LARGE FIELD FOR LECOMTE

A large and competitive field is set for the first step on the Fair Grounds Road to the Kentucky Derby, Saturday’s GII Lecomte S. ‘TDN Rising Star’ Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice) graduated at second asking sprinting at Churchill Downs Nov. 16 and missed by just a head last time in the slop over this oval Dec. 21. His champion half-sister Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) took her first step towards the GI Kentucky Oaks at this venue when winning the GII Rachel Alexandra S. in 2018.

A debut winner at Churchill in June, Scabbard (More Than Ready) was second next out in the GII Saratoga Special S. in August and filled the same spot in the GII Iroquois S. back in Louisville Sept. 14. The chestnut was last seen finishing fourth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile S. at Santa Anita Nov. 1.

Steve Asmussen saddles a live one in Silver State (Hard Spun). The $450,000 KEESEP dead-heated in his Churchill debut Sept. 27, finishing 9 3/4 lengths clear of the rest of the field, and missed by a nose in an optional claimer beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 30.

Lynn’s Map (Liam’s Map) earned his diploma at second asking at Churchill Nov. 8 and followed suit with an optional claimer score in NOLA Dec. 21. Sycamore Run (Street Sense) went wire-to-wire to graduate at first asking in the slop here Dec. 21, earning an 85 Beyer Speed Figure for that effort.

TAKING STOCK: NOTES FROM LEXINGTON

by Sid Fernando

January can be cold, bitter and snowy in Lexington, but the weather was unseasonably warm during Keeneland’s January Horses of All Ages sale, which made life easier for inspecting broodmares and short yearlings on the sales grounds and stallions at the nearby stud farms that power the industry here.

Most of the major farms offer daily lunchtime stallion shows during sales week—the food, by the way, varies from farm to farm—but decent weather means outdoor showings and greater flows of traffic, which add some conviviality absent from the proceedings when shows are limited to indoors. Stallion directors seemed to talk more freely, too, and one takeaway is their concern for filling the books of their second-, third- and fourth-year horses, but overall the weather—and there were several sunny days—brightened the moods of many this week, at least among the people that I bumped into along the way.

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First foal for Mo Town...

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Bill Johnson of Stonegate Stables on the colt ex Dark Dolores bred by Michael Cogan of Irie Thoroughbreds
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KEEJAN CONCLUDES FRIDAY

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Cajun Beat (Grand Slam), the 2003 GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint winner, passed away at Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Facility in Georgetown, KY. He is pictured here in 2004 at Palm Meadows with trainer Steve Margolis. | Horsephotos

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In Lexington, you tend to run into the same people repeatedly, I’ve found, and by the second or third (or fourth or fifth) time you’re liable to ignore the same folks you’d greeted so warmly the first time around, but the weather probably contributed to the warmth of multiple interactions throughout the week.

Stallions are always topics of conversation this time of year, particularly those with their first foals on the way like Justify (Scat Daddy), the latest of two Triple Crown winners at stud at Coolmore America’s Ashford Stud. The other one, American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), just completed a triumphant freshman sire championship for the global operation, and there’s plenty of hope that Justify can follow suit. There’s already an important precedent for Justify that augurs well: No Nay Never (Scat Daddy), based at Coolmore in Ireland, was the champion European first-crop sire of 2018 and a leading sire last year.

No Nay Never was campaigned by Coolmore and the Ice Wine Stable that includes Dave Reid and the brothers Frank and Jerry Antonacci—also major figures in the Standardbred world through their Lindy Farms. I ran into Frank’s son Philip Antonacci, a Darley Flying Start graduate, repeatedly throughout the week, first at Lane’s End where he was inspecting City of Light (Quality Road), and later at Keeneland and at other farms and venues.
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First Foal

Justify’s first foal, a filly, was born Jan. 3 at Amaroo Farm in Lexington. The dam is the winning Exchange Rate mare Foreign Affair, who’s owned by Audley Farm of Berryville, Virginia. Coincidentally, it was at Audley where the first foal of the first Triple Crown winner, Sir Barton, was born in 1922. Also a filly, she was bred by Commander J.K.L. Ross, who raced Sir Barton and then later sold him to the partnership of the brothers B.B. and Montfort Jones, who’d purchased Audley in 1920 (for $106,000, according to Audley Farm equine manager Jamie McDiarmid in a recent BloodHorse piece; Jennifer S. Kelly, who wrote the book “Sir Barton and the Making of the Triple Crown,” writes it was in 1921), and J.E. Madden of Hamburg Place in Lexington—the co-breeder and first owner of Sir Barton.

Madden, who bred five Kentucky Derby winners, initially tried to buy the breeding rights to Sir Barton after the Preakness in May of 1919 for $50,000, but was turned down by Ross. The colt won the Belmont S. June 11, but at the time the Triple Crown wasn’t a concept and didn’t have the cachet it has now.

Sir Barton raced the next year at four and famously lost a match race to Man o’ War. He was kept in training at five, but never started, retiring to stud in April of that year. Ross bred some mares to him during the abbreviated season and then sold him (for $100,000, according to McDiarmida), but he retained five breeding rights and sent his mares with Sir Barton to Audley, where the stallion stood for $500 in 1922 and $1,000 in 1923.

Press reports at the time said the Joneses and Madden had purchased the horse to stand in alternating years at Audley and Hamburg Place, but that never happened, and in September of 1923 it was reported in the New York Times that the Joneses had bought out Madden’s half-interest in Sir Barton.

Since 1978, when Hubertus Liebrecht purchased Audley, the farm has been owned by a German family that’s one of the wealthiest in the world. Liebrecht was the grandson of the founder of the family owned global conglomerate Boehringer Ingelheim and bred horses in Germany before acquiring Audley.

After he died childless in 1991, his heirs from the Boehringer and von Baumbach branches of the family have continued to operate the farm while staying discreetly behind the scenes.

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Court Action

First foal aside, Justify got some additional press this week when it was announced Monday that Mick Ruis, who owned Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro)—now at stud at Spendthrift and runner-up to Justify in the GI Santa Anita Derby—had filed a petition against the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) in court to disqualify the Triple Crown winner from the race and redistribute the purse because, the petition states, Justify was found to have subsequently tested positive for Scopolamine and was not punished for the infraction as the rules stood at the time.

Joe Drape of the New York Times had broken the story last year and had written that Justify shouldn’t have been eligible to compete in the Kentucky Derby without the purse monies from the Santa Anita Derby, but Dan Ross’s piece in TDN had an interesting quote from Ruis’s attorney Darrell Vienna that suggests otherwise. Ross wrote: “According to Vienna, even if Justify is stripped of his victory in the Santa Anita Derby, that action wouldn’t impact his subsequent achievements.

‘There’s a California case which says a horse’s eligibility [to compete] is determined at the point which it is entered and nominated,’ he said. ‘At that point in time, there had been no adjudication. He was eligible to compete in all those races.’"

Charlie’s Bar

There’s plenty of reasons to celebrate Justify and American Pharoah as it is, and the perfect venue for that would be the charming and cozy Amsden Bourbon Bar in downtown Versailles, about seven miles from Keeneland. Located in a historic building by the same name, the bar is alternatively referred to among the bloodstock crowd as “Charlie’s bar” in honor of its co-proprietor Charlie O’Connor, director of sales at Ashford, and it’s stocked with hundreds of brands of bourbon and is on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail that draws so many aficionados of the spirit to its native state.

The night I was there with Werk Thoroughbred Consultants bloodstock editor Frances J. Karon, O’Connor was in the house, as was Richard Henry, whose Primus agency exclusively handles Coolmore’s global advertising. Coolmore’s Paul Shanahan was expected later on, according to bartender Alice, who’d already decanted his wine. Also present was the ubiquitous Philip Antonacci, whose family through Ice Wine Stable bred the first winner by No Nay Never, the filly Mae Never No.

Shanahan, by the way, originally had a piece of No Nay Never with Ice Wine, and his wife Linda was listed as co-owner of the colt on the day No Nay Never won the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot for trainer Wesley Ward in his second start. Next out, No Nay Never won the G1 Prix Morny for the Coolmore partners Magnier, Smith, and Tabor, and Ice Wine. **Cont. p6**
Taking Stock cont.

Through his Petaluma Bloodstock, O’Connor co-bred, with his father-in-law’s Windmill Manor Farms, Coolmore’s crack Group 1-winning sprinter Caravaggio, another promising son of Scat Daddy standing alongside No Nay Never at Coolmore in Ireland.

And Henry, in partnership with Coolmore boss John Magnier through Premier Bloodstock, bred and raced such as G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), G1 Pretty Polly S. winner Diamondsandrubies (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), and several other notables and high-priced sales horses that trace to Premier Bloodstock’s fortuitous acquisition of the mare Jude (GB) (Darshaan {GB})--also the second dam of Claiborne’s new sire Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

Glen Hill

Claiborne’s Bernie Sams highly recommended the steakhouse Tony’s of Lexington on Main Street, where I ate one night, and I can add to his recommendation. The food was superb, and it’s no wonder that it draws players in the industry. Yes, I ran into Philip Antonacci there, as well as bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, whose clients include Bob Baffert and Glen Hill Farm’s Craig Bernick, who joined him at a table after dinner to watch LSU win its fourth national championship.

