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NYRA SUSPENDS LIVE RACING DUE TO CORONAVIRUS



Aqueduct

The New York Racing Association has suspended live racing at Aqueduct Racetrack until further notice due to changing circumstances in the racing community relative to the coronavirus.

A backstretch worker who lives and works at Belmont Park tested positive Thursday morning for the coronavirus. Following NYRA's Preparedness and Response Plan, the worker has been quarantined since developing symptoms the morning of Friday, Mar. 13. His roommate was also quarantined at that time.

"This individual and his roommate have been in isolation since prior to racing last Friday and as such did not travel to Aqueduct for live racing," said NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke.

"We are working with the County and State departments of health to ensure proper quarantine and sterilization practices will continue to be followed moving forward.

"We are focused on ensuring the health and safety of our entire backstretch community, as well as the horses in their care," added O'Rourke. "Accordingly, we are immediately suspending racing operations until further notice to devote all our attention and resources to this effort."

A decision regarding the resumption of live racing and the upcoming Aqueduct stakes schedule, including the Gil Wood Memorial Apr. 4, will be made at a later date. **Cont. p3**

KHRC APPROVES DERBY WEEK DATES SHIFT TO SEPTEMBER

By T.D. Thornton

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) unanimously voted at a special meeting Thursday to allow Churchill Downs to shift five "optional" Wednesday race dates from its spring meet to Sept. 1-5 to accommodate the track's coronavirus-related rescheduling of the entire Tuesday-through-Saturday GI Kentucky Derby race week.

The KHRC's approval came after two other Kentucky tracks that have already been granted traditional race dates during that September time block indicated they would be amenable to working out a compromise for the betterment of the entire circuit.

That means Ellis Park will now end its summer season Aug. 30, one week earlier than scheduled. Ken Mimmack, the head of project development for Ellis Entertainment LLC, the subsidiary that owns Ellis Park, told the KHRC that Ellis would be flexible about how to add the makeup dates while keeping purse levels at or above what the track paid out last year. **Cont. p3**

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Away Game (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), pictured above, will line up in Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper S. at Rosehill, Sydney. American-based Hannah Mathiesen, in conjunction with Kerri Radcliffe, purchased the filly from Mill Park's draft on the Gold Coast for AU\$425,000. The bay filly has already won the AU\$2-million Magic Millions 2YO Classic earlier this year. | Bronwen Healy

MARAGH TO STOP RIDING DURING PANDEMIC

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Jockey Rajiv Maragh announced that he will stop riding during the coronavirus pandemic to protect his family.

PAYTON TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

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Saints Coach Sean Payton tested positive for COVID-19 after visiting Oaklawn Park Saturday for the GII Rebel S.

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NYRA Suspends Racing Due to Coronavirus cont. from p1

The Belmont Park backstretch and its facilities remain open to horsemen and operational for training. Owners will not be permitted access to the backstretch until further notice. Stabling and training at Aqueduct was closed permanently as of Jan. 1.

The Preparedness and Response Plan Committee, comprised of key NYRA staff members as well as representatives from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), the Backstretch Employee Service Team (BEST), and the New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America (NYRTCA), have closely monitored and assessed developments regarding the coronavirus for the past several weeks to develop key protocols to monitor and manage both the Aqueduct and Belmont properties.

"At this point in the COVID-19 crisis, we all need to be 100% focused on the health of our staff and the welfare of our horses," said NYTHA President Joe Appelbaum. "When the industry comes out the other side of this--and we will--having as many healthy horses and humans as possible will be paramount."

NYRA has contracted with multiple outside cleaning vendors following best practices established by the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

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KHRC Approves New Derby Dates cont. from p1

"We are considering, certainly, throughout the season, how we would manage adding more days than we have previously been approved for within our schedule," Mimmack said. "Obviously, the entire situation with the funding of purses and those kinds of things is extremely important to us."

Kentucky Downs had one date, Wednesday, Sept. 2, that was scheduled during the new Derby week, but management of the all-turf track indicated is also willing to compromise.

"We're happy to help Churchill Downs get through this crazy, crazy time that we're all going through," said Ted Nicholson, Kentucky Downs' senior vice president and general manager.

Kentucky Downs later posted on Twitter that its Sept. 2 date would be swapped out for Sept. 16 (which had previously had been awarded to Churchill).

The optional Wednesdays that Churchill will be dropping from the spring meet are May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3.

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CRANE HUMBLLED BY INDUSTRY SUPPORT



Clovis Crane | Sarah Andrew

By Christie DeBernardis

After suffering every horseman’s nightmare, a barn fire that claimed the lives of 15 horses, Clovis Crane, who consigns 2-year-olds as Crane Thoroughbreds, is looking towards the future and feeling extremely humbled by the support of the Thoroughbred industry.

“I can’t tell you how humbled I am,” Crane said. “This has been an unbelievable time in my life. Prior to the fire, we were rolling along and were on cruise control, training and getting ready. In the blink of an eye, everything was turned upside down.”

Crane was able to pull seven horses from the blaze at his Lebanon, PA, training farm Mar. 7, but lost 15 others, all of which were juveniles slated for the upcoming 2-year-olds in training sales.

“All 15 horses that perished were set to go to sales and took away most chances I had of making the year a positive,” Crane said. “In addition to my loss of horse flesh, I lost my tack and everything I used to train the horses.”

It was not long before the Thoroughbred industry rallied around their fellow horseman in his time of need. Lesley Champion started a [Gofundme](#) for Crane, which has raised over \$82,000 to date. Other members of the industry have sent tack and supplies to help replace things Crane lost in the fire.

“The next day, one of my fellow trainers, who had quit training last week to take a job as a farrier, brought me enough tack where I could train the next morning,” Crane said. “Even though we had a disaster, there were still 38 horses to train. A group in Ocala got together and sent me a bunch of tack. There were about 12 exercise saddles and four western saddles. Someone showed up at my house with a saddle for my daughter Rosie. My friend Dr. Bruns sent two saddles, one for a kid and one exercise saddle. I know there is more coming from South Florida and Kentucky.” **Cont. p5**

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Crane Humbled By Industry Support cont.

He continued, "It was so awesome to see everyone rally behind us. My wife and daughter and I are going through all of the stuff that was sent and trying to organize and see what we do and don't need. We will donate what we don't need to folks who do need it. I probably have better tack now than I had before the fire."

Crane said he was overwhelmed by the support, not only from the horse industry, but from his local community.

"I am incredibly blessed that the people around me have been humbling and amazing," Crane said. "At our darkest moment, we didn't think we could move forward, but the people around us have carried us forward. It has been fabulous. People around us who I don't even know have volunteered their time to come help us with cleaning up the mess. It is just amazing how many good people there are. I would say 95% of people or more are good. They want to help and be good people. If there is anything we can take from this, it is that there are a lot of good folks around."

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ON AFTERCARE: FLTRAC



Horses at FLTRAC | Diana Pikulski

by Diana Pikulski

Florida Thoroughbred Retirement and Adoptive Care (FLTRAC) originated as an effort put forth, beginning in 2009, by the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (FHBPA), Calder Race Course, Gulfstream Park and professional jockeys, to find second careers and homes for horses that raced in South Florida. The non-profit organization itself was founded in 2010. **Cont. p6**



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When Thoroughbred trainer Jena Antonucci became the organization’s vice president in 2016, there were an unmanageable 297 horses spread out between several locations in Indiantown, FL. One of the first changes she made was to consolidate the whole herd to the current farm in Indiantown which is leased and consists of three barns, hundreds of acres of turn-out, paddocks of all sizes, and two outdoor riding arenas. Since 2016, and the hiring of Katie Schmit, well over 200 horses have been successfully adopted by private individuals. And, since January 2017, the organization has taken in 83 new horses, all of which have been adopted or are being re-trained. Currently, FLTRAC is home to 158 Thoroughbreds that raced in South Florida and every horse has a place in Schmit’s plan.

“To get things under control, we ran hard in a lot of directions,” said Antonucci, “We completely overhauled the business side, rebuilt the brand, modified the intake process, and re-did the website and social media while Katie started to ride every horse to see what we had and what was adoptable and how quickly.”

