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## MR. MONOMOY INJURED, OFF DERBY TRAIL



Mr. Monomoy | Hodges

by Bill Finley

**Mr. Monomoy** (Palace Malice), whose win in the GII Risen Star S. signaled that he was a major threat for the GI Kentucky Derby, has suffered a mild injury and won't return to the races until this summer.

"He came out of a gallop two days ago with some heat in his ankle," trainer Brad Cox said. "We took some x-rays and found that there was some roughening in the P1 (first phalanx) area. He'll need 60 days off and is on his way to WinStar to recuperate. He is off the Derby Trail and we hope to get him back this summer."

Though Mr. Monomoy could be ready for races like the GI Travers S., missing out on a chance to win the Derby was a big blow to his connections. A half-brother to champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) and a **'TDN Rising Star'**, Mr. Monomoy took a while to put it all together, but appeared ready to live up to his vast potential. He originally sold for \$60,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale and then for \$202,230 in France at the 2019 Arqana May 2-Year-Old Breeze Up sale.

"When he came over from France to Bruce Jackson, he was so backwards and so green," said Liz Crow, a partner in BSW/Crow Bloodstock, which helps manage Mr. Monomoy. "It seems like every week he has gotten better. Even in the paddock for his maiden race at Keeneland, he was a mess." **Cont. p3**

## REPORT: SMITH HIT WITH SEVERE PENALTIES FOR SAUDI CUP WHIP OVERUSE

by Bill Finley

According to a report in the *Racing Post*, jockey Mike Smith has been given a nine-day suspension and fined more than \$200,000 for excessive use of the whip aboard **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute), the runner-up in Saturday's Saudi Cup. The fine is the largest ever handed down to a jockey for a riding infraction.

Under Saudi racing rules covering the Feb. 28 and Feb. 29 cards, a jockey is permitted to strike a horse no more than 10 times. The stewards ruled that Smith struck Midnight Bisou 14 times. He was given eight days for the whip violation plus an additional day for using the whip with no regard for the horse's stride.

The fine was based on the money Smith earned for riding the second-place finisher, who earned \$3.5 million. Smith's 10% cut comes out to \$350,000. **Cont. p3**

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**DUBAI IN DOUBT FOR 'MAX'**

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In his first comments the day after his Maximum Security (New Year's Day) won the Saudi Cup, trainer Jason Servis said he's leaning towards not running the colt in the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai World Cup.

**ETE INDIEN 'VERY GOOD'; MAXFIELD STEPS IT UP**

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GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. winner Ete Indien (Summer Front) exited his effort in good order according to trainer Patrick Biancone, while undefeated Maxfield (Street Sense) drilled a bullet half-mile at Palm Meadows Sunday.

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“He was bucking, kicking and didn’t know what racing is all about,” Crow continued. “He’s improved every single week since then and the Risen Star was when he finally put it all together. We were super excited about everything to come over the next several months. The time off should do him well. He’s run every month the last five months. If we do right by him, I think he’ll do right by us down the road.”

Crow said that Cox had become so optimistic about Mr. Monomoy’s future that he was talking about running him in some of the biggest races in the world.

“Brad thinks a lot of this horse,” Crow said. “We want to do the right thing by him because we think he has a lot of big races ahead of him. He even mentioned pointing to the Saudi Cup next year. We think he is the real deal. We’re lucky we caught this so early and it didn’t turn into anything bigger.”

Mr. Monomoy, who was also third in the GIII Lecomte S., is owned by the partnership of Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb and Doheny Racing Stable.

While Mr. Monomoy is headed to the sidelines, Monomoy Girl is gearing up for her comeback. Unraced since winning the 2018 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff, she had her first workout of 2020 when breezing three furlongs in :37.60 (6/8) Friday at Fair Grounds.

“She’s doing really well,” Crow said. “Obviously, we have a long

way to go but we are really excited about how she is doing right now.”

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**Smith Hit With Fines for Saudi Cup Whip Overuse cont. from p1**

Under a sliding scale that includes fines of up to 100%, Smith has to forego 60% of his personal earnings or \$210,000.

When reached via text Sunday, Smith said he had no comment on the matter.

It was not immediately clear how the Saudi Arabian suspension would be dealt with by California stewards.

Santa Anita steward Kim Sawyer said they are awaiting more information from Saudi racing officials. She said the Saudi suspension is set to begin Mar. 6, the next time there is racing in that country. Smith will no doubt try to find a way to ride on Mar. 7, a day at Santa Anita that includes several stakes races.

“As we understand it, we have the wiggle room to have the suspension start some time after the seventh,” Sawyer said.

Prior to the races, a notice was given to all jockeys participating in the two-day event that read: “You all have a responsibility to ride in a professional manner in order to promote in the best way The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia to the rest of the world who will be watching very closely.” **Cont. p4**



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In addition, Smith was given an additional suspension of two days for failing to weigh in after the fifth race.

He fared far better Friday when he won an international jockeys' challenge, which netted him a \$30,000 bonus.

According to the *Racing Post* report, Irad Ortiz, Jr. was also suspended for overuse of the whip. He was given eight days for his usage of the whip during a race Friday and another two days for excessive whipping aboard Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) in the Saudi Cup. Ortiz was fined 10% of his earnings. The stewards also penalized European-based rider Oisin Murphy for excessive use of the whip during Saturday's card.

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"All riders, including Mike, were spoken to at a briefing on Friday and Saturday, and reminded of the relevant rules and penalties," Phil Tuck, stipendiary steward for The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia, told the *Racing Post*. "A guide to all relevant rules was emailed to visiting riders before their arrival and copies were pinned up in the changing rooms. We are protecting the welfare of the horse and all riders were informed of this."

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## DUBAI IN DOUBT FOR 'MAX'



**Maximum Security and Luis Saez**  
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Champion and MGISW **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) appears unlikely to bid for a big-race double in Dubai following his win in the inaugural \$20-million Saudi Cup over **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute). Before landing the inaugural running of the world's most valuable race Saturday, the Jason Servis-trained 4-year-old was best known for passing the post in front in last year's GI Kentucky Derby--only to be demoted. The Gary and Mary West and Coolmore partnership colorbearer was swiftly installed as favorite for the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 28 --but speaking on Racing TV's Luck on Sunday program, Servis cast serious doubt over his participation at Meydan.

He said, "Maximum Security is a little tired this morning. Soundness-wise and physically, he's very good and he's scoped clean--[but] he's lost some weight and has left some feed, which is to be expected. The last year and a half has just been crazy--it's been a whirlwind. At the end of 2019 I was thinking things might quiet down, but it sure hasn't quieted down. He's a special horse."

As for heading on to Meydan, Servis added, "Nothing has been finalized. I'm feeling that he might need some more time--right now it's doubtful we'll make Dubai. I don't think it's fair to 'Max' to wheel him back in the 28 days after the way he ran. Then he runs fifth [in the Dubai World Cup]--and I'll be like, 'What was I thinking about?'"

"Like I said, nothing has been engraved in stone yet, but I think in fairness to him, he needs ample time--and I want to be in a place where I feel good that he's 100% and can give it his all."

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## ETE INDIEN 'VERY GOOD' AFTER FOY; MAXFIELD STEPS IT UP WITH BULLET HALF



Ete Indien all by himself in the Fountain of Youth | Ryan Thompson

**Ete Indien** (Summer Front), who produced a breakout performance when dominating Saturday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. by 8 1/2 lengths at Gulfstream, came out of his effort well Sunday morning, according to trainer Patrick Biancone.

"Very good," Biancone told the Gulfstream notes team of how his colt looked. "He ate all his dinner and he's happy and sound this morning, which is what you want to see. We're good."

Starting his career on turf, Ete Indien switched to the dirt for an upset allowance victory Dec. 20 in Hallandale and proved that was no fluke when finishing a good second to leading GI Kentucky Derby contender Tiz the Law (Constitution) in the GIII Holy Bull S. Feb. 1. Saturday, the dark bay was sent to the lead from his outside draw and never looked a loser, blowing away nine rivals while earning a career-best 97 Beyer.

"I'm going to be honest with you, he's impressing me every day when he trains since I've had him," Biancone said. "Yesterday, he had a difficult task. We got a bad draw but everything did go well. At this age, it's just a question of improvement. Hopefully he keeps improving and developing the right way. That would be good."

Ete Indien is expected to stay at Gulfstream and use the Mar. 28 GI Florida Derby as his final Kentucky Derby prep.

Elsewhere in South Florida Sunday, Godolphin's undefeated Grade I winner **Maxfield** (Street Sense) recorded his third work back since missing several months due to injury as he moves closer to his 3-year-old debut. The homebred turned up the intensity significantly from his previous two breezes--a three-furlong work in :38.20 (13/16) Feb. 17 and a half-mile in :51.20 (25/28) Feb. 24--with a best-of-41 four-furlong spin in :48.45 at trainer Brendan Walsh's Palm Meadows base.