Ocala-based Glen Hill, under Bernick, grandson of founder Leonard Lavin, had its first consignment to Keeneland this year and ended up selling two of the three highest-priced lots in the sale, the 3-year-old Confidently, a half-sister to Coolmore’s Uncle Mo by Claiborne’s War Front for $560,000; and 10-year-old Inflamed, the Unusual Heat dam of the Uncle Mo Grade I winner Mo Forza, for $525,000. Bernick, a gambler, had paid $170,000 for Inflamed just two months ago at Keeneland November and had guessed right that Mo Forza would win the Hollywood Derby. Cont. p7
First Crops

Airdrie’s Cormac Breathnach (pronounced Brannock) had eaten at Tony’s the night before I did. Breathnach, who’s part of the stallion nominations team at Airdrie, was concerned by the growing trend among breeders heavily patronizing first-crop sires at the expense of well-qualified horses with foals and yearlings on the ground, a concern shared by others, including Bill Farish of Lane’s End, who I spoke with at the farm, and John Phillips of Darby Dan, who I ran into near the Keeneland bar a day after speaking to Breathnach.

Phillips noted that these days, the only way for a farm or syndicate to make its investment back on a stallion is to front load the first book because the second, third, and fourth books are liable to drop off drastically in quantity and quality. Moreover, for most stallions to survive commercially these days, they need to succeed right away with their first crops, and sheer numbers are one way of giving them a chance to do so. But, there’s a difference that most breeders understand between first-year commercial success and sire quality.

This may seem new, but a Capt. W.H. Williams wrote a piece in the Morning Telegraph in 1921 that was reproduced the same year in the Thoroughbred Record that said: “It also shows the utter fallacy of deciding that stallions are worthless simply because they fail to produce race-horses during their first year or two at stud.”

I’m sure there are a number of stallions you could think of that fit this statement.

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KEENELAND JANUARY SALE CONCLUDES

by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale concluded its five-day run in Lexington Friday with results off slightly from a record-setting 2019 renewal which was held over four days and featured the breakout $5-million sale of champion Abel Tasman (Quality Road).

“To me, if you take one horse out of 2019, 2019 and 2020 look remarkably similar,” said Keeneland’s vice president of racing and sales Bob Elliston. “Abel Tasman was a $5-million purchase and in excess of 10% of our total gross last year. If you take her out, the numbers will be relatively similar. We are pleased with a solid January sale. It would have been nice to have an Abel Tasman or a dispersal, but those things are not assured when you open the entry box.”

In all, 1,106 horses sold at the January sale for a gross of $42,480,500. The average was $38,409 and the median was $14,000. The cumulative buy-back rate was 20.77%.

A total of 951 horses grossed $48,280,100 at the 2019 January sale—the auction’s highest gross since 2008. The average was a record $50,768 and the median was a record-tying $20,000.

Forty-two horses sold for $200,000 or over in 2020. That figure was 47 in 2019.

Three of the sale’s top-priced lots were late supplemental entries to the auction, including multiple Grade I-placed broodmare prospect Enaya Alrabb (Uncle Mo), who sold for a sale-topping $640,000 to Jim Schenck.

“We were excited about those late offerings, the supplements that we put in,” Elliston said. “We began that last year, but we really kicked it up this year. They were very well-received and that is something that we will continue to strive for. Those really nice ones come to market late sometimes, so that will become part of our tactics going forward.” Cont. p9
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Schenck, bidding on behalf of a new ownership group, was the auction’s leading buyer with three purchased for $1,480,000. In addition to Enaya Alrabb, he also purchased the mare Confidently (War Front) for $560,000.
Taylor Made Sales Agency was the auction’s leading consignor by gross, with 149 selling for $6,009,400 and an average of $40,332.

Yearling Market Remains Competitive
A colt by Uncle Mo, selling during Wednesday’s first Book 2 session, was the auction’s highest-priced short yearling when selling for $400,000 to Springhouse Farm from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment. The youngster was one of 17 to sell for $200,000 or over. A total of 462 yearlings sold for $17,677,200 for an average of $38,262 and a median of $13,000.
A year ago, 344 short yearlings sold for $13,893,600 for an average of $40,388 and a median of $18,000. The top-priced yearling was $390,000 and there were 15 sold for $200,000 or over.
“the yearling market is phenomenal,” Keeneland Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell said. “Some consignors now target the January Sale with quality yearlings, which means end users have a better opportunity to purchase nice yearlings. At the same time, pinhookers who didn’t fill their orders at the November Sale are here shopping, thus creating a strong market.”

Gainesway’s Brian Graves was active buying pinhooking prospects from the yearling ranks and admitted bidding was competitive for the top offerings.
“The competition was immense for the types of foals that you think could be commercially viable later this year,” Graves said. “It was maybe even a bit stronger than November because it just seemed like those type of foals were fewer and farther between. The market is obviously still very polarized because the ones that don’t possess that, there is not really a lot of leeway there and they are not easy to sell. But the ones that have commercial appeal, combined with a good physical and some sire power, that vet well, bring a premium.” Cont. p10

Hipp 830: the sale’s top yearling, an Uncle Mo--Red Sashay colt
Keeneland Photo
Polarization a Common Refrain

The results of the January sale reflected the continued polarized nature of the auction scene, with demand strong at the top before falling off for less-fancied offerings.

“If you have a nice mare, folks are going to pay good money for that nice mare,” Elliston said. “If you have a nice short yearling, a good-looking horse by a precocious young sire, they are going to pay good money for that. If you can’t check all the boxes, it’s a little more difficult. And I think that speaks to the sales environment in this day and age generally, but it continues here in January.”

Carrie Brogden of Select Sales sees the roots of the market’s polarization in stallions’ large book sizes and an increasing aversion to risk by both breeders and buyers.

“There is plenty of money for the above average and nothing for the average and below,” Brogden said. “I think a lot of what we’re seeing is related to the giant book size. I just feel like there is not enough diversity. We had Klimts—we had some nice ones. But people kept saying to me, ‘There are so many of them. I like this one, but there is another one 30 hips later, I might be able to buy that one.’” Cont. p11
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Brogden continued, “And people are more risk averse. There are breeders coming over to me and they ask, ‘Who should we breed to?’ And I say, for example, ‘I’m hearing really good things about the Frosted.’ ‘Oh, I can’t do that, it’s a bubble sire. I can’t breed anything to a bubble sire.’ And I’m hearing that more and more. And the problem is, in years past, when we had horses that were booked to 150 mares, the proven and first years would be booked full and people don’t just not breed their mares, they had to take other options. I think that’s why we are seeing an exodus of stallions.

“I am a shareholder in Upstart, I loved his yearlings, I have two mares pregnant to him,” Brogden said. “He bred 38 mares this year. How did he breed 38 mares with his yearling average [$63,608]? Because people are terrified.”

In contrast, “Everyone on the planet wants to breed to Constitution now, but by God, last year you couldn’t give them away and now he’s the hottest thing going,” she said. “My clients that bred to him, I think I did 14 foal shares in him last year, and all those people who have weanlings to sell, they did great, but they didn’t have to put out the big bucks. And now I’m finding that’s tougher to do already and it’s only two years later.”

In the sales ring, that risk aversion causes buyers to pass on those lots below the top level, according to Brogden.

“That Uncle Mo colt who brought $400,000, there were 18 people ready to pay $300,000 for that horse,” she said. “People like me, I would love to buy that horse for $200,000, but he brings double. And if another horse comes behind it and it’s a little this or a little that or whatever, people used to take the risk, but now they’re not. Today, I bought a Morning Line filly to flip and she’s out of a half to a graded stakes winner with a great big pedigree and clean vetting and she was $1,000.

“I don’t know what the answer is,” she continued. “I obviously am for book capping. I am for anything that creates more demand and better diversity in our industry.”

Cullum Road Tops Friday’s Finale

Cullum Road (Quality Road) (hip 1809) brought the top price at Friday’s final session of the January sale when Dan Kessler of K.C. Garrett Farm signed the ticket at $150,000. Kessler said the plan was to return the 5-year-old gelding to the racetrack, but a trainer was still to be determined. Cullum Road, claimed by Three Diamonds Farm for $62,500 in 2018, was runner-up in the 2019 GIII River City H. and third in the Gill Fort Marcy S. On the board in 12 of 21 starts to date, the bay has won four times and earned $374,458. He was consigned by Bluewater Sales.
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Bluewater Sales consigned Friday’s top three lots, with trainer Phil D’Amato purchasing the 5-year-old gelding Almithmaar (Tapit) (hip 1806) for $60,000 and Three Diamonds Farm signing for the 5-year-old gelding Labeq (Tapit) (hip 1819) for $57,000.