“On the intake side, we instituted a requirement that veterinary records and a soundness evaluation accompany every horse,” said Antonucci. “One of our FLTRAC board members is Dr. Bonnie Comerford, an AAEP Foundation for The Horse board member, and she really took the bull by the horns for us with regard to the intake and medical direction of FLTRAC. We wanted to be sure to meet and exceed the vision of aftercare and embrace many components of the AAEP as we moved forward.”

“We initially felt push-back from the trainers but now all aftercare has evolved so that those requirements are the norm, not the exception.”

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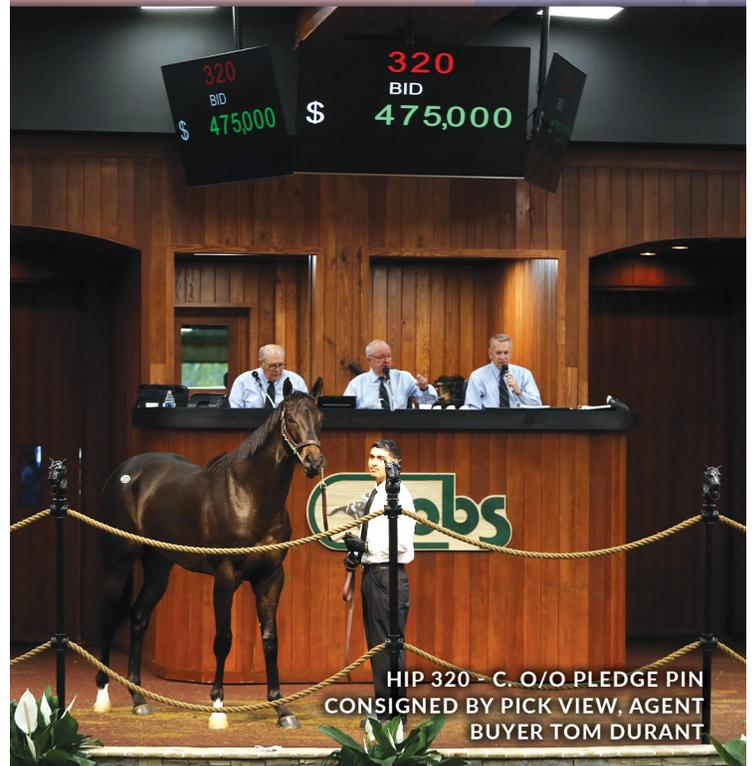


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FLTRAC’s current highly organized and efficient model comes from the combined unique talents of Antonucci and Schmit.

“A successful aftercare model isn’t just emotional,” said Antonucci. “If we don’t come at it, even a little bit, from a level-minded business model point of view, it will fail. We implemented Salesforce to monitor all of our leads and Tlore, generously donated by Tracy Attfield, for the farm business. My goal was to free Katie up to focus 100% on horse care, training and adoption.”

Thinking outside the usual box with the FLTRAC horses,

especially those 300 that were already in the program when Schmit was hired, has been one key to the remarkable success of the program. Other contributing factors are Schmit’s organizational skills and methodology. A former nurse, as well as retired exercise rider, she has certain strengths and a special skill-set well suited for the challenges of her position. She knows every nuance of each of the horses and also has an addiction to information sharing and good record keeping from her nursing days.

“We are totally focused on making sure that every horse is fit, happy, looks its best, and that the horses live up to what we say they are for the adopters,” said Schmit.

“Our retraining program is completely flexible depending on the horse. We have a very varied clientele so there is a demand for show horses, trail horses, companion horses, and therapy horses. We let the horse tell us the best fit. Obviously, the way we go about it differs if the horse is right off the track or has been turned out here for years.”

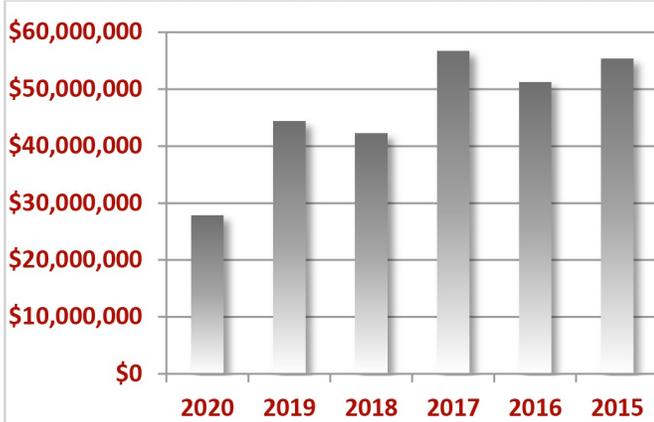
The obvious professionalism in every aspect of FLTRAC’s work attracted horse and financial donor Amy Tarrant of Hardacre Farm. Tarrant is a successful former trainer of her own racehorses and now a successful breeder and owner as well as a philanthropist.

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WEEKLY SALES INDEX

OBS MARCH SALE OF TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING



“It was no surprise that trade dropped sharply at OBS March this week given the COVID-19 crisis and related stock market crash, but there were bright spots as well. A significant number of horses did change hands--some for big money--as sellers looked to move what they could and buyers shopped for discounts in these uncertain times.”

- Brian DiDonato

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2020	681	485	291	28.8%	60.0%	42.7%	\$27,902,500	\$95,885
2019	577	409	309	29.1%	75.6%	53.6%	\$44,422,500	\$143,762
2018	573	363	257	26.7%	70.8%	44.6%	\$42,275,000	\$164,494
2017	677	414	304	38.8%	73.4%	44.9%	\$56,765,000	\$186,727
2016	613	434	320	29.2%	73.7%	52.2%	\$51,288,000	\$160,275
2015	610	422	326	30.8%	77.3%	53.4%	\$55,432,000	\$170,037

On Aftercare cont.

Diana Pikulski

“I always put the horse first and as soon as I feel a horse is not cut out for racing or not thriving in its job on the track, I move the horse on to a second career,” said Tarrant. “For the most part, my horses retire sound and I know the horse will have a full life after racing. The team at Florida TRAC gives me tremendous confidence and I have been thrilled with the homes where they have placed my horses.”

Of the 158 horses on the FLTRAC campus, 80 of them, while pasture sound and healthy, are not able to be ridden. FLTRAC is partnering with the Man O’War Program at Columbia University Irving Medical Center to give those horses a second career. The **Man O’War Program** was developed to do clinical research into whether Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT) could help the brain to recover from PTSD in U.S. veterans. FLTRAC will become the South Florida hub for Columbia to provide training in the EAT-PTSD protocol to practitioners and eventually host a program for veterans using the method of therapy and testing established by the Man O’War Program.

“The facility, the horses and the knowledgeable people at Florida TRAC make it an ideal spot for us in Florida where so many veterans live,” said Prudence W. Fisher, Ph.D. and co-director of the Man O’ War Program. “We loved everything about it and we are looking forward to working with retired racehorses.”

“We already have a group of people recovering from addiction that comes a few times a week to groom the horses,” said Schmit. “I am always moved by the positive way that the horses react to inexperienced people and how the people respond in joy. We cannot wait to put our permanent retirees in action helping America’s veterans.”

“We are very grateful for the consistent support of the FHBPA,

The Stronach Group, Gulfstream Park and the jockeys,” said Antonucci. “Without the participation of these groups, the individual donors and the adopters, this wouldn’t be possible. We’ve struck the right balance to serve the horses, the horsemen and now the veterans who served our country.”

For more information about FLTRAC, go to <https://fltrac.org/>.

Diana Pikulski is a partner at **Yepsen & Pikulski**, Public Policy Specialists and the editor of the *Thoroughbred Adoption Network*.

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LAUREL & PIMLICO BACKSIDE RESTRICTED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Laurel Park’s stable area will be closed to horses other than those based at Laurel and Pimlico Race Course, effectively immediately. Shippers will not be permitted, and any that had been entered for Mar. 20-21 at Laurel Park will be scratched.

The decision is part of a series of precautionary and safety measures put in place by the Maryland Jockey Club and Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association given the coronavirus situation.

Laurel Park is scheduled to offer an 10-race card Mar. 20 and an 11-race card Mar. 21 with access severely limited to essential racing personnel only. Owners will not be permitted to MJC facilities including the stable area. MJC closed Laurel Park to patrons effective Mar. 13, and that policy continues.

In addition, the MTHA Board of Directors has announced that, though current purse levels remain in place for the time being, it unanimously voted to reduce the 4% purse bonus for horses that place fifth through last to 2%, effective immediately. Going forward, fifth-place will receive 3% and sixth through last will be 2%. The percentage will be reassessed at a later date.