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little bit now. The next work or two we'll have a good idea of where we're going to go with him, but he's doing good. We have to see with him because it'll be a question of, do we take a shot at one of the Derby [preps] if he's doing real good or just try to find something a little softer for him off the layoff? That's just the way it is. We're still not quite decided on it and it's going to be him that makes the decision for us, really. But, I wouldn't rule anything in or out." **Cont. p7**



Maxfield | Coady

Walsh added that he doesn't think there's enough time for his charge, a blowout winner of the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity when last seen Oct. 5 at Keeneland, to make the Florida Derby, and didn't rule out skipping the Kentucky Derby for a run in the GI Preakness S. May 16.

"I don't know if we'd throw him to the wolves off the layoff in something like the Florida Derby. That's probably unlikely, but I'm saying that like there's any really softer spots," Walsh said. "When you get that close to the [Kentucky] Derby, everybody's trying to go at it so no matter where you go you're going to come up against some good ones. We're kind of watching what's going on with everybody else, too. The other thing would be to come back maybe somewhere around Keeneland and run him in the Preakness. That might be the other option. It doesn't matter where he comes back, he's going to be a good horse this year. It's just a question about what the timing allows us to do. We'd all love to win the Derby, but on the same point I'm not going to sacrifice a horse like him just for it."

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## FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, ELUSIVE AS EVER

*The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton*

The Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon famously got shut out five centuries ago while searching for Florida's mythical Fountain of Youth. He was the heavy favorite to find it, but missing out presumably didn't affect his plans for the first Saturday in May.

In more recent times, well-backed horses on the GI Kentucky Derby trail have been similarly luckless trying to find the winner's circle in the elusive Gulfstream Park stakes that shares the same name. **Ete Indien** (Summer Front)'s wire-to-wire shredding of the GI Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Saturday made it 12 losses in the last 14 runnings for favorites in that prep.

That's an astonishingly high beaten-fave rate considering a good number of the defeated dozen were "headline horses" whose trainers had circled the FOY as the seasonal debut for those top sophomore prospects.

Remember two years ago when juvenile champ Good Magic (Curlin) attempted to launch his 3-year-old campaign in the FOY as the 7-10 favorite? Trainer Dale Romans had a speedball with questionable staying power drawn to the far outside in that 1 1/16 mile stakes, which is a quirky configuration at Gulfstream because the race starts close to the first turn and finishes at the sixteenth pole, tilting the advantage toward early gunners.

That 19-1 long shot was Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford), and Romans instructed his jockey to hustle the speedster straight to the front. Nursing a moderate tempo, Promises Fulfilled held everyone at bay, including the champ, who was third.

Promises Fulfilled never won another two-turn race. But he did mature into a hard-trying MGSW sprinter. Good Magic didn't exactly get derailed by his loss in the FOY, either. He rebounded to win the GI Blue Grass S., then was second in Justify (Scat Daddy)'s Kentucky Derby.

That historical perspective might be heartening to Romans, because this time around, he was the one sending out the headline horse who ended up going down in defeat at 1.3-1 odds.



**Ete Indien before the Fountain of Youth** | Ryan Thompson

**Dennis' Moment** (Tiznow) had not started since a bad stumble out of the gate cost him all chance in the Breeders' Cup, and Romans acknowledged in the days leading up to the FOY that he was feeling the pressure to prove his colt was worth the high accolades he had been heaping upon him, including ranking "Dennis" right up there with the best horse he had ever trained, Kitten's Joy.

Just like Promises Fulfilled, Ete Indien was sent immediately to the lead and settled comfortably onto the backstretch. Promises Fulfilled had a more of a stretch fight on his hands in 2018, while Saturday Ete Indien was comfortably in command by four lengths cornering for home with the remainder of the pack flailing in his wake.

Even their FOY Beyer Speed Figures came back close: Promises Fulfilled ran a 96; Ete Indien a preliminary 97. But Ete Indien finished with more panache, and he cut faster internal splits. He's a streamlined, high-energy colt who was on his toes in the paddock (ears jammed with cotton to keep from reacting to noise), and in pre-race warm-ups this colt was so raring to go it looked as if he might take flight.

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Dennis' Moment, by contrast, was never in it to win it at any point in the FOY. He got mildly shuffled into the first turn, then never looked comfortable with a mid-pack trip. He was backpedaling by the time the field hit the half-mile pole, and has now finished last in two consecutive stakes. His FOY has a too-bad-to-be-true aura to it, and as of Sunday afternoon, the lack of an obvious excuse had Romans mystified.

### **31 Flavors of Three-Peat**

We're nine weeks into 2020, and one of the oddities on the winningest horses list for North America (ranked by victories, not earnings) is that there are already 31 Thoroughbreds who've achieved three wins at this early stage of the season.

Within that subset, 23 of those 31 are a perfect three-for-three.

The explanation for this spate of undefeated horses likely has to do with the proliferation of short, condition-restricted fields nationwide.

But most statistically strange of all? Those 31 three-time winners are sired by 31 different stallions. That's a pretty neat breadth of bloodstock diversity at the lower levels of the game, where most of these horses compete.

### **Hiding in Plain Sight**

Having paid his \$100,000 fine and served his five-year suspension for using an electrical shocking device on a Thoroughbred at Sam Houston Race Park in 2015, Roman Chapa last week regained his riding license.

It's still unclear whether any track will permit the 48-year-old jockey--who pled guilty to a criminal charge in relation to the case, and has twice before been penalized for using an illegal device to frighten horses into running faster--to set foot on their private property.

TDN got an exclusive interview with Chapa on Friday (read it [here](#)), but we were left wanting to know more about the circumstances behind the grave injuries Chapa sustained in 2017 when he fell from a horse and was hospitalized in Memphis, Tennessee, for three weeks.

Video footage of an accident at an unregulated "bush track," plus archived social media posts by his friends and family, suggest Chapa was competing in unsanctioned Quarter Horse match races despite being under a \$10,000 surety bond for felony race-fixing charges in Texas.

Illegal racetracks--where the drugging of horses, the fixing of races, and the permissibility of shocking devices are all the norm--are hardly new. The fact that there is zero veterinary oversight for horses and no ambulance service for jockeys who ride them is reason enough to shut these joints down.

You would think these illicit tracks would be hard to find and raid, but they're actually not. Many openly advertise their regularly scheduled match races on social media, and some draw crowds of thousands. They exist primarily in the Southwest, but there are notorious match-race venues outside of Denver, Chicago, and even our nation's capital.

TDN spoke with one longtime racing regulator (under the condition of anonymity because he investigates illegal racetracks as part of his work) to learn more about how outlaw tracks hide in plain sight.

"I know there was match racing going on right outside of Washington, D.C.," he said. "Who would have thought? Actually, it was a pretty strong network coming up from North Carolina. There's a training center down there that embraces the culture of match racing. They have a lot of big races down there. Those guys would come up to the suburbs of Washington and kick butt over the Virginia guys, because they've been doing it a lot longer down in Carolina.

"I know one story where they had match races outside of Chicago, and some guys from west Texas--the experts, the real pros--they took their horses up there and cleaned house. So the Chicago guys said, 'New rules--everyone now has to go to a test barn after the race.' The cheaters, I guess, got tired of being cheated.

"What a lot of these illegal track operators have done now is pretty smart. They've reverted back to some old mafia ways and they're calling these tracks 'social clubs' so they can control who gets in on the down-low.

"And the funny--or sad--part of it is, these guys often charge \$20 to get in. Many legal tracks give away the price of admission--and can barely get a few hundred people to come to the races.

"I happened to be watching match racing on YouTube last weekend, and gosh, they had photo-finish equipment that's up to date. One track even had drone footage. And here we are, in racing commissions all across the country, trying to get updated video technology so stewards can make better decisions in million-dollar races. Some entities don't want to make that investment. Now I can tell them, 'Even unsanctioned match races have better technology.' They're outdoing us.

"We could never get the attention of the local authorities to go in there and get rid of these tracks. I'm not sure if that's because it's part of the culture or what. It's very problematic. We'd rather work with the feds. These tracks are just fronts for a lot of illegal activity. **Cont. p9**

“We went out to the middle of nowhere a little while ago, on a tip, and could see a match track going up--the grandstands are under construction, the dirt has been moved for the surface, the stanchions for the rail are up. But it’s not illegal to move dirt--we have to wait until the action starts. I’ve been reading our statutes, and it looks like we might have jurisdiction over them related to illegal wagering. So we might take a run at them pretty soon,” the regulator summed up.

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by Katie Ritz

LEXINGTON, KY--Eagala, a global organization of mental health professionals dedicated to incorporating horses into psychotherapy treatment, celebrated their 20th anniversary with a four-day event hosted at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington this past weekend. The group is dedicated to furthering equine-assisted psychotherapy and personal development techniques, focusing specifically on veterans and servicemen suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as suicide prevention, substance abuse recovery and rural mental health issues.

Saturday, Eagala hosted a live demonstration and panel discussion in partnership with the American Horse Council and the Congressional Horse Caucus with Kentucky's sixth congressional district representative Andy Barr.

