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O'TOOLE STILL WILD ABOUT THE GAME



Mags O'Toole with Tiger Roll: 'I'd marry him if he'd have me.'

By Emma Berry

You know you've made it when you are widely known simply by your first name. Say the name 'Mags' to most people in the bloodstock industry and they will know exactly to whom you are referring. For Margaret O'Toole, to use her given name, is as widely known as she is admired within that tightknit community, commanding a respect inversely proportionate to the level of publicity she receives.

The latter is deliberate. Not for O'Toole are the self-congratulatory social media accounts. If she did choose to publicise her achievements in this way, the bloodstock agent would have much to tweet about, especially during the cut and thrust of the National Hunt season. Among the big names with which she is associated are **Tiger Roll (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}), who is about to bid for a third Grand National victory, and **Notebook (Ger)** (Samum {Ger}), who heads to the Cheltenham Festival on a Grade 1 hat-trick. But she almost actively shuns the limelight, which means that it has taken a number of years for the *TDN* to persuade O'Toole to agree to an interview. In the afterglow of a well-deserved Wild Geese Award from the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at the end of January, she finally acquiesced.

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LUCRATIVE BONUS FOR INAUGURAL IRISH EBF BALLYHANE S.

By Emma Berry

LEIGHLINBRIDGE, Ireland--It's all systems go at Ballyhane Stud with the breeding season underway and its new stallion Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) already in demand, and on Tuesday the Co. Carlow stud hosted the official launch of a valuable new race sponsorship.

The Irish EBF Ballyhane S., to be run over six furlongs at Naas on Monday, Aug. 3, is open to juveniles by a sire registered with the European Breeders' Fund whose median sales price is no more than €75,000, with weights allocated on a sliding scale according to that price. The total prize fund of €200,000 will certainly provide a decent lure for connections but there is an extra cherry on top for any owner with a 2-year-old in training by one of the established Ballyhane sires.

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Arguably the most popular award winner of the evening, O'Toole, the first female to have been recognised in this category which acknowledges the success of Irish people working abroad, admits to being a little overwhelmed at the response.

"Joe Foley promised me there would be no speeches but that was a lie," she says with a laugh. "But it was fantastic and really quite emotional to be given such recognition from people within the industry. The reception was unbelievable and the messages I've had since then from people who I didn't even know had my number has been quite incredible."

For someone so immersed in the Irish National Hunt scene through her most prominent role over recent years as the buyer, with Eddie O'Leary, of the powerful Gigginstown House Stud team of jumpers, it is perhaps a surprise that O'Toole has been a Newmarket resident for more than 30 years. However, like her late father, the legendary trainer Mick O'Toole, she has 'form' in both codes. She is a regular at foal and yearling sales in Europe and America, again primarily with O'Leary and his Lynn Lodge Stud operation, but O'Toole prefers the freedom that is to be found in buying at the National Hunt store sales.

"For me, the horse comes first, there's no doubt about it," she says. "That's why it's very different with the Flat. Everything has to be in trend—the stallion especially. You can buy a jumper where the mare has had four runners and none of them has won but you can't buy a Flat foal where he is the fifth foal and she hasn't had a winner. You certainly can take those liberties with the jumpers as long as you're buying an athlete."

That buyer's instinct has been honed throughout O'Toole's life, even before she was really aware of the lessons being learned.

"When I was going to the sales with dad, I didn't used to ask him what he liked about a horse but I was probably picking things up that I didn't even realise," she reflects.

"He didn't buy thousands of champion racehorses but he

never had a bad-looking horse around the place. And I'm the same, I can't stand a plain head."

O'Toole continues, "When I was younger I was around the yard at home all day every day. I absolutely loved it. I can never think

of a moment when I thought I'd like to do something else. When dad was selling a horse, he never had to go and look up a pedigree, he used to call me and I had them memorised to the third dam, half-brothers and everything else. I was just very lucky that I had a good memory."

That pedigree knowledge would come in handy for O'Toole when she arrived in Newmarket in her early twenties "without a plan" but with a determination bordering on stubbornness to forge a career

for herself. Her early friendship with Di Haine, also the daughter of a trainer, in this case Harry Thomson Jones, and with a similarly good eye for a horse, led to O'Toole's long-term friendship with pedigree expert Alex Scrope.

"I went to a Keeneland January sale with Di Haine who was working for her father when Sheikh Hamdan was buying," she recalls. "While I was out there Alex Scrope asked what I was doing for the September Sale. She had a very good job with Guy

Harwood and she asked me if I would pull out and do a bit of veterinary stuff, and so it went on. Then she asked me what I was going to do when I got back from America. Of course Alex was so ahead of her time and when she asked me if I could work a computer I said, 'Yes of course', lying through my teeth."

"I started doing some pedigree work for Alex and was there for a long time. Things evolved: if you're out and about people see

you. I was leaving Goffs one day and Eddie O'Leary asked what I was doing for the foal sale. Again I started just pulling out for him but it went on from there. Then when his brother [Michael] got involved with the jumpers it was just a natural progression and I just kept going. Obviously now that's come to an end."

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O'Toole Still Wild About The Game cont.

The announcement by Michael O'Leary last May that he would gradually wind down means that O'Toole turns away from her beloved jumpers.

"I love the people involved with [jump racing]," she says. "Doing all those store sales for the last 10 or 12 years with Eddie on behalf of Gigginstown was fantastic. And it wasn't just always going in and firing at the top 10 lots, we were buying them from €30,000 to €300,000. Everyday was a learning day. It was fantastic and of course they had huge success—all down to Eddie—and with those horses, too, you get to follow them for four or five years. Tiger Roll is 10 now and we bought him when he was three, and I know they don't all stay around but you can have more of an interest in them because they are around for that much longer."



Eddie O'Leary & Mags O'Toole | Tattersalls Ireland

She continues, "When Michael decided he was going to stop buying any more jumpers I thought that would be the end of going to the store sales, but then a few other people came forward with huge interest and here we go again."

Such has been the success of the Gordon Elliott-trained Tiger Roll—a dual Grand National winner and four-time Cheltenham Festival winner—that he has almost transcended his O'Leary ownership to become a people's horse. O'Toole admits to a huge soft spot for the little gelding, even if he didn't really fit the bill when he was bought from the Brightwells Cheltenham Sale following one juvenile hurdles victory for his initial trainer, Nigel Hawke. She says, "Tiger Roll is unbelievable. I'd marry him tomorrow if he'd have me. I said the other night that we bought him for the Triumph Hurdle but then Eddie corrected me and said, 'no, that was way too ambitious, we bought him for the Fred Winter.' And look what he's done, it's just incredible. Every race with him has meant so much."

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She continues, "Gigginstown's remit was always three-mile chasers, nothing else. It's probably just as well that Michael wasn't in Gordon's yard the day Tiger Roll came back from the sale because he's not really the type of horse that they like to buy. But it just happened that it was a year that they had no juveniles, we got nothing bought at the horses-in-training sales, and Eddie said he would do. We bought him on the reserve and had very nearly stopped bidding."

For Michael O'Leary, a huge investor in National Hunt racing and major sponsor, particularly via the G1 Ryanair Chase, the four days of the Cheltenham Festival have always been paramount, and success at Prestbury Park is every bit as important to those around him.

O'Toole says, "Cheltenham is hugely important. When you're buying that 3-year old store you're hoping that in three years' time he might line up in one of those novice hurdles—in fact when you buy him you know that's where he's going even though maybe one in 100 gets there. But it's everything, Cheltenham, it's very intense, and you only realise that later when you go to Aintree or Punchestown and everyone is smiling and laughing. But at Cheltenham, until you've had a winner it's as bad as going to the dentist. It's such a relief if you get a winner on the first day because it means you can enjoy the rest of the week."

The big hope for a first-day winner at this year's Festival will be the aforementioned G1 Racing Post Arkle Chase favourite Notebook. Like Tiger Roll, he was a relatively inexpensive purchase in O'Toole's name, bought for £70,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland Cheltenham May Sale two years ago. Since graduating to chasing, the 7-year-old has not been beaten in four starts this season for Henry de Bromhead.

He and Tiger Roll are but two of a host of top-class horses with whom O'Toole has been involved over the years, though she quickly deflects credit to Eddie O'Leary and is happy to be considered "one of the lads." Her modest approach is doubtless another attribute gleaned from her greatest mentor.

She says, "Everybody for years now has been saying, 'your father's so proud of you,' but he had a funny way of not letting you know. So if I rang him after a meeting and one of the Gigginstown horses had run well he would always say something like 'I'd say that one of Noel Meade's would have won if he'd jumped the last better.' I rang him after Tiger Roll's first National, like I used to do every evening, and I said, 'Well, what about that?', and he said, 'Willie's horse was up in another stride, do you know that?' But he didn't mean it, he was always just keeping you level."

With the Wild Geese Award safely in her clutches, O'Toole jokes that perhaps she is now allowed to return home to Ireland.

"I've waited 30-something years," she says with a smile. But the peripatetic life of a modern-day bloodstock agent means that O'Toole spends little time in her adopted home anyway, and she admits that she's pretty happy with her lot.

"This is probably how I would have liked things to go had I thought about it, but I had no idea what I was going to do when I arrived in Newmarket. The faith people have had in me, I've been so lucky. The other day I had to describe what I do to someone who is completely outside racing and I said 'I spend an unbelievable amount of other people's money on things that I like.' It's a girl's dream job."