In all, 151 horses sold Friday for $1,316,600. The session average was $8,719 and the median was $4,200. The buy-back rate was 24.88%.

KEEP BACKS KY SPORTS WAGERING BILL

by Bill Finley

While the Thoroughbred industries in some states have been wary of sports betting, a racing group in Kentucky has enthusiastically backed legislation in the Blue Grass state to make sports betting legal.

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) released a statement Thursday coming out in favor of House Bill 137, which would legalize sports betting in the state. The bill was passed unanimously by a House Committee Wednesday.

“...HB 137 has real momentum and a real chance to become law. And we need your help to get it done and put Kentucky in the win column,” the organization said in a statement sent out to the media and its supporters.

KEEP’s Executive Vice President Elisabeth Jensen said that the organization had been working behind the scenes for over a year in an effort to make sure that horse racing was factored into any bill that would legalize sports betting. KEEP was seeking four provisions in the bill it thought would benefit racing. It wanted sports betting to be made available at the state’s racetracks, the Kentucky Racing Commission to be named the regulatory body overseeing sports wagering, a competitive tax rate on revenue and a portion of the revenue used to benefit racing.

“We are happy about the legislation,” she said. “Last year, we worked with all our industry stakeholders to come up with a wish list if sports betting did become a reality so far as what would it look like in order to benefit our industry. The question comes up constantly, why should horse racing be a part of it? Horse racing is such an integral part of Kentucky’s economy and the state’s culture. Kentuckians are comfortable with wagering at the racetrack and that’s a big justification for the horse industry to be involved in it.” Cont. p13
KEEP cont.
For bets made at the racetracks, the state would get 10.25% of the take. The state’s cut of bets made on an app is 14.25%. The bill calls for 0.5% of the revenue from bets made at a Thoroughbred racetrack to go to the state’s Thoroughbred development fund. With projections that sport betting will bring in about $22 million in revenue per year, racing’s share will be small. But most states that have legalized sports betting have cut racing out of the equation.
Jensen said that racing will benefit from sports betting beyond the amount of money allocated to the sport.
“It’s not going to be a huge source of revenue,” she said. “But even the sports books in Las Vegas will tell you sports betting is not a big money maker. It is an amenity for the players. We look at it as an opportunity to get causal sports fans interested in horse racing. That would be a win for us. If we can have big super Sundays at Keeneland or the Red Mile and get people to come out and watch and wager not just on sports, but also simulcasting or live racing, that’s a big win for us.”
The bill allows for sports betting at all the Kentucky racetracks plus the Kentucky Speedway.
The latest amended earlier bills that banned wagering on events that involved Kentucky colleges. Some saw that as one of the reasons previous sports betting bills did not become law.
Though the bill appears to have bipartisan support and the backing of Governor Andy Beshear, Jensen said that it’s too early to celebrate victory.
“The bigger challenge is that this won’t get through the Senate,” she said. “Kentucky is still a very conservative state and there are legislators whose constituents don’t want them to support any additional gaming. Our opinion is if the bill were not packaged as part of the horse industry, that this would not go anywhere. That’s our opinion as an organization and that opinion came from out stakeholders, which represent all areas of the Thoroughbred industry.”

OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY: DATA, WAGERING AND THE FUTURE OF RACING

Editor’s Note: the following is part of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation’s weekly ‘Free-Data Friday’ series.
#FreeDataFriday--VOLUME 17: DATA, WAGERING AND THE FUTURE OF RACING
by Craig Bernick

At some point the horse racing industry—owners, racetracks and industry organizations—stopped caring about gambling on live horse racing.
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Without question, horse owners have enjoyed the benefits of expanded gambling in many states via purse supplements. They have grown in the form of slot parlors, historical horse racing machines and full-fledged casinos tied to tracks. As great as these benefits are to today’s horse owner, they have warped the sport. Actual gambling on racing is almost inconsequential to running racing in states that have such supplements.
The latest supplement to emerge is a tax redirection in Texas which will benefit prize money in a state that has, to this point, not legalized expanded gaming. While welcoming an increase in prize money, the long-term benefits of this might be rather limited.

Big purses should be a positive for racing, they should boost ownership and trickle down into boosting the breeding business too. Purses should spur participation—but so far, that hasn’t happened. Cont. p14
Bernick cont.

There are consequences to mindsets that suggest the sport should pursue or lean into these sorts of supplements. A failure to care about horse racing as a gambling game is quite possibly the most significant misstep in an industry that has made many over the last two decades. Instead of pursuing better deals from elements that aren’t directly related to racing, the sport should focus on making its own product as attractive as possible to its own customers. Sustainability should come from within.

Two of this year’s Eclipse Award finalists for champion owner—Gary Barber and Seth Klarman—were fans and gamblers of racing before they ever purchased a horse. The sundresses and bowties that dominate industry marketing efforts haven’t improved the metrics that actually matter. Our lack of focus on wagering may not be losing us just a generation of bettors, but future owners too.

Racetracks are now mostly owned by gaming companies whose aim is to maximize shareholder value. And they should! To ask or expect any different is foolish and unrealistic.

Since Jan. 1, 2000, the share price of Churchill Downs Incorporated has increased from $7.67 to roughly $140 today for a market cap of $5.6 billion. In that time Churchill has shifted from a horse racing company to a diversified gaming corporation. Surely, they have accomplished their mission on behalf of shareholders over these last twenty years. While their mission has evolved, it is unthinkable to blame them for doing what is in the best interest of their investors.

Owners (represented by horsemen’s groups) will always push for the highest purses. “Protecting the purse account” is seen as the single most important issue for horsemen’s groups. They’ve been largely successful—purses have stayed level for twenty years, while total races run have dropped by 35%. But that success has come by way of something totally beyond the control of horsemen—relying on outside interests to support prize money. The future is likely going to be significantly different.

Racing is facing decoupling—allowing tracks to stop racing while retaining licenses to operate alternative gaming. This has spread significantly across greyhound racing and will shift to Thoroughbreds in the future. The majority of racetracks don’t care about racing. That’s a dangerous sentiment from the perspective of owners and breeders, but it is reality. If they did, our situation would be far different.

Recap stories from 2019 summarized the overall financial picture of racing in four words—handle down, purses up.

Few horse owners I encounter realize that money bet on track yields a larger contribution to purses than money bet through an ADW. Fewer still understand rebates and host fees. If the racing business as a whole actually cared about betting on horse racing, we would surely have a much fuller understanding of these drivers.

In that world, horsemen would understand on-track betting handle totals, off-track facilities totals, Nevada casino totals, ADW retail and rebate player totals, not to mention computer robotic or computer assisted wagering platform totals. They would demand a full accounting and transparency of these figures, accompanied by the average takeout charged to betting customers in each division and the actual contribution to purses from each division. With THAT information, racing as a whole would start making better decisions on behalf of its industry. We could work to become more sustainable. But, basically, no one knows these figures.

Gamblers today have so many options, and as has been widely discussed—information to inform those gamblers is largely inexpensive and widely distributed—while the price of betting in non-racing markets is also far less expensive.

Wagering on Thoroughbred racing is already down roughly 50% adjusted for inflation over the last 15 years, and we risk losing more customers if our business fails to take wagering on its own sport more seriously. Purse subsidies have benefitted many, but we should not expect them to sustain our business indefinitely, particularly as decoupling spreads.

Racing needs to be more sustainable on its own. Currently, it isn’t. There is reason to be positive about the future—we generally haven’t tried to accomplish any of this. Let’s start while there’s still time.

Craig Bernick is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Glen Hill Farm. He founded the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation in 2018 and serves as its board chairman.

Talking Horses: fatality rate shows worrying Flat and jumps imbalance A horse racing over jumps in Britain in 2019 was around seven times more likely to suffer a fatal injury than one on the Flat by Greg Wood & Chris Cook, The Guardian
CAJUN BEAT, 2003 BREEDERS’ CUP SPRINT WINNER, PASSES AWAY

Cajun Beat (Grand Slam--Beckys Shirt, by Cure the Blues), the 2003 GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint winner, has died.

The 20-year-old gelding had been pensioned at Old Friends, the Thoroughbred Retirement facility based in Georgetown, Kentucky, since 2016. Details of Cajun Beat’s death are pending following a full necropsy.

“He was a lovely horse, a real champion,” said co-owner Satish Sanan of Padua Stables. “With all of the horses we’ve had, he was one of our favorites—he was my wife’s favorite. He didn’t show much talent until we gelded him, and then he became a hell of a sprinter. He gave us a lot of thrills.”

“Cajun Beat was as sweet as he was speedy,” Old Friends Founder and President Michael Blowen said. “Yesterday, after his unexpected death, his long-time pal, Padua’s Pride, stood over the body, nudging him, as if he was trying to get him up. All of this with the setting sun in the background. He earned every bit of it—to die with the dignity that the rest of us can only hope for.”

MARK VALESKI RELOCATED TO ARKANSAS

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen--Pocho’s Dream Girl, by Fortunate Prospect) will relocate from Central Kentucky’s Airdrie Stud to Lake Hamilton Equine in Royal, Arkansas. The deal was brokered by trainer Cody Autrey’s Autrey Bloodstock.