Congressman Barr represented the Congressional Horse Caucus, a bipartisan group of congressmen dedicated to promoting equine recreation, sport, and mental health, and educating members of Congress on the impact of the equine

industry while examining policies that impact different facets of the modern equine industry. The group is co-chaired by Barr and Paul Tonko of New York.

Mental health practitioner Patti Mandrell organized a hands-on demonstration, where Congressman Barr and three veterans participated in an activity with five horses in an on-site arena. The group was asked to discuss the major challenges that many veterans experience and represent these challenges in a tangible way using equipment in the arena. The activity required participants to physically move the horses and draw parallels between the movements the horses made with the feelings that many veterans may have.

Following the demonstration, Congressman Barr said, “Horses can see into you and your feelings. As animals of flight, they are very sensitive to emotions. They are constantly observing the person they are interacting with. This demonstration has shown me how these types of programs can help people look inwardly in a way that they couldn’t outside of this ring with these animals.”

Following the demonstration, Congressman Barr led a panel where Eagala members shared the history of Eagala and future goals that the organization is working toward. Eagala co-founder and CEO Lynn Thomas spoke of her introduction to equine-assisted therapy. “My background is not with horses, but I got involved with this work when I saw how horses could impact people in a way that no one else could,” she said.

Thomas detailed the span of impact that Eagala has had on a global scale. In 2019, the organization had over 2,500 certified members. Every member of Eagala is required to be a licensed health professional or equine specialist, and must go through extensive online training before they can become licensed with the organization. Through the work of these members, 60,000 clients were served in 2019.

Thomas also said that 5,600 horses were used for these services. “Our industry is creating a new niche for horses that may need a new home,” she said.

Halina Kowalski, the Military Services Director for Eagala, discussed some of the organization's future aspirations, including the long-term goal of having Eagala services offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

“Currently, there are two types of services offered through the VA. However, these services only reach 20% of veterans and have a 40-50% dropout rate,” Kowalski stated.

She also emphasized the importance of increased funding that would allow Eagala to conduct randomized controlled clinical trials, which would provide the credibility to allow their services to be used through the VA.

Lynn Moore, the co-founder and CEO of Acres for Life, also sat in on the panel and shared some of her “boots on the ground” experiences. **Cont. p10**

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Founded in 2001, Acres for Life is a therapy and wellness center located in Forest Lake, Minnesota. The organization provides traditional in-home therapy and military services, as well as equine-assisted therapy.

Moore spoke about the diversity of her clientele, whose ages range from three to 96. The 96-year-old client is a female veteran of World War II. Moore said, "Horses are helping her deal with her past as well as current end-of-life issues."

She continued, "While we are seeing amazing results, the need continues to be great. We know that there is a person taking his or her own life every 15 minutes in the world today. Our veterans and first-responders are discovering us in larger numbers than we've ever experienced, yet the risk of suicide within these groups is two to three times that of the general population. Many people don't want to go into an office to talk to someone, and some don't even have the words to say what's going on in their lives. Many of my clients will tell me, 'I don't trust people because people hurt me. But I can trust animals.' I think this speaks to the power of the Eagala model."

Moore said that she uses two Thoroughbreds at Acres for Life. "Both of these Thoroughbreds have been amazing additions," she said. "Thoroughbreds have that sleek, graceful look that transports people through their the movement. They touch people in the place where emotions sit and can help get people out of their own heads."

Moore also said that Thoroughbreds are excellent for her program because of their extreme sensitivity and because they are very in tune with their surroundings.

Sally Mixon is the Chief Development Officer at Acres for Life, and also the founder of Abijah's Hope Stable, a turnout and lay-up facility for Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. The two organizations work together, allowing retired racehorses to go through rehabilitation at Abijah's Hope Stable before going on to do work at facilities like Acres for Life.

Mixon said, "Our goal is to bring hope and healing to the horse, which allows them to bring hope and healing to people. These racehorses spark a fire in people to allow them to be a part of something bigger than themselves."

Congressmen Barr concluded the event by saying, "It's very clear that Eagala's work is extremely promising. I look forward to sharing their story with my colleagues on the Veterans Affairs Committee and with other members of Congress."

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**9th-Santa Anita, \$66,164, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),**  
2-29, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.45, fm.

**ORIGINAIRE (IRE) (c, 4, Zoffany {Ire}--Polly Perkins {Ire} {MSW-Eng}, by Pivotal {GB})** was a close second in the GII Del Mar Derby Sept. 1, and filled the same slot behind the streaking Mo Forza (Uncle Mo) four starts later in the GII Mathis Brothers Mile here Dec. 28. He was second last out in a Jan. 20 optional claimer, and was backed as the 13-10 choice to go one better. Cabooming the field early as they went fast up front, the bay avoided an injured rival heading for home and kicked on in the lane to air by a widening 5 1/4 lengths over North County Guy (The Pamplemousse). The winner is half to Lola Beaux (GB) (Equiano {Fr}), GSP-Ire & US; and Final Frontier (Ire) (Dream Ahead), GSW-Ire Sales history: €50,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR;

70,000gns 3yo '19 TATFEB. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 16-3-4-4, \$200,158. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-BG Stables; B-Vimal & Gillian Khosla (IRE); T-Jeff Mullins.

**5th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000),**  
3-1, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.25, ft.

**HIDDEN SCROLL (c, 4, Hard Spun--Sheba Queen, by Empire Maker),** named a '**TDN Rising Star**' after a 14-length debut romp in the slop last January that earned him a gaudy 104 Beyer Speed Figure, finally put it all together again Sunday to stamp himself as one to watch in 2020. The Juddmonte homebred set a much-too-fast pace before fading to fourth at 6-5 behind Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) in the GII Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S. 12 months ago, and had no kick after fighting with his rider for the first half of the Mar. 30 GI Xpressbet Florida Derby--ultimately checking in sixth behind none other than Maximum Security (New Year's Day). He was a particularly disappointing third at 4-5 odds in a Churchill Downs allowance on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard May 4, and hadn't been seen in the afternoon since, but had been firing bullets of late at Payson Park in preparation for this much-anticipated return. **Cont. p2**



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**Hidden Scroll cont.**

A bit hesitant to load into the gate, he broke well and vied for command without being asked for much early. The overwhelming 1-5 favorite took over under his own power heading into the turn, and Lord Adare (Violence) briefly looked like he might make a race of it. Hidden Scroll was in a race of his own entering the stretch, however, and he cantered home the easiest of 12 1/2-length winners. Noon Time Gem (Gemologist) was best of the rest, while Lord Adare faded to sixth. "He was a little tense getting to the gate. Once he got to the gate, we had a couple horses to load in there," said pilot John Velazquez, who was up on Hidden Scroll for the first time. "He got to relax in the gate and that was it. He broke well, I put my hands down and just let him get his own stride, and by the half-mile pole he was in the long stride, rolling." Hidden Scroll has a 2-year-old half-brother by Flintshire (GB) and his dam--a daughter of Group 1 winner Etoile Montante (Miswaki) and a half to MGSW Starformer (Dynaformer)--visited Carpe Diem for 2020. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$97,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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**7th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw, 3-1, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.33, fm.**

**OPRY (c, 4, Declaration of War--That Voodoo Youdo {SP}, by Speightstown)** graduated first time turf and second out in the GIII With Anticipation S. at Saratoga in 2018, but was fourth as the favorite in the GIII Pilgrim S. a month later and 10th in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He made just one start last season--a runner-up finish in allowance company at Belmont in June--and was 8-5 looking to get back on track. Away on top from the one hole, he cruised along comfortably through splits of :24.09, :48.97 and 1:13.35 and kicked on resolutely in the lane to deny stablemate Bourbon in May (More Than Ready) by a length. Opry has a 2-year-old full-sister and a yearling half-brother by Practical Joke. His dam most recently visited City of Light. Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-1-1, \$147,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**1st-Aqueduct, \$63,240, Msw, 3-1, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:13.18, ft.**

**FAST BREAK (c, 4, Uncle Mo--Hoop Cat, by Zensational)** was third in his sprint unveiling while carrying the colors of Gary and Mary West, and was beaten a nose there on the stretch-out Sept. 22 by \$1-million yearling Sagaponack (Quality Road)--good for an 84 Beyer Speed Figure. He was apparently sold privately before a fourth-place run going a mile here Dec. 5, and was second going seven panels last out Jan. 26. Pounded down to 45-100 facing just three rivals, the dark bay sat perched in second, took over near the quarter pole and continued to grind along down the lane, holding off stubborn New Frontier (Speightstown) by a length. The winner is out of a half-sister to Grade I winner Diplomat Lady (Forestry) and Grade II winner/Australian Group 2 producer Dream Play (Hennessy). He has a Malibu Moon yearling half-brother and his dam was bred back to Twirling Candy. Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$68,950. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC, David Simon & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Gabriel Duignan & Circular Road Breeders (KY); T-Jason Servis.