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SANTA ANITA & GOLDEN GATE CLOSE STABLE GATES TO OUTSIDE PERSONNEL

Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields closed their stable entry gates to outside personnel at their racing and training as did San Luis Rey Downs. The stable entry gate closure will not extend to horses, as current scientific evidence suggests that horses cannot develop COVID-19 and therefore present no danger of transmission to other horses or people.

The closure of the stable entry gates means that no new accompanying personnel, including jockeys, trainers or grooms, will be allowed onto the grounds with horses who ship from outside of California into Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields or San Luis Rey Downs. **Cont. p9**

Santa Anita & Golden Gate Close Stable Access cont.

Horses are only allowed to ship to trainers that currently have a barn at one of the three locations. To protect the perimeter, the horses will be met and transferred to the secure barn area in the care of personnel who are already on-site.

All horses will be cared for by essential personnel who are operating under stringent measures for protection prohibiting non-essential contact and interaction to maintain the most current requirements on social distancing.

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MARAGH ANNOUNCES HE WILL NO LONGER RIDE DURING CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Rajiv Maragh | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

Gulfstream-based jockey Rajiv Maragh announced Thursday via twitter that he has decided to stop riding indefinitely due to the coronavirus outbreak. He told the *TDN* that the reasons for his decision include that his wife is five-months pregnant with their first child.

Maragh is listed on one horse Friday at Gulfstream, Yes I See (Exchange Rate), the 5-2 second choice in the line in the second race.

"I am doing this mainly for the health and welfare of myself and my family," he said. "I have a pregnant wife at home and the last thing I want to happen is for me to get sick and transfer that to her."

Few jockeys can less afford time off than Maragh, whose career has been plagued by injuries that have stalled his momentum. He said that never entered his mind when making the decision to stop riding.

"Not at all," he said. "What I am thinking of is that this thing is out of my control and I don't think I can protect myself the way I

feel I need to because of the small confined area that is the jockeys' room. There are so many people in a small area. I have to be proactive and do what is best for my health and the health of my family. I feel vulnerable being here."

The jockey said he had not been self-quarantining, but had been taking extra precautions of late, including not allowing visitors to come to his home.

Maragh said he is hoping his time away from the racetrack will be a brief one.

"The sooner this is over the better for everybody," he said. "For now, everybody needs to be vigilant about taking care of themselves until this gets under control. The sooner everyone does that the sooner we'll all be able to recover from this."

In his tweet, Margh apologized to the owners and trainers who had been counting on him.

"Hopefully, the owners and trainers who I'm riding for don't hold it against me in the future," he wrote. "But the well being of myself and my family is first."

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AFTER VISIT TO OAKLAWN, SAINTS COACH PAYTON TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

by Bill Finley

Just five days after he attended the races at Oaklawn Park, New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton announced Thursday that he has tested positive for the coronavirus.

"This is not just about social distancing," Payton told *ESPN*. "It's shutting down here for a week to two weeks. If people understand the curve, and understand the bump, we can easily work together as a country to reduce it. Take a minute to understand what the experts are saying. It's not complicated to do what they're asking of us. Just that type of small investment by every one of us will have a dramatic impact."

Payton was at Oaklawn for Saturday's card, which featured the GII Rebel S. and circulated among the few people that were there on a day when fans were not allowed to attend the races. He conducted an interview with TVG's Brittney Eurton in which he discussed how the virus might impact the NFL draft and his concerns for older Americans during the on-going health crisis.

Trainer Tom Amoss was among those who interacted with Payton and wrote on twitter Thursday that he was going to self-quarantine and get tested as soon as possible.

"I feel great and have had no symptoms," Amoss wrote. "Wishing coach a fast recovery."

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CHARLES TOWN TO RESUME FRIDAY; CLASSIC POSTPONED

Charles Town will resume live racing Friday and has postponed the Apr. 18 GII Charles Town Classic, which will be rescheduled on a not yet determined date.

With Charles Town's reopening will come new steps to ensure the safety of its personnel and racing participants as the property will be closed entirely to the general public until further notice. The grandstand will be closed for all simulcast and live wagering and not available to anyone other than essential track and West Virginia Racing Commission personnel needed to conduct the live program.

In order to take steps to ensure the safety of its personnel and racing participants, the following restrictions are some of those that will also be in place for the conduct of live racing at Charles Town until further notice:

- Effective immediately, access to the stable area will be limited to licensed owners (subject to the restrictions below), trainers and essential credentialed personnel needed for the care of horses or conduct of live racing.
- Owners may only enter through the Charles Town stable gate and do so no earlier than one hour prior to post time for the first race on the day their horse is competing. Owners will not be permitted into the barn area at any other time. Any such owners are asked to contact the Charles Town racing office prior to making plans and to answer any further inquiries they may have.
- No guest or day passes will be issued and family members or guests of licensed individuals will not be permitted.
- Individuals under the age of 16 will be prohibited from entering the barn area at any time.
- Any feed or hay vendors must contact the Charles Town racing office prior to a delivery.
- No individuals without immediate business, including but not limited to those soliciting work, will be permitted in the barn area.
- The track kitchen will be open as a takeout only food service.

Due to the diminution of purse money as a result of the temporary cessation of gaming activity at Charles Town, the track, following consultation with the Charles Town HBPA, has requested the removal of the following five live racing days from its 2020 calendar--March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15 and May 10.

A free live video stream can be found [here](#).

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NEXT START FOR GOUVERNEUR MORRIS HINGES ON SATURDAY WORK

By T.D. Thornton

The next start for '[TDN Rising Star](#)' **Gouverneur Morris** (Constitution) will hinge on a five-furlong breeze Saturday at Palm Beach Downs.

"If he works well, [trainer] Todd Pletcher will decide whether to stay local and run in the [GI] Florida Derby or wait a week and fly him in for the [GII] Wood Memorial," Team Valor's Barry Irwin wrote in an email. "With opportunities and travel options expected to be limited, we have changed our outlook on racing him. We want to run him while there are still races available. We are less selective now. The [GII] Blue Grass was his most likely target before it was called off."

The "Guv's" 2020 debut at Tampa was a mile and 40 yards race that he won just :02 seconds shy of the track record. At age two, the colt won his Saratoga debut by nine lengths, then ran second in the GII Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland.

Gouverneur Morris was ranked as the No. 2 contender on the latest version of the Fasig-Tipton [GI Kentucky Derby Top 12 list](#). In the wake of the Derby date getting reset to Sept. 5, TDN's Top 12 rankings will resume Apr. 14.

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PM CAMPAIGN FOR STAXX BBQ HITS THE SPOT by Sue Finley

Earlier this week, we kicked off our 'random acts of kindness' column with the story of how PM Advertising was offering complimentary graphic design and social media work to help local businesses promote their services during the coronavirus crisis.

The first person to take them up on it was the *TDN's* own contributor Dan Liebman, a racing journalist who also owns Staxx BBQ in Frankfort, Ky. The popular barbecue joint is currently not open to the public, but Liebman wanted to get the word out that they do have a drive through which is open--a perfect way to avoid human contact--and through home delivery services. Their popular catering business, where they have carved out a healthy Thoroughbred business during sales time for consignors looking to feed their help on the sales grounds, is also open for business.

Yesterday, PM delivered the ads to them, and they take a humorous look at business in the crisis. "Cuz you have to wash your hands anyway!" says the first, with a picture of a sloppy looking pulled pork sandwich. The second, also featuring pulled pork, reads, "Pull together. Eat BBQ." **Cont p11**

PM Campaign for Staxx BBQ cont.



Liebman was floored. “What a wonderful job they did. I am literally typing this with tears in my eyes at what people are doing for each other.”

