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## NO 'COVER UP' IN MONGOLIAN GROOM CASE, BUT 'MISSED' OPPORTUNITIES TO SCRATCH HIM



Mongolian Groom | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

By T.D. Thornton

A Breeders' Cup-commissioned evaluation of the catastrophic injury that led to the euthanization of **Mongolian Groom** (Hightail) in the GI Classic has concluded that the gelding had small, pre-existing stress fractures in both hind cannon bones, and that when the one in his left hind displaced during the race, it created chain-reaction downward force that acted "as a screwdriver" to apply "a huge amount of torque to the bone," causing multiple fractures in that leg.

The **25-page report**, released Wednesday by the Breeders' Cup and authored by internationally recognized equine orthopedic surgeon Dr. Larry Bramlage, further concluded that Mongolian Groom was clean from prohibited substances in both pre-race testing post-injury toxicology screenings (other than sedation he received immediately after his injury). The evaluation also declared that "it is unlikely that the [Santa Anita Park] racetrack had an acute influence on Mongolian Groom's injury."

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### TDN NEW STALLIONS: CATHOLIC BOY

In our ongoing series, *New Stallions*, the TDN is visiting first-year sires around the country and giving readers a chance to take a look at them on video. Today, we're at Claiborne Farm visiting Catholic Boy (More Than Ready--Song of Bernadette, by Bernardini), one of only three North American 3-year-old colts to win Grade I races on both turf and dirt. In accomplishing that feat, he joined Secretariat and California Chrome. Kelsey Riley spoke to Bernie Sams about the 5-year-old new stallion.

**TDN:** Catholic Boy is pretty unique in that he's a multiple Grade I winner on the dirt and turf. But he did more than that, of course. Let's talk about some of the highlights of his career.

**Bernie Sams:** Catholic Boy won graded stakes on the turf (the GIII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga) and dirt (the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct) at two. And then, of course, he came back and backed it up with Grade Is. **Cont. p8**

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**Spring fever.** Laura's Moon (Malibu Moon) and her four-day-old Mosler filly cavort in the springlike weather on Wednesday at Country Life Farm in Bel Air, MD. [Click here](#) to submit photos of your 2020 foals for consideration in the TDN. Please include sire, dam, owner, and photographer's name. | Ellen Pons

**STEADY TRADE AT KEENELAND JANUARY**

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A short yearling colt by the in-demand Uncle Mo fetched a final bid of \$400,000 from Gabriel Duignan's Springhouse Farm to top Wednesday's third day of trade at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale in Lexington.

**U.S. HOUSE ENDORSES INTEGRITY ACT**

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The Horseracing Integrity Act (H.R. 1754) has officially received the formal endorsement by a majority of the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill was introduced jointly by Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Andy Barr (R-KY).



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**Mongolian Groom cont.**

Bramlage wrote that “there is no evidence that the horse’s injury was ignored or covered up” in pre-competition veterinary exams. He noted that the gelding was examined “by five different veterinarians on five different days on the track, and at the barn by three different veterinarians on six different days pre-race, with one exam also including trotting on a hard surface to accentuate any lameness.... No clear-cut lameness was noted in any of the barn exams, including the morning of the race.”

By way of comparison, Bramlage wrote in his report that 73 out of 253 Breeders’ Cup entrants were tagged for a “watch list” during the 2019 championships. Within that number, Mongolian Groom was one of a subset of 24 horses selected for “extra scrutiny” in the form of additional barn examinations.



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“Of those 24 horses, eight were disqualified from competition,” Bramlage wrote. “Five horses on the undercard were also disqualified. In all, 24 horses were withdrawn or disqualified from competition in the two days of the 2019 championships.... There were 17 horses who competed that had comments that they were ‘short,’ ‘choppy’ or ‘stiff’ behind on the pre-race barn examinations. Sixteen of those horses ran without incident. The examining veterinarians made the right call on 252 horses.... The decision was wrong on only one horse: Mongolian Groom.”

But still, Bramlage concluded, the vetting process could have been better, and needs to be improved for future runnings of the Breeders’ Cup. “It is hard to fault a process that had a 99.6% accuracy rate, but there were

opportunities to remove Mongolian Groom from competition that were missed due to time constraints or process deficiencies that could be made more prominent,” Bramlage wrote.

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“In my opinion the key opportunities for process improvement are to improve the quality of the on-track observations and to introduce the ability to jog horses in need of ‘extra scrutiny’ in circles at some safe location on the back side of the racetrack,” Bramlage wrote. “This should help separate the significantly lame horses from the horses that have routine soreness. It would also create the threshold for requesting radiographic or ultrasonographic imaging prior to clearance for competition for horses of concern.

“The advantageous use of video footage of horses training prior to the event as part of the routine veterinary examinations should also help select horses for ‘extra scrutiny,’” Bramlage continued. “All three of these processes’ improvements would likely have helped clarify Mongolian Groom’s status.”

**How Stress Fractures Led to Fatality...**

In preparing his evaluation, Bramlage interviewed key members of three veterinary teams (California Horse Racing Board, Breeders’ Cup and Santa Anita), plus Mongolian Groom’s trainer, groom, exercise rider and jockey. He further reviewed a range of relevant materials, including Mongolian Groom’s veterinary and training records, necropsy report, medication history, and videos of the gelding’s track work leading up to the 2019 championships.

Bramlage also compared enlarged x-rays of Mongolian Groom’s right cannon bone to the catastrophically injured left one to determine that the right one showed a bruised area of bone “in the same location where the fracture initiated in the left hind limb.”

He described this finding as representative of “how the same process of wear and tear often occurs in both hind limbs (or in some horses both front limbs) at the same time. Both limbs gradually get behind in the overload/over repair process of training and racing and structural damage begins to accumulate entirely within the bone with no outward sign of inflammation.”

“This explains why Mongolian Groom was short in both hind limbs, not in one hind, when examined in the barn; because he had small areas of accumulated damage in both hinds,” Bramlage wrote.

Bramlage noted that the defect in the right cannon bone was only a quarter-inch in size, and that such stress defects are “not easily documented radiographically until late in the process. So it takes a combination of lameness identification and then radiographic documentation to make this diagnosis. It is not an easy task at any time, but is especially difficult in the circumstances of a pre-race examination.”

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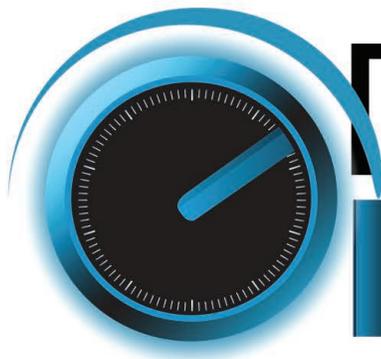
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These stress fractures, he wrote, “were in the depths of the bone, yet as of the start of the race had not caused any inflammation in the fetlock joint even though they were just millimeters away from the joint surface. A little more than one mile into the race the left hind fracture propagated, resulting in the chain of events, like dominoes falling, that created the fatal injury.

“The stress fracture was the result of accumulated bruising of the distal cannon bone which resulted in the stress fracture,” Bramlage continued. “The horse was unaware it was even there during the race. As superior athletes can, his adrenaline levels wiped out any impediments to performance. He was well into the race, competing similarly to how he normally runs, just off of but near the lead. The race was one of the faster of the day and he was third as they exited the turn when the injury occurred. His jockey saw no reason for concern until the first fracture displaced.”

Bramlage wrote that a record of previous exam notes by regulatory veterinarians is kept in The Jockey Club’s nationwide InCompass database. Mongolian Groom’s InCompass reports showed “notations of decreased range of motion in the front fetlocks for all 19 of his races--they were not concerning and were only of note because of their variation from normal.

“The hind fetlocks are noted as normal or unremarkable in all examinations,” Bramlage continued. “His motion exams identified no lameness at the pre-race barn exams in any of his races, just stiffness in motion. The truth is he had a bilateral lameness and remained symmetrical in both hind limbs in the barn exams before the 2019 championships. But this was similar to his previous recent pre-race exams when he won.”

During the week of the Classic, Bramlage wrote, both of Mongolian Groom’s hind fetlocks “had been flexed with no increase in lameness noted. No clear-cut lameness was noted in any of the barn exams, including the morning of the race. His exam was further complicated by the fact that his racing form continued to improve all year long including an upset victory in the [GI] Awesome Again S., the race before the Breeders’ Cup, but the pre-race exams remained basically the same.

Bramlage continued: “This degree of familiarity with the horse may actually have impeded a more critical assessment of Mongolian Groom since he had looked the same on repeated routine ‘in barn, pre-race’ examinations covering months of training and racing.... The evaluators’ assessment of the ‘in barn’ examinations did not raise enough concern to reach the threshold for requiring radiographs of any of his joints.”

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Such stress fractures within the cannon bone can be so small, Bramlage wrote, that they show “no outward physical signs, pain on palpation, heat, or swelling.” In a “normal situation” these micro-fractures “are repaired between exercise sessions. But if they begin to accumulate faster than the repair process can manage, a stress fracture occurs. Fortunately, in the vast majority of instances the stress fracture propagates a little at a time and detectable lameness appears before the creation of instability of the joint.... But Mongolian Groom’s fracture propagated through the bone rapidly creating a complete fracture while the horse was in full competition.”

Beyond Mongolian Groom’s clean drug tests, Bramlage wrote that “his medication record shows no intra-articular medication of the fetlock joints, ever. His hock joints had been treated with anti-inflammatories Oct. 19, after his last race, but well before the systemic clearance time before the Breeders’ Cup. He was treated for muscle soreness of his back after his last work on Oct. 27, when his saddle slipped, with the consultation of the regulatory veterinarian and his attending veterinarian. He received a muscle relaxant (methocarbamol), a balanced electrolyte paste orally, and acupuncture to resolve his muscle soreness. But the hind fetlocks had no treatment.

“There is no reason to believe medication played any role in the horse’s injury,” Bramlage concluded. “The problem was the stress fracture that escaped identification, but not because it or the affected joint had been treated in any fashion.”

With regard to the decision to euthanize Mongolian Groom, Bramlage wrote that “this degree of injury leaves nothing to re-construct effectively enough to enable weight bearing on the limb.... The decision for humane euthanasia for this injury was the right one.” **Cont. p7**



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**Mongolian Groom cont.*****Better Imaging Not Always the Answer...***

“Numerous people and authors have questioned why all the horses in the Breeders’ Cup Championships are not routinely imaged to assess their skeletal health,” Bramlage wrote. “There have been calls for digital radiographs, nuclear scintigraphs (bone scan), standing Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and now possibly the newly developed Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan of all participants.

“What one has to understand is that images provide information but are never a ‘lameness meter,’ Bramlage explained. “Many radiographic findings are innocuous and many important lesions are easily missed on surveys. The first issue is there would be no time to image even a limited number of joints in each of the entrants if it were done by Breeders’ Cup. And then you would need someone to read them all, which would also be problematic.