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**5th-Aqueduct, \$60,000, (S), Msw, 3-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:43.59, ft.**

**MAKINGCENTS (f, 3, Goldencents--Mischief Maker {SW, \$267,617}, by Cape Town)**, third in local sprints Dec. 8 and Jan. 17, broke inward and bumped into a rival at the start before moving up to chase from fourth off the fence down the backside. She launched a bid from the two path into the turn, took command out wide leaving the quarter pole and ran up the score from there to romp by 9 1/2 lengths as the 7-5 favorite. Kilkea (Blame), the horse Makingcents bumped at the start, completed the exacta. Makingcents has a yearling half-brother by Empire Maker. Sales history: \$37,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$47,640. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Fortune Farm (Richard Nicolai); B-Windhorse Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

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**6th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 3-1, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.61, ft. FOUR GRACES (f, 3, Majesticperfection--Ivory Empress {GSP, \$189,402}, by Seeking the Gold), a half to 'TDN Rising Star' and young sire McCracken (Ghostzapper), MGSW & GISP, \$869,728, was let go at 7-1 for this first go for a trainer who is typically patient but can win with a talented firster on occasion--including McCracken and his and Four Graces's now 4-year-old half-sister With Dignity (Declaration of War), who was also named a 'Rising Star'. Away well and ridden for speed from her rail draw, the dark bay emerged with a narrow advantage midway down the backside. She posted a :45.49 half with three foes chasing behind her, but left those runners in the dust in upper stretch. She struggled with her lead changes a bit as Estilo Talentoso (Maclean's Music) looked like the potential beneficiary of the crowded early pace, but the leader found her footing and another gear in midstretch and kicked on to maintain a 1 1/2-length advantage at the line. Four Graces is also half to Bondurant (War Front), MGSP, \$286,974 and 2-year-old colt Milliken (Into Mischief). His dam, a half to GISW Mea Domina (Dance Brightly), was bred back to Ghostzapper for 2020. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.****

O/B-Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.



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**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 3-1, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.99, fm. ON BASE (c, 3, Empire Maker--Burren Trail {Ire}, by Shamardal) failed to do much running going a sixteenth shorter than this Jan. 19, and was a tick under 5-1 while adding blinkers this time. Showing a bit more early interest from his rail draw, the dark bay drafted from a joint fourth passing the wire for the first time and entering the first turn. Perhaps slightly keen down the backside, he moved up between foes approaching the second bend and challenged for the lead at the top of the stretch. He was a bit green, but took over with bounding strides and kicked away to a 3 3/4-length victory from Sunstation (Bayern). The winner's dam is a full to GSW Oregon Lady (Ire). She produced full-sisters to On Base in both 2018 and 2019 and was bred back to Accelerate. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.****

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**OWNER APPRECIATION CUP S.,** (NB) \$76,000, Delta Downs, 2-29, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.79, ft.

1--**UNDERPRESSURE, 125, g, 6, Birdstone--Charming Colleen (SW & GISP, \$126,153), by Charismatic.** O-Mallory Greiner; B-James McIngvale (LA); T-Chris Richard; J-Gerard Melancon. \$48,000. Lifetime Record: 36-13-7-7, \$741,382. \*1/2 to Goodprofit (Guilt Trip), MSW, \$201,678.

2--**Treasure Trove, 116, g, 4, Tapizar--Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal.** (\$45,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$10,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN). O-Bayou Bengal Racing Stable; B-John & Diane Fradkin (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$13,300.

3--**Paddock Pick, 116, g, 5, Graydar--Fiery Pulpit, by Pulpit.** (\$185,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$120,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$290,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR). O-Claiming Game Racing; B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, Pollock Farms, Patrick H. Payne, et al (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \$7,000.

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**BIG DRAMA S.,** (NB) \$70,900, Delta Downs, 2-29, (C), 3yo, 7f, 1:26.48, ft.

1--**JACK THE UMPIRE, 122, c, 3, Bodemeister--Sittin At the Bar (MSW & GSP, \$705,896), by Into Mischief.** O-P. Dale Ladner; B-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner (KY); T-Brett A. Brinkman; J-Thomas L. Pompell. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-4-1-0, \$156,800.

2--**Secret Biscuit, 115, g, 3, Secret Circle--Becker County Miss, by Langfuhr.** (\$2,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$3,000 Ylg '18 OKCYRL). O-David Matthew Wilkett; B-Calabria Farms, LLC (OK); T-Tim Dixon. \$14,000.

**LEGACY SALES GRADUATE**  
 3--**Blazin' Asian, 115, g, 3, First Samurai--Streaming Fire, by Street Sense.** O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach) (KY); T-Joel Berndt. \$7,000.  
 Margins: 5 3/4, HF, 3HF. Odds: 1.70, 12.30, 6.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Oaklawn, \$93,000,** (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.52, ft.

**SUPER DUDE (g, 6, First Dude--Dark Rhythm {SP}, by Fit to Fight)** Lifetime Record: SP, 17-6-4-2, \$258,535. O-Paradise

Farms Corp. & Peter Jacoutot; B-Moreau Bloodstock International, Inc. (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. \*\$40,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$200,000 2yo '16 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Lilly Fa Pootz (Golded Time), SW & MGSP, \$317,722.

**6th-Oaklawn, \$90,000,** (S), 3-1, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.05, ft.

**MATAPAN (f, 4, Majesticperfection--Kombat Lake, by Meadowlake)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, \$138,149. O-Adriel Gonzalez; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Isai V. Gonzalez. \*\$37,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$70,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Ode to Sami (Lion Heart), SP, \$276,060; Catholic Cowboy (Heatseeker {Ire}), MSP, \$488,171.

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**7th-Aqueduct, \$67,232,** (S), 3-1, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.97, ft.

**COLLEGEVILLE GIRL (f, 4, Central Banker--Lifelong, by Vindication)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$167,716. O-Robert Brittingham, Salvatore M. De Bunda & Wire To Wire Stable, Inc.; B-Andy Beadnell (NY); T-Richard Vega. \*\$18,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

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**5th-Santa Anita, \$59,500,** (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.88, fm.

**STORMING LADY (m, 5, Flat Out--Beau Watch {MSW, \$219,708}, by Beau Genius)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-4, \$222,876. O-Tim & Kelley Goodwin; B-Teresa A. Little, Billy Crouse, Taylor Little & Travis Price (KY); T-Alfredo Marquez. \$60,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT; \$265,000 2yo '17 EASMAY.

**8th-Santa Anita, \$57,500,** (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.48, ft.

**MISS STORMY D (f, 4, Tapizar--Miss Relentless, by Mr. Greeley)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$117,340. O-Keith Brackpool; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC & Phil & Judy Needham (KY); T-Carla Gaines. \*\$37,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**4th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000,** (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:41.26, fm.

**MARYWOOD (f, 4, Paddy O'Prado--Cent'anni, by Kissin Kris)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-2, \$73,520. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC & David Menard; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

**5th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, (S), 2-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.18, ft.**

**MISS PHOTO (m, 6, Light Up the Score--Miss Photogenic {MSW, \$246,279}, by You and I)** Lifetime Record: SP, 15-5-4-1, \$64,262. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Roy W. Cobb & Mike R. Neatherlin (TX); T-Karl Broberg. \*1/2 to Mr Money Bags (Silver City), MSW, \$389,070.

**6th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, 2-29, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.42, ft.**

**OKIE QUEEN (f, 4, Discreet Cat--Queen of the Rings, by Empire Maker)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$46,406. O-Carter Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Calabria Farms, LLC (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter. \*\$4,800 Ylg '17 OKCYRL.

**6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,914, 3-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.19, ft.**

**TOMLIN (f, 4, Distorted Humor--Belle of Perintown {GSW, \$265,465}, by Dehere)** Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 13-4-1-4, \$159,200. O-Fairview, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven Specht. \*\$200,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP. \*\*1/2 to Strike It Rich (Unbridled's Song), GSW, \$193,966.

**7th-Charles Town, \$32,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-29, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.10, ft.**

**SOUND OFF (g, 6, Congrats--Stormy Kiss {Arg} {G1SW-Arg, GSW & GISP-US, \$309,895}, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: 42-8-5-8, \$167,841. O/T-Michael Sandoval; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY). \*1/2 to Futile (Broken Vow), GSP, \$336,797.

**3rd-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 2-29, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.53, ft.**

**MARTHA'S BANNER (f, 4, Our Entourage--Banner Key, by Corridor Key)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$38,100. O-FTF Racing LLC; B-Richard P. Harris (WV); T-Crystal G. Pickett.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Flatter Hymn, g, 3, Flat Out--K C's Songofprayer, by Songandapraye.** Charles Town, 2-29, 6 1/2f, 1:20.37. B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds, LLC (IN). \*\$30,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Special Connection, f, 3, Goldcents--Causeforconfusion, by Giant's Causeway.** Fair Grounds, 3-1, (S), 6f, 1:13.63. B-Earl & Keith Hernandez, John Duvieilh & Bill Langford (LA).

**Sheza Girly Girl, f, 3, Richard's Kid--Sheza Eyeopener, by Grand Reward.** Golden Gate Fields, 2-29, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.16. B-Tom Halasz & Richard Brown (CA).

**Guitar Slim, g, 3, Star Guitar--Zaafira, by A.P. Indy.** Fair Grounds, 3-1, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.98. B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA). \*1/2 to Safari Calamari (Half Ours), MSP, \$243,230.