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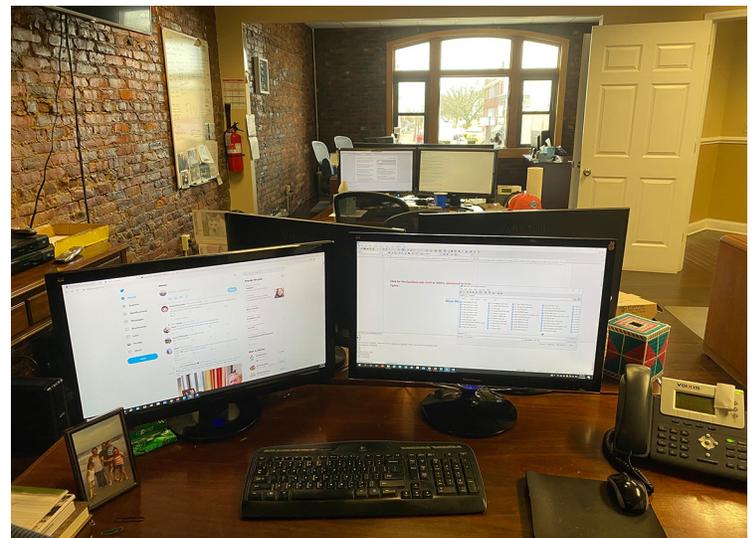
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Amid deadly pandemic, racing is the only game in town

In the days since the coronavirus pandemic brought America to a standstill, a pastoral sporting scene in Southern California has offered an idyllic atmosphere to overtake apocalyptic thoughts, if only for a moment.

William Weinbaum, ESPN

A LETTER FROM THE TDN



Work is happening on the TDN computers, but there's no one sitting at the desks | Sue Finley photo

Dear TDN family,

I write this letter sitting in the now cavernous-seeming TDN offices with just our accountant, Ray Villa, for company. (Gotta keep those bills paid, after all...)

The rest of the staff is home, working hard to keep everyone updated with the news of these strange times in which we're living.

First, I wanted to let you know how to reach us. The office will be manned by just Ray and myself until further notice, from Monday to Friday, 9:30 to 5:30. Please call us at 732-747-8060 if you would like to speak with us.

The easiest way to get in touch with the editorial department is by email to editor@thetdn.com. The advertising email is advertising@thetdn.com and both emails are manned nearly round the clock.

Finally, in a non-office-hours emergency, please call either me or Gary King on our mobile phones, which are found on the TDN website's About Us page, which may be accessed [by clicking here](#). You'll also find it under the menu section of our website.

The TDN is made up of a devoted staff of 25 lifelong journalists and graphic designers, and we're committed, now more than ever, to keeping you informed. The news is changing by the moment, and I don't think the paper has ever seen the level, quality and quantity of content that we're turning out now. If there is a story you'd like us to cover, or a question you have about the current situation, please feel free to email me directly at suefinley@thetdn.com.

But our job is also to try to entertain, especially during these very somber times, and we're trying to strike the right balance of news, information, and features--if for no other reason than to distract you for a little while. **Cont. p12**

A Letter From the TDN cont.

We continue to produce **podcasts** and **videos**, both to bring you news in an audio-visual format, but also to help you pass the time. And our series, 'Random Acts of Kindness,' which details how people are helping others cope in this crisis, gives us all a little bit of hope that the world is still a good place.

At the *TDN*, we'll be here for you until we're on the other side of this pandemic. Please let us know if there is anything at all we can do for you.

--Sue Finley, Publisher and CEO



CLAIBORNE BRIGHTENS FANS DAYS WITH VIRTUAL TOURS

by Katie Ritz



After being forced to postpone all farm tours at the historic Claiborne Farm, the top Bluegrass attraction and Thoroughbred fan destination announced that they would be conducting a live virtual stallion tour through Instagram beginning Tuesday, Mar. 17.

The idea was a huge success, with over 200 fans tuning in live on Instagram and thousands more watching the recording later on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. The recording has already received 12,000 views and 300 shares on Facebook. **The video can be accessed on YouTube by clicking here.**

"It's normally a really busy time for us the time of year not only in the foaling barn and breeding shed, but also with tours," said

Claiborne president Walker Hancock. "With so many people having to cancel their tours, we felt bad and wanted to brighten some people's day. We know that a lot of people are stuck at home with their spirits down a bit, so we thought this might be able to cheer people up."

Stallion groom Kevin Lay kicked off the virtual tour in the Claiborne gift shop. "Welcome to Claiborne Farm. I hope you that we find you well and healthy. We wish that we could be doing this in person, but we are going to do our best to bring the farm to you."

The tour went into the history of the farm, mentioning when Bold Ruler and Round Table, eventual Horse of the Year recipients in 1957 and 1958 respectively, were born on the same night at Claiborne.

The tour made stops at the breeding shed and the main barns, as well as the paddocks of multiple stallions including Algorithms, Mastery, War Front, Catholic Boy, and Runhappy, where treats were distributed to all. It also stopped by the stallion cemetery, visiting the burial sites of the likes of Swale, Riva Ridge, and Secretariat. The tour concluded with a visit with "the infamous" teaser Don Julio.

Fans were able to ask questions in real time. Question topics ranged from stallion's exercise and grooming regimens to the purchase price and stud fees of the stallions.

The video garnered hundreds of comments, with fans expressing their gratitude, along with their excitement to be a part of the unique opportunity. One viewer wrote on Facebook, "This video was bright spot in this gloomy time," and another wrote, "I was so excited, I even set an alarm so I could watch live."

"I logged on to Instagram to see people's reactions and everyone seemed so appreciative and thankful," Hancock recounted. "People were recalling memories of when they had visited in the past, and others were saying how they hoped to visit soon. It was really cool to see people come together and share some good times during some dreaded times."

The team at Claiborne hopes to make this a weekly event while they can't conduct in-person tours. Hancock said, "It ended up being a huge success and we got so much positive feedback on it, so we plan to make this a weekly event going forward, at least until this situation passes."

Claiborne plans on holding virtual tours of the foaling barn, the nursery, the aftercare facility, as well a tour of Marchmont cemetery, the burial site of Claiborne's famous broodmares.

Hancock said, "We look forward to doing more in the coming weeks and hope to have another great reception like we had this past Tuesday."

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SO... WHO'S THE LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRE OF 2020?

It's time for our annual favorite question. We surveyed some top judges on who their leading first-crop sire is, and asked them to give us some under-the-radar picks as well.

RANDY BRADSHAW



Speightster | *PM Advertising photo*

Speightster would be my first pick. I have one Speightster and he is probably the fastest horse that we have. He's as fast as anything that I've probably ever taken to a 2-year-old sale. He's a very good-looking horse. He's a good size at around 16 hands. He's just a solid, beautiful horse and is terrifically fast. We have high hopes for him and hopefully we can get a decent amount of money and somebody can do well with him and make us famous.

I have a **Not This Time** that I bought in July last year. He's probably the biggest 2-year-old that we have at 16'2 at least. That being said, he's an incredibly fast horse for as big as he is with a tremendous amount of talent. He reminds me a lot of Nadal at this stage, but this one is a little bigger, stretchier, and a touch more athletic than Nadal. He's very good minded, which is half the battle with those horses, just making sure their mind stays together, that they understand what we're trying to teach them, and that they get better every day. So far that's been the case with him.

I'll tell you how athletic he is. When we first brought him home we had him tranquilized and he was out in a paddock. I had a couple guys out there to make sure he didn't go through the fence. He jogged around the paddock and came jogging through

the fence. He baled over a five-foot gate like it wasn't even there. That's pretty hard to do under tranquilizer when you're that big, but that's how athletic he is.

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KENTUCKY-BRED CHAMPIONS LUNCHEON POSTPONED, WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders' annual awards luncheon, scheduled for Apr. 8 at Keeneland, has been postponed until the fall. The KTOB announced the 2019 winners via press release, which are as follows:

- Broodmare of the Year: BEYOND THE WAVES (Owner: George Strawbridge Jr.)
- Horse of the Year, Male Turf: BRICKS AND MORTAR (George Strawbridge Jr.)
- Two-Year-Old Male: STORM THE COURT (Stepping Stone Farm)
- Two-Year-Old Filly: BRITISH IDIOM (Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC)
- Three-Year-Old Male: MAXIMUM SECURITY (Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.)
- Three-Year-Old Filly, Female Sprinter: COVFEFE (Alexander – Groves Thoroughbreds)
- Older Dirt Male: VINO ROSSO (John D. Gunther)
- Older Dirt Female: MIDNIGHT BISOU (Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC)
- Female Turf: GOT STORMY (Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr.)
- Male Sprinter: MITOLE (Edward A. Cox Jr.)
- Racing Abroad: SISKIN (Juddmonte Farms Inc)

Awards of merit were also presented for:

1. P.A.B. Widener Trophy for KTOB Breeder of the Year: CALUMET FARM
2. Hardboot Breeders' Award pays tribute to distinctive but unsung breeders that help make up the backbone of our industry: ALFRED H. NUCKOLS, JR.
3. Charles W. Engelhard Award acknowledges a member of the media for outstanding coverage of the Thoroughbred industry: NATALIE VOSS
4. William T. Young Humanitarian Award distinguishes a person or organization in the thoroughbred industry "who recognizes and promotes the human endeavor:" EDWARD P. EVANS FOUNDATION **Cont. p14**

KTOB Awards Postponed cont.