“You could require the attending veterinarian to image the entrant, but they are already required to submit a report stating that in their opinion the horse is ready to compete,” Bramlage continued. “But the most difficult problem is that most horses don’t have perfect skeletons and many innocuous lesions would be uncovered and cause false positive findings that would have to be assessed.

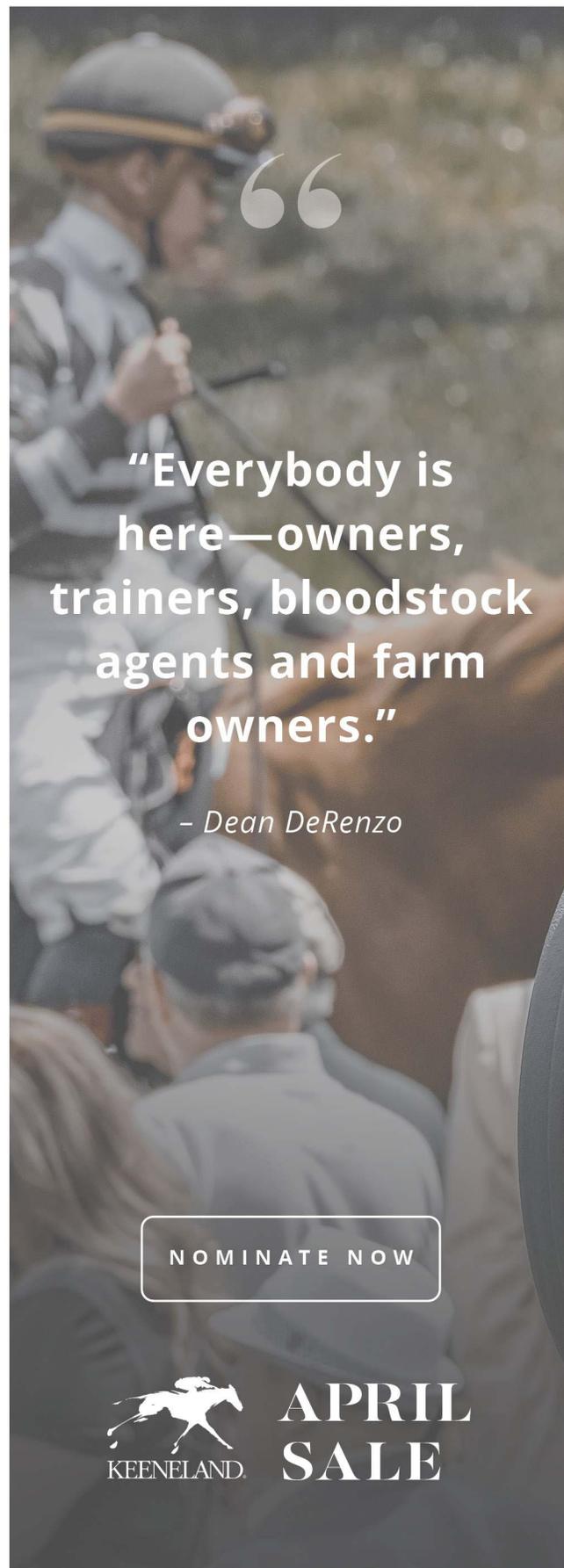
“In addition, many important lesions such as those in Mongolian Groom’s hind cannon bones are not easy to find. They can be missed if exactly the right radiographic projection is not acquired. It often takes a combination of imaging (e.g. bone scan plus radiographs) to define a bone lesion.”

Bramlage wrote that “standing MRI images are low-field (low power), very time consuming to acquire and, unlike a high-field MRI, which is what is used on people, sometimes produce false negative or equivocal results. Plus, he noted, “high-field MRI requires general anesthesia in the horse so that is not an option for screening.

“Standing CAT scans hold promise, but the ideal machine is yet to be produced for routine practical use,” Bramlage wrote. “The new PET images are also promising but...still not perfected.”

Bramlage summed up the overall veterinary process as it applies to future Breeders’ Cups.

“Since we are dealing with biologic beings and not inert machines, we will never eliminate every opportunity for an occult injury to manifest and will never reach 100% accuracy,” he wrote. “But improvement in process should make us better next year than this year and continual refinement should yield even better results the year after that. The process was good; it can be made a little better with some re-organization.”



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**TDN Stallions: Catholic Boy cont.**

**Bernie Sams:** One of the highlights of Catholic Boy's race record was the Belmont Derby, but the real highlight was probably the Travers. And to get a horse like that can win dirt and turf Grade 1 races in top-class company, it doesn't happen very often. And I think in the Dixie at Pimlico this year, too, the way he ran off the layoff really got people's attention as well. So it's made him very popular amongst the breeders.

**TDN: What was it about his running style in particular that you think could pass on to his progeny?**

**BS:** He had speed where he could be tactical where he needed to be and he was up close. It wasn't like he had to come from behind.

**TDN: And from the breeders who have come out to see him so far, what has been the feedback?**

**BS:** Everybody has loved him. I'm not sure what people expected. I think they weren't sure he was going to be as big as he is maybe, being by More Than Ready. And I think everybody that's come out again, they've been very pleased with the way he looks and the response has been tremendous.



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**TDN: You say maybe he wasn't what people expected. Can you describe him physically?**

**BS:** He's probably 16'2, correct, got plenty of scope. He's a good-looking horse. You can breed just about anything, I would think, to him.

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**TDN: Talk about his pedigree a bit.**

**BS:** We haven't had much experience with sons of More Than Ready in the state, surely. It has been pretty remarkable that he shuttled for however many years and has never missed a beat, and continues to get quality runners in both places. So that was a big plus. The female family is strong. We've had a little bit of experience with the family, as there have been a couple of mares out of that family at the farm and some runners out of the family. And the Bernardini broodmare sire part of it is a very interesting as well.

**TDN: Anything else you want to add about the horse?**

**BS:** He's perfect.

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**STEADY TRADE AS KEENELAND JANUARY SALE CONTINUES** *by Jessica Martini*

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale continued with a session of steady trade Wednesday and a colt by Uncle Mo causing some early fireworks when selling for \$400,000. Gabriel Duignan's Springhouse Farm purchased the pinhooking prospect, who was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency on behalf of breeder Mike Abraham. The short yearling was one of seven horses to bring six figures during the auction's third session.

In all, 232 horses sold Wednesday for a total of \$5,207,200. The average was \$22,445 and the median was \$12,000. With 65 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 21.89%.



Gabriel Duignan purchased Wednesday's top lot | Keeneland photo

The average, gross and median were all up from the third session of last year's four-day January sale, which saw 244 horses sell for \$4,137,300 for an average of \$16,956 and a median of \$8,000. The top price during the session was \$125,000 and five horses brought six figures on the day.

"I thought the market was a little more steady today," said Taylor Made's Mark Taylor. "I think Monday was kind of up and down. In a sale like this, Book 1 is not a true select sale, you get a really mixed bag of quality. I think it takes a little while for people, especially sellers, to figure out the market and where they need to be with reserves. Our RNA rate ended up being OK for Monday. I think we ended up in the low 20s, but initially, as they all went through the ring, it was in the low 30s. And then we got some sold after the sale and it came down. Today has been much better. Our RNA rate is much lower and I think sellers have figured out where they need to be. They are more realistic and the buyers are responding."

Through three sessions of the five-day auction, the cumulative average of \$53,520 is down 11.9% from a year ago, while the median has ticked up 4.17% to \$25,000.

Taylor Made consigned three of Wednesday's top four lots. "If you bring a quality horse in, there is plenty of money here for it," Taylor said. "We sold the one maiden for \$150,000 and we sold a \$210,000 weanling and a \$400,000 weanling and there has been a lot of other just solid, steady sales throughout the day. So today has been a good day."

Doug Arnold, bidding on behalf of an undisclosed client, purchased the day's top-priced mare, going to \$240,000 for the racing/broodmare prospect Elle's Town (Speightstown). The 4-year-old filly was consigned by Bluewater Sales as agent for Three Diamond Farms.

Another highlight of Wednesday's session was the announcing debut of Gabby Gaudet, who became the first female to announce at a major Thoroughbred auction in North America when she took over the mic midway through the session.

The Keeneland January sale continues through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

**Book 2 Fireworks for Uncle Mo Colt**

A colt by Uncle Mo jumped out of the pack early in Wednesday's third session of the Keeneland January sale when selling for \$400,000 to Gabriel and Aisling Duignan's Springhouse Farm. The short yearling was purchased as a pinhooking prospect.

"To me he was the nicest foal on the grounds," Gabriel Duignan said as his wife signed the ticket on [hip 830](#). "Uncle Mo couldn't be any hotter--he's a great sire. It's a lot of money, but he's a real horse. You're always going to have to pay for a horse like him. He was beautiful."

The dark bay colt, consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency on behalf of breeder Mike Abraham, is out of multiple stakes winner Red Sashay (Big Brown). The mare is a half-sister to group winner Shamaal Nibras (First Samurai) and graded placed New Edition (Stormy Atlantic).

A late decision to sell the colt in January led to his placement in Book 2 of the five-day auction, according to Abraham.

"He ended up in Book 2 because we didn't have him in the sale and then we decided to put him in," Abraham explained. "We called, but they wouldn't let him in. We had another horse that was in this book and we said, 'If we take that one out, can we put this one in?' They said yes and that's how he ended up in this book."

Red Sashay, who was acquired after RNA'ing for \$235,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton November sale, produced a filly by Uncle Mo in 2017. Abraham sold that foal for \$75,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton October sale.

"The mother is in foal to Arrogate for this year," Abraham said. "Maybe she'll go back to Uncle Mo after this." @JessMartiniTDN



Lot 830 | Keeneland photo

## Elle's Town Another Diamond for Wycoffs

When Jordan Wycoff purchased **Elle's Town** (Speightstown) (hip 1035) for \$77,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Horses of Racing Age Sale last July, the plan was to race the filly with a long-term goal of adding her to his family's Three Diamonds Farm broodmare band. But following a stakes-placing last month, Wycoff and his father Kirk decided to test the market with the 4-year-old and they were rewarded when she sold to Doug Arnold for \$240,000 Wednesday at Keeneland.

"She was beautiful," Jordan Wycoff said of the filly's appeal last summer. "We've always liked Speightstown. We've had a lot of success with Speightstown. And she had all of her conditions. I don't know if we thought she was going to be a stakes horse, but we bought her to go to Saratoga."

In her first start in the Three Diamonds colors, Elle's Town was a troubled eighth in an August allowance contest. She hit the board in three of four allowance efforts after that outing before finishing second in the Dec. 28 Pago Hop S. last time out.