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Lucrative Bonus For Inaugural Irish EBF Ballyhane S. cont. from p1



The Irish EBF Ballyhane S. offers an incentive to horses bred at a lower level | INPHO Photography

The stud's owner Joe Foley is also offering a bonus of €50,000 if the race is won by one of the offspring of his stallions Dandy Man (Ire), Elzaam (Aus), Prince Of Lir (Ire) or Red Jazz (Ire).

Foley, who is also vice-chairman of the Irish EBF, said, "I'm delighted to support the Irish EBF Ballyhane S., a race which should be an exciting addition to the calendar. It's a huge pot for owners and trainers to target and the €50,000 bonus for a Ballyhane-sired winner is our way of rewarding supporters of our stallions."

British-based trainers Karl Burke and Kevin Ryan flew in from Yorkshire for the launch, and Burke added his support to the concept. He said, "I have some lovely 2-year-olds this year and I'll definitely be targeting some of them at this new race. It's a great prize and Naas has been a lucky track for me. The team at Naas does an excellent job at looking after their UK connections. Not only do they provide top-class hospitality to the owners but they also provide accommodation for the stable staff."

Irish EBF chairman John O'Connor added, "The concept behind the race is to offer connections of EBF-eligible 2-year-olds, where their sire's median price is no more than €75,000, a lucrative race where they are competing against other similar valued horses who are either homebreds or auction-bought 2-year-olds. By capping the sire's median price, giving weight allowances to lower sire median prices and with the added incentive of the €50,000 Ballyhane Stud bonus, it creates more opportunities for 2-year-olds and it is great to be part of something special."

Entries for the inaugural running of the Irish EBF Ballyhane S. close at 12 noon on Wednesday, Feb. 26. A list of EBF-eligible stallions and their median auction price can be [found here](#).

Following the launch at Ballyhane Stud's local hostelry, the Lord Bagenal Hotel, more than 100 members of the Irish bloodstock community gathered in honour of the late Mark O'Hanlon of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing for the annual memorial quiz in his name. The winning team will be revealed in tomorrow's *TDN*.

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ALBIGNA, ALPINE STAR ON CLASSIC COURSE



Albigna | *Horsephotos*

The Niarchos Family sophomores **Albigna (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) and **Alpine Star (Ire)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) have returned from their winter break in good order and connections begin to look

ahead toward Classic campaigns in 2020. Both fillies are trained by Jessica Harrington.

Winner of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and the G3 Airlie Stud S. last fall, Albigna finished fourth in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita. The daughter of Freedonia (GB) (Selkirk), who is the early favorite at 14-1 for the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 5, may also be targeted to the French equivalent in Paris.

"We could think about taking Albigna back to Longchamp for the [G1] French Guineas [May 10], but it's a little bit too early to be making firm plans," said Alan Cooper, racing manager to the Niarchos family.

Alpine Star won her last two starts, including the G2 Debutante S. at The Curragh last August, and is likely to pursue a similar route to her stablemate.

"Both fillies had a nice break before Christmas and are now back with Jessie [Harrington] and in good form," confirmed Cooper. "Both of them have Group 1 entries and will be kept apart. We'll see how they progress in their work and let Jessie decide if she wants to run either of them in a trial. Obviously, Albigna would have a Group 1 penalty were she to run in a trial, so that is something to consider."

When asked about preferred distance for the Niarchos homebreds, Cooper added, "I think Albigna will be sticking to a mile, whereas Alpine Star could go a mile and a bit farther."

Cooper also has high hopes for a trio of 3-year-old colts--**Free Solo (Ire)** (Showcasing {GB}), trained in Ireland with Harrington; the Sir Michael Stoute-trained **Highest Ground (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) in Britain and French representative **Ketil** (Karakontie {Jpn}), conditioned by Pascal Bary. Free Solo won by five lengths at Leopardstown in July, while Highest Ground won his sole career start at Leicester in September. Ketil is the winner of two of three starts, including the most recent at Deauville in November.

"Free Solo is a horse Jessie likes a lot and he has big-race entries [including the Irish 2000 Guineas May 23]," said Cooper. "We'll feel our way with him and take our time, but we have high hopes that he'll go up to a good level."

"Highest Ground is a horse we hope will go down the Classic trial route. He is inexperienced, which is not ideal for an early-season Classic. We'll let Sir Michael bring him along and see where we end up. He could be entered for races like the G1 Prix du Jockey Club. [May 31]"

In regards to Ketil, Cooper added, "A horse we like in France is Ketil, who has won two of his three starts for Pascal Bary. He has big-race entries in France and we think he'll do well."

"We are still in the winter and I think we'll be a bit wiser about all these horses in another month's time."

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MEHMAS, SHALAA, THE GURKHA HEAD FIRST-SEASON SIRE MARKET



Mehmas | *Racing Post*

Mehmas (Ire), **Shalaa (Ire)** and **The Gurkha (Ire)** jointly head Fitzdare's market for champion first-season sire of 2020 at 5-1. Also featuring prominently are **Territories (Ire)** (6-1) and **Pride of Dubai (Aus)** (8-1) as well as **Adaay (Ire)**, **Awtaad (Ire)** and **Twilight Son (GB)**, all at 12-1. The odds are for win only, with the champion first-season sire to be determined by number of winners.

"This year's market has an open look with co-favourites Mehmas and Shalaa having plenty of firepower to go on the track," said Glyn Warne, head of anteposte and international at Fitzdare's.

"Both were devastatingly quick 2-year-olds themselves, and Mehmas in particular had a similar racing career to last season's champion first-season sire by winners Gutaifan, having raced early and solely as a juvenile.

"There have been encouraging reports about Territories, and his yearlings have obviously made a good impression at the sales, while an interesting selection could be Pride Of Dubai who, like fellow Australian sprinter Brazen Beau last year, has already started well Down Under."

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FITZDARES MARKET FOR CHAMPION FIRST-SEASON FLAT SIRE

5/1	Mehmas, Shalaa, The Gurkha
6/1	Territories
8/1	Pride Of Dubai
12/1	Adaay, Awtaad, Twilight Son
14/1	Belardo
16/1	Estidhkaar
20/1	Kodi Bear, Prince Of Lir
25/1	Buratino, Charming Thought
33/1	Bobby's Kitten, New Bay
50/1	The Last Lion, Harzand

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20 / 20 VISION

In this TDN series we ask a group of experts for their predictions for the 2020 flat season in Europe. Today we hear from Alex Elliott.

TDN: Who do you think will be the leading first-season sire this year?

AE: I like the idea of Mehmas (Ire). He was a high-class 2-year-old, is bred on the same cross as Dark Angel (Ire), and Tally-Ho Stud are amongst the best in the game when it comes to producing 2-year-old winners. It should prove a potent combination in the race to be leading first-season sire.

TDN: Have you bought any yearlings by Mehmas? Does he typically stamp his stock?

AE: I bought one by him and he is now named Astimegoesby. He cost £40,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Sale and is owned by Mrs Susan Roy. He is in training with rookie trainer George Boughey, who has made a great start to his career.

Astimegoesby is a half-brother to Bomb Proof (Ire), by Society Rock (Ire), who won his only start at York last season before injuring himself on the eve of Royal Ascot when favourite for the Norfolk. I bought Bomb Proof as a yearling and hopefully this horse will show as much early.

I would imagine trainers will love the progeny of Mehmas as they look fast, hardy, sound horses. Very much in his mold.

TDN: Hope for the 2020 flat season?

AE: Winners, and plenty of them, are what makes the world go round. Since starting out in 2014 I've been lucky enough to buy a better quality of yearling year-on-year. The higher the cost the higher the expectation and there are plenty of expensive ones to run this season. Some of them need to stand up and be counted otherwise it will be a very long 2020.



Alex Elliott | Elliott Bloodstock

TDN: We have been running a series in the TDN recently on value sires. What European stallion(s) do you think represents the best value?

AE: Bated Breath (GB), standing for £12,500 at Juddmonte, is a sire that is very hard to fault. Last year he had 11 stakes winners of which six were Group winners and he also had three Royal Ascot winners. Whether it be results achieved in the sales ring or on the racecourse, he is a sire I feel consistently bats above the average and could stand for a whole lot more.

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DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. SPONSORED BY JAGUAR-G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Royal Meeting (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	124
2	Spotify (Fr)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	J Doyle	Appleby	125
3	Certain Lad (GB)	Clodovil (Ire)	Curtis	M Channon	124
4	Privilegiado (GB)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	O'Neill	Petersen	124
5	Desert Encounter (Ire)	Halling	Crowley	Simcock	131
6	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	131

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7:40 p.m.

UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY RANGE ROVER-G3, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1900m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ascot Brass (Swe)	Juniper Tree (Ire)	Buick	Petersen	125
2	Serein 	Uncle Mo	Take	Matsunaga	125
3	Tapi Sioux	Tapiture	Dobbs	Watson	125
4	Careless Whisper (Swe)	Barocci (Jpn)	Lopez	Petersen	125
5	Dubai Love (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
6	Down On Da Bayou 	Super Saver	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:15 p.m.