Also to receive awards are the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund's top money earners in five separate categories:

- KTDF Sire of the Year: INTO MISCHIEF (Spendthrift Farm)
- KTDF Earner of the Year: ZULU ALPHA (Michael Hui)
- KTDF Owner of the Year: G. WATTS HUMPHREY, JR.
- KTDF Trainer of the Year: STEVEN ASMUSSEN
- KTDF Breeder of the Year: CALUMET FARM

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JOCKEYS' GUILD ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR HIA

The Jockeys' Guild announced its support for the Horseracing Integrity Act (HIA). This federal legislation is moving through Congress and would create a national agency run by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, the group that runs medication control programs for America's Olympic teams and others.

"The Horseracing Integrity Act will give the industry the first uniform set of rules, including penalties and investigation standards," said Terry Meyocks, president and CEO of the Jockeys' Guild. "This bill creates uniformity and is the solution to create a level playing field, eliminating illegal drug abuse and protecting jockeys and horses alike."

"The Guild is dedicated to working with the entire industry to ensure that racing has the highest level of integrity and transparency," Meyocks continued. "Guild members believe that strong measures to protect the safety of horses and riders will also help regain the trust of the fans and general public."

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CHU ELECTED TO OLD FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Old Friends elected owner/breeder Susan Chu to its Board of Directors Mar. 9. Chu and her husband have campaigned the

likes of champion Drefong (Gio Ponti) and MGISW Bast (Uncle Mo) under the Baoma Corp. banner.

"I am honored to be able to participate in such a worthwhile organization," said Chu. "Old Friends contributes so much to the welfare of these incredible retired Thoroughbreds."

Chu will join current Old Friends board members: President Michael Blowen, Vice President Bill Vandendool, Chairman Cynthia Grisolia, Secretary Barbara Fossum, Treasurer Mark Otto, and voting members Jill Baffert, Peggy Gdovka, Corey Johnsen, Suzanne Mundy, Clark Nyberg, Dr. John Park, Mark Simon, Ron Wallace, and Diane White.

"We are so thrilled that Susan has joined in our mission," said Old Friends founder and President Michael Blowen. "She has incredible insight as a Thoroughbred breeder and owner, and is committed and passionate about the issue of aftercare. We look forward to her contributions"

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Leading Cumulative Second-Crop Sires By Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Mar. 18

Earnings and Black-type represents North American & European figures & stud fees are for 2020

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2017	4	6	--	--	--	--	68	39	237,308	2,004,664
										My Italian Rabbi	
2	Constitution (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	5	12	5	9	1	2	81	38	498,900	3,048,500
										Tiz the Law	
3	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	3	8	--	--	--	--	84	38	171,436	2,056,895
										Axiomo	
4	Wicked Strong (2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017	1	6	--	--	--	--	75	35	113,941	1,640,601
										Forever Wicked	
5	Bayern (2011) by Offlee Wild FYR: 2017	--	5	--	--	--	--	65	33	134,112	1,827,979
										Tempers Rising	
6	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017	6	15	3	9	--	3	90	32	692,500	3,570,472
										Four Wheel Drive	
7	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017	2	9	--	2	--	--	53	28	342,800	1,883,574
										Liam's Lucky Charm	
8	Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017	4	6	2	3	1	1	77	27	709,500	2,382,753
										Structor	
9	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017	2	4	2	2	2	2	58	26	361,000	2,042,404
										Basin	
10	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017	2	5	--	1	--	--	76	26	154,140	1,703,602
										Bella Aurora	
11	Tonalist (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	1	5	1	2	--	--	61	25	309,390	1,753,014
										Tonalist's Shape	
12	Summer Front (2009) by War Front FYR: 2017	3	5	2	3	--	--	57	24	333,156	1,480,915
										Ete Indien	
13	The Big Beast (2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017	--	2	--	1	--	1	37	24	96,600	1,026,807
										Inspiressa	
14	Palace (2009) by City Zip FYR: 2017	1	3	--	1	--	--	48	24	104,200	937,415
										Auberge	
15	Race Day (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	4	5	--	--	--	--	49	20	141,605	1,075,982
										Consultora	

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TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Major Fed	Ghostzapper	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Rosario	122
2	Mailman Money	Goldcents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
3	Wells Bayou 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, C & L, Madaket Stables & Wonder Stables		Cox	Geroux
4	Chestertown	Tapit	West Point Thoroughbreds, Broman, Sr., C & M, Woodford Racing, Siena Farm, & Masiello, Robert	Asmussen	Velazquez	122
5	Social Afleet	Northern Afleet	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Beschizza	122
6	Shake Some Action 🌿	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Hernandez	122
7	Sharecropper	Pioneerof the Nile	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Stall, Jr.	Mena	122
8	Royal Act 🌿	American Pharoah	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Cedillo	122
9	Portos	Tapit Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122	
10	Enforceable 🌿	Tapit John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	122	
11	Ny Traffic	Cross Traffic	Fanelli, J, Cash is King, LC Racing & Braverman, P	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	122
12	Lynn's Map 🌿	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Gaffalione	122
13	Silver State 🌿	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
14	Modernist	Uncle Mo	Wygod, Pam and Martin	Mott	Alvarado	122
15	Mr. Big News	Giant's Causeway	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Albarado	122
16	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables, and LaPenta, Robert V.	Pletcher	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Lloyd Madison IV, LLC, 2-TK Stables LLC, 3-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 4-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 5-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson, 6-Edgar Scott Jr. & Jane MacElree, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Stonehaven Steadings, 9-Wertheimer et Frere, 10-Clearsky Farms, 11-Brian Culnan, 12-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 13-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 14-Wygod Family, LLC, 15-Don Alberto Corporation, 16-Chrysalis Stables

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:10 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lone Sailor 🌿	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	118
2	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Murrill	118
3	Fearless 🌿	Ghostzapper	China Horse Club International & WinStar Farm	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Mena	118
5	Tenfold	Curlin	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Velazquez	118
6	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	118
8	By My Standards	Goldcents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	118
9	Gun It 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Morgan's Ford Farm, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 8-Don Ladd, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Antoinette	Hard Spun	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	French Rose	Raison d'Etat	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Murrill	122
3	Tempers Rising 🌿	Bayern	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Leparoux	122
4	Bonny South	Munnings	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	122
5	Stop Shoppin Tammy 🌿	Tapit	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Lanerie	122
6	Finite	Munnings	Winchell Thoroughbreds, Reiman, Thomas, Dickson, William and Easter, Deborah A.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Dr. Bryan Boone DVM, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-My Meadowview LLC, 6-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dot Matrix	Freud	Ten Strike Racing	Cox	Geroux	122
2	Aquaphobia	Giant's Causeway	Paradise Farms, Staudacher, D & Hooties Racing	Maker	Gaffalione	122
3	Dontblamerocket	Blame	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Leparoux	122
4	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Brown	Rosario	118
5	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Instilled Regard 🌿	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
8	Channel Maker 🌿	English Channel	Joey Gee Tbreeds, Wachtel Stable & Barber, G	Mott	Alvarado	118
9	Factor This 🌿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Bridgmohan	122
10	Secretary At War	War Front	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Beschizza	118
11	Marzo 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
12	Synchrony	Tapit Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	118	
13	Bundibunan 🌿	Ghostzapper	Haras Interlagos	Correas, IV	Lanerie	118