Mark Valeski retired with earnings of more than $658,000 for trainer Larry Jones and owner/breeder Brereton C. Jones. His signature wins came in Belmont’s GI Peter Pan S. and the GII Mineshaft H. at Fair Grounds.

Mark Valeski initially retired to Woodford Thoroughbreds in Reddick, Florida, as a partnership between Woodford and Airdrie Stud. Both parties retain their ownership of the stallion as he moves to Lake Hamilton Equine.

His first crop includes 2-year-old stakes winner Backtohisroots as well as the GII Remsen S. and GIII Nashua S. runner-up Network Effect.

“Mark Valeski was as honest as they come on the racetrack, and his runners are showing that same great will to complete,” Airdrie Stud’s Bret Jones said. “While he never got the big books or pedigrees that high-profile stallion prospects enjoy, he has punched well above his weight in siring talented and sound racehorses that can win at the best racetracks in America. He is the perfect stallion for Arkansas breeders to use to take advantage of the great purses at Oaklawn Park, and our partnership is very happy that he’ll receive this opportunity to succeed.”

GISW NEXT QUESTION EUTHANIZED

Grade I winner Next Question (Stormy Atlantic--Seattle Stardust, by Slew City Slew) was euthanized Jan. 16 at Old Friends at Cabin Creek due to complications from a paddock accident. He was 12.
FIRST NORTH AMERICAN FOALS FOR I’LL HAVE ANOTHER ARRIVE

Champion I’ll Have Another (Flower Alley–Arch’s Gal Edith, by Arch)’s first two North American foals have arrived.

The first was dropped Jan. 14 at Rancho San Miguel. The 2020 filly is out of the winning mare Year of Light (Event of the Year). She was bred by Jacqueline Bousquet and Dr. Jeaneen Metzler.

She was followed shortly Jan. 15 by a filly born at Ballena Vista Farm, out of the Tribal Rule broodmare Jennifer’s Joy, bred by Harold and Pamela Tillema and Richard Tillema. Jennifer’s Joy is from the immediate family of millionaire Richard’s Boy (Idiot Proof).

The duo are from the first domestic crop of champion 3-year-old I’ll Have Another, winner of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. I’ll Have Another began his breeding career in Japan at Big Red Farm and was repatriated by Ballena Vista Farm for stud duty in California.

Farm manager Miguel Jimenez said of the Jennifer’s Joy filly, “I love the profile, bone and body on this very pretty 4-hour-old filly, as good a foal as I’ve seen in my 30+ years of raising racehorses.”

FIRST FOAL FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

GI Preakness S. victor Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music) sired his first foal, a colt born Jan. 9 at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds in New York. Bred by Howard Nolan, Jr., the dark bay colt is out of the young Girolamo mare Best Manners, whose dam is three-time black type winner India Halo (Arg). Cloud Computing stands at Spendthrift Farm.

FRANK CONVERSATION SIRES FIRST FOAL

Frank Conversation (Quality Road) was represented by his first foal Jan. 17, when Looksgoodfromhere (Freud) foaled a chestnut filly at Saratoga Glen Farm, who owns and bred the filly. Frank Conversation stands in New York at Rockridge Farm.

BROKEN COLLARBONE FOR JOCKEY MARCELINO PEDROZA

Jockey Marcelino Pedroza suffered a broken left collarbone as the result of a seventh race spill at Fair Grounds Thursday, according to his agent Richie Price.

Jim’s Silverbullet suffered a catastrophic injury at the top of the stretch and unseated Pedroza in the process. Mitchell Murrill, aboard rival Max Pandowdy and Robby Albarado, who rode Awe Patriot, were both dislodged from their mounts when trying to avoid Jim’s Silverbullet. Murrill took off his remaining mount in race eight and is listed day-to-day. Albarado finished out the card.

“[Pedroza] wants to heal as quickly as possible, so we are awaiting word from the doctor [at Tulane Medical Center] on possible surgery,” Price said. “We are looking at being out the standard six to eight weeks. We are hoping he can return towards the end of the [Fair Grounds] meet, sometime in March.”

With 18 wins from 139 mounts, Pedroza currently sits sixth in the Fair Grounds’ jockey standings.
TERF cont.

In alignment with their own mission to support and promote equine education and research by sponsoring scholarships in veterinary medicine and supporting organizations that are educating the public in the proper care of horses, TERF assists Cornell in their efforts to financially support and recognize scholarship winner Claire Reid.

TERF’s grants reflect the values set forth by founders Herb and Ellen Moelis during TERF’s 2013 inception. TERF’s current Board, includes co-Chairs Kathleen Anderson, DVM, and James Orsini, DVM, Margaret H. Duprey, Gretchen and Roy Jackson, Ellen and Herb Moelis, Wendy Moon, Anita Motion, Toni Orsini, Scott Palmer, Josh Pons and Lucy Zungailia.

To make a tax deductible donation to TERF, please visit https://chescocf.org/fund/thoroughbred-education-and-research-foundation/ or send a donation to TERF c/o The Chester County Community Foundation, 28 West Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382.

EQUINE SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR TOPIC

“Racehorse/Sport Horse Care and Rehabilitation” is the overarching theme of the upcoming Horse Management Seminar hosted by the Equine Science Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The seminar, scheduled from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, will feature presentations by several equine experts.

“This year, we selected a topic that we have not covered during any of the previous Horse Management Seminars," Dr. Carey Williams, Extension Equine Specialist and Associate Director of Extension for the Equine Science Center, said. "Whether you have racehorses, sport horses or just like riding horses, there will be something for everyone. We have so many veterinary experts in the New Jersey area, I am very excited to be able to have them share their expertise with you."

Dr. Williams continued, “Our goal for this workshop is to bring in the leading veterinary and academic experts in each of these topic areas. This includes caring for the racehorse, managing the sport horse, rehabilitating horses, transitioning careers between race and sport, and feeding for different types of exercise. We will also highlight some of the current, and future, research from Rutgers graduate students conducting equine research."

The complete program, registration information, and seminar brochure are posted on the Equine Science Center website at esc.rutgers.edu, as well as the registration site at: http://bit.ly/2020HorseManagement.
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## 2019 Leading Third-Crop Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Jan. 16

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SATURDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:
$2 MILLION CHESTERTOWN LOOKS FOR ANOTHER WIN

Chestertown | Sarah Andrew

6th-GP, $50K, Msw, 3yo, 8fT, 2:02 p.m. ET
Courtlandt Farm’s OR’EFFICE (Medaglia d’Oro), a $725,000 KEESEP yearling, took some money in his career bow going a mile on the dirt at Aqueduct Dec. 7 and finished fourth. Out of multiple graded-stakes winner Grace Hall (Empire Maker), the Mark Hennig trainee will receive the services of Javier Castellano for his turf debut. TJCIS PPs

4th-FG, $50K, Alw/Opt.Clm., 3yo, 8.5f, 2:27 p.m. ET
West Point Thoroughbreds, Chester and Mary Broman and Woodford Racing’s CHESTERTOWN (Tapit), the $2-million topper from last year’s OBS March Sale (:10 1/5), debuted with a third after a wide trip going six furlongs against New York-bred company at Belmont Oct. 24. Relishing the added distance at Aqueduct last time, he came home a 2 3/4-length winner over return winner Forever Wicked (Wicked Strong). Ricardo Santana Jr. rides the colt for the first time. The gray, trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, is out of GI Ballerina S. and GI Frizette S. heroine Artemis Agrotera (Roman Ruler). TJCIS PPs

6th-FG, $50K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 3:25 p.m. ET
Making her career debut is Jerry Namy’s SPEEDY MANDATE
(Strong Mandate), a $250,000 Keeneland September yearling, who was the second highest priced yearling for the stallion in 2018. Joe Talamo rides for Tom Amoss. Also debuting for Amoss is $400,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic purchase CHARMING LADY (Ghostzapper). The average for juveniles by the sire sold last season was $299,750. TJCIS PPs

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:25 p.m. EDT
FRANKLIN SQUARE S., $100,000, 3yo, F, 6.5f
TJCIS PPs