ZABEEL MILE SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Zakouski (GB)	Shamardal	J Doyle	Appleby	125
2	Mythical Magic (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby	125
3	Golden Jaguar 	Animal Kingdom	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
4	Zainhom	Street Cry (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125
5	Salute The Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125
6	Eqtiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
7	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:50 p.m.

MEYDAN SPRINT SPONSORED BY LAND ROVER-G2, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hawkesbury (GB)	Shamardal	Chaves	Al Neyadi	125
2	Blitzkrieg	War Front	Buick	O'Neill	125
3	Inverleigh (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
4	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Curtis	M Appleby	125
5	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	J Doyle	Hills	125
6	Waady (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	125
7	Poet's Society (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
8	Angel Alexander (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	125
9	Yaalail (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
10	Mazzini (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125

**All post times are local time.*

Leading Second-Crop Sires - Cumulative

for stallions standing in Europe through Monday, Feb. 17.

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Night of Thunder (Ire) (2011) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2017	8	12	3	3	--	--	52	30	170,993	1,413,126
				Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €25,000						Under The Stars (IRE)	
2	Cable Bay (Ire) (2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2017	1	7	1	4	--	--	70	27	183,155	933,289
				Stands: Highclere Stud Eng Fee: £15,000						King's Lynn (GB)	
3	Gleneagles (Ire) (2012) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2017	3	7	2	4	--	1	65	25	129,728	802,384
				Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €35,000						Royal Dornoch (IRE)	
4	Gutaifan (Ire) (2013) by Dark Angel (Ire) FYR: 2017	--	1	--	1	--	--	90	31	88,056	546,599
				Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: €6,000						Graceful Magic (GB)	
5	Due Diligence (2011) by War Front FYR: 2017	3	3	2	3	--	--	55	20	126,592	536,234
				Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: £8,500						Good Vibes (GB)	
6	Anjaal (GB) (2011) by Bahamian Bounty (GB) FYR: '17	--	2	--	1	--	--	69	20	182,372	533,864
				Stands: Rathasker Stud Ire Fee: €5,000						Bettys Hope (GB)	
7	Make Believe (GB) (2012) by Makfi (GB) FYR: 2017	3	3	2	2	--	--	51	19	143,774	496,214
				Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €12,000						Rose of Kildare (IRE)	
8	Ivawood (Ire) (2012) by Zebedee (GB) FYR: 2017	2	2	--	--	--	--	55	16	61,002	390,098
				Stands: Haras de Mont Goubert Fr Fee: €3,500						For The Trees (IRE)	
9	Outstrip (GB) (2011) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2017	1	2	--	--	--	--	65	24	43,713	390,022
				Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £5,000						La La Land (GER)	
10	Brazen Beau (Aus) (2011) by I Am Invincible (Aus) FYR: 2017	1	2	--	1	--	--	51	20	36,696	287,339
				Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £7,000						Dubai Station (GB)	
11	Muhaarar (GB) (2012) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2017	--	1	--	1	--	--	57	19	36,784	283,470
				Stands: Nunnery Stud Eng Fee: £20,000						Unforgettable (IRE)	
12	Golden Horn (GB) (2012) by Cape Cross (Ire) FYR: 2017	2	3	1	2	--	--	51	10	64,426	280,763
				Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £40,000						Turkish Palace (IRE)	
13	Galiway (GB) (2011) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2017	1	2	1	1	--	--	12	6	107,158	271,966
				Stands: Haras de Colleville Fr Fee: €10,000						Kenway (FR)	
14	Free Eagle (Ire) (2011) by High Chaparral (Ire) FYR: 2017	1	2	--	1	--	--	42	14	71,652	261,003
				Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: €12,500						Justifier (IRE)	
15	Hot Streak (Ire) (2011) by Iffraaj (GB) FYR: 2017	1	1	--	1	--	--	44	13	57,356	244,489
				Stands: Tweenhills Stud Eng Fee: £5,000						Flaming Princess (IRE)	



AMERICAN PURCHASES DELIVERING FOR NEWGATE



Newgate's Henry Field | TDNAusNZ

By Bren O'Brien

Newgate's investment in the American broodmare and race fillies market at Keeneland late last year is already starting to pay dividends, with one of their four purchases victorious on the racetrack on the weekend and another recently delivering a foal by leading sire Tapit (USA).

Newgate, through its connection with SF Bloodstock, has been sourcing quality mares out of America for Australia for a number of years and last November spent US\$840,000 (AU\$1.25 million) buying four lots from the Keeneland November Breeding Sale.

One of the two fillies it purchased, Reflect (USA) (Trappe Shot {USA}), who cost US\$110,000 (AU\$164,000), won at Laurel Park in Maryland on Sunday for Jeremiah O'Dwyer, which was her second win in a 12-start career.

Grade 1 placed in an Alcibiades S. as a 2-year-old, the plan is to get her some extra black type before she heads off to the breeding barn later this year according to Newgate's Managing Director Henry Field.

"Reflect will run through until the American summer and we are looking to win a stakes race with her. We will look to breed her over there to Southern Hemisphere time and are considering perhaps breeding her to a horse like Kantharos, who is a horse I think will be very suitable to Australia," Field told *TDN AusNZ*.

Last week, March X Press (USA) (Shanghai Bobby {USA}), who cost US\$330,000 (AU\$492,000) in foal to Tapit, delivered a colt by that sire which is already making an impression.

"The Tapit foal out of March X Press is by all reports a really outstanding colt," Field said. "March X Press is a super-fast Saratoga stakes winner and ran fourth in a Grade 1.

"We are considering who we breed her to now. We may send her to another stallion over there or we may send her to Lope De Vega in Ireland."

Set to arrive soon is a foal by Into Mischief (USA) out of Euroboss (USA) (Street Boss {USA}), a mare who cost Newgate US\$350,000 (AU\$522,000) at Keeneland. Euroboss was stakes placed as a filly and this will be her second foal.

"She's a lovely Street Boss mare from that Flying Spur family. We will see what sort of Into Mischief foal she has before we decide what we do with her," Field said.

Canadian Champion Franfreluche (Can) (Northern Dancer {Can}) who Australian Group 1 winners and top stallions Encosta De Lago and Flying Spur both descend from, is Euroboss' fourth maternal dam.

The only one of the quartet to arrive in Australia so far is Mrs Ramona G (USA) (Kantharos {USA}), who cost US\$50,000 (AU\$74,500).

"She is an absolute queen of a mare. She's just arrived in Australia and she will nearly certainly be bred to Brutal this year. She's a really fast outcross mare and I think she will be a really gun mating to Brutal," Field said.

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March X Press and her Tapit foal | SF Bloodstock

Shadowing Shadai's Strategy

Newgate's American buying strategy has been modeled on similarly successful programs from leading Japanese breeders in the recent past.

"When we are buying mares out of America, race form is our priority. All those mares have put up massive ratings and have been generally high-class mares or fillies at the best racetracks in America," Field said.

"We have tried to replicate what Shadai did. They went to the States and bought all their good middle distance mares for a period of time. We are trying to replicate that with the American speed mares. We have gone over there and bought the legit ones, Grade 1 and Grade 2 level Saratoga and Santa Anita level fillies."

Henry Field says Newgate's American buying strategy is modeled on similarly successful programs

Field said the Australian market was very well informed about international form and breeding and were very discerning when it came to buying stock out of imported mares.

"What is great now is that the market is so savvy to it. Every smart buyer that comes to our consignment buying yearlings knows that the mares we've brought down are legit," he said.

"They are not cheap black-type. They are the ones that are at the level of what would be Group winners here at Randwick or Flemington.

"We want to buy mares that were high-level race mares. Whether we buy them in North America, Europe or Australia, we just want to buy mares that were the real deal."



Kantharos | Louise Reinagel

Class of 2018

Two of Newgate's purchases from 2018 are already on their way in their breeding careers, with Paulita (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA}) in foal to Written Tycoon, and Insta Erma (USA) (Pioneerof The Nile {USA}) in foal to Fastnet Rock. Con Te Partiro (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA}), who won the G3 Dark Jewel S. at Scone last year, is back in work with Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, having missed to Zoustar and is eyeing up some more black type before she goes back to the breeding barn. She won a trial at Randwick on Monday in impressive fashion.

"She will run in the G2 Guy Walter S. on Saturday week and we will look for a Group 1 fillies and mares race between now and spring. She's going really well," Field said.

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THE TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR FEBRUARY 19



Thousand Words | Benoit

by T.D. Thornton

That rumbling noise you heard over the weekend was the first seasonal shifting within the Top 12 rankings, sort of like an early spring thaw that finally calves the iceberg. Five horses have leapfrogged onto the list since its last publication, and we're now at the 75-day mark to the GI Kentucky Derby.

1) THOUSAND WORDS (c, Pioneerof the Nile--Pomeroy's Pistol, by Pomeroy)

O-Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm. B-Hardacre Farm (Fl). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$1,000,000 yrl '18 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$211,000.

Last Start: 1st GIII Robert B. Lewis S., SA, Feb. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st GII Los Alamitos Futurity

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 20.