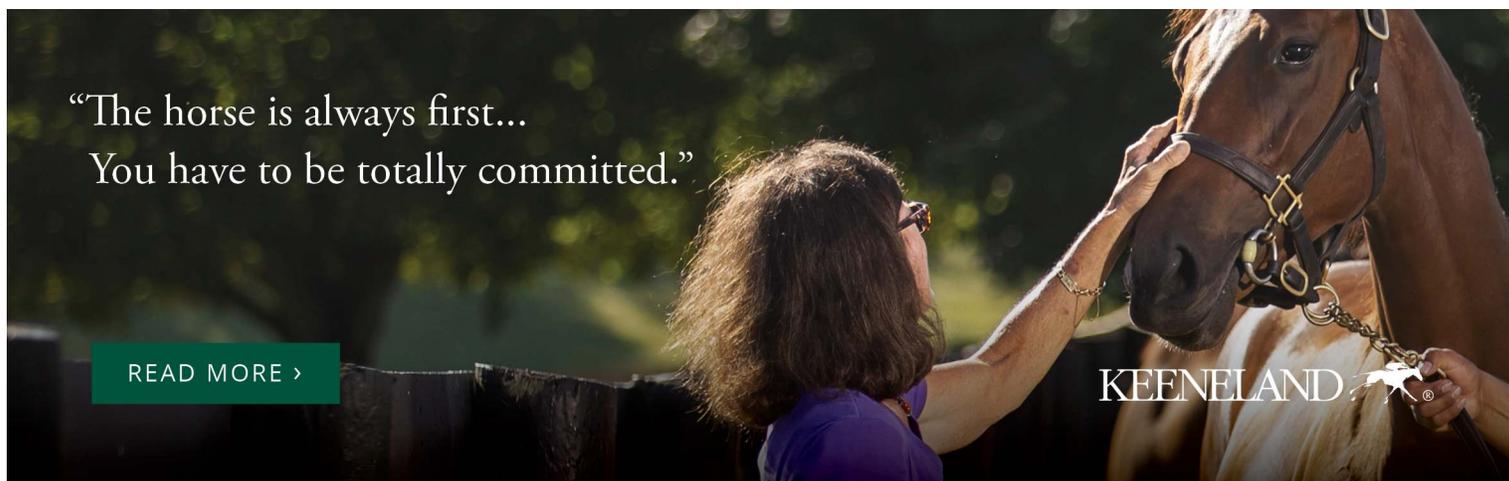
Breeders: 1-Truxton Stables, 2-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 3-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Haras du Mezeray, 5-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 6-KatieRich Farms, 7-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 8-Tall Oaks Farm, 9-Maccabee Farm, 10-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 11-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 12-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 13-Michael Perlman



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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

SAN SIMEON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sparky Ville 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Del Secco DCS Racing	Bonde	Velez	121
2	Bound for Nowhere 🌿	The Factor	Wesley A. Ward	Ward	Garcia	121
3	Murad Khan (Fr)	Raven's Pass	R3 Racing LLC, Calara Farms and Rothblum, Steve	O'Neill	Bejarano	121
4	Cistron 🌿	The Factor	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	123
5	Surrender Now 🌿	Morning Line	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Prat	116
6	Voodoo Song	English Channel	Barry K. Schwartz	Mandella	Rispoli	121
7	King of Speed 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Del Secco DCS Racing	Bonde	Franco	121

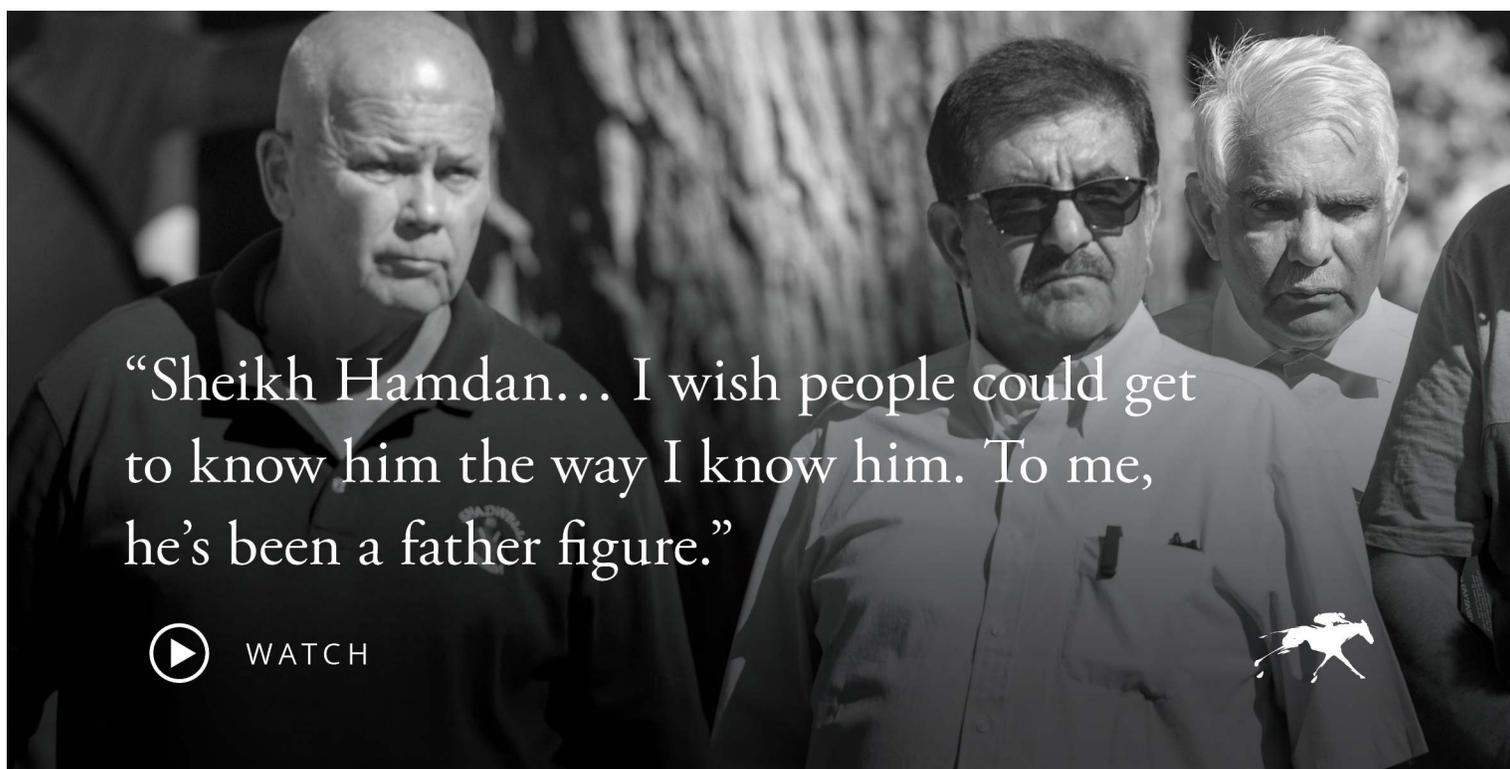
Breeders: 1-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC, 2-Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster, 3-S.C.E.A. Haras de Manneville, 4-St. George Farm, LLC, 5-Elaine Macpherson, 6-Stonewall Farm, 7-Newaukum Racing Stables LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT

SAN LUIS REY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Swamp Souffle	Bodemeister	Knapp, Steve R., Romo-Zolotas, Sabina and Zolotas, Steven	Knapp	Gutierrez	120
2	Camino Del Paraiso	Suances (GB)	Paradise Road Ranch, LLC	Jauregui	Pereira	120
3	Ashleyluvssugar	Game Plan	Alesia, Sharon, Bran Jam Stable & Ciaglia Racing	Eurton	Blanc	120
4	Oscar Dominguez (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Messineo, Nancy and Sands, Bruce	Baltas	Rispoli	124
5	Go for a Ride 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	DA Meah Racing, Rising Star Farm and Henson, Michael R.	Meah	Maldonado	120
6	Ward 'n Jerry	Lucky Pulpit	Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D.	Puype	Prat	120
7	French Getaway 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Schroeder Farms LLC	Hess, Jr.	Bejarano	120

Breeders: 1-Craig L. Wheeler & Barry Berkelhammer, 2-Red Baron's Barn LLC, 3-Estate of Alesia, BranJam Stables & Ciaglia Racing, LLC, 4-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 5-Bell Tower Thoroughbreds, 6-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams, 7-Flaxman Holdings Limited





PHAROAH, INTO MISCHIEF FIRSTERS FROM TOP BARN HIGHLIGHT SANTA ANITA TURF SPRINT



J Z My Man as a weanling in 2017 | Keeneland

3rd-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 5:05 p.m. ET

Well-regarded first-time starters from the Bob Baffert and John Sadler barns highlight this turf sprint early on Friday's card at Santa Anita. **J Z MY MAN (American Pharoah)** commanded \$410,000 at Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream last spring following a **:10 3/5** furlong breeze and has backed that pricetag up in the mornings for Baffert, showing a steady series of sharp works going back to late December capped by a best-of-219 bullet half in **:47 3/5** Mar. 16 at Santa Anita. His dam, four-time stakes winner J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday), is a half-sister to GISW A Z Warrior (Bernardini), MGSW/GISP Jojo Warrior (Pioneerof the Nile) and GSW/GISP E Z Warrior (Exploit).