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:23 p.m. EDT
SILVERBULLETDAY S., $150,000, 3yo, f, 8.32f
TJCIS PPs
recently bred back to Empire Maker. Sales history: $175,000 Ylg old Uncle Mo filly that has also been sent to Chile and was most the now Chilean-based Whisper Me (Empire Maker), a 2-year-foal in utero at Keeneland November in 2015. She is the dam of Alberto Corp. acquired Whisper Louise for $130,000 with this first run since a big-figure second at Keeneland last April. Don odds on over this track in July 2018, Sniper Shot was having his best Who edged to the front at the furlong grounds and pulled away to run around the turn. Four abreast entering the lane, Sniper Shot rivals underneath him, consigning him to a three- and four-wide had settled, Sniper Shot broke on terms, but had plenty of pace and was subsequently withdrawn. The 1-2 jolly when the dust Rising Star complexion changed with the gate scratching of favored this week. Knox County Zip was most recently bred to California Animal Kingdom colt of 2019 who fetched $16,000 at KEEJAN (Birdstone), and has also produced a Blame colt of 2018 and an length winner over Ginseng (Tiznow). The bay is the first foal of it on the engine, Trickle In got the six furlongs in a pedestrian 1:16.71 and had plenty in the tank to report home a 2 3/4- length winner over Ginseng (Tiznow). The homebred is a half-brother to Another Mystery settled outside a rival down the backstretch and was asked to pick things up leaving the three-eighths. Shifted back down to the inside with a furlong and a half to race, he was roused to the lead inside the sixteenth pole and was a neck clear of long-time leader Botswana (Graydar) on the wire. The homebred is a half-brother to Amazing Results (Grand Slam), GSW, $397,636; Ioya Bigtime (Dynafomer), MGWS, $540,149; Mavericking (Empire Maker), SW, $309,868; and I O Ireland (Giant’s Causeway), SW, $179,508, whose son A Shin Amen Ra (American Pharoah) was an impressive debut winner at Hanshin Dec. 7. Another Mystery’s stakes-placed second dam Ioya (Naskra) produced Team Block’s likeable Illinois-bred MGWS turf star Mystery Giver (Dynafomer), winner in New Orleans of the GII Muniz Memorial H. in course-record time. Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-4-2-0, $144,640. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Jim Bakke & Gerald Isbister, Gerald; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
7th-Aqueduct, $76,650, Alw (NW2$X), Opt. Clm ($62,500), 1-17, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.87, ft.
JOEVIA (c, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Peace Process, by War Front) nearly proved the undoing of Tacitus (Tapit) in last year’s GI Wood Memorial S., causing interference into the first turn before being disqualified from seventh to 11th. The dark bay bounced back to wire the field in Monmouth’s Long Branch S. May 12 and made much of the running in the GI Belmont S. June 8, hanging on late for third. Outprinted at this sharper trip, the 21-10 second favorite stalked three deep and hit the front while wide at the top of the lane. Kept busy by Junior Alvarado into the final furlong, the dark bay kept finding and got home a length better than Identity Politics (Into Mischief). Joevia is a half-brother to ‘TDN Rising Star’ Specially (Tapiture), a 2-year-old colt by Magician (Ire) and a yearling filly by Keen Ice. She was most recently covered by Practical Joke. Sales history: $34,000 RNA Wlg ‘16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $66,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Michael & Jeff Fazio; B-Ikhana Farm (KY); T-Gregory D Sacco.

9th-Gulfstream, $44,000, Alw (NW1$X), Opt. Clm ($35,000), 1-17, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.40, ft.
SNIPER SHOT (g, 4, Shackleford--Whisper Louise, by Bernardini) defied a nine-month absence to take this heat whose complexion changed with the gate scratching of favored ‘TDN Rising Star’ Hidden Scroll (Hard Spun), who reared in the stalls and was subsequently withdrawn. The 1-2 jolly when the dust had settled, Sniper Shot broke on terms, but had plenty of pace rivals underneath him, consigning him to a three- and four-wide run around the turn. Four abreast entering the lane, Sniper Shot edged to the front at the furlong grounds and pulled away to best Who’s Out (Tale of Ekati) by four lengths. A debut winner at odds on over this track in July 2018, Sniper Shot was having his first run since a big-figure second at Keeneland last April. Don Alberto Corp. acquired Whisper Louise for $130,000 with this foal in utero at Keeneland November in 2015. She is the dam of the now Chilean-based Whisper Me (Empire Maker), a 2-year-old Uncle Mo filly that has also been sent to Chile and was most recently bred back to Empire Maker. Sales history: $175,000 Ylg

10th-Fair Grounds, $42,000, Alw (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mt, 1:54.32, gd.
ANOTHER MYSTERY (c, 4, Temple City--Ioya Two {GSW, $460,851}, by Lord At War {Arg}), runner-up in the state-bred restricted Springfield S. over the Arlington Polytrack in July, crossed the line third, but was promoted to second in Laurel’s Bald Eagle Derby Sept. 21. A well-backed ninth with a fair bit of trouble over this course Nov. 28, the bay was totally dismissed here at 18-1. Worse than midfield but in touch leaving the stretch for the first time, Another Mystery settled outside a rival down the backstretch and was asked to pick things up leaving the three-eighths. Shifted back down to the inside with a furlong and a half to race, he was roused to the lead inside the sixteenth pole and was a neck clear of long-time leader Botswana (Graydar) on the wire. The homebred is a half-brother to Amazing Results (Grand Slam), GSW, $397,636; Ioya Bigtime (Dynafomer), MGWS, $540,149; Mavericking (Empire Maker), SW, $309,868; and I O Ireland (Giant’s Causeway), SW, $179,508, whose son A Shin Amen Ra (American Pharoah) was an impressive debut winner at Hanshin Dec. 7. Another Mystery’s stakes-placed second dam Ioya (Naskra) produced Team Block’s likeable Illinois-bred MGWS turf star Mystery Giver (Dynafomer), winner in New Orleans of the GII Muniz Memorial H. in course-record time. Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-4-2-0, $144,640. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Team Block (IL); T-Chris M Block.

8th-Fair Grounds, $41,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-17, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.81, fm.
TRICKLE IN (f, 3, Temple City--Knox County Zip, by City Zip) led throughout to take an 8 1/2-furlong sales-restricted turf maiden at Belmont for trainer Jonathan Thomas Oct. 25 and was let go at 6-1 to repeat the dose first off the layoff. Allowed a soft time through it on the engine, Trickle In got the six furlongs in a pedestrian 1:16.71 and had plenty in the tank to report home a 2 3/4- length winner over Ginseng (Tiznow). The bay is the first foal from her dam, a half-sister to GSW & MGISP Thank You Marylou (Birdstone), and has also produced a Blame colt of 2018 and an Animal Kingdom colt of 2019 who fetched $16,000 at KEEJAN this week. Knox County Zip was most recently bred to California
Chrome. Sales history: $14,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; $9,000 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $72,000 2yo '19 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $58,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-CJ Thoroughbreds; B-Fred W Hertrich (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

3rd-Golden Gate Fields, $34,762, Alw (NW1$X), Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-17, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39.02, ft.
PAIGE ANNE (f, 3, Take Charge Indy--Forbidden Brew, by Milwaukee Brew) was shipping north off a narrow Los Alamitos maiden score going two turns from which the next three home each graduated in their next trip to the races. The clear class of this group, the 3-5 pick was well-rated from the front by Juan Hernandez, kicked hard when asked turning for home and spurted away to post a good-looking six-length victory. Paige Anne is a half-sister to the 2-year-old filly Crystal Orb (Orb) and a yearling filly by Tapizar. Forbidden Brew was most recently served by Practical Joke. Sales history: $120,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, $67,540. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Elie & Lori R Feghali & Mark Mathiesen; B-Richard Peardon (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.

7th-Turfway, $27,555, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-16, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.21, ft.
HIGH HOLY (c, 3, Great Notion--Altagracia, by Flatter) failed to land a blow in dirt tries at Keeneland and Churchill this fall, but took nicely to this surface for a three-length graduation on New Year’s Eve. Rousted along to take up the running after a half-furlong, High Holy set the pace while a bit off the inside, covered the opening four panels in a quick :45.59 and was in a race of his own late, romping in by 10 lengths as the 13-5 second choice. The winner’s dam is represented by a 2-year-old Bullet Train (GB) filly and was most recently bred back to Great Notion. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $23,342. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O/B-Silverton Hill LLC (KY); T-Darrin Miller.
Maiden Results cont.

7th-Fair Grounds, $45,000, Msw, 1-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.79, ft.

ALTA’S AWARD (f, 3, Tonalist--Queen’s Award {SW & GSP, $244,420}, by Medaglia d’Oro) broke only fairly from the inside stall in her six-furlong debut over a sloppy strip Dec. 21 and turned in a useful debut effort to finish third. Stretching out for this as the 2-1 chalk, Alta’s Award was content to chase outside of front-running Piece of My Heart (Flat Out) through a moderate opening half-mile. Confronting that one in earnest at the 2 1/2-furlong pole, Alta’s Award struck the front, but was joined to her outside by Kizzy B (Ghostzapper). However, the favorite turned back that bid with relative ease and strode home a three-length winner. The winner, produced by a half-sister to SW Divine Queen and to the dam of MGSW and Crestwood sire The Player (Street Hero), has a juvenile half-sister by Bernardini. Queen’s Award most recently visited Street Sense. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $31,950.

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O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Mr & Mrs Al Mazzetti & Mr & Mrs Ed Orr (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen.

6th-Gulfstream, $43,000, Msw, 1-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.36, fm.