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Top 12 kingpin Thousand Words had his first workout on Monday since ratcheting his record to three-for-three with a muscle-flexing score in the Feb. 1 GIII Bob Lewis S. This reliable stalker breezed five-eighths in 1:00.60 (9/41) at Santa Anita, and trainer Bob Baffert has said several times this season that this long-striding, \$1 million KEESEP buy is not the type of colt who needs a lot of work. **Cont. p4**

CHURCHILL DOWNS TO INVEST \$5.6M IN NEW TAPETA SYNTHETIC TRACK AT TURFWAY

Churchill Downs Incorporated plans to invest \$5.6 million to replace the existing track at Turfway Park with a new Tapeta synthetic track through an agreement with Tapeta Footings, Inc., CDI announced Tuesday. The removal of Turfway's existing Polytrack and installation of the new Tapeta synthetic track will take place immediately following the close of Turfway's Winter/Spring Meet Mar. 28 and is expected to be ready for the 2020 Holiday Meet beginning Dec. 2.

CDI owns and operates three of the four synthetic tracks in the United States and Turfway will become only the third track in America to use the Tapeta synthetic surface, joining CDI-owned Presque Isle Downs in Pennsylvania. **Cont. p3**

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Jockey Ricardo Santana, Jr. picked up his 500th career win at Oaklawn Park over the weekend when riding Icecap (Carpe Diem) to a maiden special weight victory for Winchell Thoroughbreds and Steve Asmussen. Santana celebrated by piloting Silver Prospector (Declaration of War) to a conquest of Monday's GIII Southwest S. in Hot Springs. | Coady

MGG DROPS COMPLAINT AGAINST THOMAS CLARK

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After including a slew of new defendants in its complaint against Zayat Stables, MGG Investments dropped one, Thomas Clark Bloodstock, from the litigation Tuesday.

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But the five-time Derby-winning trainer was not up for discussing next-race plans for Thousand Words--or any of his contenders--Monday. "You know what? Right now, I'm still not talking about it too much," Baffert told the Santa Anita press office. "I've got to figure out where I'm going to run them. Everybody keeps asking me every day, 'What are you going to do?' I know what I'm going to do, but only I know. Things change and I don't want to jinx them." History suggests Thousands Words will go next in the Mar. 7 GII San Felipe S. Baffert has won the Lewis (or its predecessor, the Santa Catalina S.) seven times since 1999. Five of those winners started next in the San Felipe. One of them was this colt's sire, Pioneer of the Nile, whose second in the 2009 Derby represents the best showing of any of Baffert's starters who took the Lewis-San Felipe route to Louisville.

2) TIZ THE LAW (c, Constitution--Tizfz, by Tiznow)

 O-Sackatoga Stable. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl '18 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-3-0-1, \$498,900.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Champagne S.**,

3rd **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30

Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 28

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 22.

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In contrast to Baffert's desire to remain tight-lipped about plans for the No. 1-ranked contender, the connections of Tiz the Law have been very willing to reveal their road map to the first Saturday in May. This includes the disclosure 10 days ago that this \$110,000 SARAUG buy would be re-routed from the Mar. 21 GII Louisiana Derby to instead remain at Gulfstream for the GI Florida Derby a week later. "There really are a number of factors, starting with how well he ran in the Holy Bull," said Sackatoga Stable's managing partner, Jack Knowlton, referring to Tiz's 100-Beyer win in that Grade III stakes. "He obviously liked the racetrack, so that's one box that we checked in a major way. [Trainer] Barclay [Tagg] typically likes home games rather

than away games. It's a lot easier for him and arguably easier for the horse to get out of his stall on Saturday morning and go 45 minutes down the road to Gulfstream rather than ship or fly over to Fair Grounds." Tiz the Law's sire won the 2014 Florida Derby. This is a high-energy colt with a nerve-wracking habit of putting himself in dicey, trip-troubled spots. But Tiz usually manages to extricate himself with a flourish, and thus is a fun horse to watch and root for.

3) STRUCTOR (c, Palace Malice--Miss Always Ready, by More Than Ready)

O-Jeff Drown & Don Rachel. B-Three Chimneys Farm (Ky).

T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$160,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$850,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$709,500.

Last Start: 1st **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf**, SA, Nov. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Pilgrim S.**, BEL, Sept. 28

Next Start: Possible for GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 29

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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Structor's half-mile breezes have been getting incrementally faster, and his :48.30 (2/32) move at Palm Meadows Monday was the fourth workout in his prep pattern, suggesting a 2020 debut is not far away. The most logical spot for his dirt coming-out party is now the Feb. 29 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream. This \$160,000 KEESEP pinhook, who re-sold for \$850,000 at OBSMAR, capped a three-for-three season with a confident win in the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He displayed level-headed ability under pressure at age two, and he has a built-in layer of bottom, with all three of his starts at age two coming in mile or longer races. His sire, Palace Malice, won the 2013 GI Belmont S., but was also a resilient enough stalker to win the GI Met Mile at age four.

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4) DENNIS' MOMENT (c, Tiznow--Transplendid, by Elusive Quality)



'TDN Rising Star' O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-Tolo Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Dale Romans. Sales History: \$400,000 yrl '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-0, \$167,800.

Last Start: 8th GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, SA, Nov. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st GIII Iroquois S.

Next Start: GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 29

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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Dennis' Moment is now three half-mile and three five-eighths breezes into his much-anticipated sophomore season. Trainer Dale Romans long ago circled the Feb. 29 Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth as this 'TDN Rising Star's' first of two Derby prep races. But among top-tier 3-year-olds, this \$400,000 FTSAUG purchase is the biggest wild card in terms of not knowing which races in his 2019 form represent his true ability. His four races are comprised of a DNF (lost jock in debut) and a last-place finish (GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile) book-ending a 19-length maiden win and an easy, geared-down score in the GIII Iroquois S. Romans told DRF last week that Flavien Prat will replace Irad Ortiz, Jr. for the Fountain of Youth because Ortiz will be riding in Saudi Arabia on that date (Ortiz will retain the mount in future races). Dennis' Moment figures to go off favored in that stakes. But favorites have a cringe-worthy recent record in the Fountain of Youth: They've won only two of the last 13 editions, including one demotion via disqualification. **Cont. p6**



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5) MR. MONOMOY (c, Palace Malice--Drumette, by Henny Hughes)

'TDN Rising Star' O-Madaket Stables, LLC, Michael Dubb & Doheny Racing Stable. B-PFF LLC & Highfield Ranch (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$60,000 wnl '17 KEENOV; €180,000 2yo '19 ARQMA. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-1-1, \$327,162.

Last Start: 1st **GII Risen Star S., Div. 1**, FG, Feb. 15

Accomplishments Include: 3rd **GIII Lecomte S.**, FG, Jan. 18

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 52.

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'TDN Rising Star' Mr. Monomoy, a half-brother to the same stable's 2018 champion filly Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), boomeranged into Derby relevance Saturday with a stylish, front-running score in the stronger (on paper) and faster (by final clocking and final three-eighths) division of the split GII Risen Star S. This \$60,000 KEENOV buy (resold for €180,000 at ARQMAY) asserted himself on the front end, then settled in hand under decent pressure. When a challenger launched the initial attack three furlongs out, Mr. Monomoy swatted him away with authority, then managed to kick on through the long Fair Grounds stretch while earnestly pursued by two legitimate favorites. Two months ago, after this colt lost his two-turn debut at 6-5 odds, trainer Brad Cox admitted, "There is a little bit of a question mark on how far the horse wants to go." Although his Belmont-winning sire, Palace Malice, seems to suggest staying power, Mr. Monomoy's dam-sire, Henny Hughes, made his mark strictly as a MGISW sprinter.

6) MAXFIELD (c, Street Sense--Velvety, by Bernardini)

O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY). T-Brendan Walsh.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, \$354,412.

Last Start: 1st **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 5

Next Start: Uncommitted.

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Maxfield celebrated his birthday Monday with his first published workout since mid-November surgery to fix a mildly displaced ankle chip. He breezed three-eighths in :38.20 (13/16) at Palm Meadows, and it's still too early in his comeback for the connections of this Godolphin homebred to commit to a race. This colt will clearly be the last among the Top 12 Derby prospects to debut in 2020, but for anyone who was wowed by Maxfield's bounding, 5 1/2-length, loop-the-group pasting of the GI Breeders' Futurity S. field at Keeneland Oct. 5, the wait should be worth it. That win represented the most visually impressive two-turn juvenile stakes win in 2019, and it's since been backed up by solid performances by the second, third, and fourth-place finishers (two of whom are ranked right behind Maxfield at Nos. 7 and 8). **Cont. p7**

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It's entirely possible the most influential Derby prep race from last weekend was not a stakes. 'TDN Rising Star' Gouverneur Morris nailed an allowance win Friday as the 1-2 favorite in his 2020 debut, but don't dismiss this performance as some Todd Pletcher shipper shellacking an ordinary five-horse Tampa field. When one of the presumed pacemakers lost the jockey coming out of the gate, the gray (\$200,000 at KEESEP; \$600,000 at FTFMAR) had to do the pace-pressing dirty work by hounding crack speedster Untitled (Khozan). The 'Guv' had to be roused by John Velazquez to keep up at the 3 1/2-furlong grounds and cued with the stick turning for home, but he leveled off nicely and finished well. At age two, this colt debuted as a nine-length

sprint winner in the Spa slop, then ran second in the Breeders' Futurity behind Maxfield before being rested for his sophomore season. Next-race plans are not yet firm, but qualifying points are an issue for this colt (he only has four), so expect that start to be in a 100-40-20 points race like the Florida Derby.

