USA}), and is a half-sister to the listed winner Tiger Cat Lilly (USA) (Tale of the Cat {USA}). Gypsy Robin exceeded that pair’s achievements on the track, winning six races including the GII Keeneland Beaumont S. and GII Raven Run S. She also placed in the GI Test S. at the famous Saratoga summer meeting, as well as in the GII Keeneland Thoroughbred Club of America S.

North American Broodmares

The strategy of securing broodmare prospects from North America is driven by Kia Ora’s owner, Malaysian-based businessman Ananda Krishnan.

“Mr. Krishnan particularly likes international pedigrees and American bloodlines,” Perryman explained. “He’s certainly been very keen to support the Triple Crown winners American Pharoah (USA) and Justify (USA) at stud this spring. He’s got a real passion for American racing and breeding.

“American mares have definitely had a bit of success coming into the Australian industry over the years, so it’s been a deliberate strategy for us to look to that market to find some promising broodmare prospects for the stud.”

Other American recruits for Kia Ora’s broodmare band include Inglorious (Can) (Hennessy {USA}), Pure Fun (USA) (Pure Prize {USA}), Enstone (Can) (Tiznow {USA}), Jennifer Lynnette (Can) (Elusive Quality {USA}) and War Heroine (USA) (Lonhro).
Jennifer Lynnette | Thorostride

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Inglorious cost US$1.35 million at the 2013 Fasig Tipton Fall Mixed Sale. She was the champion filly in Canada in 2011, winning the prestigious Queen’s Plate along with the Listed Woodbine Oaks, La Lorgnette S., Lassie S. and Fanfreluche S. She placed in the GII Dance Smartly S., GII Bayakoa H., GIII Rachel Alexandra S., GIII Selene S. and GIII Suwannee River S.

Inglorious has produced two winners from two foals to race, and her yearlings have sold for $900,000, $525,000 and $240,000 in the last three years. She had a colt foal by I Am Invincible this spring, then was served by Justify.

Pure Fun also came out of the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale, secured for the same price of US$1.35 million. She had won four races including the GI Starlet S. and GII Indiana Oaks, and she placed in the GIII Bourbonette Oaks. Pure Fun had two foals before her death in 2017, one to race, and her yearlings sold for up to $650,000.

Enstone cost US$475,000 at the 2017 Fasig Tipton Kentucky November Mixed Sale. She is out of a three-quarter-sister to Grade I winner Forest Secrets (USA) (Forest Wildcat {USA}) and descends from the family of the USA’s champion 2-year-old and 3-year-old Silverbulletday (USA) (Silver Deputy {USA}). Enstone herself won four races including the G3 Woodbine Ontario Colleen S., Listed Bison City S. and Listed Fury S. She also placed in the G3 Selene S., Listed Princess Elizabeth S. and Listed Wonder Where S. Enstone’s first foal was a filly by American Pharoah, who was born this spring, and she was later served by Justify.

Jennifer Lynnette was secured for US$575,000 at the 2018 Fasig Tipton Kentucky November Mixed Sale. She is out of a four-race winner, including the GII Royal North S., and she placed in the GIII Hendrie S, Listed Star Shoot S., Listed Fury S., Listed Zadracarta S., Listed Glorious Song S. and Listed License Fee S. Her first service was to Snitzel in October.

War Heroine came from the same sale as Jennifer Lynette and cost US$450,000. A daughter of a stakes-winning mare, she won four races herself including the GI Del Mar San Clemente S. and the Listed Santa Anita Sweet Life S. Her first service was to American Pharoah in September of this year.

Meanwhile, Wild Ruler’s dam Gypsy Robin has also featured among American Pharoah’s introductory books at Coolmore Australia.

“Gypsy Robin is 11 years old now and is a lovely mare,” Perryman said. “She had a really nice American Pharoah filly this season, and she’s back in foal to American Pharoah again at the moment. But if Wild Ruler keeps performing to this level, we might have to send her back to Snitzel next year.”

IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Yan Chun Ling Yun (Aus), c, 3, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--North Going Zax (Aus), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Wuhan, 12-14, 1200m (A$10,416), sand, 1:15.02. O-Zhao Chun. B-Catalina Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd. (Vic). VIDEO. *A$10,000 Ylg ’18 INGMAR.

Hua Yu Xiong Feng (Aus), c, 4, Declaration of War--Ocean Pearl (GB), by Armorique (Aus). Wuhan, 12-14, 1800m (A$10,416), sand, 1:57.07. O-Huayu Horse Industry. B-Orpendale (NSW). VIDEO. *A$105,000 Ylg ’17 INGFEB.

Teng Hui Zhan Shen (Aus), c, 4, Denman (Aus)--Candy Stripes (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Commands (Aus). Wuhan, 12-14, 1000m (A$10,416), sand, 1:00.43. O-Zhang Jian. B-Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm (Vic). VIDEO. *A$20,000 Ylg ’17 INGMAR.

IN HONG KONG:

Sprint Forward, g, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Macarthur Park, by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Sha Tin, 12-15, Hcp. ($270k), 1400m, 1:21.74. B-Orpheeo Ltd (NSW). *$35,000 Ylg ’17 INGFEB; NZ$160,000 2yo ’17 NZBRTR. VIDEO

Valiant Dream, g, 4, Magnus--Captivating Lady, by Elvstroem. Sha Tin, 12-15, Hcp. ($180k), 1000m, :56.39. B-MR RJ Coombes, Mrs E Coombes, Mr D Coombes (Vic). *$60,000 Ylg ’17 INGFEB. VIDEO

Perfect Match, g, 4, Not A Single Doubt--Modave (NZ), by Montjeu (Ire). Sha Tin, 12-15, Hcp. ($392k), 1400m, 1:20.79. B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd (NSW). *1/2 to Schiffer (Snitzel), SP-Aus, $379,000. **Formerly Sharp Hunter. ***$130,000 Ylg ’17 INGFEB. VIDEO
Quadruple Double, g, 4, Zoustar--Jessica Rose, by Keep The Faith. Sha Tin, 12-15, Hcp. ($270k), 1200m, 1:08.63. B-Konj Pty Ltd As Trustee For Collier Family Trust (NSW). *1/2 to Bring Me Speed (Sebring), MSW-Mac. **$50,000 Ylg ’17 INGFEB; $150,000 2yo ’17 INGRTR. VIDEO

IN HONG KONG:
Will Power, g, 4, Power (GB)--Lilahjay, by Tavistock. Sha Tin, 12-15, Hcp. ($188k), 1200m (AWT), 1:09.38. B-Mrs M A G & R I Johnson. *1ST TIME STARTER. **$80,000 Ylg ’17 NZBFeb. VIDEO
Reliable Team, g, 4, Reliable Man (GB)--Stella Doro, by Faltaat (USA). Sha Tin, 12-15, Hcp. ($282k), 1600m, 1:34.73. B-Tullycrine Ltd. *$50,000 RNA Ylg ’17 NZBFEB; $430,000 2yo ’17 NZBRTR. VIDEO

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