RAKEEZ (c, 4, Kitten’s Joy--Firdaws, by Mr. Greeley) trailed by double digits in his one-mile debut over the Aqueduct turf Nov. 16 and though he finished only seventh, he covered his final quarter mile in a promising :23.14 and was beaten under three lengths. The lesser-preferred part of an uncoupled Chad Brown entry, the homebred tracked the pace from up close, advanced three deep on the turn, confronted pacesetting Holy Meister (Bodemeister) at the furlong grounds and came away late to take it by three-parts of a length. Stare Decisis (Noble Mission (GB)) finished last of the septet. Rakeez, whose second dam Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain) won the 2005 G1 Vodafone Epsom Oaks for Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Michael Jarvis, is a half-brother to the 2-year-old colt Molhim (War Front) and a yearling Cairo Prince filly. She was most recently bred to Speightstown. Sales history: $95,000 Ylg ‘18 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $26,220. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Jim Bakke & Gerald Isbister; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc (KY); T-Chrisope Clement.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, $21,400, Msw, 1-17, 3yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:41.86, ft.

SUPER CUTE (f, 3, Temple City--Peach Brew (GSW, $320,332), by Milwaukee Brew), a 27-10 gamble on debut, was cajoled along leaving the gates, but didn’t muster any real speed and settled in a close fifth in a compact bunch down the backstretch. Well held from between rivals entering the final turn, he was pushed along three wide nearing the lane and took command a sixteenth of a mile from the finish en route to victory. The winning margin was 2 1/2 lengths over Elusive Amelia (Cross Traffic). Super Cute’s Grade III-winning Oklahoma-bred dam, who was purchased for $41,000 carrying this foal at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale in 2017, is also responsible for Sydney Freeman (Tizway), MSW, $297,970, a 2-year-old colt by Frosted and a yearling Cairo Prince filly. She was most recently bred to Speightstown. Sales history: $95,000 Ylg ‘18 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $12,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Jim Bakke & Gerald Isbister; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Rapid Game, c, 3, Flat Out--Nabbed, by Red Ransom. Busan, 1-17, Hcp. ($65k), 1300m. B-Kings and Queens Farm (KY). *Won by a neck at odds of 141-1. **1/2 to Catch A Thief (Flatter), MSW & MGSP, $338,985. ***$25,000 Wlg 17 KEENOV; $32,000 RNA Ylg ‘18 KESEP; $14,000 2yo ‘19 OBSJUN.

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Side Hill, m, 7, Speightstown--Hidden Face, by Empire Maker. King Abdulaziz Racetrack, 1-17, Prince Sultan Ben A/Aziz Cup (NBT), 2000m. B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). *47,000gns HRA ‘16 TATNOV. VIDEO (SC 2)
IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Barbarian (Kor)**, c, 3, *Competitive Edge*--*White Haven*, by Unbridled’s Song. Busan, 1-17, Hcp. ($34k), 1300m. B-Jung Byoung Chul. *Won by eight lengths. **$20,000 in utero ’16 KEENOV.

**Adele Spike (Kor)**, f, 3, *Competitive Edge*--*Ice Curlin*, by Curlin. Busan, 1-17, Hcp. ($52k), 1000m. B-Cheju Livestock Development Co. *$60,000 in utero ’16 KEENOV.

**Power Train (Kor)**, c, 3, *Lookin At Lucky*--*Sweet Again*, by Awesome Again. Busan, 1-17, Hcp. ($34k), 1600m. B-Kim Eul Bun. *1/2 to General Bellamy (Bellamy Road), GSP, $304,220. **$42,000 in utero ’16 KEENOV.

**Mr. Afleet (Kor)**, c, 4, *Afleet Alex*--*In Escrow*, by Vindication. Busan, 1-17, Hcp. ($78k), 1800m. B-Isidore Farm. *1/2 to General Bellamy (Bellamy Road), GSP, $304,220. **$42,000 in utero ’16 KEENOV.

SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private 38 foals of racing age/28 winners/4 black-type winners

6-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, EAGERLY, 3-1

4-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, JUULSTONE, 10-1

$495,000 RNA RTS AUG yr1

6-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, MAINE, 6-1

$115,000 KEE SEP yr1; $475,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Amira’s Prince (Ire)** (Teofilo [Ire]), Pleasant Acres Stallions 35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

4-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, COMPLEX SYSTEM, 8-5

$25,000 OBS OCT yr1; $210,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Bahamian Squall** (Gone West), Double Diamond Farm, $3,000 55 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

7-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, SUN SQUALL, 15-1

$7,000 OBS OCT yr1; $50,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Bayern** (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000

157 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners

9-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Gasparilla S., 7f, JUDY’S WAY, 30-1

$90,000 KEE SEP yr1; $35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

12-Fair Grounds, $150K Silverbulletday S., 1m, TEMPERS RISING,

10-1

$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; $70,000 KEE SEP yr1; $145,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $170,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

**The Big Beast** (Yes It’s True), Ocala Stud, $6,000 102 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners

7-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, BAD LITTLE BEAST, 8-1

7-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, ONE TURN JOHNNY, 12-1

$13,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; $22,000 OBS OCT yr1

**Boat Trip** (Harlan's Holiday), Special T Thoroughbreds, $2,500 31 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner

7-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Derby, 1 1/16m, BETTOR TRIP NICK, 5-2

**Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, $5,000 93 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner

7-Laurel, Wmc 6f, BOTTLE COURAGE, 20-1

**Carpe Diem** (Giants Causeway), WinStar Farm, $15,000 231 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners

8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, EARNER, 7-2

$425,000 KEE SEP yr1

6-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LIFE ON TOP, 20-1

$250,000 KEE SEP yr1

**Chitu** (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, $4,500 88 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, BILLYSBIRTHDAYGIRL, 12-1

**Cigar Street** (Street Sense), Sandringham Farm, $5,000 20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, WILLISTON WAY, 9-2

**Commissioner** (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, $7,500 162 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners

1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, DR. DOYLE, 8-1

2-Laurel, Msw 7 1/2f, NATURALLY QUICK, 15-1

$45,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Competitive Edge** (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $12,500 155 foals of racing age/30 winners/0 black-type winners

7-Aqueduct, $100K Franklin Square S., 6 1/2f, FIERCE LADY, 7-5

$52,000 KEE JAN wnl; $75,000 KEE SEP yr1; $170,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $725,000 RNA FTW HRA 2yo

10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, TENERIFE MOON, 20-1

$35,000 OBS WIN wnl; $11,000 KEE SEP yr1

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $40,000 233 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners

4-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, AIRLINE DRIVE, 8-1

$12,000 TTA MIX yr1

9-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Gasparilla S., 7f, WE THE CLOUDS, 9-2
First-Crop Runners cont.

**Daredevil** (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
158 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Laurel, Wmc 6f, DEVILISH AFFAIR, 6-1
$32,000 FTN MIX wnl; $47,000 SAR AUG yrl; $25,000 OBS APR 2yo
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Gasparilla S., 7f, SWISS SKYDIVER, 7-2
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Fast Anna** (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, $10,000
142 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Santa Anita, $200K California Cup Oaks, 1mT, BEEN STUDYING HER, 4-1
6-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5 1/2f, SURE SHOT ANNA, 2-1

**Golden Lad** (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, $5,000
124 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, CINNABUNNY, 4-1

**Hampton Court (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice (Aus)), Spendthrift Farm
44 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Delta Downs, Alw 7f, FAST VERDICT, 8-1

**Imagining** (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, $7,500
98 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, LASTING IMAGE, 20-1
$17,000 FTK OCT yrl; $155,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Laurel, Wmc 6f, QUIET IMAGINATION, 3-1

**Jack Milton** (War Front), Crestwood Farm, $6,500
101 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1 1/2f, CHICAGO ROLL, 8-1

**Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
130 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, CAZADORA, 15-1
3-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, KARAKONTIEPARADISE, 6-1

**Khozan** (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, $8,500
130 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Pasco S., 7f, LIAM’S LUCKY CHARM, 2-1

**Lea** (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, $7,500
103 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, CHART, 6-1
$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Liam’s Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, $35,000
232 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
13-Fair Grounds, $200K GIILL Lecomte S., 1 1/16m, LYNN’S MAP, 6-1
$270,000 KEE SEP yrl; $285,000 OBS APR 2yo
2-Laurel, Msw 7 1/2f, MARY’S SONG, 8-1
$45,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, READYFORMYCLOSEUP, 5-1
$130,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Majestic City** (City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, $3,500
62 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Gasparilla S., 7f, RANDIABBY, 30-1
$14,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi (GB)), Ballylinch Stud, $12,000
144 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, FAIRY DIVA (GB), 7-2
27,000gns TAO CT yrl; $115,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Mr Speaker** (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
79 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, MR PHIL, 4-1
$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; $25,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
6-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 1m, YOU SHOULD TALK, 4-1
$1,700 KEE NOV wnl; $4,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Palace** (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
151 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, MR NAPPY, 10-1
$22,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Palace Malice** (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, $25,000
211 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, ALL IN HARMONY, 20-1
$27,000 KEE SEP yrl; $140,000 TTA APR 2yo
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/8mT, AUBURN HILLS, 8-1
$225,000 FTS AUG yrl
12-Fair Grounds, $150K Silverbulletday S., 1m, MAGA SUITE, 20-1
$75,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $220,000 RNA KEE APR 2yo
13-Fair Grounds, $200K GIILL Lecomte S., 1 1/16m, MR. MONOMOY, 9-2
$60,000 KEE NOV wnl
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, PALACE KID, 15-1
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Gasparilla S., 7f, PALACE MISS, 15-1
$19,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Pimpernel** (Elusive Quality), Cherokee Ridge Horse Farm, $0
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, BREAKAWAY PRINCE, 12-1