**Lady Gwen, f, 3, Twirling Candy--Trusten, by Mt. Livermore.** Sam Houston Race, 2-29, 1mT, 1:37.79. B-Emily Wygod & Oliver Bushnell (KY). \*\$5,000 Ylg '18 KESEEP; \$6,000 RNA 2yo '19 TTAAPR.



#### LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



**Bench Judge, g, 4, Acclamation--Caitie's Secret (SP, \$117,196), by Benchmark.** Santa Anita, 3-1, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:04.20. B-Hronis Racing, LLC (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Mr. Roundtree, g, 4, Mineshaft--Classical Humour, by Distorted Humor.** Penn National, 2-29, 6f, 1:11.85. B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON). \*\$90,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP.



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**Where's Oliver, g, 4, More Than Ready--See Ya Signe, by Sea The Stars (Ire).** Tampa Bay Downs, 3-1, 1mT, 1:36.80. B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY). \*\$90,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$400,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG.



#### IT'S IN THE WATER



**Preferred Prospect, g, 4, Preferred Issue--Seeking a Storm, by Carborundum.** Sam Houston Race, 2-29, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.97. B-Carl McLendon (TX).

**Sniggle, g, 6, Don Lux--Itty Bitty Sweetie, by Just a Tune.** Sunland, 3-1, (S), 6f, 1:11.32. B-Cody & Kathy Deines (NM).



**ACCLAMATION, Bench Judge, g, 4, o/o Caitie's Secret, by Benchmark.** MSW, 3-1, Santa Anita

**BIRDSTONE, Underpressure, g, 6, o/o Charming Colleen, by Charismatic.** Owner Appreciation Cup S., 2-29, Delta Downs

**BODEMEISTER, Jack the Umpire, c, 3, o/o Sittin At the Bar, by Into Mischief.** Big Drama S., 2-29, Delta Downs

**CENTRAL BANKER, Colledgeville Girl, f, 4, o/o Lifelong, by Vindication.** ALW, 3-1, Aqueduct

**CONGRATS, Sound Off, g, 6, o/o Stormy Kiss (Arg), by Bernstein.** AOC, 2-29, Charles Town

**DECLARATION OF WAR, Opry, c, 4, o/o That Voodoo Youdo, by Speightstown.** ALW, 3-1, Gulfstream

**DISCREET CAT, Okie Queen, f, 4, o/o Queen of the Rings, by Empire Maker.** ALW, 2-29, Sam Houston

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- EMPIRE MAKER**, On Base, c, 3, o/o Burren Trail (Ire), by Shamardal. MSW, 3-1, Tampa Bay
- FIRST DUDE**, Super Dude, g, 6, o/o Dark Rhythm, by Fit to Fight. AOC, 3-1, Oaklawn
- FLAT OUT**, Flatter Hymn, g, 3, o/o K C's Songofprayer, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 2-29, Charles Town
- FLAT OUT**, Storming Lady, m, 5, o/o Beau Watch, by Beau Genius. AOC, 3-1, Santa Anita
- GOLDENCENTS**, Makingcents, f, 3, o/o Mischief Maker, by Cape Town. MSW, 3-1, Aqueduct
- GOLDENCENTS**, Special Connection, f, 3, o/o Causeforconfusion, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 3-1, Fair Grounds
- HARD SPUN**, Hidden Scroll, c, 4, o/o Sheba Queen, by Empire Maker. AOC, 3-1, Gulfstream
- LIGHT UP THE SCORE**, Miss Photo, m, 6, o/o Miss Photogenic, by You and I. ALW, 2-29, Sam Houston
- MAJESTICPERFECTION**, Four Graces, f, 3, o/o Ivory Empress, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 3-1, Gulfstream
- MAJESTICPERFECTION**, Matapan, f, 4, o/o Kombat Lake, by Meadowlake. ALW, 3-1, Oaklawn
- MINESHAFT**, Mr. Roundtree, g, 4, o/o Classical Humour, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 2-29, Penn National
- MORE THAN READY**, Where's Oliver, g, 4, o/o See Ya Signe, by Sea The Stars (Ire). MSW, 3-1, Tampa Bay
- OUR ENTOURAGE**, Martha's Banner, f, 4, o/o Banner Key, by Corridor Key. ALW, 2-29, Charles Town
- PADDY O'PRADO**, Marywood, f, 4, o/o Cent'anni, by Kissin Kris. AOC, 3-1, Fair Grounds
- PREFERRED ISSUE**, Preferred Prospect, g, 4, o/o Seeking a Storm, by Carborundum. MSW, 2-29, Sam Houston
- RICHARD'S KID**, Sheza Girly Girl, f, 3, o/o Sheza Eyeopener, by Grand Reward. MSW, 2-29, Golden Gate
- STAR GUITAR**, Guitar Slim, g, 3, o/o Zaafira, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 3-1, Fair Grounds
- TAPIZAR**, Miss Stormy D, f, 4, o/o Miss Relentless, by Mr. Greeley. AOC, 2-29, Santa Anita
- TWIRLING CANDY**, Lady Gwen, f, 3, o/o Trusten, by Mt. Livermore. MSW, 2-29, Sam Houston
- UNCLE MO**, Fast Break, c, 4, o/o Hoop Cat, by Zensational. MSW, 3-1, Aqueduct
- ZOFFANY (IRE)**, Originaire (Ire), c, 4, o/o Polly Perkins (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). AOC, 2-29, Santa Anita

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## FRESHMAN SIRES OF 2019: HOW THEY FARED



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By Kevin Blake

The world of first-season sires is a fickle and unforgiving land. A sire can go from being on top of the world after his first crop lights up the yearling sales to being flung into the gutter just a few months later after those first representatives hit the track.

As keen as the market is to make fast judgements of sires, there have been examples that demonstrated first impressions can be misleading. The recent case of Nathaniel (Ire) bouncing back from an underwhelming first year with runners to quickly establish himself as a high-class sire the very next year is likely to be used by stallion masters for many years to try to keep their dreams alive after a disappointing first year with runners. That said, exceptions are exceptions because they are rare, and a bad start usually leads to a bad career.

In an effort to separate the good from the bad, now is a good time to examine how those sires that had their first runners in 2019 fared with their first 2-year-olds. It was a competitive year for this group, with there being 17 stallions based in Great Britain and Ireland that had 75 or more 2-year-olds to represent them. For the sake of comparison, there were 14 such stallions in 2018, 10 in 2017, 13 in 2016 and eight in 2015. It is also worth noting that there was more depth in the upper end of the market than is often the case, with six individual stallions having covered their first crop at a published fee of €20,000 or higher.

The accompanying table shows how they fared in order of the percentage of their runners that ran to a Racing Post Rating of 85 or higher. [Cont. p2](#)

## UK CORONAVIRUS CASES RISE AS CHELTENHAM NEARS

There was a significant spike in the total of confirmed coronavirus cases in the UK on Sunday--less than 10 days before the scheduled start of the Cheltenham Festival. Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, reported that the number of positive tests for the virus has risen to 35 after 12 new patients were identified in England.

Whitty said three patients were close contacts of a known Covid-19 case that was transmitted within the UK--believed to be a Surrey resident--while another new patient, from Essex, has no relevant international travel to an affected area.

Of the eight remaining cases, six had recently travelled from Italy--while two had been in Iran. These patients are from London, West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire--where the Cheltenham Festival is due to begin on Mar. 10. [Cont. p5](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### SMITH PENALIZED FOR SAUDI CUP WHIP OVERUSE

Jockey Mike Smith was suspended for nine days and fined \$210,000 for overusing the whip on Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) in the Saudi Cup. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

  
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### Freshman Sires of 2019 Cont. from p1

Those with long memories may recall that the equivalent analysis of the first-season sires of 2018 panned out largely how the yearling market anticipated it would. This was not the case in 2019. The column on the extreme right of the corresponding table reveals what rank each sire held in my yearling sale analysis of the same sires in 2018 when ordered by their median price as a multiple of their stud fee plus fixed production costs. This shows that there was with no shortage of sires that performed both well above and well below the expectations bestowed on them based on how their progeny had fared at the yearling sales.

The star of the show amongst the new sires in 2019 was unquestionably Darley's **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**. That is unlikely to come as a surprise to anyone that was following the fortunes of last year's first-season sires, but just how impressive the performance of his first runners was cannot be overstated.

The only sire that has achieved anything approaching these sorts of numbers with their first 2-year-old runners in the years I have been conducting this analysis is Frankel (GB) (42.9% RPR85+ and 17.1% RPR100+). It never seems fair to compare Frankel to any other sire, as few sires have ever had the quality and depth of mares sent to them in their first season that he did, so for Night Of Thunder's progeny to come so close to matching

the figures achieved by Frankel's first 2-year-olds is truly remarkable.

The next best set of equivalent figures I have collated over the years was No Nay Never in 2018 when 30.5% of his first 2-year-olds reached RPR85 and 10.2% reached RPR100. For Night Of Thunder's numbers to be so far ahead of these hammers home just how impressive they are.