"She ran in Saratoga and she showed us more than we thought," Wycoff said. "She had a brutal trip. We figured we needed to get some stakes placing in her--I didn't know we would get it this soon. Ultimately, we wanted to own her as a broodmare, but the market was going to reward us for our purchase, so we put her on the market."



Elle's Town | ThoroStride photo

Of the filly's final price, Wycoff said, "It was a little bit more than we expected. She was a beautiful filly, but this exceeded our expectations for sure."

The Wycoffs have a solid history of timely investments. At Keeneland last November, Three Diamonds sold the mare Ultimate Cause (Giant's Causeway) for a session-topping \$310,000 after claiming the then 6-year-old for \$35,000.

"We just like to race," Wycoff said. "And unfortunately when you like to race, you need to move some horses now and then. We like to race our horses. We've got a lot of bills to pay, so when you have a great result like this, you've got to move them."

Elle's Town will be heading south to resume her racing career after Arnold signed the ticket on behalf of an undisclosed client Wednesday.

"This guy races at Fair Grounds and Sam Houston," Arnold said of the client. "He didn't want mostly a broodmare, he wanted mostly a race horse. This filly has a great pedigree, she's a beautiful filly. She seems like she has really good form right now. She barely got beat in the Pago Hop and, with any luck at all, they'll maybe win a few stakes and then have her as a broodmare."



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### CHAMPION 2YOs

"He has the physique and pedigree to be a precocious two-year-old sire. His pedigree is filled with speed influence. He's by Candy Ride (ARG) who produced Champion two-year-olds Shared Belief and Game Winner."

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### CHAMPION 2YO

**By CANDY RIDE (ARG)** (1999). Champion miler in Argentina, black-type winner of \$749,149, Pacific Classic S. [G1] (DMR, \$600,000)-ntr, etc. Among the leading sires, sire of 12 crops of racing age, 1371 foals, 993 starters, 87 black-type winners, 709 winners of 2484 races and earning \$107,289,-336, 6 champions, including Gun Runner (\$15,988,500, Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. [G1] (GP, \$7,000,000), etc.), **Shared Belief** (\$2,932,200, Santa Anita H. [G1] (SA, \$600,000), etc.), **Game Winner** [G1] (\$2,027,500).

#### 1st dam

**Union City**, by **Dixie Union**, Winner at 2 and 3, \$63,058, 3rd Jersey Girl S.-R (BEL, \$6,660). Sister to **DIXIE CITY**. Dam of 7 registered foals, 6 of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2019, 5 to race, 2 winners--

**UNIFIED** (c. by Candy Ride (ARG)). Black-type winner, see record.

**Honkeytonk Man** (g. by Bluegrass Cat). 3 wins at 3, \$97,690, in Canada, 2nd Victoria S. [L] (WO, \$25,000), 3rd Colin S. [L] (WO, \$13,750), etc.; 8 wins, 3 to 7, 2019, \$59,410, in N.A./U.S. (Total: \$145,667).

#### 2nd dam

**City Sister**, by **Carson City**, 3 wins at 3, \$136,490, 2nd Miss Liberty S. (MED, \$9,000), 3rd Nassau County Breeders' Cup S. [G2] (BEL, \$22,000), Just Smashing S. (MED, \$4,950). Dam of 6 winners, including--

**DIXIE CITY** (f. by **Dixie Union**). 3 wins at 2, \$231,980, Demoiselle S. [G2] (AQU, \$120,000), 3rd Honeybee S. [G3] (OP, \$12,500), Tempted S. [G3] (AQU, \$10,000), Instant Racing S. [L] (OP, \$10,000). Dam of--

**BLUE CHIPPER** (g. by Tiznow). 7 wins in 8 starts at 2 and 4, 2019 in Republic of Korea, Keeneland Korea Sprint [L], Owners' Cup [L]; placed in 1 start at 4, 2019, \$90,000, in N.A./U.S., 3rd Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile [G1] (SA, \$90,000).

**WIN THE WAR** (f. by War Front). 3 wins in 4 starts at 2 and 3, \$160,600, in Canada, Duchess S. [L] (WO, \$63,000), etc.; placed in 2 starts at 3, \$26,500, in N.A./U.S., 3rd Santa Ynez S. [G2] (SA, \$24,000). (Total: \$151,526).

**Union City** (f. by Dixie Union). Black-type-placed winner, above.

Saintly Sister. Unraced. Dam of 4 foals, all winners, including--

**Abbot** (g. by Langfuhr). 4 wins, 3 to 5, placed at 6, 2019, \$157,127, 3rd Cutler Bay S. (GP, \$7,350).

Reemeya. Unplaced in England. Sent to Turkey. Dam of--

**HASAFET** (c. by Youmzain). 11 wins, 3 to 5, 2019 in Turkey, Turkey Jockey Club Cup [L], Fevzi Cakmak S. [L] twice, 2nd International Bosphorus Cup [G2] twice, Basbakanlik S. [L], Celal Bayar S. [L], Celal Bayar S. [L].

#### 3rd dam

**DEMI SOUER**, by Storm Bird. Unraced, **Half-sister to DEHERE** [G1] (\$723,712, champion 2-year-old colt, sire), **Danesis** [L], **Defrere** [L] (sire). Dam of--

**FAST DECISION**. 4 wins, \$191,366, Withers S. [G3] (AQU, \$90,000). Sire.

**City Sister**. Black-type-placed winner, above.

**RACE RECORD**: At 2, unraced; at 3, three wins (Peter Pan S. [G2] (BEL, \$120,000), Bay Shore S. [G3] (AQU, \$180,000)) in 4 starts; at 4, one win (Gulfstream Park Sprint S. [G3] (GP, \$61,380)), once 2nd (Carter H. [G1] (AQU, \$80,000)). Totals: 4 wins, once 2nd in 7 starts. Earned \$476,880.

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## Constitution Colt Rewards Hertrich

Fred Hertrich purchased the unplaced Tiz Willy (Tiznow) for just \$7,500 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton February sale and put the mare in foal to WinStar Farm's young Grade I-winning sire Constitution. The resulting New York-bred foal (**hip 908**), benefitting from Constitution's hot start at stud, sold for \$210,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent Jason Litt Wednesday at Keeneland.

"We bought him for some clients and we'll either bring him back to sell him or race him," Litt said. "Constitution is the hot horse and he's a lovely bodied boy. We're excited to have him."

Of the colt's final price, Litt said, "The Uncle Mo brought \$400,000 [earlier in the session], so this was half price. Nice horses bring a lot of money--I'm sure everybody is saying the same thing."

Tiz Willy is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Win Willy (Monarchos) and multiple graded placed My Arch Enemy (Arch). The 7-year-old mare was bred to Exaggerator in 2019.

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• No. Offered	297	290
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• RNAs	65	46
• % RNAs	21.89%	15.9%
• No. \$100K+	7	5
• High Price	\$400,000	\$125,000
• Gross	\$5,207,200	\$4,137,300
• Average	\$22,445 (+32.37%)	\$16,956
• Median	\$12,000 (+50%)	\$8,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2020	2019
• Catalogued	1169	1198
• No. Offered	907	915
• No. Sold	703	731
• RNAs	204	184
• % RNAs	22.49%	20.11%
• Gross	\$37,624,800	\$44,408,100
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• Median	\$25,000 (+4.17%)	\$24,000

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## KEENELAND JANUARY WEDNESDAY - TOP MARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
1035	<b>Elle's Town</b> (4, Speightstown-Irish Presence, by Midnight Lute) Consignor: Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XIII Purchaser: Douglas Arnold, agent	racings/b'mare prospect	240,000
1054	<b>Folk Legend</b> (4, Tapizar-Folklore, by Tiznow) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXIV Purchaser: Healthy Wood Co., Ltd.	b'mare prospect	150,000
0850	<b>Shadan (Fr)</b> (5, Orpen-Alatararai, by Giant's Causeway) Consignor: Elite, agent Purchaser: Haras d'Etreham	i/f Munnings	145,000
0911	<b>Tough Irma</b> (5, Stormy Atlantic-Dixieland Event, by Wild Event) Consignor: Patricia Clark, Agent IV Purchaser: Catherine Parke, agent	b'mare prospect	105,000
1013	<b>Decant</b> (6, Tapit-Sumptuous, by Hennessy) Consignor: South Point Sales Agency, Agent XXIV Purchaser: Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC	i/f Super Saver	100,000

## KEENELAND JANUARY WEDNESDAY - TOP YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (\$)
830	colt	<b>Uncle Mo</b> -Red Sashay Breeder: Mike Abraham (Ky) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XCVII Purchaser: Springhouse Farm	400,000
908	colt	<b>Constitution</b> -Tiz Willy Breeder: Fred Hertrich III (NY) Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent VIII Purchaser: Solis/Litt	210,000
832	colt	<b>Dialed In</b> -Revealing Moment Breeder: Popatop (Ky) Consignor: Elm Tree Farm LLC (Mr & Mrs Jody Huckabay), Agent IV Purchaser: Whitehorse Stables	90,000

## KY SPORTS BETTING BILL INCLUDES ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TAX TO SUPPLEMENT PURSES

By T.D. Thornton

The sports betting bill that advanced through a through a Kentucky House of Representatives committee by a unanimous 18-0 vote Wednesday would grant the state's horse tracks and its motor speedway exclusive rights to take wagers on pro and college games, plus on sports-related proposition bets.

The only cut of sports betting revenue specifically earmarked for the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) would be a one-half of one percent tax on gross sports wagers that originate at Thoroughbred venues (Standardbred tracks with sports betting licenses would pay the same amount to fund Standardbred purses).

The KTDF currently supplements purses via a three-quarters of one percent excise tax on all money wagered on live Kentucky Thoroughbred races and historical horse races, plus a 2% tax on all money wagered on Thoroughbred races via inter-track and simulcast betting.

HB 137 would allow tracks to offer online and mobile sports betting, but only if customers physically come to bricks-and-mortar facilities first to establish accounts. The Lexington *Herald-Leader* reported that an amendment made on Wednesday would phase out that in-person sign-up requirement by January 1, 2022.

Regardless of where customers initially sign up for online betting in Kentucky, the current wording of the bill does not make it specifically clear whether online betting would be included in the KTDF tax calculations. **Cont. p13**

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## KY Sports Betting Bill cont.

This is important because the volume of online wagering nationwide is expected to dwarf bricks-and-mortar betting once the 42 states that have either legalized or are close to legalizing sports betting are up and running.

The wording in the bill (emphasis added) reads that the .5% purse-funding tax is to be “imposed on the adjusted gross revenue on wagers placed at a licensed track.”

Rather than create a new gambling commission, the bill would task the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (“which has demonstrated a long and successful history of regulating wagering”) with overseeing what is projected as an annual \$22.5 million in tax revenue for the state.

Tracks would have to pay \$500,000 for an initial license to conduct sports betting, with an annual renewal fee of \$50,000, payable to the commission and deposited to the wagering administration fund.