**Race Day** (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
145 foals of racing age/18 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, $125K Gasparilla S., 7f, CAMPY CASH, 8-1
$42,000 OBS OCT yrl
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, MISTY DAY, 15-1
7-Laurel, Wmc 6f, RACING MY FATHER, 30-1
$2,700 EAS DEC wnl; $24,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Sky Kingdom** (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, $5,000
79 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, CREASY, 9-2

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
246 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, GUCCISSIMO, 20-1
$3,500 KEE SEP yrl; $9,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $6,000 OBS OPN 2yo
2-Laurel, Msw 7 1/2f, MISS TAP DANCE, 6-1
$15,000 EAS OCT yrl
1-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, STEPH’SFULLASUGAR, 10-1

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane’s End Farm, $15,000
179 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Aqueduct, $100K Franklin Square S., 6 1/2f, PLAYTONE, 5-1
$75,000 SAR AUG yrl; $150,000 KEE APR 2yo
4-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1 1/16m, STRIKE APPEAL, 9-2
$70,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000
232 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Aqueduct, $100K Franklin Square S., 6 1/2f, MYAWAYA, 10-1
$45,000 FTK OCT yrl

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

4th-Aqueduct, $66,176, (S), Opt. Clm ($80,000), 1-17, 3yo, 1m, 1:42.23, ft.
**CHOWDA** (c, 3, Emcee--Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $85,043. O-Eddie F’s Racing; B-Fedwell Farms (NY); T-Gary Sciacca.

5th-Fair Grounds, $46,000, (S), 1-17, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.76, ft.
**DIAMOND CRAZY** (f, 4, Tale of Ekati--Boy Crazy, by Sky Mesa)

6th-Fair Grounds, $41,000, 1-17, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:40.35, fm.
**AMAZIMA** (f, 4, Noble Mission {GB}--Taegu, by Halo) Sales history: $25,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $90,000 2yo '18 EASMAY; $130,000 3yo '19 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, $105,690. O-J Steven Wilson; B-Mount Brilliant Farm & Ranch LLC (KY); T-Brendan P Walsh. *$4,500 Ylg '17 KEEJAN.

8th-Delta Downs, $34,000, 1-16, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.60, wf.
**CHARLIE’SARCHANGEL** (c, 4, Archarcharch--Miccosukee Miss, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 17-4-0-6, $76,850. O-Harris Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY); T-Thomas M Amoss. *$4,500 Ylg '17 KEEJAN.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Classic-placed **Joevia** (Shanghai Bobby) makes a successful 4-year-old debut at Aqueduct.
Spendthrift Farm’s Temple City was represented by a trio of good-looking winners Thursday and Friday.

**IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDs**

Prince of New York, c, 4, Cairo Prince—Ocarson, by Olmodavor. Aqueduct, 1-17, (S), (C), 1m, 1:43.29. B-Clark O Brewster (NY). *$100,000 Ylg ’17 FTKOCT.

Webb Carroll Training Center Purchase & Graduate

Pallas Athene, f, 4, Declaration of War—Miss Paget (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Tampa Bay Downs, 1-17, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.83. B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY). *$110,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

**ARCHARCHARCH**, Charlie'sarchangel, c, 4, o/o Miccosukee Miss, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 1-16, Delta Downs

**CAIRO PRINCE**, Prince of New York, c, 4, o/o Ocarson, by Olmodavor. MCL, 1-17, Aqueduct

**CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Odysseus, c, 4, o/o Charm the Giant (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 1-17, Santa Anita

**DECLARATION OF WAR**, Pallas Athene, f, 4, o/o Miss Paget (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 1-17, Tampa Bay

**EMCEE**, Chowda, c, 3, o/o Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle. AOC, 1-17, Aqueduct

**GREAT NOTION**, High Holy, c, 3, o/o Altagracia, by Flatter. AOC, 1-16, Turfway

**HAT TRICK (JPN)**, Bird in the Hat, g, 3, o/o Pretty Eyes, by Lord At War (Arg). MSW, 1-16, Turfway

**KITTY’S JOY**, Rakeez, c, 4, o/o Firdaws, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 1-17, Gulfstream

**LEA**, Jades Gelly, f, 3, o/o A. P. Reality, by Pulpit. MCL, 1-17, Gulfstream

**MISSION IMPAIZABLE**, Nicky Scissors, f, 3, o/o Mott N Hester, by Super Saver. MSW, 1-17, Aqueduct

**NOBLE MISSION (GB)**, Amazima, f, 4, o/o Taegu, by Halo. ALW, 1-17, Fair Grounds

**SECRET CIRCLE**, Justwaveandsmile, g, 3, o/o Anofficerandalady, by Officer. WMC, 1-17, Laurel

**SHACKLEFORD**, Sniper Shot, g, 4, o/o Whisper Louise, by Bernardini. AOC, 1-17, Gulfstream

**SHANGHAI BOBBY**, Joevia, c, 4, o/o Peace Process, by War Front. AOC, 1-17, Aqueduct

**TAKE CHARGE INDY**, Paige Anne, f, 3, o/o Forbidden Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. AOC, 1-17, Golden Gate

**TALE OF EKATI**, Diamond Crazy, f, 4, o/o Boy Crazy, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 1-17, Fair Grounds

**TEMPLE CITY**, Another Mystery, c, 4, o/o Ioya Two, by Lord At War (Arg). AOC, 1-16, Fair Grounds

**TEMPLE CITY**, Super Cute, f, 3, o/o Peach Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. MSW, 1-17, Tampa Bay

**TEMPLE CITY**, Trickle In, f, 3, o/o Knox County Zip, by City Zip. AOC, 1-17, Fair Grounds

**TONALIST**, Alta's Award, f, 3, o/o Queen's Award, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 1-17, Fair Grounds
Coolmore has agreed to purchase a 50% interest in last year’s G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner **Sottsass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), who stays in training this year with trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. The news was first reported by *Paris-Turf*.

Bred by Ecurie des Monceaux out of Starlet’s Sister (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Sottsass was a €340,000 purchase at the 2017 Arqana August Yearling Sale by Peter Brant through Michel Zerolo’s Oceanic Bloodstock. Racing in the green silks of Brant’s White Birch Farm, Sottsass won at second asking at two. He took the Listed Prix de Suresnes second out at three before beating the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches winner Persian King (GB) (Kingman {GB}) by two lengths in the Jockey Club.

Sottsass won the G2 Prix Niel after a summer break and was the first 3-year-old home in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe when last seen behind Waldgeist (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

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**THE BIGGER PICTURE OF INBREEDING**

*By John Boyce*

Inbreeding to successful sires can become unavoidable at times when there is a strong run on a very successful stallion and his sons. Just look at what has happened in Australia with Danehill. And Sadler’s Wells presents a similar challenge in Europe. There is no evidence that commercial buyers pay much attention to whether a prospective purchase is closely inbred. As long as they tick all the other boxes, it hard to imagine them walking away on account of a foal or yearling carrying duplicate lines of a preeminent sire like Sadler’s Wells. And when a great mare like Enable arrives on the scene, with 3x2 inbreeding to the great Coolmore sire and carries all before her on the racecourse, it almost becomes a moot point.

But the facts say otherwise.

There is strong statistical evidence to suggest that close inbreeding produces inferior racehorses. The basic figures set alarm bells ringing: there have been 2,821 Northern Hemisphere-foaled runners with close inbreeding to Sadler’s Wells and only 76 or 2.7% have become stakes winners.

Horses closely inbred to Danehill, meanwhile, include 116 stakes winners from 4,711 runners—or 2.5% in Australia—and 48 stakes winners from 1,309 runners (3.7%) in the Northern Hemisphere. None of these figures are in the least bit impressive.
Coolmore to Purchase Half of Sottsass Cont. from p1

Sottsass is a half-brother to Brant’s 2018 Eclipse champion and GI Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf winner Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), a seven-time Grade I winner, as well as the G3 Prix Bertrand de Tarragon winner My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}). My Sister Nat was purchased privately by Brant following her Group 3 win and, like Sistercharlie, remains in training with Chad Brown in the U.S. She was second in the GII Long Island S. on Nov. 30.

Brant also purchased through Oceanic Bloodstock Starlet’s Sister’s current 3-year-old Radiant Child (Ire) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) for €400,000 at Arqana August in 2018, and last year the mare’s yearling colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) was bought by David Redvers for €700,000.