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8) ENFORCEABLE (c, Tapit--Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union)

O-John Oxley. B-Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$775,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 7-2-1-2, \$267,150.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Risen Star S. Div. 1**, FG, Feb. 15

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Lecomte S.**, FG, Jan. 18; 3rd **GII Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 5

Next Start: Possible for **GII Louisiana Derby**, FG, Mar. 21

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 33.



Purchased by **Team Casse**
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After Enforceable won the GIII Lecomte S. in January, I cautioned in his Top 12 write-up that deep closers can be dangerous to fall in love with as Derby prospects, because their success is so often pace and trip-dependent. That logic came into play in Saturday's stronger division of the GII Risen Star S., because once it became evident that no one would go gunning with Mr. Monomoy, the late runners had to work additionally hard to try and close the gap on the impressive (92 Beyer) front-running winner. This \$775,000 KEESEP RNA now owned by John Oxley was content to lag in last onto the backstretch, but at the 5 1/2-furlong pole you could see jockey Julien Leparoux spark into action with a little more urgency than usual at such an early juncture in the race. He asked Enforceable to pick up the

pace while zooming up the rail to attain mid-pack placement, and when clear inside passage never materialized, Leparoux swerved out to the six path for a long drive that earned him second. "He made a couple of different moves and still finished with plenty of acceleration," trainer Mark Casse said. "That kind of experience will help him down the road." **Cont. p9**



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9) SILVER PROSPECTOR (c, Declaration of War--Tap Softly, by Tapit) O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$50,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSW 8-3-0-2, \$713,051.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 17

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30.

Next start: Possible for **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 21.

Considering he already has career eight starts under his belt (like Enforceable), Silver Prospector is a “throwback” horse in this current era of racing Derby candidates sparingly. In fact, he’s already launching a bit of a 2020 comeback after throwing in a one-race clunker to start his season with a blah, against-the-bias fourth in the Smarty Jones S. Jan 24. Monday, we saw a more highly-honed version of this Declaration of War colt (\$50,000 KEESEP; \$190,000 OBSAPR). He saved ground and stalked while comfortably covered up at the rail in the GIII Southwest S., and jockey Ricardo Santana, Jr. had a handful of horse at the top of the lane when Silver Prospector bulled through and kicked for home. His Beyer rating came back a robust 97, and his 1:43.01 final clocking compares favorably to two other 1 1/16 miles stakes on the same Oaklawn card: Older fillies and mares went the same distance .64 seconds slower in the GIII Bayakoa S., and Silver Prospector’s time was only one-hundredth of a second off the clocking for accomplished older males in the GIII Razorback S.

10) NADAL (c, Blame-- Ascending Angel, by Pulpit)

 **'TDN Rising Star'** O-George Bolton, Arthur Hoyeau, Barry Lipman & Mark Mathieson. B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$65,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$700,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$153,000.

Last Start: 1st **GII San Vicente S.**, SA, Feb. 9

Next Start: **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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In the paddock and in warm-ups, 'TDN Rising Star' Nadal stood out visually as a much more physically imposing equine athlete than his peers in the Feb. 9 GII San Vicente S. He ran to those brawny looks by sparring through quick early splits and emerging on top from a three-way go to win by a half-length under constant pressure over seven furlongs, defeating juvenile champ Storm the Court (Court Vision) in the process. His 91 Beyer for the effort seems legit, but it's a seven-point reduction from his maiden debut. And when you parse the San Vicente sectionally, the comparatively slow :38.50 for the final three furlongs takes a bit of the shine off the performance. **Cont. p10**



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The bay (\$65,000 KEESEP; \$700,000 FTFMAR) closed as the 8-1 co-favorite with Tiz the Law among non-field horses in Pool 2 of the Derby Future Wager, which is saying something (I'm not sure what) considering this colt won't even attempt two turns until mid-March, when he is expected to ship to Oaklawn for the Gil Rebel S.

11) AUTHENTIC (c, Into Mischief--Flawless, by Mr. Greeley)

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$350,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$91,200.

Last Start: 1st **Gill Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 4

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

 **A DCTM Mating Recommendation** 

The two-for-two Authentic bulleted six furlongs in 1:12.20 (1/5) at Santa Anita last Thursday, and he's now had five published morning moves since his 7 3/4-length bulldozing of a the Gill Sham S. crew back Jan. 4 (a race that looked weak on paper but has since been shored up by the runner-up winning the El Camino Real Derby Saturday). The main takeaway from that race was that this \$350,000 KEESEP purchase was green but game, and although his ducking in, veering out, and fighting his rider is what stood out, it's also proper to mention that Authentic did regain enough focus to win geared down, so it's not like 10 seconds of unruly behavior should define him moving forward. As mentioned in the write-up for Thousand Words, trainer Bob Baffert isn't yet disclosing when or where Authentic will be starting next, but this is a colt clearly sitting on "go" and whose turn at the entry box is theoretically ahead of more recently-raced stablemates.

12) EDGE OF FIRE (c, Curlin--Leading Edge, by Tapit)

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Chiefswood Stable Limited (ON). T-Jimmy Jerkens. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

Last Start: 1st **MSW**

Next start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

 **REGISTERED ONTARIO-BRED** 

A slew of hopefuls competed for the final Top 12 slot this week. Although a lone maiden sprint win is not usually enough to gain a foothold within A-list dozen of Derby hopefuls, I'm taking a shot here with 'TDN Rising Star' Edge of Fire, an intriguing Curlin homebred for Chiefswood Stable who was calm and classy with plenty left in the tank for his two-length favored Gulfstream debut win Feb. 1. This Jimmy Jerkens trainee broke alertly, was positioned into stalking contention while rated in fourth, remained patiently on hold almost the entire journey

around the turn, then kicked away after shifting out to a clear path while opening up smartly under the lightest of encouragement. It was the type of effort that suggests longer and stronger races are within the scope of his ability.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Ajaaweed (Curlin): Dropped out of Top 12 after low-impact third in Gill Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa, a track that does not usually play kindly to deep closers.

Anneau d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro): Beaten fave in slower division of Risen Star lost his spot within Top 12 after being anxious early, five wide into club turn, then seven wide turning for home in dull ninth-place try. Will re-aim for GI Santa Anita Derby.

Answer In (Dialed In): Beaten fave in Southwest S. slid off the Top 12 grid but had an excuse: Five wide club turn, dragged rider to stalk in third, got first run at pacemaker, then faded to non-threatening third.

Azul Coast (Super Saver): Prevailed as fave in El Camino Real Derby after running second to Baffert stablemate Authentic in Sham S.

Chance It (Currency Swap): His 94-Beyer win in the Mucho Macho Man S. looks even better now that two foes have won next out, including the 96-Beyer winner of the Sam Davis at Tampa.

Charlatan (Speightstown): 'TDN Rising Star' with champion sprinter sire earned quick clocking in Sunday six-furlong unveiling for Baffert.

Eight Rings (Empire Maker): 'TDN Rising Star' finally resurfaced on Santa Anita worktab after post-Breeders' Cup break. He was the well-beaten second choice in what has turned out to be a non-productive edition of the Juvenile.

Ete Indien (Summer Front): Initially pegged as a turfer, he's run two very nice overachieving dirt races at Gulfstream on the front end, including a pesky second behind Tiz the Law in the Holy Bull S.

Independence Hall (Constitution): Could not retain Top 12 placing after looming boldly, then folding with no obvious excuse in his two-turn debut in the Sam Davis at Tampa. Sure, he was second. But with the clean gift trip he had, this colt should have fired much better down the lane. **Cont. p11**

Modernist (Uncle Mo): Big wake-up call to fight for lead and win slower division of Risen Star; trainer Bill Mott compares him kindly to 2019 Derby winner-via-DQ Country House (although he added this colt is more mature at this stage).

Silver State (Hard Spun): Capable third in faster division of the Risen Star S.; has yet to punch through with a stakes win but is always in the hunt.

Sole Volante (Karakontie {Jpn}): Like stablemate Ete Indien, is making an encouraging transition from turf to dirt with big-fig (96 Beyer) score in Sam Davis.

Storm the Court (Court Vision): Two-year-old champ was only peripherally involved in San Vicente S., and his 2020 debut was a so-so fourth. The six horses to run back out of the Juvenile are now a collective 1-for-10 in subsequent starts.

Three Technique (Mr Speaker): Prep plan for this Bill Parcels-owned 'TDN Rising Star' is to parlay a sharp Rebel try into a GI Arkansas Derby start.

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MGG DROPS COMPLAINT AGAINST THOMAS CLARK BLOODSTOCK

by Bill Finley

After filing a civil complaint against numerous individuals and entities that had purchased horses or other assets from Ahmed Zayat, MGG Investments has given up the portion of its complaint that aims to collect money from Thomas Clark Bloodstock. Clark's attorney Tom Miller received a notice Tuesday from lawyers representing MGG notifying him that the complaint against Clark had been voluntarily dismissed.

Last week, MGG amended its civil complaint against Zayat to include several breeding farms and individuals, including Coolmore Stud, Hill 'n' Dale and LNJ Foxwoods. MGG has sued Zayat for \$23 million after alleging that he defaulted on a loan and was seeking to recoup money from those who had bought horses or breeding rights from Zayat, arguing that Zayat was not entitled to sell off assets he listed as collateral when agreeing to terms with MGG.