Beyond the sports betting at the tracks, the bill would also legalize “fantasy contests” or simulated games played for prizes and awards. Any operator of a fantasy contest with 100 or more participants would be required to register with the Public Protection Cabinet. Also, the Kentucky Lottery would be allowed to conduct online poker games. No provisions for directing any portion of those gaming revenues to racehorse purse funding are outlined in the measure.

The bill also includes sports betting provisions that would allow the track licensees to offer bets on “actions within a sporting event that do not represent the end result of the game, but are integral to the play of the game.”

Presumably, this measure would allow for some forms of in-play wagering. Examples listed in the bill include “the result of a putt; the result of an at-bat, or the result of a field goal attempt,” plus “random events not integral to the course of play of a sporting event like “the result of a coin toss, the color of a coach’s tie, or other events that are not the result of the skilled play of the game.”

Last year, a similar bill passed the same House Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations Committee, but it wasn't called to a vote on the House floor.

When asked by the Louisville *Courier-Journal* what was different this time around, Rep. Adam Koenig (R-Erlanger), the bill’s sponsor, said a key change is that the current version will allow people to bet on in-state college sports. The University of Kentucky and University of Louisville basketball teams, in particular, have a fervent in-state following.

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## HORSERACING INTEGRITY ACT REACHES MAJORITY MILESTONE IN HOUSE

The Horseracing Integrity Act (H.R. 1754), introduced last year by Congressional Horse Caucus co-chairs Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY) and Andy Barr (R-KY), has officially received formal endorsement by a majority of the U.S. House of Representatives, with 226 Members now cosponsoring the legislation. The bipartisan bill authorizes creation of a non-governmental anti-doping authority governed by representatives of all major constituencies of the industry and responsible for implementing a national, uniform medication program throughout the sport.

“After years working side by side with my friend Congressman Andy Barr to move this legislation forward, I am deeply gratified that our bill to strengthen America’s horse racing industry and elevate the health and safety of our equine athletes is finally getting its due support,” Tonko remarked. “Establishing a single, national approach to medication testing with strong independent oversight and enforcement will help ensure the long-term viability of this Sport of Kings. The stakes for this legislation are high, especially in regions like ours with historic ties to an industry that contributes billions of dollars and supports thousands of jobs in the New York economy each year, much of it at and around our legendary Saratoga Race Course.”

“The bipartisan support we have garnered for this legislation demonstrates the urgency of needed reforms in the horse racing industry,” said Congressman Barr. “At the end of the day, my efforts are about ensuring the safety of our equine athletes and the integrity of the sport. I will continue to educate my colleagues on the need for transparency and standardization in horse racing and build on this momentum to fight for Kentucky’s signature industry.”

Tonko and Barr have introduced a version of this legislation since 2015. Companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate and has 23 cosponsors.

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## MENDELSSOHN’S FIRST FOAL A FILLY

The first foal for Coolmore’s **Mendelsohn** (Scat Daddy--Leslie’s Lady, by Tricky Creek), a half-brother to multiple Eclipse Award winner Beholder (Henny Hughes) and leading sire Into Mischief (Harlan’s Holiday) and the \$3-million topper at the 2016 Keeneland September sale, was represented by his first foal the evening of Jan. 14 when Lilacs and Lilies (Bodemeister) produced a filly at Brookstown Farm.

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### DIAMOND OOPS

won the **G3 Mr Prospector Stakes** on Dec 21st earning a 105 Beyer and reversing form with multiple G1 winner Imperial Hint. Next start the **\$3 million G1 Pegasus World Cup** at Gulfstream Park on Jan 25th.



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### Mendelssohn First Foal cont.

Bred by Judy Hicks and Kathryn Nikkel, the filly is the first foal for her dam, an unplaced half-sister to GI Ashland S. winner Lilacs and Lace (Flower Alley), whose daughter Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) was Japan's champion 2-year-old of her generation in 2017. The filly's third dam was four-time Grade I winner Stella Madrid (Alydar), who also appears in the same spot in the pedigrees of Japanese champion and MG1SW Mikki Isle (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and G1SW Aerolithe (Jpn) (Kurofune).

"She is a lovely quality foal, very much in the image of her sire, with great bone," said Nikkel. "Delighted to have a filly from the family."

Winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf in 2017, Mendelssohn won the 2018 G2 UAE Derby by a whopping 18 1/2 lengths in course-record time. Returned to the U.S., he was runner-up in the GI Travers S. and third in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. Mendelssohn's now 2-year-old half-sister America's Joy (American Pharoah) topped the 2019 September sale on a bid of \$8.2 million from Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm.

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### OSCAR PERFORMANCE SIRES FIRST FOAL



Mill Ridge Farm's multiple Grade I winner **Oscar Performance** (Kitten's Joy--Devine Actress, by Theatrical {Ire}) was represented by his first foal Jan. 15 when a bay filly out of Proud Heroine (Proud Citizen) was born at Starwood Farm. Bred by George Krikorian, the filly is a maternal great-granddaughter of the breeder's MGISW Hollywood Story (Wild Rush).

"I'm in love with her," Starwood farm manager Tony Burton said. "She is a beauty."

Bred and raced by John and Jerry Amerman, Oscar Performance was a Grade I winner at two, three and four, taking out the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf in 2016, the GI Belmont Derby and GI Secretariat S. the following year and the GI Woodbine Mile in 2018. He also annexed the GIII Poker S. at Belmont Park, stopping the timer in course-record and world record-equalling time of 1:31.23.

"It is so fitting that Oscar Performance's first foal is born on my mother Alice Chandler's birthday," said Mill Ridge's managing partner Headley Bell. "Both are very special."

Oscar Performance covered 118 mares in 2019 with 90% fertility. Oscar Performance's fee is \$20,000 LFSN or \$15,000 for multiple mares.

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### FIRST MO TOWN FOAL A NY-BRED

A colt out of Dark Dolores (Strong Hope) became the first foal sired by Coolmore's **Mo Town** (Uncle Mo--Grazie Mille, by Bernardini) when he hit the ground Jan. 14 at Stonegate Stables in New York.

The 13-year-old Dark Dolores is a daughter of Esprit d'Escalier (Diesis {GB}), the dam of GSW & MGISP Gastronomical (Sunshine Forever) and SW/GSP Spanish John (Dynaformer). She is also a half-sister to the dams of three other black-type performers.

"Conformationally, this colt is a great representation for the young sire Mo Town," said Bill Johnson of Stonegate Stables. "He exudes class and strength and very much looks like he follows the sire lines of Uncle Mo and Indian Charlie. We are excited to have foaled the first Mo Town colt in New York."

The versatile Mo Town won the GII Remsen S. over the Aqueduct main track at two and became a leading turf horse of his generation when stamping his authority on the 2017 GI Hollywood Derby.

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## PHOENIX ISSUES STATEMENT TO 'REITERATE LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO EQUINE INDUSTRY'

Phoenix Thoroughbreds, embroiled in controversy since its founder Amer Abdulaziz was named in an alleged money laundering and fraud scandal, has released a statement regarding its long-term commitment to racing. The statement reads as follows:

"Phoenix Thoroughbreds wishes to reiterate our long-term commitment and continued investment in the equine industry after our recent homebred successes.

We are delighted with the success of Farnan, our first homebred winner. His achievements are the culmination of years of ambition, vision and hard work as part of our ongoing long-term breeding strategy.

As a business, we would like to take stock and use this opportunity to provide clarification over recent misleading reports in the media.

Phoenix Thoroughbreds remains successful, fully operational and seeks transparency at all times and it is in those interests that we make the following points.

Phoenix Thoroughbreds have always acted according to the law and are already cooperating with relevant authorities in order to redress the inaccuracies reported in the media.

In June 2019, our senior management took a business decision to voluntarily close our Luxembourg registered fund (a Luxembourg registered alternative investment fund known as a SICAV-RAIF) in order to achieve (what we had originally set out to do in early 2016) the creation of one of the first regulated Thoroughbred funds in the world. As such, the decision was made to formally dissolve the registered fund before it received any investor monies or became operational.

Investing in the Thoroughbred industry is a relatively new asset class and we are currently focused on ensuring that any fund will be not just registered, but fully regulated financially and legally.

We at Phoenix Thoroughbreds remain passionate about the Thoroughbred industry as a whole and we are fully committed to providing any required assistance to the racing authorities. We confirm that Phoenix Thoroughbreds has always been and continues to be registered, compliant with and operating to the highest standards within the industry.

We are looking forward to continued relationships with our trusted partners, equine industry colleagues and third-party providers as we seek even further success on and off the racecourse in 2020."

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## RANSOM THE MOON SIRES FIRST FOAL

Multiple Grade I-winning sprinter **Ransom the Moon** (Malibu Moon) was represented by his first foal Monday evening. Out of Terri's Pass by War Pass, the filly was foaled at Shannondoe Farm in Ontario.

Ransom the Moon rallied to win the GI Bing Crosby S. in 2017 and 2018.

"This is a good filly. Very impressive with deep shoulder and big hip. Plenty of bone and leg under her. I'd say she looks like daddy. We are very pleased," said Arika Everatt-Meeuse of Shannondoe Farm.

Ransom the Moon stands for \$7,500 at Calumet Farm and is available for viewing by appointment.

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## KEENELAND LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES RETURNS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY

The popular Keeneland Library Series, which features new works about Thoroughbred racing, will kick off 2020 with two programs that go beyond highlighting traditional nonfiction material when Robin Traywick Williams discusses her award-winning novel, "The Key to the Quarter Pole," Tuesday, Jan. 21, and the documentary film "Born to Rein" is shown Tuesday, Feb. 4.

"Our Lecture Series continues to showcase the culminating work of researchers who have tapped into the Keeneland Library's resources to generate new contributions to the industry record," Head Librarian Roda Ferraro said. "We are pleased to provide varied writers and artists a platform to share those contributions." **Cont. p16**

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## STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

### GOOD SAMARITAN

- A graded winner on turf and dirt, WinStar's Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday) was represented by his first reported foal, a filly out of the graded-stakes placed and stakes-producing Coulee (Vicar). The filly was born at Windmill Farm in Versailles, Kentucky.
- She's a strong, precocious foal," said Windmill Farm's John Brooks. "She's a nice-looking filly with plenty of bone and substance."
- Having served a book of 162 mares in 2019, Good Samaritan hails from the family of blue-hen La Troienne, which also includes such stallions as Sky Mesa and Bernstein as well as champion 2-year-old filly Outstandingly.

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### BUCCHERO

- **Bucchero** (Kantharos), a two-time winner of the GII Woodford S. who covered a book of 130 mares in his first year at stud at Pleasant Acres Stallions in Morriston, Florida, sired his first foal when Goldenlegacy'shope (Warrior's Reward) produced a filly at Golden Legacy Stables in Ocala Jan. 14.
- "She was born very alert, good bone, very correct, good balance and beautiful," said Golden Legacy's Blaz Perez.
- The first son to stud of Kantharos, Bucchero remains at \$5,000 for the 2020 breeding season. The "**Loyalty Lock-In Program--Breed Twice, Lock In the Price**" incentive was announced earlier this week by Bucchero Stallion LLC Managing Partner Harlan Malter.