The Coolmore partners purchased another son of Siyouni, Le Brivido (Fr), after he had won the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot in 2017. Le Brivido enters stud at Overbury Stud this year.

The Bigger Picture Of Inbreeding Cont. from p1

Moreover, given there have been so many runners carrying close duplicates of both stalwarts, it’s surprising that the highest-rated horse inbred to Danehill in Australia has a Timeform rating of only 124, while the best Northern Hemisphere product is rated 118. And Enable (Timeform 134) is the only Sadler’s Wells inbred with a Timeform mark better than 123. Cont. p3
The Bigger Picture Of Inbreeding Cont.

But the strongest evidence can be seen when we narrow it down to the progeny of individual sires. There are 22 Northern Hemisphere stallions each with at least 30 runners closely inbred to Sadler’s Wells—-that is with at least one or more duplications appearing with the first three generations.

Collectively these 22 sires have had 977 runners with Sadler’s Wells inbreeding. Among the group are 50 stakes winners which amounts to a strike rate of 5.1%. However, when we aggregate the remaining runners by the 22--those without a Sadler’s Wells duplication--we find 817 stakes winners from 9,899 runners or a far superior strike rate of 8.3%. Cont. p3
EXCEED AND EXCEL

FACTS

His 15th G1 winner is extremely impressive Irish-bred daughter Queen Supreme over 1,800m in South Africa last weekend.

Meanwhile, he has sired three million-dollar yearlings at the first sale of the year in Australia – where he also has three G1-winning three-year-old colts.

OPINION

A gorgeous filly. Attractive, scopey, great attitude. Being by a proven, solid sire, she was a very easy sell.

Thomas Hassett, breeder of Queen Supreme, who made €130,000 as a yearling

If there were ever more proof needed that Exceed And Excel [is] as potent as ever... his three most recent G1 winners are among his six lifetime best horses.

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15 January, 2020

Clearly amazing

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The Bigger Picture Of Inbreeding Cont.

It’s the same story with Danehill. Using his Southern Hemisphere foals to illustrate the point, we can deduce that the 19 stallions with 50 or more runners inbred to Danehill also have a higher cumulative strike rate among their non-inbred runners: 6% versus 4.4%.

There are, of course, exceptions to every rule and statistically some sires’ numbers are not adversely affected if carrying close duplications. The great Galileo has sired 11 stakes winners from 52 runners inbred to his sire which produces an excellent strike rate of 21%, higher than the 17% for his non-inbreds. That said, none of his many outstanding racehorses carry inbreeding to Sadler’s Wells, his best being the 123-rated Cliffs Of Moher.

In Australia, the sire bucking the trend is Zoustar, who has seven stakes winners—over half of all his total—from 57 runners inbred to Danehill, a magnificent strike rate of 12.3% and they include his star Group 1-winning filly Sunlight. Of course it helps that Danehill is in Zoustar’s third generation, ensuring there are no 3x3s to Danehill among his progeny.

These outliers are just that, however, and there is no getting away from the fact that the evidence seems to suggest that close-up duplications in a pedigree tend to lead to inferior racehorses.

ARQANA FEBRUARY CATALOGUE ONLINE

Arqana has released the catalogue for its February Mixed Sale, which runs Feb. 11 and 12 and features 431 broodmares, fillies, horses in training, yearlings and 2-year-olds from both the flat and National Hunt realms. Horses in training will kick off the sale, and highlights of that section include Agnes (Fr) (Planteur {Ire}) (lot 25), a listed-placed 4-year-old filly with a rating of 93 whose third dam is the great mare Fall Aspen; and Made To Lead (Fr) (Linngari {Ire}) (lot 77), a 5-year-old filly who was stakes-placed last season and fourth in a Group 3. Cont. p5
My Sister Nat, a half-sister to Sottsass and Sistercharlie, is an Arqana February graduate | Scoop Dyga

Arqana Cont.

The broodmares and fillies section, which numbers 234, includes Middle Channel (Ire) (Epaulette (Aus)) ([lot 149]), a half-sister to GI EP Taylor S. winner Folk Opera (GB) (Singspiel (Ire)); stakes producer Pearl Away (Fr) (Gold Away (Ire)) ([lot 134]) in foal to Cloth of Stars (Ire); and the stakes producer Dixie Dance (Ire) (Orpen) ([lot 265]) in foal to Recoletos (Fr).

Also in the fillies’ and broodmares’ portion of the catalogue is More Than Famous (Fr) (More Than Ready) ([lot 288]), a stakes-producing mare in foal to Saxon Warrior (Jpn); the 4-year-old filly Gazelle (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)) ([lot 308]), a half-sister to a listed winner whose third dam is a full-sister to Glorious Song, Devil’s Bag and Saint Ballado; the listed-winning and group-placed Rockatella (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)) ([lot 409]) in foal to Wootton Bassett (GB); and Princess Bianca (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)) ([lot 419]), a full-sister to Group 1 winner Prince Gibraltar (Ire).

The yearlings on offer include [lot 199], an Acclamation colt out of the stakes-placed Zaya (Ger) (Diktat); [lot 351], Al Shahania Stud’s Wootton Bassett colt out of the winning Look At That (Fr) (Monsun (Ger)), a daughter of Group 3 winner Peaceful Love (Fr) (Dashing Blade); and [lot 379], a Le Havre (Ire) granddaughter of the stakes-winning Greek Air (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)).

There are four wildcards still to be announced.

SAXON WARRIOR SIRES FIRST FOAL

MG1SW Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a winner of the G1 English 2000 Guineas, has sired his first foal, a colt, in France on Thursday, Coolmore announced. Out of the maiden mare Gloriously (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) herself a daughter of Irish listed-placed Queen of France (Danehill), the bay is “a correct colt with size, bone and quality,” according to Guillaume Garcon of Haras de l’Hotellerie. Cont. p6
Saxon Warrior Cont.

His second dam is a half-sister to MGSW Jazz Club (Dixieland Band), while blue hen Up the Flagpole (Hoist the Flag) is farther back in the pedigree.

Favourite racehorse: As a kid, I was a huge Istabraq (Ire) fan. During my time at Ciaron Maher Racing, I was fortunate enough to work closely with Merchant Navy (Aus) throughout his career—not only a top quality racehorse but such a cool dude as well.

Piece of advice for someone starting out: Travel and work hard. It’s a fantastic industry that gives you a passport to travel the world. Work hard from a young age, do your job to the best of your ability and strive to be the best at what you do.

MAKING THEIR MARK

In this new series we sit down with a selection of Europeans making a significant impression in the Thoroughbred industry on foreign shores. Today we have Aquis Farm’s Brian McGuire.

Position: Racing & Bloodstock Manager for Aquis Farm.

Original Hometown: Listowel, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Current Hometown: Sydney, Australia.

Thing you miss most about Ireland (not including family and friends): The weather! I haven’t been to The Harvest Festival at my local track, Listowel, in a long time. It’s always a great week for not only the local community but for everyone who visits. Festivals and events are the big ones.

Hidden Talent: Probably my Gaelic Football career!

Person in the industry you admire the most: John Magnier.

Three dinner guests: James Corden, A.P. McCoy, J.P. McManus.

Best thing about a career in the Thoroughbred industry: You never feel as if you’re working, well—most of the time! It’s a great industry to be part of.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:


Angel On High (Ire), c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)—Angel of the Gwaun (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. Lingfield, 1-17, 10f (AWT), 2:06.91. B-Abergwaun Farms (IRE). *1/2 to Knight To Behold (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), GSW-Fr, SW & MGSP-Eng, $352,666; Cosmo Meadow (Ire) (King’s Best), GSW-Jpn, $1,569,342; Beauty O’Gwaun (Ire) (Rainbow Quest), GSW-Ire, $108,525; and Angelonmyshoulder (GB) (King’s Best), MSP-US, $272,206.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Abby Hatcher (Ire), f, 3, Acclamation (GB)—Sharqawiyah (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Dundalk, 1-17, 7f (AWT), 1:26.58. B-Glacken View (IRE). 22,000 Ylg ’18 TIRSEP; 19,000 RNA 2yo ’19 TATGOR.
IN UAE:

**Antimo (GB)**, g, 7, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Anna Palariva (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Caerleon. Al Ain, 1-17, Hcp. (AED70k), 2000m, 2:04.38, ft. O-Majid bin Musabbeh Al Mheiri. B-Darley (GB). T-Ahmed Al Shemali. *1/2 to Advice (GB) (Seeking the Gold), MSW & GSP-Fr, $258,128; Iguazu Falls (Pivotal (GB)), SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-UAE, $275,174; and a full to Anna Salai (Dubawi (Ire)), GSW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, SP-Eng, $158,818.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Blue Point (Shamardal) was tabbed as a "TDN Rising Star"

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**GROUP ENTRIES**

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:20 p.m.**

**CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G1,** HK$10,000,000 (£984,230/€1,155,283/A$1,864,899/US$1,286,714), 3yo/up, 1200mT

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“It was almost like an adventure movie ... It was such a cast of characters.”

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