The case against Clark involved the sale of the mare Lemoona, who had been racing in California for Zayat. She was sold at Keeneland January for \$250,000. The case against Clark appeared particularly weak as he did not purchase the horse and was, instead, the agent representing Rigney Racing, LLC.

"It was some pretty poor lawyering on their part not to have done any due diligence and seen that I was not the owner of the

horse," Clark said. "They could have saved me some money."

Miller said that even had Clark been the purchaser of the horse, MGG would not have had a case against his client.

"The law is 100% clear in Kentucky that a Thoroughbred horse that sells at auction sells lien free," he said. "If you are selling thousands of horses in a year, you would destroy the auction market if that weren't true. Not only did MGG sue the wrong person because it didn't sue the owner, they couldn't conceivably have won because the lien was terminated by law."



Lemoona winning the Possibly Perfect S. last spring | Benoit

MGG dropped its complaint against Clark just four days after he filed a motion in Fayette (Ky) Circuit Court to dismiss the case against him.

Though each individual complaint will be judged on its own merits, Miller believes Thomas Clark Bloodstock will not be the last company to have MGG's complaint against it dismissed.

"There are others who have filed motions for dismissal in this matter," he said. "I believe most, if not all, will be dismissed."

Clark said that Lemoona will be bred to Quality Road.

Ireland's Yeomanstown Stud is also among those who are seeking a dismissal of the suit filed by MGG Investments. Yeomanstown purchased El Kabeir (Scat Daddy) from Zayat for \$500,000 on Sept. 20, 2017 and MGG is asking the court to return the stallion. MGG claimed in its motion that Yeomanstown and the other plaintiffs played a role in the "fraudulent scheme" orchestrated by Zayat family members "to sell, at a steep discount, several millions of dollars of Zayat Stables' assets" that had been pledged as collateral for \$30 million in loans.

"We feel we shouldn't be involved in this," said Yeomanstown owner Gay O'Callaghan. "We've had the horse for almost three years. I have no other comment."

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In a motion filed in Fayette (Ky) County Circuit Court, an attorney for Yeomanstown maintains that the farm did not commit any type of fraud or take any action to conceal the purchase of El Kabeir. It also maintains that the statute of limitations has expired and that under Kentucky Statutes, MGG “may not assert a claim based on security interest prior to obtaining a judgment against the Zayat defendants.”

El Kabeir had a productive career racing for Zayat and won the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., the GII Gotham S. and the GIII Jerome S. His first crop are now yearlings and his stud fee is €8,000.

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SUFFOLK DOWNS IS GONE, BUT ITS MEMORIES WIN GOING AWAY



Chip Bott Photo

by *Leo Vanderpot*

The good news about the destruction of Suffolk Downs racetrack (b. July 1935 / d. June 2019) is the recent report that the new construction at the site--a huge business and housing development--will be done entirely with union workers. This brings some comfort to me. It suggests that for an extended period of time before gentrification sets in with its ever-oozing imprint, those acres that in some mischievous way formed a portion of my youth will retain the blue collar spirit that always made the track accessible.

Suffolk Downs was for the most part located in East Boston; only the stables were in my town, Revere, Massachusetts, and Beachmont, the section of Revere where I lived, was where one of the gates to the stables was located. Perhaps because of this geographical split, the comforts that the track's club house provided were never pursued by me and my friends. On the other hand, those of us who walked to the track and smelled the

stables along the way, were more likely to be seen in the paddock area before a race--more often than not within close proximity to the winner's circle at the finish of a race--and, in my case at least, likely to be a consistent supporter of the philosophy that the dream of winning need not be destroyed by the reality of one day's losses. I loved going to Suffolk Downs, and there is no question that from very early on in my life its gates were always open for me, in one way or another.

One of my brothers had a friend who was the winter caretaker at the track; and after he opened a gate one Sunday afternoon when I was five or so, say 1937, my brother took me ice skating for the first time--with my strap-on double runners. I watched him and his friends play hockey within the shelter of the trees surrounding the kidney-shaped lagoon.

Five or so summers later, I would crawl under the track's wooden fence with my friends and watch the races under cover of the evergreens along the back stretch. Behind us, parallel to Bennington Street, trolley cars click-clacked past on their way to Beachmont, Revere Beach, or East Boston, and the subway station at Maverick. But the sounds we heard most clearly were the jockeys shouting (often profanely) as they came out of the gate at the start of a six-furlong race. We were never seen, never caught, and in the years to come, we would never get that close to the action on the track.

In those coming years, like people of all ages and both sexes from Beachmont, I became a seasoned patron of Suffolk Downs, not always (old habits fade slowly) paying an admission fee: In the late 1940s, my friends and I could be seen standing waif-like at the entrance gate after the end of the seventh race. We'd ask men to take us into the track with them. The policy was that a child could only enter with an adult, and the opportunity for us was made doable by the fact that entry to the track was free after the conclusion of the seventh race. Ours was not a very sophisticated con, but we were happy with its easy execution. It is the horses I saw then and in the 1950s that I now remember more than anything else. Three horses in particular stay with me from those happy days:

RODMAN

Don Godfrey, a Beachmont friend, would usually only bet on a horse with a good record, a class horse in track language, a horse that went off at very low odds. But sometimes Don bet mystically on a horse by hearing the horse's name called as the winner, before the race was run, over the public address system by the track's announcer, Babe Rubenstein.

One late afternoon when we were old enough to not need a volunteer parent, and prior to our being drafted into the Army, Don and I, and Earl Cross, another friend (alas, both no longer with us), took advantage of the track's free-entry to bet on the eighth and ninth races. **Cont. p13**

At this point in his life, Don was an apprentice tool and die maker at General Electric in Lynn. He wore the blue chambray work shirt, commonly back then signifying employment in a trade, only much later becoming a staple of shabby-chic painters, writers and wannabees. Don had no money that day, borrowed two dollars from me, and using his aural crystal ball bet on Rodman, a horse that was a 30-1 longshot. And, yes, Rodman won and, yes, Don bought a round!

STYMIE

Seabiscuit and other famous horses won races at Suffolk Downs. It is a testament to my youth that I did not spend all my days in the poolroom or at the track, and therefore did not see Seabiscuit or any of the others. But I did see Stymie.

Six days of the week, when the police were not bothering him, a local Beachmont bookmaker (he ran a poolroom) took bets on the races at Suffolk and other tracks. I used to see him on Sunday as he and his wife came through the lobby of The Boulevard, the movie theater on Revere Beach where I worked as a doorman and usher. Men wore jackets and ties on Sunday in those days, and this guy did a lot for his reputation by setting himself out in spiffy Palm Beach suits that left no doubt about his affluence and his taste.

Sunday morning, gossip told us, he tallied his accounts with those who made it possible for him to stay in business: by laying-off his bets to The Big Guys all week, he was protected from a series of winning bets that could wipe him out. A hit on a Number (three numbers derived by a set formula from the mutual payoffs for that day) paid forty five dollars for each nickel that was bet--nine-hundred dollars for a dollar. Rarely, someone would put five or 10 dollars on a number, which to my knowledge never was a hit, but that possibility was very real. On the lower end of the scale, some men would bet fifty cents on a horse, a glimpse of what the economics of those days were, when a pack of cigarettes was always a quarter. I once dreamed that three eights was the next day's number, bet a dollar on it eagerly because the statistical unlikelihood of it being the number came with an even higher (but now forgotten) payoff bonus. Another lost dream.

Guys hanging out in his poolroom during the week, and especially on Saturday, were sometimes invited by this friendliest of bookies to ride in his car to watch a race from a hill overlooking Suffolk Downs: East Boston's Orient Heights. Such was the case on July 7, 1947 when he took a carload of loafers, myself among them, to watch Stymie win the Massachusetts H. To quote the Suffolk Downs website on that event, "Stymie...becomes the first horse to eclipse the \$700,000 earnings mark with a \$2.60 Mass' Cap win. Stymie is so heavily bet that a minus show pool of \$25,887 is created. The tote board actually jams briefly due to the flood of money bet on the

favorite."

I remember that afternoon very clearly (at the age of 87, the year 1947, when I was a highschool freshman, is sometimes clearer than the year so boisterously labeled 2020). Stymie was at the half-mile pole, far, far back, when the rest of the horses in the race were entering the stretch, with only an eighth of a mile to go. And then Stymie started to run like none of us had ever seen a horse run and won the race going away. The exciting drama--and awe--of Stymie's victory was beyond words, but was coolly described by one realist that day when he said, "They didn't truck that horse up here to lose."

GOLD GIN

Gold Gin may not have come from a famous stable. But this horse was, nevertheless, as rare as rare can be, a 9-year-old horse who loved to run on the grass, a turf horse that won two years in a row on the turf in two-mile races--quite a way to go for a 4-year-old--let alone eight or nine. The Mass Cap that Stymie won was a mile and an eighth, and in later years the race went to a mile and a quarter.

The second win by Gold Gin (the only one I witnessed) was, of course, called by Babe Rubenstein. Babe may have been the best announcer in the business; the legend is that he once got an offer to announce at a track in New York, but turned it down; they wanted him to change his name, and he said, "I was Born Babe Rubenstein and I will die Babe Rubenstein."