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10	Enforceable 🦟	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	122
11	Bango	Congrats	Tamaroak Partners LLC	Foley	Pedroza	122
12	Shashashakemeup 🦟	Shackelford	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
13	Sycamore Run 🦟	Street Sense	Dilworth, Scott and Dilworth, Evan	Sharp	Beschizza	122
14	Lynn's Map 🦟	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Mena	122

**Breeders:** 1-Paige Jillian Blu Sky Stables, 2-FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch, 3-S. D. Brilie, L.P., 4-Joseph W. Sutton, 5-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marylyn ARandal Trustees, 6-Joe Mulholland Jr., John P. Mulholland& Karen Mulholland, 7-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 8-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Clearsky Farms, 11-Tamaroak Stable, 12-Larkspur Thoroughbreds & Darby Dan, 13-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 14-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:55 p.m. EST**

**TOBOGGAN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sunny Ridge	Holy Bull	Dennis A. Drazin	Servis	Lezcano	124
2	American Anthem 🦟	Bodemeister	Don Tiger	Gargan	Franco	118
3	Arch Cat 🦟	Arch	Burns Thoroughbred Racing LLC	Velazquez	Cancel	118
4	Nicodemus	Candy Ride (Arg)	Everything's Cricket Racing and Goichman, Lawrence	Rice	Carmouche	124
5	T Loves a Fight	Girolamo	Noda Brothers, LLC	Noda	Rdriguez Castro	118
6	Bon Raison	Raison d'Etat	Peter Tournas	Tournas	Gutierrez	122
7	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable & Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Alvarado	118
8	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Sacco	Velazquez	124
9	The Sicarii	Violence	DLM Stables LLC	DeLauro	Camacho, Jr.	118

**Breeders:** 1-Dennis Drazin, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Santucket Stables & Indian Creek, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 8-Red Oak Stable, 9-Rachelle Larsen

**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:21 p.m. EST**

**LOUISIANA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	My Boy Jack 	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Monomoy Stables	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	118
2	Silver Dust 	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	124
3	Blended Citizen 	Proud Citizen	Sayjay Racing LLC, Hall, Greg & Hubbard, Brooke	Cox	Geroux	118
4	Gun It 	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
5	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	122
6	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	118
7	Tone Broke 	Broken Vow	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	118
8	Kukulkan (Mex)	Point Determined	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Mena	122

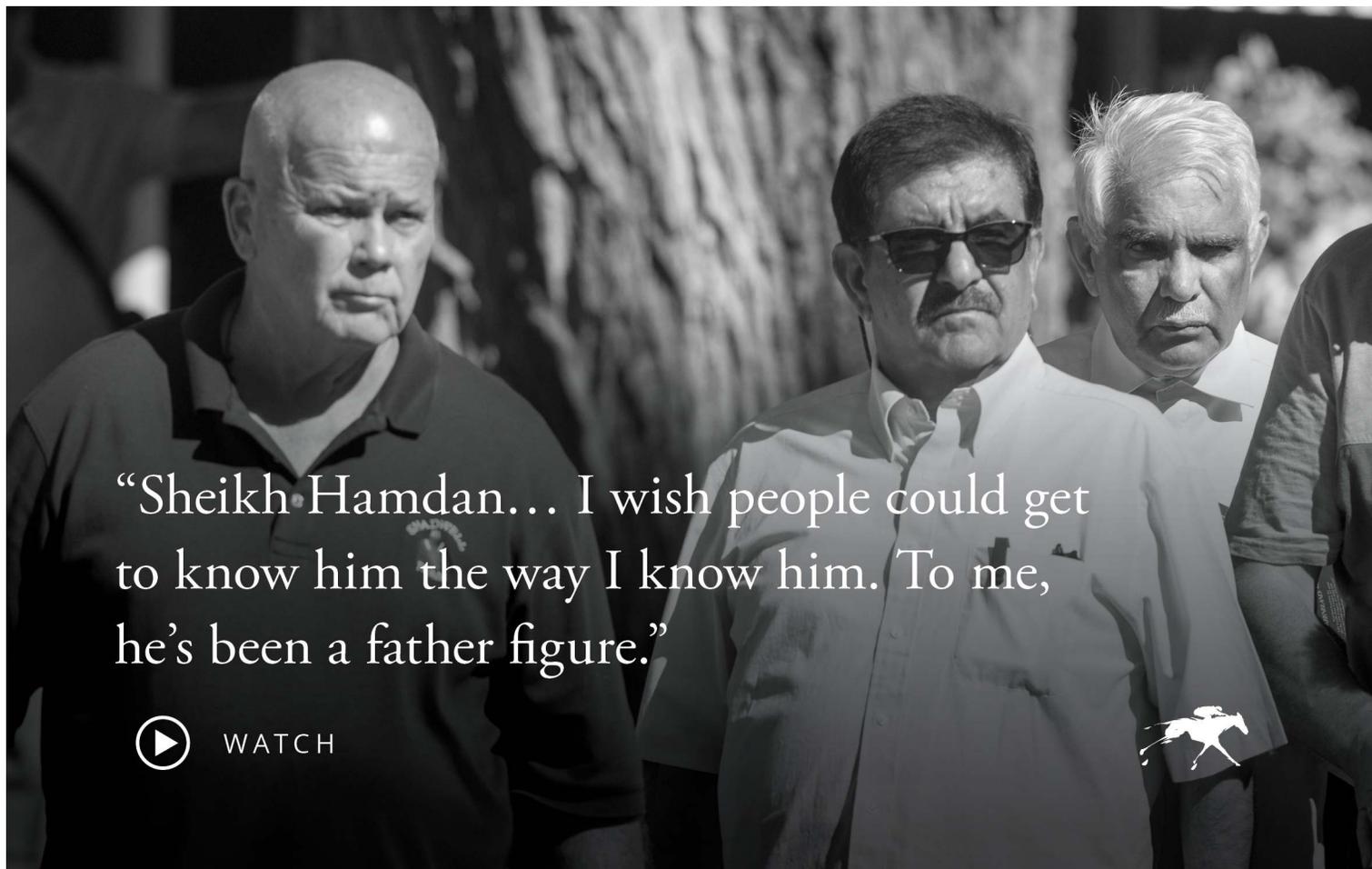
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1	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit	4	7	4	6	1	2	56	20	347,000	1,783,158
		Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000								Tiz the Law	
2	<b>Tapiture</b> (2011) by Tapit	2	4	--	--	--	--	68	25	106,422	1,270,599
		Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500								Beautiful Trauma	
3	<b>Liam's Map</b> (2011) by Unbridled's Song	2	2	2	2	2	2	40	14	329,500	1,266,533
		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000								Wicked Whisper	
4	<b>Competitive Edge</b> (2012) by Super Saver	4	6	--	--	--	--	49	21	219,308	1,184,533
		Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500								My Italian Rabbi	
5	<b>Khozan</b> (2012) by Distorted Humor	2	7	--	1	--	--	40	15	233,800	1,145,494
		Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500								Liam's Lucky Charm	
6	<b>Bayern</b> (2011) by Offlee Wild	--	--	--	--	--	--	47	18	107,112	999,426
		Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000								Tempers Rising	
7	<b>American Pharoah</b> (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	--	1	--	1	--	1	42	14	96,600	969,119
		Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private								American Theorem	
8	<b>Wicked Strong</b> (2011) by Hard Spun	1	4	--	--	--	--	59	21	74,542	906,606
		Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000								Forever Wicked	
9	<b>Carpe Diem</b> (2012) by Giant's Causeway	2	4	--	--	--	--	45	12	83,940	683,990
		Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000								Bella Aurora	
10	<b>Tonalist</b> (2011) by Tapit	1	2	--	--	--	--	39	8	117,300	674,804
		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000								Playtone	
11	<b>Race Day</b> (2011) by Tapit	3	4	--	--	--	--	32	12	120,448	667,496
		Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500								Josie	
12	<b>Commissioner</b> (2011) by A.P. Indy	2	4	--	1	--	--	35	14	115,379	641,054
		Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500								Two Last Words	
13	<b>Golden Lad</b> (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro	2	3	--	--	--	--	18	10	144,172	636,099
		Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$5,000								Hello Beautiful	
14	<b>Palace Malice</b> (2010) by Curlin	--	1	--	--	--	--	47	13	75,350	634,626
		Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000								Fly On Angel	
15	<b>Fast Anna</b> (2011) by Medaglia d'Oro	2	2	--	--	--	--	37	9	211,280	626,272
		Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$10,000								Been Studying Her	

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## UNBEATEN TAPITURE COLT RUNS TO HIS NAME, EARNS 'TDN RISING STAR' HONORS



**Premier Star** | Ryan Thompson

**Premier Star** (c, 3, Tapiture–Letthetigerparty, by Hold That Tiger) drifted some down the lane, but ran on nicely to handle next out ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Caracaro** (Uncle Mo) going seven furlongs on debut at Gulfstream Dec. 8. The chestnut followed suit and earned a ‘**Rising Star**’ badge of his own by making it a perfect two-for-two in a first-level optional claimer in Hallandale Wednesday.

Facing only five rivals, the 1-5 favorite quickly established control and was unchallenged while on the engine through fractions of :22.49 and :45.00. He let it out a notch around the far turn and cornered for home in complete command. Jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. gave him a couple of reminders down the lane and Premier Star stayed to task, cruising under the line a 5 1/4-length winner over **Americanus** (War Front).

The aforementioned Caracaro graduated by six lengths for trainer Gustavo Delgado at Gulfstream last Saturday, good for a gaudy 92 Beyer Speed Figure.

Premier Star, a \$105,000 KESEEP graduate, brought \$100,000 after breezing a quarter in :21 at the OBS June Sale. He hails from the extended female family of MGISW Harlan’s Holiday. Premier Star is the most recent produce from his five-time winning dam.

“From Day 1, I knew I had something special,” trainer Jorge Navarro said. “When I had him at Monmouth, I called the owner and said, ‘This is the real deal.’ Now, it’s the path to the [GI Xpressbet.com] Florida Derby [Mar. 28].”

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7th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-15, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.15, ft.

**PREMIER STAR**, c, 3, by **Tapiture**

1st Dam: **Letthetigerparty**, by **Hold That Tiger**

2nd Dam: **No Need to Party**, by **Dixieland Band**

3rd Dam: **Dowager**, by **Honest Pleasure**

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$50,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. ThoroStride Inspection Video.**

O-Sonata Stable; B-Charles H. Deters (KY); T-Jorge Navarro.