It is fair to point out that Night Of Thunder's first crop did not produce a real star of a 2-year-old, with none of them having reached RPR110. That said, as a son of Dubawi (Ire) out of a Galileo (Ire) mare, there must be a very strong chance that his progeny could prove even better as 3-year-olds.

The thought that Night Of Thunder's progeny may progress well with time is supported by the fact that only 46.7% of his first crop got to the racecourse as 2-year-olds. This is only slightly above the average of all the first-season sires of 2019 and significantly lower than the majority of high achievers in the group, which suggests some level of immaturity running through the crop.

Whatever way one wishes to paint it, there is no escaping the reality that Night Of Thunder made an exceptional start with his first 2-year-old runners. Indeed, one suspects that it could well be a long time before the numbers he registered in this brand of analysis are bettered. [Cont. p3](#)

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**Freshman Sires of 2019 Cont.**

Darley were very conservative in increasing his fee from £15,000 to just €25,000 for his return to Kildangan this year. Reports suggest that he has been massively and understandably oversubscribed ever since that fee was announced, so while most won't be able to join the party this year, it will be fascinating to watch how his progeny progress in 2020.

In most other seasons, the numbers put up by **Gleneagles (Ire)** (Coolmore) would have been sufficient to top the table. While there was clearly a level of expectation attached to him given he was the second-most expensive sire in this group and that his yearlings came out fourth-best in the analysis of the sales, he outperformed those expectations to flag himself as a very promising young sire. This thought is hammered home when one considers that him being a son of Galileo would strongly suggest that his progeny should progress well from two to three.

To further contextualise what Gleneagles achieved with his first runners, I sought to compare the performance of his first 2-year-olds to that of all the other notable sire sons of Galileo (Ire). It was fascinating to discover that of all the sons of Galileo that have gone to stud, only Frankel has had a better start with

his first 2-year-olds. Gleneagles made a stronger start than the likes of Teofilo (Ire), New Approach (Ire) and Australia (GB), which puts him in a strong position to build on going forward.

Another fascinating pattern that emerges when assessing the performance of Gleneagles's first crop is the role that Aidan O'Brien and the Coolmore operation played in it. Of his 109 first-crop foals, Aidan O'Brien only trained six of them that got

to the racecourse in 2019. In the table of his progeny arranged by peak RPR, those six horses occupied first, second, third, fourth, sixth and tenth. Four out of those six were bought at public auction. Only a very small number of stables in Ballydoyle are occupied by the offspring of unproven stallions every year, so the Coolmore team is entitled to be pleased with the job they did in selecting which progeny of Gleneagles to send there to give them the best chance to shine.



**Gleneagles | Coolmore**

Coolmore has given Gleneagles a moderate increase in fee from €30,000 to €35,000 for 2020, which is still some way below his opening fee of €60,000. This appeals as being a fair fee given the abundant promise shown by his first 2-year-olds.

Of those that notably outperformed expectations, the surprise package of this group thus far has been Highclere Stud resident **Cable Bay (Ire)**.

**Cont. p4**

**First-Season Sires of 2019 by RPR 85+%**

Sire	2016 Fee	Live Foals Nov Average 93.2	Runners (% of Foals) Average 45.4%	Winners (% of Runners) Average 28.8%	Rank Based on Yearling Sale Analysis				
					RPR 85+	RPR 85+ % Average 10.8%	RPR 100+	RPR 100+ % Average 2.8%	
Night Of Thunder	€ 30,000	105	49 (46.7%)	28 (57.1%)	20	40.8%	7	14.3%	7
Gleneagles	€ 60,000	109	60 (55%)	25 (41.7%)	14	23.3%	4	6.7%	4
Cable Bay	£6,500	114	68 (59.6%)	25 (36.8%)	13	19.1%	5	7.6%	14
Ivawood	€6,000	101	54 (53.5%)	14 (25.9%)	8	14.8%	2	3.7%	10
Golden Horn	£60,000	100	44 (44%)	9 (20.5%)	6	13.6%	2	4.5%	2
Due Diligence	£6,500	85	54 (63.5%)	19 (35.2%)	7	13.0%	3	5.6%	15
Make Believe	€ 20,000	88	47 (53.4%)	16 (34%)	6	12.8%	3	6.4%	8
French Navy	€ 4,000	43	16 (37.2%)	3 (18.8%)	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	21
Brazen Beau	£10,000	78	48 (61.5%)	14 (29.2%)	5	10.4%	0	0.0%	3
Muhaaarar	£30,000	106	51 (48.1%)	16 (31.4%)	5	9.8%	0	0.0%	1
Hot Streak	£7,000	80	43 (53.8%)	10 (23.3%)	4	9.3%	0	0.0%	5
Kingston Hill	€ 6,000	94	11 (11.7%)	6 (54.6%)	1	9.1%	0	0.0%	17
Gutaifan	€ 12,500	165	89 (53.9%)	30 (33.7%)	8	9.0%	2	2.2%	6
Free Eagle	€ 20,000	87	40 (46%)	12 (30%)	3	7.5%	1	2.5%	9
Anjaal	€ 5,000	149	67 (45%)	18 (26.9%)	4	6.0%	0	0.0%	13
Cappella Sansevero	€ 4,500	60	21 (35%)	6 (28.6%)	1	4.8%	1	4.8%	19
Outstrip	£5,000	107	64 (59.8%)	22 (34.4%)	3	4.7%	0	0.0%	11
Hallowed Crown	€ 7,000	78	27 (34.6%)	4 (14.8%)	1	3.7%	0	0.0%	20
Fountain Of Youth	£5,000	71	36 (50.7%)	5 (13.4%)	1	2.8%	0	0.0%	12
Fulbright	€ 4,000	37	14 (37.8%)	2 (14.3%)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16
Telescope	£3,000	101	2 (2%)	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18



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## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

SNITZEL COLT TOPS DAY 1 OF INGLIS PREMIER

A bay son of Snitzel topped the first session of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### Freshman Sires of 2019 Cont.

Having stood his first season for just £6,500, his 68 juvenile runners registered a strong set of figures considering the relatively limited expectations attached to him based on his nomination fee and the modest sales results his first yearlings attracted. His percentage of RPR100+ horses is particularly impressive, though it perhaps should be noted that three of his five qualifiers maxed out at exactly RPR100 and another got to RPR101, thus meeting the criteria by the skin of their teeth. However, that shouldn't take away from what was a very strong start from their sire.

In terms of the broader picture for Cable Bay, his first 2-year-olds were clearly a forward bunch, with 59.6% of his crop having made it to the track last year. This is the fourth-highest such percentage amongst this group. Any sire that comes out towards the top of this criteria always warrants particular attention in terms of how well their progeny progress as 3-year-olds, as it isn't unusual for such above-average precocity to come at a cost of below-average progress as 3-year-olds. Thus, it will be worth watching how his progeny progress this year.

Highclere Stud increased Cable Bay's fee from £6,500 to £15,000 for 2020 and such an increase is justified by the performance of his first 2-year-olds. How they fare as 3-year-olds will help shape how much further Cable Bay can rise as a sire.



Cable Bay | Highclere Stud

Shadwell stallion **Muhaarar (GB)** was in incredibly high demand amongst breeders from the very beginning and the results that his first crop established at the yearling sales were quite frankly phenomenal. Such high expectations were always going to be hard to live up to, but the above figures suggest the results achieved by his first 2-year-old runners have been disappointing in comparison. [Cont. p5](#)

**Freshman Sires of 2019 Cont.**

There are clearly plenty of people that are keeping the faith with him, as the average/median prices that his yearlings realised last year didn't take anything like the dive that they might have been expected to.

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**Coronavirus Spikes Ahead of Cheltenham Cont. from p1**

As of 9 a.m. on Sunday, more than 11,000 people have been tested for coronavirus in the UK.

The British Horseracing Authority confirmed the latest position of an industry steering group, set up for racing during the outbreak, in a statement on Friday--stressing there remained "no need to develop a policy" in relation to the abandonment of any specific fixtures.

The statement read, "The industry group continues to liaise closely with government and plan for a range of contingencies. We would encourage everyone in racing to focus on the government's advice on personal health and their advice to employers and businesses. These are the actions that in the view of public health experts are the most important at this stage.

"Speculation about potential actions from government or racing, whilst wholly understandable in the circumstances, may simply distract from the advice on which the population is being asked to focus. At present racing continues as usual and the sport remains in agreement that there is no need to develop a policy regarding abandonment of any specific fixtures due to coronavirus at this time.

"We will continue to speak to government and should a situation arise where this is required then the sport has

established mechanisms in place for handling such scenarios."

Three meetings in France this week are to take place behind closed doors in a response to the coronavirus outbreak.

Some major sporting events have already been affected--with Ireland's Six Nations match against Italy called off and the Chinese Grand Prix, which was scheduled to take place in April, also cancelled.