That day, when the horses came out of the gate, Babe gave it his usual shout, "They're off!" But as the horses came past the grandstand for the first time, he calmly announced, "They've got a long way to go." Indeed, the horses had to go past the finish line in front of the grandstand three times. The turf track was small (it was inside the regular dirt track) and the starting gate for the race at two miles was to the left of the grandstand. The first two trips past the finishing-line wire meant nothing, because the money only goes to the ones who have something left at the end. Gold Gin saved something for the end, won the race, and paid off at good odds.

Present Day Beachmont

Last year, I edited the Beachmont entry on Wikipedia, in an effort to bring up to date what remains a happy memory, now fading into ancient history. I wrote, in part: The disposition of the stable area and the rest of the Suffolk Downs property continues into the year 2019 after, first, the loss of the possibility of a casino came about when Everett was chosen by the Wynn organization; secondly, and sadly for many who welcomed the chance to have the site taken over by a non-gambling organization, Amazon decided to also say no.

The planned development of the land that used to be the home of Suffolk Downs has been estimated to combine 10,000 apartments and condominiums, with commercial office space that would employ 25,000 workers. This seems to be a historical undertaking that is being built to last. That, of course, remains to be seen. In any case, those of us with memories of the track will have to testify that, like Gold Gin, we have something left at the end. It may be the only truly "permanent" record available to us; for whatever reason, the Wikipedia entry for Beachmont no longer exists.

Leo Vanderpot moved to New York after graduating from Boston University in 1961. His father was a union representative on the Boston docks circa 1917. Now retired, he was for 30 years an advertising copywriter in the pharmaceutical industry. As a stock clerk with American Airlines at Logan Airport, Leo was a dues-paying member of the Transport Workers Union for nine years.

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THE NOMINATION STRUGGLE

Chris McGrath's Value Sires series in the TDN has frequently touched on the difficulty in selling nominations to stallions in their third-year at stud, as well as to solid, established stallions standing for a moderate fee. We asked stallion managers and nominations teams as well as bloodstock agents what changes could be made, if any, to help the situation.

Michael Callanan, Farm Manager, Sierra Farm

I think that the problem is as a result of influence-breeding for sales in the thoroughbred industry.

The majority of people who are breeding to sub-\$20,000 stallions have mares valued around \$10,000-\$15,000. If you are breeding to sell and hope to be in Book 3 or 4, you need to be breeding to a first-year sire because pinhookers won't look at your horse and racehorse guys want to see more of them run. Otherwise you end up in Book 5 or 6 and the market just plummets.

It is exacerbated, as you could see in Keeneland November last year, by the huge numbers of mares in that range that Turkish/Saudi etc. interests are buying every year now. That furthers reduction in numbers and also the gulf between the top-end horses and the bottom.

Many more will not agree with this, but you don't see this problem with farms who cap their stallions' book and don't fluctuate the stud fee for the first four years.

The large stud books have killed the middle market in this industry. Stud fees across the board are too high, actually, in my opinion. People may think by paying \$100,000 to \$200,000 in stud fees entitles you to get \$300,000-\$500,000 for a yearling, but that's not the case. The hoops yearlings have to jump through these days are just beyond ridiculous and the costs keep rising be it veterinary, labor, etc.



Michael Callanan | Keeneland photo

As Mr. Toothaker just said, Cross Traffic bred 190 mares at \$25,000. That comes to \$4,750,000 for a year's work. That's a far cry from the year before, where you could have probably bred to him for \$5,000 and they were begging for mares. And Cross Traffic's story brings up another problem; even when you have a horse do well, such as him, when you have sires with Grade I winners in their first crops exported and sold away. Think of the poor souls (we were one) who bred to some of them on inflated stud fees who just got pummeled in the sales ring. Why would you blame the commercial breeder for going the route they do, even if it's a mediocre race horse but he's a first-year sire. It is also why I think Constitution is such a good stallion to hit this year and so many small breeders finally cashed a big ticket.

Bottom line is as a manager of a small farm, the margins are growing ever tighter. I think unless we first of all get racing fixed where we can start having some horsemen and trainers come back and start looking for racehorses and not sales horses, this problem is going to keep going on. Ten to 12 years ago, you could breed to a \$10,000 stallion and get \$30,000-\$40,000 for it as a yearling and the demand was there. Now with books of 200-plus mares it's just too many yearlings by the same sires out there. **Cont. p15**

This whole industry is now breeding sales horses and has neglected the racetrack and breeding for soundness and ability. Until we start heeding the advice of the likes of Pat Cummings and Craig Bernick from Thoroughbred Racing Ideas, it's going to be too late for us to make a change. Racing should be what drives the sales and unfortunately, in my opinion, it is the other way around right now. Big farms should be the ones driving this change instead of wondering why people don't breed to second- or third-year sires. They hold all the money and power in this game. We, along with most other small-to-medium farms, are just trying to keep the doors open, but the way this industry is going, it is getting harder to do.

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FIRST FOALS FOR MGSW MCCRACKEN



McCracken | Sarah Andrew

Airdrie Stud's MGSW **McCracken** (Ghostzapper) is represented by his first foals, including a filly out of maiden mare, Scatback (Scat Daddy), from the family of graded stakes winners Z Humor and Chip. Bred in partnership by Everything's Cricket Racing and Stonegate Stables, she was born at William and Carolyn Johnson's Stonegate Farm in Fort Edward, New York. McCracken stands at Airdrie Stud for a fee of \$10,000 stands and nurses.

"This is a very pretty filly," said Stonegate's Bill Johnson. "She is well balanced, looks fast, and is a great example of a stallion stamping his foal. She is McCracken all the way, and we are pleased to have the first one."

Also among McCracken's initial foals, a colt out of Adele Dazeem (Unbridled's Song) was foaled at Machmer Hall in Paris, Kentucky.

"He is a big leggy colt with tremendous bone showing that McCracken was well suited to one of our Unbridled's Song mares. We are very pleased", said Machmer Hall's Carrie Brogden.

Additionally, stakes-winning Exposure (Colonel John) produced a filly by McCracken at Millennium Farm for breeder Go-To-Toga Racing, LLC.

"We are very excited about the filly we have," said Millennium's Zach Madden. "She has tons of quality, bone and substance. A very solid foal."

Whitham Thoroughbreds and Ian Wilkes McCracken won the Street Sense S. and the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at two before adding the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at three. That season, he also took the G3 Matt Winn S. at Churchill Downs and finished second in the GI Haskell Invitational.



JOCKEY CLUB DONATES TO RACING SURFACES TESTING LABORATORY

The Jockey Club has completed a contribution of more than \$750,000 from its commercial businesses to the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory (RSTL) for equipment and other assets to expand services to additional racetracks across North America, the organization announced Tuesday.

The need to increase and sustain the future of research and innovation in track safety testing by the RSTL was expressed by Dr. Nancy Cox, dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, University of Kentucky, at The Jockey Club's Aug. 11, 2019, Round Table Conference. Following Dr. Cox's remarks last summer, Stuart Janney III, chairman of The Jockey Club, confirmed The Jockey Club's funding support.

"Track surface is one of the most important aspects of racing safety, which is a priority for The Jockey Club," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating office of The Jockey Club. "The Jockey Club has supported the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory since its inception, and we hope these donations will ensure our horses and jockeys have the safest possible surfaces to train and race on."

The equipment, which will be strategically located across North America, includes new trucks modified with testing equipment, including ground penetrating radar systems and biomechanical surface testing machines.

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The Jockey Club Technology Services is also contributing another \$75,000 in software development services to the laboratory to enhance its centralized database.

“The database is an integral component of the laboratory,” said Dr. Mick Peterson, University of Kentucky professor and director of the Racetrack Safety program. “It acts as the central warehouse for storing weather, moisture, and track surface maintenance data that is critical to optimizing surface safety. These additional assets will enable us to expand the RSTL such that no longer will we be faced with difficult decisions of where to deploy the assets among racetracks opening during the same week.”

For more information about the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory, visit racingsurfaces.org.

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EMPIRE RACING CLUB LAUNCHES SEASON 2



ERC Sales Seminar at Saratoga | ERC Photo

The Empire Racing Club (ERC), an initiative by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association introducing fans to racehorse ownership, announced the launch of its 2020 season, which officially kicks off Apr. 1. Created in 2019, the non-profit organization will again be managed by former race-caller Tom Durkin. Training the current team of runners for the 2020 season are Todd Pletcher, Mark Casse, and Linda Rice.

“ERC has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience for me,” said Durkin. “Having been in an 8x10 announcer’s booth for 40 years was a fun way to watch the races, however, a bit confining. ERC in its first year has given me the opportunity to see the sport and fans of the game up close and to experience the sport as never before...onto my sophomore year!”

The ERC will be limited to 200 members. As in 2019, the cost to join for Season 2 will be \$500 for the term, with no further

outlay by the participants.

Team runners include stakes-placed Proven Strategies (Sky Mesa), Now and Again (Awesome Again) and Starlit Daydream (Can The Man), a half-sister to graded-stakes winner Gas Station Sushi (Into Mischief). Runner-up in Saratoga’s Skidmore S. last summer, Proven Strategies finished sixth--beaten two lengths--in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita last fall. Marking his 2020 debut at Gulfstream Park Feb. 2, Proven Strategies was third. Now and Again finished fifth, beaten 2 1/4 lengths, at Aqueduct Jan. 23. Starlit Daydream, trained by Todd Pletcher, was third in her career bow at Gulfstream Park Feb. 9.