\*\$105,000 Ylg '18 KESEEP; \$100,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.43, ft.

**LADY KATE** (f, 4, **Bernardini**--**Princess Haya** {**GSW & GISP**, \$441,736}, by **Street Cry** {**Ire**}), runner-up at second asking in last February’s Suncoast S. at Tampa, completed the exacta as the 6-5 favorite when last seen in a first-level allowance going 6 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs Nov. 27. The 2-1 chance sat behind a pair of dueling leaders, ranged up smoothly three deep through a half mile in :45.17, hit the front approaching the quarter pole and ran up the score in the stretch to defeat **Gorgeous in Rags** (Union Rags) by 7 1/2 lengths. Lady Kate is a half-sister to **Prince of Arabia** (Mineshaft), MGSP, \$231,017. **Princess Haya**, also responsible for a 3-year-old colt by **Summer Front** and a 2-year-old filly by **Nyquist**, was bred to **American Pharoah** for the 2020 season. **Princess Haya** brought \$300,000 from **Barry and Judith Becker** at the 2017 KEENOV Sale. Sales history: \$485,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-0, \$110,250. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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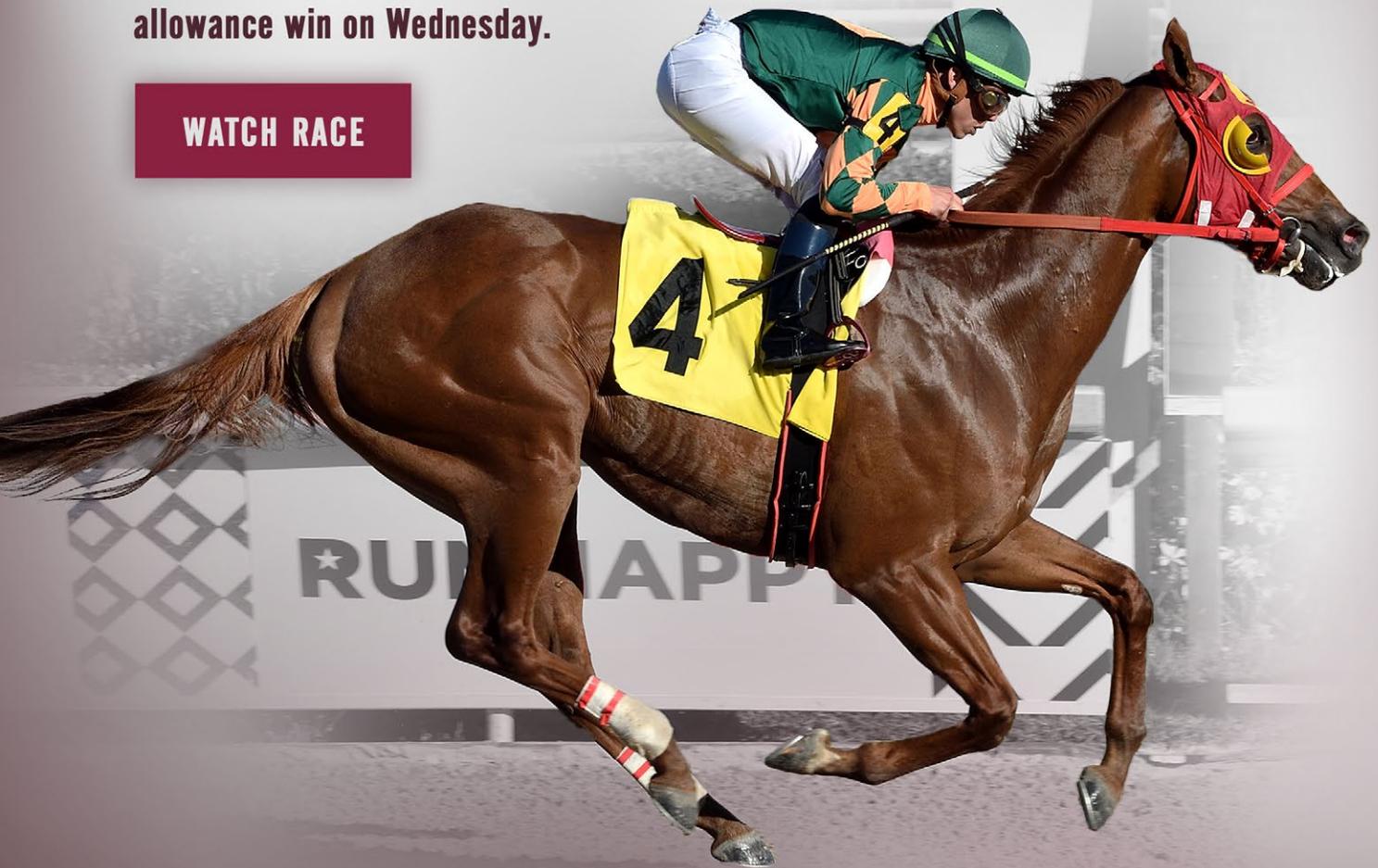
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**Lady Kate cont.**

O-Anderson Stables, LLC; B-Eileen H. Hartis & Godolphin (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$43,700, Msw, 1-15, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.36, ft.**

**ZOE'S DELIGHT (g, 4, Itsmyluckyday--Delightful Ridge, by Come Summer)** showed some late interest to finish fourth sprinting at Churchill Downs when last seen May 4. Given a 7-2 chance in this comebacker, he was locked and loaded in sixth through a half mile in :45.98. He began to roll with a sweeping move on the far turn and came charging down the center to take it by 2 1/2 lengths over Perlman (Distorted Humor). Delightful Ridge had a colt by Carpe Diem in 2018 and a colt by Animal Kingdom in 2019. She was bred back to the latter for 2020. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$29,876. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Winchester PlaceThoroughbreds, LLC (MN); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

**2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,600, Msw, 1-15, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.31, fm.**

**FLY NIGHTLY (g, 4, The Factor--Royal Copenhagen {Fr} {GSW-US & GSP-Fr, \$367,266}, by Inchinor {GB})** reported home a well-beaten fourth at 17-1 on debut going a mile over this course Dec. 14. The 4-1 chance sat a tracking trip in third, set his sights on the favored pacesetter Empirically (Point of Entry) as they turned for home and kept on coming in the stretch to get there by a neck. The winner's dam, also represented by a 2-year-old colt by Declaration of War, was bred to Flintshire (GB) for the 2020 season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Hill 'N Dale Farm (IL); T-Michael Stidham.



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

**Danza** (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500  
140 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, DATZA FIVE OH, 20-1

**Dramedy** (Distorted Humor), Sau, private  
29 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, MAGIC MICHAEL, 10-1  
\$5,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Jack Milton** (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500  
101 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, WISE SOLDIER, 10-1

**Medal Count** (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000  
81 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Turfway, Msw 1m, BRONZE MEDAL, 12-1  
\$2,700 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Palace Malice** (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000  
211 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners  
9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1m, ADDILYN, 8-1  
\$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Summer Front** (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
181 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Turfway, Aoc 6 1/2f, CITY FRONT, 20-1  
\$5,500 FTK OCT yrl



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Sam Houston Race, \$38,000**, 1-15, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.49, my.

**GRADE ONE (g, 5, *Midnight Lute*--Goforitmrsmiller, by Speightstown)** Lifetime Record: 22-4-6-3, \$182,911. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-CFP Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$15,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



**7th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000**, 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.21, my.

**MONEY TREND (h, 5, *Distorted Humor*--Trend Line {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 16-4-6-1, \$86,004. O-Steven M. Asmussen; B-Ted Folkerth, Double K LLC, Brookdale & Jack Sawin III (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \*\$32,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$4,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$34,000**, 1-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.92, ft.

**DIRECT DECEIT (g, 5, *Twinspired*--Funnys Approval {GSW}, \$210,590), by Outrageouslyfunny)** Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-2, \$131,495. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Bobby R. Rankin (OH); T-Michael E. Lauer.

**6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,250**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.66, fm.

**ODE TO JOY (m, 5, *Artie Schiller*--Preemptive Attack, by Smart Strike)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$72,690. O/B-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour. \*1/2 to Sky Treasure (Sky Mesa), GSW, \$492,426; Surgical Strike (Red Giant), GSW, \$428,049.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Kertara**, f, 3, *Raison d'Etat*--Sitara, by Point Given. Sam Houston Race, 1-15, 1m, 1:41.26. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$2,200 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



**ARTIE SCHILLER**, Ode to Joy, m, 5, o/o Preemptive Attack, by Smart Strike. AOC, 1-15, Tampa Bay

**BERNARDINI**, Lady Kate, f, 4, o/o Princess Haya, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 1-15, Gulfstream

**DISTORTED HUMOR**, Money Trend, h, 5, o/o Trend Line (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). ALW, 1-15, Sam Houston

**ITSMYLUCKYDAY**, Zoe's Delight, g, 4, o/o Delightful Ridge, by Come Summer. MSW, 1-15, Gulfstream

**MIDNIGHT LUTE**, Grade One, g, 5, o/o Goforitmrsmiller, by Speightstown. ALW, 1-15, Sam Houston

**RAISON D'ETAT**, Kertara, f, 3, o/o Sitara, by Point Given. MSW, 1-15, Sam Houston

**TAPITURE**, Premier Star, c, 3, o/o Letthetigerparty, by Hold That Tiger. AOC, 1-15, Gulfstream

**THE FACTOR**, Fly Nightly, g, 4, o/o Royal Copenhagen (Fr), by Inchinor (GB). MSW, 1-15, Tampa Bay

**TWINSPIRED**, Direct Deceit, g, 5, o/o Funnys Approval, by Outrageouslyfunny. ALW, 1-15, Mahoning Valley

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY...**

**January 19, 1918...**Pan Zareta, nicknamed "Queen of the Turf," dies of pneumonia in her stall at Fair Grounds and is buried in the track's infield.

**January 19, 1955...**Swaps won the San Vicente S., the first race of his three-year-old campaign, by 3½ lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park on Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

**January 19, 1986...**Lester Piggot, who took nine renewals of the Epsom Derby, won for the final time in his career when he guided Sonny Barich to victory in the International Jockeys' Cup at Bay Meadows.

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*Unbeaten Premier Star (Tapiture) gets the 'Rising Star' nod at Gulfstream Wednesday.*

## KEENELAND TOPPER SPRINKLED WITH IRISH LUCK



Enaya Alrabb was bought by Michael Donohoe as a yearling | Keeneland

By Kelsey Riley

LEXINGTON, KY--Michael Donohoe's mid-winter trip to Kentucky was made entirely worthwhile on Tuesday when **Enaya Alrabb** (Uncle Mo), the Grade I-placed 4-year-old he had purchased as a yearling for the Saudi Arabian-based Enaya Racing, topped Book 1 of the Keeneland January sale on a bid of \$640,000 from agent James Schenck.