Duplicity (Into Mischief), going out for the powerhouse tandem of Sadler and Hronis Racing, was a coveted auction buy in his own right, hammering for \$350,000 at OBS March last year after blitzing through a furlong in **:9 4/5**. The first foal out of once-raced Hysterical (Distorted Humor), his second dam is MGSW turer Tout Charmant (Slewescent), who in turn produced GSW/GISP Dancing House (Tapit). Tout Charmant is also the second dam of last fall's Gil Sands Point S. heroine New and Improved (Cairo Prince). While not as swift as J Z My Man's

worktab, Duplicity shows eight stamina-building five-furlong moves in Arcadia, including one from the gate in **1:00 3/5 (9/63)** Feb. 23. **TJCS PPs**
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-19, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.03, ft.

THERE AND BACK (h, 5, First Dude--Natalie's Moment, by Kris S.), a \$400,000 OBS June purchase back in 2017, earned a 91 Beyer when victorious on debut for Bob Baffert in June of 2018 at Santa Anita and was third off a long break in an Arcadia allowance last April. Laid up again and switched to this barn, he came back with a disappointing fourth at 6-5 in a sloppy off-the-turf allowance here Feb. 20. Favored at 13-10 to make amends in this spot, the dark bay sat in a clear third off a sharp **:21.60** quarter and crept closer three deep as the field compressed through a **:45.03** half. Taking charge passing the furlong grounds, he drifted out in deep stretch and just held off longshot Grove Daddy (Candy Ride {Arg}) by a nose. The winner is a half to Sola Gratia (Touch Gold), SP, \$177,984. Sales History: \$400,000 2yo '17 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$72,300.

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O-Byerley Turk Racing; B-David A Dizney (FL); T-Thomas M. Amoss.



7th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, (S), Alw, 3-19, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.09, ft.

SOUTHERN LIAISON (f, 3, Liaison--Southern Banner {SP, \$108,063}, by Southern Halo) rallied to a first-out success when crushed down to even-money over track and trip Feb. 13 and was made the narrow 11-5 second choice here. Traveling in sixth off of a :21.96 quarter, the homebred moved in tandem with 31-1 longshot Oretta (Guilt Trip) to overhaul the tiring pacesetter inside the eighth pole and edged away from that rival late to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$54,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Earl & Keith Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA); T-Sam B. David, Jr.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.83, fm.

MORNING MOLLY (f, 4, Morning Line--Honor Your Gift, by Sightseeing) graduated second out against \$40,000 maiden sellers in the Laurel slop Oct. 31 and improved her Beyer figure from 56 to 83 when switching to turf and upsetting a Tampa allowance at 32-1 Dec. 28. Backing that up with a good runner-up effort over course and distance Feb. 22, the homebred was made the 13-5 second choice here and broke smoothly. Taking back to stalk from the fence in third through splits of :24.03 and :48.57, the bay split horses approaching the furlong grounds, assumed command soon thereafter and dug in to hold off closing favorite Clara Peeters (GB) (Epaulette {Aus})--making her North American debut--by a neck. The first foal out of her dam, Morning Molly has an unraced sophomore Point of Entry half-brother named Highestdistinction, a yearling Declaration of War half-sister and a half-brother by Air Force Blue foaled earlier this season. Sales History: \$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$64,010. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Willow Lane Stables (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 20

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private 318 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners 3-Santa Anita, Msw 5 1/2ft, J Z MY MAN, 4-1 \$575,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$800,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; \$410,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000 157 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, POT OF HUNNY, 8-1

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000 93 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, COURAGEOUS GIRL, 3-1

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 231 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners 9-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 6f, CARPE EROS, 9-2 \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl 2-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, CARPE NOCTEM, 6-1 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Circumference (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Milky Way Farms, \$3,000 41 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Santa Anita, Msw 1 1/8mT, CIRCLEOFCOLOR, 50-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500 155 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners 9-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 6f, COOL EDGE, 12-1 \$28,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500 140 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners 4-Penn National, Msw 1m, ALLGUSSIEDUP, 20-1 7-Santa Anita, Aoc 1mT, BAD BEAT, 15-1 \$26,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000 142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, VIENNA CODE, 30-1 \$1,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl

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Morning Molly (Morning Line) wins for the second time in three turf starts at Fair Grounds

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, CAVALRY CHARGE, 6-1
 \$375,000 FTS AUG yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
 130 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2fT, ZIMBA WARRIOR, 7-2
 \$62,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, WARRIOR'S MAP, 8-1

Micromanage (Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000
 60 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, MICROMILLION, 7-2
 \$30,000 FTN MIX wnl
 4-Penn National, Msw 1m, SHES EUPHORIC, 20-1
 \$15,000 KEE JAN wnl

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 79 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Sam Houston Race, Alw 5fT, YOU SHOULD TALK, 15-1
 \$1,700 KEE NOV wnl; \$4,000 TTA APR 2yo

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 152 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2fT, TENSAS WEEZY, 15-1
 \$7,000 ESL YRL yrl; \$10,000 TTA APR 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, GRUDGE, 15-1
 \$170,000 OBS MAR 2yo; \$65,000 OBS WIN 3yo

Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy), Sequel New York, private
 16 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, MY MY MICHELLE, 8-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
 9-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 6f, IM JUSTA BACHELOR, 20-1
 \$90,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$4,000 KEE SEP yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 232 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, WICKED REBEL, 15-1



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4th-Oaklawn, \$92,000, (S), 3-19, (NW2\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.73, sy.

HAMAZING VISION (g, 5, Hamazing Destiny--Heated Debate {SP}, by Closing Argument) Lifetime Record: 21-5-4-3, \$139,793. O-By A Nose Stable; B-Arthur Hall & C F Newman (AR); T-Robertino Diodoro. *1/2 to Ministry (Ordained), SW, \$303,315.

7th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, 3-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.90, sy.

FRANKNJYMME (h, 5, Successful Appeal--Sheza Great Friend, by Stevie Wonderboy) Lifetime Record: 17-2-2-4, \$164,772. O/B-Charles LoPresti (KY); T-J. Reeve McGaughey. *\$7,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

2nd-Fair Grounds, \$43,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.00, fm.

MR. AL'S GAL (m, 6, Salute the Sarge--Spanish Ice {MSP, \$133,920}, by Spanish Steps) Lifetime Record: MSW, 29-13-4-4, \$595,580. O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo. *\$1,000 Ylg '15 ESLMIX.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Instafamous, c, 3, City Zip--Tara Court, by Giant's Causeway. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-18, 1mT, 1:38.99. B-Keene Ridge Racing, LLC (KY). *\$170,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$220,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Lil Red Vette, f, 3, Constitution--Lil Red Cozette, by Henny Hughes. Oaklawn, 3-19, (C), 6f, 1:13.35. B-DJ Stable, LLC (KY). *\$5,500 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '19 TTAAPR.



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CITY ZIP, Instafamous, c, 3, o/o Tara Court, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 3-18, Sam Houston

CONSTITUTION, Lil Red Vette, f, 3, o/o Lil Red Cozette, by Henry Hughes. MCL, 3-19, Oaklawn

FIRST DUDE, There and Back, h, 5, o/o Natalie's Moment, by Kris S.. AOC, 3-19, Fair Grounds

HAMAZING DESTINY, Hamazing Vision, g, 5, o/o Heated Debate, by Closing Argument. ALW, 3-19, Oaklawn

LIAISON, Southern Liaison, f, 3, o/o Southern Banner, by Southern Halo. ALW, 3-19, Fair Grounds

MORNING LINE, Morning Molly, f, 4, o/o Honor Your Gift, by Sightseeing. AOC, 3-19, Fair Grounds

SALUTE THE SARGE, Mr. Al's Gal, m, 6, o/o Spanish Ice, by Spanish Steps. AOC, 3-19, Fair Grounds

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL, Franknjymme, h, 5, o/o Sheza Great Friend, by Stevie Wonderboy. ALW, 3-19, Oaklawn



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FINANCIAL RELIEF IN THE WORKS FOR JOCKEYS



The Professional Jockeys' Association is working on a relief package for riders | *Racing Post*

Support has been pledged for jockeys to help mitigate the impact on their livelihoods from the coronavirus outbreak. Racing in Britain is on hold until the end of April and jockeys at the lower end of the earnings scale are likely to soon feel the effects of being out of work.