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**EQUILATERAL STILL TARGETING AL QUOZ**

The G1 Al Quoz Sprint remains top of the agenda for Juddmonte's **Equilateral (GB)** (Equiano {Fr})--despite his odds-on defeat at Meydan last month. The Charlie Hills-trained 5-year-old made an impressive start to his stint in Dubai when comfortably accounting for **Waady (Ire)** (Approve {Ire}) in the Listed Dubai Dash at Meydan in January.

He was a warm order to follow up in the G2 Meydan Sprint as the 1-2 favourite, but had to make do with the runner-up spot as Waady gained his revenge.

Hills feels his charge was not at his best for various reasons--and hopes he will show his true colours on Dubai World Cup night at the end of this month.

"He ran a nice enough race in the Meydan Sprint--but we were slightly disappointed by the result, obviously," said the Lambourn trainer. "He didn't seem to gallop out like he can. The ground was a bit loose on top, after they'd put plenty of water on the track, and I think it just blunted his speed. He'd had a bit of time between his first and second run, whereas the winner has been running every week, so we were possibly found out for a bit of match fitness.

"Horses can bounce on their second run abroad as well. Sometimes they run really well after they first arrive, but then the travelling and everything catches up with them. He's come out of the race well and has been invited to run on World Cup night. That [Al Quoz] is the plan, all being well."

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# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Andrea Branchini

**MEYDAN CLASSIC (SPONSORED BY MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM CITY-DISTRICT ONE)-Listed, \$175,000, Meydan, 2-27, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1600mT, 1:35.87, gd. 1--WELL OF WISDOM (GB), 126, c, 3, by Oasis Dream (GB)--Alessandria (GB), by Sunday Silence. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick.**

The name of the recent listed winner at Meydan WELL OF WISDOM, out of the mare ALESSANDRIA, is a clear and smart reference to the Library of Alexandria, which prospered in ancient Egypt as the world's greatest cultural and scientific center for almost 10 centuries, from 305 BC to 642 AD circa.

**1st-Lyon La Soie, €16,000, Mdn, 2-27, 3yo, f, 10f 165y (AWT), 2:18, st. HELIABEL (FR) (f, 3, Camelot {GB}--Martinette, by Mizzen Mast) O-Team Valor International; B-Hugues Rousseau (FR); T-Simone Brogi.**

**Maori Knight (Ire), c, 3, Camelot (GB)--Chatham Islands, by Elusive Quality. Chelmsford City, 2-27, 8f (AWT), 1:37.96. B-Lynn Lodge Stud (IRE). \*€82,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. \*\*1/2 to Balty Boys (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$351,365.**

Meanwhile in Europe, the sire CAMELOT proves to be a great source of ingenious names, in reason of the powerful aura of the legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

A winning filly in Lyon, France takes her name HELIABEL from a sister of Percival, one of the three knights who get to lift the Holy Grail.

MAORI KNIGHT, a winner at Chelmsford in England, combines in his name the Round Table with the South Pacific. Her dam CHATHAM ISLANDS is named after an archipelago off the coast of New Zealand, homeland to the indigenous Maori people.

An Italian native, Andrea Branchini now lives in Lexington, Kentucky, where he works in the equine transport industry.

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## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Miss Morocco (GB), f, 4, Nathaniel (Ire)--Morocco Moon (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Southwell, 2-29, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:40.87. B-Alice Bamford (GB). \*1,500gns RNA 3yo '19 TATMA.**

## FRANCE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Faten (Fr), f, 3, Anodin (Ire)--Visomiya (Fr), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Toulouse, 3-1, 10 1/2ft, 2:19.70. B-SCEA du Haras de Victot (FR).**

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**Kaprice (Ire)**, f, 3, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Kapria (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Simon du Desert (Fr). Toulouse, 3-1, 7fT, 1:28.70. B-Knocktoran Stud (IRE). \*€40,000 RNA Ylg '18 GOFORB. \*\*1/2 to Dream Eater (Ire) (Night Shift), SW & G1SP-Eng, MGSP-Tur, \$1,082,235; Dreamspeed (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), GSP-Eng, \$104,267; and Gulf of Naples (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), SP-Eng.

**Bailleul (Ire)**, g, 3, **Lucayan (Fr)**--Baldamelle (Fr), by Dansili (GB). Toulouse, 3-1, 10 1/2fT, 2:19.70. B-Francois Rohaut (IRE).



**IN UAE:**

**Trolius (Ire)**, g, 4, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Trikala (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Abu Dhabi, 3-1, Hcp. (AED100k), 1600mT, 1:34.78. Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-3, \$53,753. O-Sultan Ali. B-Skymarc Farm (Ire). T-Simon Crisford. \*32,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; 32,000gns HRA '19 TATOCT.



**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**

**NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2**, ¥128,600,000 (US\$1,194,635/£933,047/€1,081,958), Nakayama, 3-1, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:46.30, fm.

1--**DANON KINGLY (JPN)**, 124, c, 4, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: My Goodness, by Storm Cat**

**2nd Dam: Caressing, by Honour and Glory**

**3rd Dam: Lovin Touch, by Majestic Prince**

O-Danox Inc.; B-Mishima Bokujo (Jpn); T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara; J-Norihito Yokoyama; ¥67,630,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Jpn, 8-5-1-1. \*1/2 to Danon Legend (Macho Uno), GSW-Jpn, \$3,324,208; and Danon Good (Jpn) (Elusive Quality), SW-Jpn, \$1,058,154. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple Plus\*.

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2--**Lucky Lilac (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Orfevre (Jpn)--Lilacs and Lace, by Flower Alley. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn). ¥27,180,000.

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3--**Soul Stirring (Jpn)**, 119, m, 6, **Frankel (GB)**--Stacelita (Fr), by Monsun (Ger). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn).

¥17,090,000.

Margins: 1.3/4, NK, HF. Odds: 1.50, 2.00, 28.60.

Also Ran: Indy Champ (Jpn), Persian Knight (Jpn), Maltese Apogee (Jpn), Win Bright (Jpn), Gold Cerberus (Jpn), Engineer (Jpn).

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**Sunday, Hanshin, Japan**

**HANKYU HAI-G3**, ¥78,220,000

(US\$729,336/£569,705/€661,034), Hanshin, 3-1, 4yo/up, 1400mT, 1:20.30, fm.

1--**BEST ACTOR (JPN)**, 123, g, 6, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Best Location (Jpn) (MGSP-Jpn, \$1,196,211), by Kurofune**

**2nd Dam: Dyna Actress (Jpn), by Northern Taste**

**3rd Dam: Model Sport (Jpn), by Model Fool**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Yuichi Shikato; J-Suguru Hamanaka. ¥41,644,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-1. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple Plus\*.

2--**Fiano Romano (Aus)**, 123, h, 6, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Heart Ashley, by Lion Heart. (A\$250,000 Ylg '16 INGAPR). O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Kia Ora Stud (NSW); ¥16,184,000.

3--**Diatonic (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--To Harmony (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Silk Racing; B-Sakai Farm (Jpn); ¥10,092,000.

Margins: NK, HF, NO. Odds: 21.30, 3.20, 2.40.

\*Diatonic(Jpn) finished 2nd, but following a stewards' inquiry, was demoted third.

Also Ran: Smart Odin (Jpn), Stelvio (Jpn), Stormy Sea (Jpn), Kurino Gaudi (Jpn), Rainbow Flag (Jpn), Loving Answer (Jpn), Deep Diver (Jpn), Happy Hour (Jpn), My Style (Jpn), Lilac Color (Jpn), Joyful (Jpn), Nishino Rush (Jpn), Aonbharr (Jpn), Logi Cry (Jpn), Saffron Heart (Jpn).

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AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2020		
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Mar. 7	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Mostyn Copper Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
Mar. 14	G1 Coolmore Classic S.	Rosehill
Mar. 20	G1 William Reid S.	The Valley
Mar. 21	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G1 The Agency George Ryder S	Rosehill



## SNITZEL COLT TOPS DAY 1 OF INGLIS PREMIER



Lot 227, the session-topping son of Snitzel | Inglis

By Bren O'Brien

Buyers set a cracking pace on the opening day of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale, highlighted by the \$725,000 Aquis paid for a son of Snitzel, the third-highest price for a yearling ever in Victoria, as averages leapt significantly on 12 months ago.

### At A Glance

- The top lot on Day 1 was a Snitzel colt (lot 227) from Jestajingle offered by Blue Gum Farm and purchased by Aquis for \$725,000
- Darley first-season sire Territories ended the day as leading sire by average (3 or more sold), with his filly from G3 winner Kaniana purchased by Star Thoroughbreds and Randwick Bloodstock for \$350,000, the day's top filly
- Leading buyer on Day 1 was Ciaran Maher Racing, who purchased eight yearlings for \$1.38 million and an average price of \$172,500, with a top price of \$460,000 for Yulong's colt by Teofilo (Ire)
- Blue Gum Farm leads the vendor averages and aggregate (3 or more sold) after Day 1, with seven yearlings sold for \$1.45 million
- The average jumped significantly on last year to \$138,512, compared to a Day 1 average of \$125,111 in 2019. Aggregate was \$23.2 million, with 24 more lots sold than day one last year

- The median also jumped from \$100,000 to \$120,000, with 113 lots of \$100,000 or more, up from 101 last year and 33 lots of \$200,000 or more, up from 28 last year
- The clearance rate of 75% was marginally down on the Day 1 clearance rate of 77% last year, however will likely increase with passed in lots trading post-sale

### Snitzel Colt Lures Aquis

Aquis struck a decisive blow and doubled down on the family of one of its emerging young stallions, securing a Snitzel colt who is a three-quarter brother to Jukebox for the top price of \$725,000 late on the first day.