The BBA Ireland agent has bought a handful of horses from the U.S. to run successfully for Enaya Racing in Saudi Arabia, like the three-time Saudi stakes winner Madtap (Tapit), and Donohoe explained that when his client learned he was headed to Keeneland September in 2017, he wanted in on the action.

"The Saudis follow American racing quite closely," Donohoe said. "I told him I was going to Keeneland and he said he'd like to have a horse or two in the U.S. I was always a fan of Uncle Mo--I thought he'd had a great start--so I was coming to Keeneland looking to buy an Uncle Mo."

Up at barn 27 in the Hunter Valley Farm consignment, Donohoe landed on a filly selling on day two of the sale by the Coolmore sire out of Lotta Rhythm (Rhythm), a stakes-winning and Grade II-placed half-sister to Lotta Kim (Roar), the dam of Horse of the Year and GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Preakness S. winner Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro). **Cont. p2**

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Mick Halford is a familiar face at Meydan, with a victory in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup in 2014 with Paul Rooney's Certerach (Ire) (Halling) being among his highlights, and the Kildare-based trainer gets his 2020 carnival season underway on Thursday with a pair of stakes runners at Meydan.

The lightly raced 4-year-old **Simsir (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) lines up with a shot in the Listed Zabeel Turf, although he will have to see off last season's G1 Jebel Hatta winner Dream Castle (GB) (Frankel {GB}) among 10 rivals. The Aga Khan-owned Simsir broke his maiden first out over this trip at Cork last September and followed up with a conditions score at Dundalk 20 days later. He warmed up for this with a head second in a Dundalk handicap on Dec. 20.

"He's lightly raced and was quite a big horse who took plenty of time to mature and come to hand," Halford said.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

**BREEDERS' CUP ISSUES MONGOLIAN GROOM REPORT**

The Breeders' Cup issued a 25-page report from Dr. Larry Bramlage on the fatal injury suffered by Mongolian Groom.

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**Keeneland Topper Sprinkled With Irish Luck cont. from p1**

“I came across this filly at Hunter Valley,” Donohoe recalled. “[Hunter Valley co-owner] Adrian Regan is a good friend of mine and to be honest I wasn’t convinced, but Adrian gave me that little bit of encouragement to go ahead and buy her.

“She was a beautiful physical. She cost \$150,000 and for an Uncle Mo at that time with that pedigree—Rachel Alexandra was already on the page—she was a good buy. Adrian had said to me, ‘Mick, there aren’t too many people on this filly,’ and he couldn’t understand why.”

It didn’t take long for Enaya Alrabb to justify the hunch of her consignor.

After being broken in and pre-trained in Lexington she was sent to the Southern California stable of two-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Doug O’Neill on the advice of Donohoe’s good friend and California-based agent Niall Dalton. Making her debut in August of 2018 going six furlongs at Del Mar, Enaya Alrabb weakened late to finish fourth.

“She was a bit green on her first start; she was a bit of a slow learner but she ran quite well,” Donohoe said. Enaya Alrabb reappeared at Santa Anita going a mile in late October and broke her maiden by 2 1/2 lengths under Flavien Prat. After that, it was Hall of Famer Mike Smith in the saddle for the remainder of her career.

With one last chance at 2-year-old Grade I black-type remaining, O’Neill pitched the filly into the GI Starlet S. in early

December. Enaya Alrabb rewarded connections with a game second under Smith, a head behind American Pharoah’s three-quarter sister Chasing Yesterday (Tapit).

“As Doug sometimes does he took a shot and he fired her into that Grade I and she ran a great race; she really validated everything Doug had said about her,” Donohoe said. “And Mike Smith had said good things about her too, to be fair. He had sat on her before that and really liked the filly.”

Two months later, Enaya Alrabb was out for her 3-year-old debut in the GII Las Virgenes S., where she found only the champion 2-year-old filly and three-time Grade I winner Bellafina (Quality Road) too tough. Sadly, Enaya Alrabb would never get a chance to truly



**BBA Ireland’s Michael Donohoe | Goffs**

show where she ranked among her division, as she injured a tendon shortly thereafter.

“We were super excited, as was the owner,” Donohoe said. “She was going to go on the Kentucky Oaks trail but then unfortunately she got a bit of a tendon. We gave her some time off and did stem cell treatment and we gave her all the time she needed. We brought her back and she was maybe six or seven weeks off a run and unfortunately she tweaked that tendon again, so that’s how she ended up in the sale.”

Enaya Alrabb was supplemented to the Keeneland January catalogue as **hip 795D** and was sold through Irishman Pat Costello’s Paramount Sales. Donohoe explained that he has been longtime friends with both Regan and Costello dating back to their earlier days in Ireland.

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“We would have normally sold her under Hunter Valley but Pat Costello’s brother-in-law works for the owner in Saudi Arabia,” Donohoe said. “Paramount did a great job selling her and I know Pat well--he’s from the same town as me, Kilkenny, in Ireland, so I’ve known him a long time.

“I’ve known Adrian a long time too, and all the Irish guys in Kentucky. It’s great when you’re coming out here and you give these guys the heads-up and they give you their recommendations. Certainly when Pat and Adrian give you a recommendation or a bit of advice and tell you to go look at a yearling, you take note and take their advice on board.”

Donohoe said Enaya Alrabb drew plenty of attention on the grounds.



**Enaya Alrabb | Keeneland**

“This filly genuinely had the chance to be a proper Grade I winner, even though she was just Grade I-placed,” he said. “That was the angle to her; she really did have that potential. Mike Smith loved the filly. He came down to Santa Anita every Saturday to ride her. When a Hall of Fame rider and a trainer like Doug O’Neill tell you that she had the potential to be the real deal, she was probably a good buy for those people who bought her. There was a real ding-dong battle in the ring and it was the Coolmore guys who were underbidder. They stand the stallion and were quite high on her. Keeneland did a great job promoting her as well. They sent camera crews down there to interview Mike and Doug and they really got behind her. They did a great job and so did Paramount; it’s just one of those great stories.”

It’s quite possible the story is just beginning, with Donohoe having bought a first-crop son of Uncle Mo’s GI Kentucky Derby-winning son Nyquist—again for \$150,000—for Enaya Racing at Keeneland September last year.

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“He’s being broken in at the moment,” Donohoe said. “I went to look at him during the week and he’s coming along nicely, so we’re hoping lightning is going to strike twice. It would be the obvious choice to send him to Doug O’Neill because he trained Nyquist as well and he did a great job with the other filly. That would be the plan.”

Donohoe said he hopes Enaya Alrabb’s success story will stoke the interest of more Saudi owners to build American stables.

“Racing has always been popular in Saudi, but with the Saudi Cup coming up in February it’s going to the next level,” he said. “They race on the dirt out there so stories like this will hopefully encourage more Saudi owners to have horses in training in the States.”

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### FIRST HAVANA GREYS ON THE GROUND

First-crop foals by G1 Flying Five S. winner **Havana Grey (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}) are arriving, with two already on the ground at Whitsbury Manor Stud where the 5-year-old stands.

A colt out of Foxcatcher (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}), a half-sister to two stakes winners, was born on Jan. 15. Whitsbury Manor Stud Director Ed Harper described him as, “a very strong colt.”

“He has lots of bone,” Harper said. “We haven’t weighed him yet, but he looks like he’d be nearing 60 kg. We’re delighted that he’s a lovely stone grey as we’re keen to see how dominant Havana Grey is in throwing his colour. It’s a real bonus when one of our best young mares has a good colt by our first-crop sire.”

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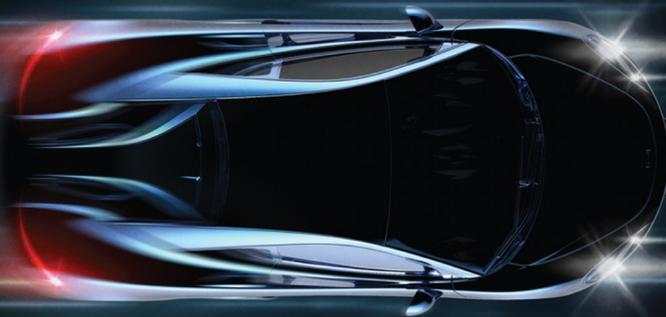
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Havana Grey colt out of Foxcatcher

He joins a filly out of Anneani (Ire) (Bushranger {Ire}), a half-sister to Group 3 winner and young sire Coulsty (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), who was born the day before.

“She’s a bay filly with a lovely, pretty head,” Harper said. “It looks like we’ll be getting a mixture of bays and greys from the early evidence.”

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## BRITAIN

### Wednesday’s Results:

**3rd-Southwell, £5,300, Novice, 1-15, 3yo/up, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.31, st.**

**LION TOWER (IRE) (c, 3, Exceed and Excel {Aus})--Memorial {Aus} {GSP-Aus, \$311,761}, by Street Cry {Ire}),** who had been eighth on debut at Wolverhampton nine days earlier, was close to the early pace in second. Staying on to gain the lead passing the two-furlong pole, the 10-3 shot ground it out to record a 1 1/2-length success from Sur Mer (GB) (Equiano {Fr}). The winner is the first foal out of the G2 Silver Shadow S. runner-up Memorial, herself a daughter of the G1 Vinery Stud Thousand Guineas and G1 Queen of the Turf S. heroine Mnemosyne (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Therefore a half to three other stakes winners headed by the G1 Stradbroke H. and G1 Kingsford-Smith BTC Cup winner Impending (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), her 2-year-old filly is by Shamardal while she also has a yearling full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,464. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

**2nd-Wolverhampton, £5,300, Novice, 1-15, 3yo, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:49.67, st.**

**LONGSIDER (IRE) (c, 3, Ruler of The World {Ire})--Lady Dettoria {Fr}, by Vettori {Ire}),** fourth over a mile at Lingfield on his first start last month, broke smartly from his wide draw to race without cover worse than mid-division early. Sent forward in the back straight, the 11-4 favourite took command approaching the two-furlong pole and drew away to win by five lengths from Superior Moment (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to the Italian listed-placed Pepparone (Ire) (Stormy River {Fr}) and to Sea of Grace (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}) who captured the G3 Flame of Tara S. and was runner-up in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches, GSW-Ire, SW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$288,288. A half to the multiple group and graded-stakes-placed Cougar Bay (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), she has a yearling filly by Galileo Gold (GB) to follow. Sales history: €23,000 Wlg ‘17 GOFNOV; 75,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATDEY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,799. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Middleham Park Racing LXXVII; B-Mr Robert Norton (IRE); T-David Lanigan.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Ladleys Beluga (GB), f, 3, Showcasing (GB)--Terse (GB), by Dansili (GB).** Southwell, 1-15, 4f 214y (AWT), :58.34. B-R. J. Cornelius (GB). \*28,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT.