Among ERC events highlighting the inaugural season were morning workouts and educational seminars at Fasig-Tipton in Saratoga; Lunch and Learn on Thoroughbred Aftercare in Saratoga’s 1863 Club; race-day events and dining at Belmont Park, Saratoga and Aqueduct; Breeders’ Cup social at Aqueduct; a guided tour with Tom Durkin at Saratoga’s National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. Also featured in 2019 were seminars and teleconferences with Club trainer Todd Pletcher, Keith Lawton DVM (Equine Care), Len Green (Equine Accounting), DJ Racing GM Jon Green and Rob Masiello (Thoroughbred Ownership), and bloodstock agent and horse owner Aron Yagoda (Claiming 101). For more information or to join visit <https://empireracingclub.wildapricot.org/>.

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KEENELAND, UK HEALTHCARE LAUNCH KEENELAND KIDS CLUB PARTNERSHIP

Keeneland and UK HealthCare kicked off the Kids Club aspect of their new multiyear partnership **announced last fall**--now formally recognized as the Keeneland Kids Club in Partnership with UK HealthCare Kentucky Children’s Hospital--Tuesday with the goal of providing health education to a wider audience.

Established in 2012, the Keeneland Kids Club is the official Kids Club for Keeneland fans 12 and younger. In addition to learning about Keeneland and the horse industry, its more than 7,000 members participate in annual family fun events, such as an Easter Egg Hunt, Kids Club Family Day at the Races and Kids Club Holiday Party, which provide opportunities to give back to the Central Kentucky community. At the annual Kids Club holiday breakfast at Keeneland, members brought an unwrapped toy or roll of wrapping paper to benefit patients at Kentucky Children’s Hospital and proceeds from ticket sales raised \$3,000 for Kentucky Children’s Hospital.

“Since its inception, the Keeneland Kids Club has been an extension of Keeneland’s philanthropic mission,” Keeneland Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer Christa Marrillia said.

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“Our partnership with UK HealthCare Kentucky Children’s Hospital offers the Kids Club initiative exciting new avenues for outreach and engagement that will positively impact the entire Kentucky community.”

“Keeneland has a rich tradition of supporting community initiatives throughout the Commonwealth, with deep roots that stretch across the state of Kentucky and beyond,” added Dr. Scottie B. Day, Physician in Chief, Kentucky Children’s Hospital. “Through this key partnership, Kentucky Children’s Hospital will be able to connect with over 7,000 Kids Club members and their families to provide useful information, resources and support that will allow for a healthier future for Kentucky’s kids.”

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SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 2020
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Factor This (The Factor) became his leading fifth-crop sire’s eighth graded winner in the GIII Fair Grounds S. | *Hodges photography*

<u>Sire (Sire’s Sire)</u>	<u>#SWs</u>	<u>#GSWs</u>
BRETHREN (Distorted Humor) <i>(Cookie Dough–GIII Royal Delta S.)</i>	4	1
CONSTITUTION (Tapit) <i>(Laura’s Light–GIII Sweet Life S.)</i>	5	5
CURLIN (Smart Strike) <i>(Amundson–Hollie Hughes S.)</i>	66	31
EMCEE (Unbridled’s Song) <i>(Chowda–Gander S.)</i>	1	---
JUSTIN PHILLIP (First Samurai) <i>(Just Might–Colonel Power S.)</i>	6	1
MUNNINGS (Speightstown) <i>(Warrior’s Charge–GIII Razorback H.)</i>	38	16
PALACE MALICE (Curlin) <i>(Mr Monomoy–GII Risen Star S.)</i>	3	2
PAYNTER (Awesome Again) <i>(Ring Leader–Dixie Belle S.)</i>	10	3
RAISON D’ETAT (A. P. Indy) <i>(Lebda–Miracle Wood S.)</i>	---	2
SQUARE EDDIE (Smart Strike) <i>(An Eddie Surprise–Wishing Well S.)</i>	17	3
THE FACTOR (War Front) <i>(Factor This–GIII Fair Grounds S.; Naughty Thoughts–Wide Country S.)</i>	28	8

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UNCLE MO (Indian Charlie) <i>(Modernist–GII Risen Star S.)</i>	54	29
WAR FRONT (Danzig) <i>(Invader–John Battaglia Memorial S.)</i>	89	48

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Interested in listing your information in future New SWs tables? Contact suefinley@thetdn.com

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:04 p.m. EST

WORLD OF TROUBLE SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Epic Dreamer	Orb	Epic Racing, LLC	Breen	Ortiz	118
2	Lasting Legacy	Tapizar	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Lopez	122
3	Sweetontheladies	Twirling Candy	The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. and Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Meneses	120
4	Admiral Lynch	Super Saver	Michael Dubb	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Jackson	Kantharos	Tracy Pinchin	Pinchin	Saez	122
6	Fast Pass	Successful Appeal	Paradise Farms Corp. and Walder Racing	Walder	Torres	122
7	Goldenlion	Curlin	Maria Ines Mejia	Sanchez	Zapico	118
8	Yorkton	Speightstown	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Simon	Landeros	124

Breeders: 1-J.D. Stuart, P.C. Bance, A REnterprises, J Hollendorfer & G Todaro, 2-Jack Swain III, 3-English Range Farm, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Tracy Pinchin, 6-John T. L. Jones Jr. & Walmac Farm LLC, 7-Nicholas J. Sibilio, 8-Chiefswood Stables Limited



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- **Feb. 15** - Firenze Fire (by **Speightstown's son** Poseidon's Warrior) won G3 General George at Laurel
- **Feb. 16** - Charlatan (by **Speightstown**) named TDN Rising Star, earned 105 Beyer for debut win at Santa Anita
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Parx Racing, \$45,500, Msw, 2-18, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.07, ft.

SECOND BITE (f, 3, Carpe Diem--Numero d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro) was off the board in her Sept. 2 debut at Parx and was fourth next out when extended to a mile and switched to the turf at the Meadowlands Oct. 25. Second when dangled for a \$40,000 tag back on the Parx main track Jan. 21, she was favored at 50 cents on the dollar to break through this time. Running off the fence, Second Bite kept a watchful eye on the leaders from third early, tipped out for a bid in the lane and rallied to the front late to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: \$70,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$35,800.

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O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-John C. Servis.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500

155 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners

4-Charles Town, Alw 4 1/2f, OWNER'S SUITE, 5-2

\$5,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 KEE APR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000

233 foals of racing age/31 winners/5 black-type winners

5-Penn National, Msw 6f, TOP HAT TREASON, 7-2

\$13,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$23,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Cryptolight (Fantastic Light), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm

8 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 1m, CRISTALINDA, 1-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000

213 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner

7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 6f, CODE RUNNER, 5-2

\$375,000 KEE SEP yrl

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000

81 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 6f, MEDAL MAKER, 20-1

\$2,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

79 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners

7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 6f, YOU SHOULD TALK, 12-1

\$1,700 KEE NOV wnl; \$4,000 TTA APR 2yo

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$56,950, 2-18, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40.12, ft.

SENIOR INVESTMENT (h, 6, Discreetly Mine--Plaid {MSW, \$568,217}, by Deputy Commander) Lifetime Record: GSW, 30-6-4-4, \$642,367. O-Richard Malouf; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Scott A. Lake. *\$95,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$95,000 5yo '19 KEEAPR. **1/2 to General Downs (Mineshaft), SW, \$219,701.

4th-Sunland, \$26,100, 2-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.18, ft.

ALL TRUMPED UP (g, 5, Uh Oh Bango--Allforyou, by Society Max) Lifetime Record: 28-5-6-5, \$62,552. O-Tony P. Carnes; B-Kevin Rice Owens (AZ); T-Justin R. Evans. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARZNOV.



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1st-Mahoning Valley, \$24,000, 2-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.33, my.

OVERBEARING (g, 4, Bear's Kid--Miss Yankee, by Yankee Gentleman) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-1, \$50,541. O/B-Colebrook Farms (ON); T-Kevin Buttigieg.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 2-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:08.59, my.

MISS INTERNATIONAL (f, 3, Tapizar--Assoulin, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$33,856. O-Edwin Mundo; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Jason DaCosta. *\$1,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

It'sgoodtobeseen, c, 4, Morning Line--Wahl of Fame, by Silver Deputy. Mahoning Valley, 2-18, (S), 6f, 1:13.85. B-Robert C. Bennett (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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BEAR'S KID, Overbearing, g, 4, o/o Miss Yankee, by Yankee Gentleman. ALW, 2-18, Mahoning Valley

CARPE DIEM, Second Bite, f, 3, o/o Numero d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 2-18, Parx Racing

DISCREETLY MINE, Senior Investment, h, 6, o/o Plaid, by Deputy Commander. ALW, 2-18, Parx Racing

MORNING LINE, It'sgoodtobeseen, c, 4, o/o Wahl of Fame, by Silver Deputy. MSW, 2-18, Mahoning Valley

TAPIZAR, Miss International, f, 3, o/o Assoulin, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 2-18, Mahoning Valley

UH OH BANGO, All Trumped Up, g, 5, o/o Allforyou, by Society Max. ALW, 2-18, Sunland



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