The colt, offered by Blue Gum Farm on behalf of WA's Oakland Park Stud, was the centre of a spirited bidding duel, with Aquis's desire for sons of three-time Australian champion Snitzel again giving them the impetus to win the battle.

Managing Director Shane McGrath was pleased with the price they secured him for and said decisions on which trainer he goes to is yet to be made.

"We thought that was about where he was. He's a top level colt, by a champion sire. He is a super mover himself. He looks a real 2-year-old and he comes from great breeders as well," he said. "We were glad to get him. You look at these top-quality colts, that's what they are going to make. They are expensive at the moment but if they can win a nice race, it's a future stallion prospect for us."



Shane McGrath & Paddy Power | Sam D'Agostino/SDP Media/Inglis

The colt was out of Jestajingle (Lonhro), the half-sister to Group 3 winner Jukebox (Snitzel) from a family which has also produced stakes-winners Jestatune (Rory's Jester), Beethoven (Helmet), Umatune (Umatilla {NZ}) and Itsahymn (Ihtiram {Ire}), all of which were bred by the Duncan family.

McGrath had identified the similarities between the colt and Jukebox.

"He wasn't dissimilar to him. I thought looking at the horse from a Snitzel point of view, he had a great action as well and he looks like a horse that will get up and go early," he said.

The colt is the third highest-priced yearling ever sold in Victoria and the result is a new record for Blue Gum Farm, who have been selling at Oaklands Junction for nearly 40 years.

"We knew he was very special. We have had the privilege of selling some cracking colts here in the past and we knew this guy was right up there amongst them. To see the quality of people that were going after him and the amount of money they were prepared to pay for him, it's very satisfying," Blue Gum principal Philip Campbell said.

Blue Gum, the leading vendor from last year, lead sales on aggregate for vendors with \$1.45 million across seven lots and also leads averages at \$207,143 for those who sold three or more.

It was the highlight of a very positive opening day, with a competitive buying market making for a record fast start, marked by an average of \$138,047.

"You approach any sale day with a degree of apprehension. A lot of work goes into it and vendors invest an extraordinary amount of time and effort in preparing horses for sale. We take on a degree of responsibility for making sure they achieve a positive outcome," Inglis General Manager Bloodstock Sales and Marketing Sebastian Hutch said. "It's rewarding to go through a day like today and see so many people so pleased with the results. It wasn't a perfect day and there are factors we will be looking to improve on through this evening, tomorrow and into Tuesday but there were a lot of very rewarding results out of the day and we take a lot of positives out of it."

### **Maher Tops Buyers' List**

It was Jukebox's trainer Ciaron Maher who struck earlier in the day for the equal second highest-priced yearling, Lot 25, a colt

by Teofilo (Ire) out of Andes (Street Cry {Ire}) for \$460,000 from Yulong's draft. His dam is a half-sister to Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Aramayo (Poet's Voice {GB}).

"He's by a proven sire out of a young Street Cry mare and I loved him as a type. He ticked all the boxes in terms of what I look for in a yearling. Hopefully he's one for the future," Maher said. "He's a very good sire, but it was more he was from a good farm, by a good stallion and he was a good type.

"You hope they are a Guineas type horse and then maybe those Classic races, but you always hope that maybe they are a bit sharper, we'll see."

Maher ended the day as the leading buyer, picking up eight yearlings and spending \$1.38 million, just ahead of Hawkes Racing who spent \$1.11 million across six horses.

Yulong Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray celebrated another big result after a week where they secured two stallions

in Alabama Express (Redoute's Choice) and Tagaloo (Lord Kanaloo {Jpn}) and had Hungry Heart (Frankel {GB}) win the G2 Sweet Embrace S. impressively, the first Yulong-bred stakes winner.

"He was hugely popular--lovely horse with a great temperament. It was a great result for Mr. Zhang and it's great to be a Victorian farm and be able to bring a horse like that to Melbourne Premier and for him to sell so well," he said. "We have a broodmare band of 180 and with the

acquisition of the new stallions we have to build a reputation that we can sell good racehorses. Being a Victorian farm we want to support this sale, so it's great to make that sort of money with a nice colt like that."

### **Medaglia D'oro Colt Headed to Hong Kong**

Also going for \$460,000 was Lot 45, a Medaglia D'Oro (USA) colt offered by Vinery Stud, with Craig Rounsefell of Boomer Bloodstock winning the bidding war on behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

"This colt is a lovely athletic type, he's a little immature but has an abundance of quality, is a great mover and will develop into beautiful 3-year-old. His dam has consistently thrown talented, sound racehorses that improve with time--that's the profile we want for Hong Kong," Rounsefell said.



**Lot 45, a colt by Medaglia d'Oro | Sam D'Agostino/SDP Media/Inglis**

The colt is out of Base Paradise (Choisir), who has already produced two stakes winners: Brazuca (Medaglia D'Oro {USA}) and Mr Utopia (Elusive Quality {USA}).

James Harron paid \$380,000 for Lot 116, a colt by Dundee (NZ) offered by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds and destined for the stables of Anthony Freedman.

"He's very much in that physical mould to what we've seen to what Dundees do well at the track with the likes of Super Seth and Castelvechio," Harron said. "He's a very athletic type of horse, medium sized, has a lovely depth of girth and a wonderful walking action with really good purpose.

"We'll get him broken in and he's not a horse we're going to push too early. He should be a lovely backend 2-year-old or 3-year-old type for us."

### Derby Winner's Brother Heads to O'Brien

The full-brother to 2018 VRC Derby winner Extra Brut (Domesday), Lot 133, was picked up by Melbourne Cup winning trainer Danny O'Brien on behalf of his major supporter John Wheeler for \$380,000 from Stonehouse Thoroughbreds.

"John looks at all the horses himself and this was his pick of the sale. When I looked at him, it was very hard not to like the horse," O'Brien said. "He was a big beautiful, scopey, staying style of horse. We are always here trying to buy horses that can maybe win a Derby. His full-brother won one and hopefully we can get this guy to win a nice race as well."

The result was a terrific one for Stonehouse Thoroughbreds, who had sold Extra Brut as a weanling for \$50,000.

"A good client and our great mate Andrew McDonald bought the mare Dom Perion in foal to what became Extra Brut. Consequently, we sold the Domesday colt weanling for him for \$50,000, which was a tremendous result given where he was then, and he went on to be sold at the Classic sale and became Extra Brut," Stonehouse's Ryan Arnel said. "Andrew, on his own

accord, did a full-blood mating again and this is the foal that has come from that. He has come on in leaps and bounds."

The top filly for the day was Lot 232 at \$350,000. She is from the first Southern Hemisphere crop of Darley's Territories (Ire) and was offered by Millford Thoroughbreds and was purchased by Star Thoroughbreds and Randwick Bloodstock.

She is the first foal from Group 3 winner Kaniara (Canny Lad) from an extended family that includes international Group and Grade 1 winners Ashayer (USA) (Lomond {USA}), Aqaarid (USA) (Nashwan {USA}) and Alampur (Arg) (Catcher In the Rye {Ire}).



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Eternal Harvest**, g, 3, **Smart Missile**--Hastily, by Snitzel. Sha Tin, 3-1, Hcp. (\$190k), 1200m, 1:09.44. B-Byerley Trading Pty Ltd (NSW). \*Formerly Harajuku. \*\*\$70,000 Ylg '18 INGFE; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '18 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

**Super Wealthy**, g, 4, **Epaulette**--Well Hidden (USA) (SW-US, US\$100,600), by More Than Ready (USA). Sha Tin, 3-1, Hcp. (\$413k), 1400m, 1:21.12. B-Kerry O'Brien Thoroughbreds P/L (SA). \*Formerly Covert Operation. \*\*\$55,000 Ylg '17 INGFE; \$80,000 RNA 2yo '17 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

**Allied Agility**, g, 4, **Star Witness**--Spooked (NZ), by Scaredee Cat (NZ). Sha Tin, 3-1, Hcp. (\$285k), 1000m, :56.20. B-Rothwell Park (NSW). \*\$38,000 Wlg '16 MGLMAY; \$120,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS; NZ\$250,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Circuit Three**, g, 5, **Savabeel (Aus)**--Forty Two Below, by O'Reilly. Sha Tin, 3-1, Hcp. (NZ\$298k), 1400m, 1:21.83. B-G R Turner & G D Wallace. \*Full to Coldplay, MGSW-NZ, US\$190,096. \*\*NZ\$475,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN; HK\$5,700,000 HRA '18 HKIS.

#### VIDEO

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