## FRANCE

### Wednesday’s Results:

**1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €21,000, Mdn, 1-15, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:41.46, st.**

**SLAYER (FR) (c, 3, Elvstroem {Aus})--Summer Fling {Ire}, by Adlerflug {Ger}),** fifth on debut at Deauville in November, took a keen grip behind the leading duo throughout the early stages. Holding his own when the gap was tight in the straight, the 8-5 favourite earned the advantage inside the final 100 metres en route to a 3/4-of-a-length defeat of Hattaway (Fr) (Intello {Ger}). The unraced dam is a half to four black-type performers including the G2 Prix du Muguet and G2 Grosse Europa Meile-winning sire Sommerabend (GB) (Shamardal) and group 3 scorer Sommertag (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}). Also connected to the G1 Hollywood Turf Cup hero Sanagas (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), she has a 2-year-old and yearling full-sisters to the winner named Summer Feeling (Fr) and Sweet Summer (Fr) respectively. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €11,850.

O-Sandro V Gianella; B-Appapays Racing Club (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**French Results cont.**

**3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €21,000, Mdn, 1-15, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.68, st.**

**VILLA ROYALE (FR) (f, 3, Style Vendome {Fr}--Royale Again {Fr}, by Fasliyev)**, eighth on her racecourse bow at Deauville in November, was anchored in rear early from her wide draw. Full of running at the top of the straight, the 29-1 outsider was produced to overhaul Serkiyna (Ire) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) with 100 metres remaining and readily assert to win with authority by 1 1/2 lengths. The dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Manatee (GB), is a daughter of Royale Figurine (Ire) (Dominion Royale {GB}) who was twice successful at listed level and placed in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert and G3 Duke of York S. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500.

O-Ecurie Castillon Bloodstock & F Vermeulen; B-S.C.E.A. Des Prairies, B Jeffroy & T Jeffroy (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

**IN QATAR:**

**Immoral (Ire)**, g, 4, **Helmet (Aus)**--Loose Julie (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Al Rayyan, 1-15, Hcp., 1900m. B-Tom & Cathy Burns. \*Won by seven lengths in his local debut. \*\*€115,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; 42,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; £13,000 HRA '19 GOF AUG. **VIDEO**

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Halford continued, "He won his first two races and I said that maybe we would bring him here, so we freshened him up and gave him a run before he came out. He finished second and we were delighted with him because he needed that for experience. When he won his maiden he won in good style, but didn't learn a whole lot. His second outing was on the sand in Dundalk and he went around quite comfortably as well, so he has come on from this experience.

"He's a horse we thought had a good profile for Dubai. He has a great constitution and good attitude and he's a horse who loves good ground and is an improver. I think there's more to come from him. He's a beautiful-moving horse."

Halford saddles the 7-year-old mare **Surrounding (Ire)** (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}) in the G2 Cape Verdi S. over a mile on the grass. Surrounding didn't show her age in the slightest last year, finishing off the board just once in nine outings and winning four stakes headed by the G3 Brownstown S. at Fairyhouse. She won the Listed Irish EBF Cooley Fillies S. at Dundalk on Nov. 1 by 2 3/4 lengths.

"She had a wonderful season and we're delighted with her," Halford said. "She has won five listed races in the space of 12 months and a Group 3 at home. She has age on her side and is again a filly who just kept improving. I had this race in mind for her for a long time and we're pleased with her.



**Mick Halford has two stakes runners at Meydan on Thursday | *Racing Post***

"She's travelled out well and is training well, but she's very straightforward and has that experience. She's at her best on good ground--seven furlongs to a mile is good for her and taking on her own sex will be good for her. I'm quite hopeful."

Among Surrounding's Cape Verdi rivals is **Magic Lily (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}), Charlie Appleby's 5-year-old daughter of the G1 Investec Oaks winner Dancing Rain (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). Magic Lily broke her maiden on debut at two by eight lengths before finishing third in the G1 Fillies' Mile, but was absent all of 2018. She resumed late last year with a second in listed company in France before checking in sixth in a listed race at Lingfield on Nov. 16.

"She sustained an injury there in the early part of her 3-year-old career and that's why she missed [2018]," Appleby said. "We were very happy to get her back on track for her reappearance in France, where she put up a respectable effort. I was a bit disappointed, but we sort of potentially knew our fate there in her last start because she was drawn wide at Lingfield. She didn't do it the right way around, therefore we knew it was always the plan to come here."

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“The trip will be on the sharp side for her on Thursday, but it’s hopefully a nice prep for her into the [G2] Balanchine [S. on Feb. 13]. Her preparation has gone well, so we’re looking forward to seeing her next start on a nice conventional track like Meydan. She’s in good order and should put up a decent performance.”

The card’s concluding mile turf handicap is a hot ticket for Europeans, with last-out Listed Meydan Challenge S. winner **Major Partnership (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) renewing rivalry with that race’s third, the Group 1 winner **Suedois (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}). Saeed bin Suroor’s 2018 G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Royal Marine (Ire)** (Raven’s Pass) looks to atone for a winless slate since and runs for the first time since being gelded, and **Settle For Bay (GB)** (Rio de la Plata) looks for a first win since the Royal Hunt Cup of 2018.

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## MIDDLE EAST

**ZABEEL TURF-Listed, \$175,000, Meydan, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2000mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Astronomer (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hitchcott	de Kock	117
2	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	132
3	Dubai Horizon (Ire)	Poet’s Voice (GB)	Stott	bin Suroor	123
4	First Nation (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	124
5	Certain Lad (GB)	Clodovil (Ire)	Curtis	Channon	118
6	Simsir (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	O’Shea	Halford	117

7	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Cosgrove	bin Suroor	128
8	Famous Wolf (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Beasley	bin Harmash	120
9	Art Du Val (GB)	No Nay Never	Barzalona	Appleby	122
10	Loxley (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	127
11	Big Country (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Mullen	Osborne	119



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Hong Kong Win, g, 4, Mossman--With Apologies, by Testa Rossa. Happy Valley, 1-15, Hcp. (\$270k), 1000m, :56.31. B-J M Cappellin (Vic). \*\$110,000 Ylg ‘17 INGFEb. VIDEO**

**Solar Wai Wai, g, 4, Snitzel--Cape Princess (NZ) (MGSP-NZ), by Cape Cross (Ire). Happy Valley, 1-15, Hcp. (\$270k), 1650m, 1:38.61. B-J Bromley (NSW). \*1/2 to Fashion Princess (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}), MSP-Aus, \$202,730; Sensible Princess (NZ) (Street Sense {USA}), GSW-NZ, NZ\$119,160; and Darscape Princess (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), SW & G1SP-NZ, NZ\$153,960. \*\*NZ\$130,000 Ylg ‘17 NZBJAN; NZ\$250,000 2yo ‘17 NZBRTR. VIDEO**

**Happy Good Guys, g, 4, Zoustar--Sunday Chill, by Flying Spur. Happy Valley, 1-15, Hcp. (\$180k), 1000m, :56.87. B-Rifa Mustang Pty Ltd (Vic). \*\$180,000 Ylg ‘17 INGFEb. VIDEO**

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**CAPE VERDI-G3**, \$250,000, NH 4yo & SH 3yo, f/m, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hateya (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Cosgrove	Boyle	125
2	Nisreen (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Boudot	Shimizu	125
3	Magic Lily (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
4	Peri Lina (Tur)	Falco	Kaya	Baltaci	125
5	Maamora (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	Crisford	125
6	Surrounding (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	Whelan	Halford	125
7	Beyond Reason (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Buick	Appleby	125
8	Dubai Blue	More Than Ready	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125

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## RV CHAIRMAN UNCOMFORTABLE WITH EVEREST SLOT



**Brian Kruger** | *TDNAusNZ*

by *Bren O'Brien*

A shadow has been cast over the Melbourne Racing Club's ongoing role as a slot holder in The Everest, with Racing Victoria chairman Brian Kruger saying he was personally uncomfortable with their involvement.

The decision by the MRC to partner with the Australian Turf Club to give the winner of the G2 Schillaci S. a free ticket to The Everest in 2019 was hailed as a long-needed circuit breaker in the war between Victoria and New South Wales over major races and prizemoney.

The MRC runner in the 2019 race, Trekking (Street Cry {Ire}) finished third giving the club some return for their investment, while the arrangement was designed to bolster both member engagement and the status of the Schillaci S.

While the MRC is still reviewing its ongoing involvement, with the jury still out on its impact on the quality of the Schillaci field, one of the most senior figures in Victorian races said the deal left a sour taste in his mouth.

"It wasn't something I was in favour of personally," Kruger told RSN on Wednesday.

"I guess my concern--and I have expressed it directly to them

as well--was I feel like the fact they bought the slot in The Everest, sort of endorsed the whole New South Wales encroachment on spring racing from a Victorian racing perspective."

Kruger indicated that RV wanted to have discussions with the MRC before any decisions were made on continuing its involvement with The Everest.

"I think there were pros and cons for it for the Melbourne Racing Club," he said.

"I can sort of understand why they did it--trying to promote the Schillaci--and obviously they did okay with their horse (Trekking) running third in the race, but it was just that to be seen as an endorsement what I felt was New South Wales from a Victorian perspective encroaching on our spring carnival, it wasn't something that I was personally comfortable with."

"I think we'll have some more discussions about it before we make that call."

The scheduling of Australia's richest race, The Everest, has been a bone of contention for Victorian racing authorities with the 2019 edition clashing with G1 Caulfield Cup day. Racing NSW also introduced the \$7.5 million Golden Eagle in early November, which also caused a stir as it clashed with G1 Victoria Derby day at Flemington.

It was thought tensions between the state may have cooled in recent months, but Kruger's comments about the MRC indicate that the two major states are still a long way from co-operating over feature race scheduling.



**Trekking** | *Bronwen Healy*

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### *Whip Ban Inevitable*

In a lengthy interview with Racing Pulse, Kruger said he was keen to see much stiffer penalties for jockeys who breach the whip rules.

"It is not widespread, but we've seen it in some big races. It would have been a horrible look if a jockey breached the whip rule in the Melbourne Cup and won the race by basically doing it intentionally," Kruger said in reference to Michael Walker's ride of Prince Of Arran (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) in the Melbourne Cup.

"I can't live with that. I just think that we have to make some changes in that area irrespective of if and when the actual rule changes happen.

"The penalties for intentional breaches of the rules in my mind is something we have to look at in the short term and it is something I know was discussed at the (December) Chairman of Stewards Conference.

"I won't pre-empt what they are putting to Racing Australia out of that, but it is something that will be put in front of Racing Australia relatively soon."

Kruger foresees the whip being banned at some time in the future, saying that racing authorities would simply regulate to a point that it would no longer be used apart from safety.

"We have no doubt that whatever happens in terms of the rules themselves, the jockeys will still be able to carry a whip for safety reasons," he said.

"We'll keep debating it until it is gone and I think that's likely to happen in the medium to long term."

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