Paul Struthers, Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association, said, "I think the situation for jockeys is bleak, in the same way that it's bleak for racing and the same way it's bleak and worrying for the rest of the country and the entire world. The whole of racing is significantly affected. Jockeys, certainly in the very short term, are the most immediately affected, given that they are largely self-employed and their ability to earn any income, outside riding out, is immediately curtailed.

"One of, if not the only, benefit to suspending racing was that the sport could then focus on financially mitigating this suspension for the whole of the sport--jockeys being a big part of that. That work has started and will go on with great urgency. Packages of support will be made available, in addition to those packages of support the Government will make available to small business and to individuals."

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THE SLIPPER FITS PIVOTAL *By Kelsey Riley*

As the field takes shape for the world's richest 2-year-old race, the A\$3.5-million G1 Golden Slipper at Rosehill in Sydney, Australia on Saturday, a few predictable names will be prominent among the pedigrees of the key contenders: I Am Invincible (Aus) and his late studmate Hinchinbrook (Aus); Danehill and his sons Redoute's Choice (Aus), Fastnet Rock (Aus) and Snitzel (Aus), and Vinery's evergreen shuttler More Than Ready.

A somewhat surprising inclusion among these is Pivotal (GB). The Slipper features a pair of runners conceived in Europe--just the second time this has happened since 2010--and Pivotal is a key player in the pedigrees of both: See You Soon (Aus) is by Pivotal's leading young sire son Siyouni (Fr), and Hungry Heart (Aus) is out of the Pivotal mare Harlech (GB). The only other European-conceived runner in the Slipper in the past decade was Woodpark Stud's Aylmerton (Aus) (Siyouni {Fr}) in 2018--he finished a disappointing 10th off a scintillating win in the G2 Todman S.--and the team that produced him is back again with the filly See You Soon (Aus) (Siyouni {Fr}). [Cont. p3](#)



Pivotal is prominent in the pedigrees of two Golden Slipper contenders | *Racing Post*

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Financial Relief In The Works For Jockeys Cont. from p1

Jockeys' salaries vary significantly, and Struthers added, "I can't say what those packages look like yet, but what I can say--and say with certainty--is that support will be there. The median Flat jockey, after all their expenses, would earn less than £30,000 a year. As a salary for the general public this wouldn't sound too bad, but it is a salary for a 60-plus hour week. The median jump jockey would earn less than £20,000, so this will be of significant impact on jockeys."

While British-based riders will be on the sidelines, their Irish counterparts--for the time being at least--are able to continue earning a living after Horse Racing Ireland confirmed its intention to continue racing behind closed doors.

Struthers admits this may prove a source of frustration for the PJA's members. He told *Sky Sports Racing*, "With racing in Ireland continuing behind closed doors, there will be questions, but there are significant differences. Ireland have taken, as a country, more aggressive containment steps than we perhaps took as a country--they are therefore behind us on the kind of timescale that we're facing in Britain.

"Even if we'd carried on behind closed doors--and practically we could have done, for five or six days, or maybe a week, it was going to get stopped. We were not going to be able to continue for any longer than that. If racing had continued behind closed doors, in the circumstances we face in this country--no more than two weeks [from] where Italy was, where the country is in

lockdown--the reputational damage to racing, we might never have come back from."

Struthers confirmed the biggest factor behind the British Horseracing Authority's decision to halt the sport was the projected pressure on medical resources.

He said, "We have tried to keep our members as up to speed as possible in a very fast-moving situation. We sent out a briefing to our members on Tuesday evening, trying to explain how difficult the decision [to cancel racing in Britain] has been.

"It was a decision the PJA supported, [but] with understandable reluctance--and it was based on, first and foremost, expert medical evidence, particularly around the imminent withdrawal of medical services and the call and demands on the NHS.

"Medics were concerned about the risks this would place on the health and safety of jockeys. It's far from uncommon that jockeys get injured during the course of racing and are transported to hospital via ambulance. While that ambulance service on racecourses is largely private, you've still got to get to A&E and be treated--and there was huge concern that we'd be putting those jockeys in harm's way. Our focus is on racing and making sure that when this ends, racing is in a position to resume quickly and racing is in a position to be strengthened to the future."

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BRIDGING THE GAP by Kelsey Riley



The Slipper Fits Pivotal Cont. from p1

Woodpark Stud is owned by prominent Sydney-based attorney Dr. David Chaikin, with

French expat Jean-Pierre Dubois at the helm as trainer and stud manager. The team has been an outspoken believer in the Aga Khan's Normandy-based Siyouni (who has never shuttled), sending him quality mares on Southern Hemisphere time. Aylmerton's dam Aloona (Smart Strike) was acquired privately after a racing career in which she won one of five starts, and Aylmerton is her first foal. It is a compliment to Siyouni, Aylmerton and the Woodpark program that Coolmore saw fit to buy half the colt after he had won the Todman.



Siyouni has his second runner in three years in the Golden Slipper | The Aga Khan Studs

See You Soon's dam, Soneva (by Cherokee Run, Darley's late champion sprinter by Runaway Groom), won the G3 Prix d'Aumale at two, the G3 Prix de Lieurey at three and the G3 Cape Verdi at four, all over a mile. Her best-known foal thus far is the Qatari champion The Blue Eye (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), but See You Soon would eclipse him with a win at Rosehill. Soneva's first mating with Siyouni came in 2015, which resulted in an unraced French-bred filly for Aleyrion Bloodstock, and the following season Soneva headed back to Haras de Bonneval on Southern Hemisphere time before being shipped to Australia for new owner Woodpark Stud with See You Soon in utero.

See You Soon's family is one that has worked around the globe: in addition to The Blue Eye and See You Soon, the page features under the third dam the American Grade III winner Hessonite (Freud).

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Others include New Zealand champion fillies and Classic winners King’s Rose (NZ) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) and Anabandana (Aus) (Anabaa) and the former’s Japanese Group 3-winning son Satono Arthur (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). See You Soon was a debut winner at Randwick in October over Dame Giselle (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and has since been second to that rival in the A\$1-million Golden Gift and more recently the G2 Reisling S. on Mar. 7.

Siyouni has had three winners from three runners in Australia, all homebreds for Woodpark trained by Dubois. In addition to Aylmerton and See You Soon is Persepolis (Aus), who broke her maiden at first asking at two last April.

See You Soon is joined in the Slipper starting gate by Yulong Investments’ Hungry Heart. Yulong, through Australian-based agent Sheamus Mills, purchased Hungry Heart’s dam, Harlech (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), for 60,000gns from the Godolphin draft at the 2016 Tattersalls July Sale as a 3-year-old, Harlech having started once for trainer Saeed bin Suroor. Harlech was sent to Frankel (GB) on Southern Hemisphere time before being exported, and was offered carrying Hungry Heart at the following June’s Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. In what is now looks like an especially astute move, Yulong bought Harlech back for A\$500,000. Hungry Heart herself went through

the ring at last year’s Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, but was bought back by Yulong for A\$300,000. Since producing Hungry Heart, Harlech has foaled a yearling colt and a filly foal both by Snitzel (Aus).

Hungry Heart didn’t make a public appearance until Jan. 11, when she was second in a Flemington allowance, and she returned to Chris Waller’s Sydney base to break her maiden in the Feb. 29 G2 Sweet Embrace S. She is bred on the same cross as Group 1 winners Cracksman (GB) and Veracious (GB), and Yulong’s Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray said it was the broodmare sire that drew Yulong owner Yuesheng Zhang to Harlech in the Tattersalls ring.

“Mr. Zhang likes Pivotal,” Fairgray said. “That would have been the main reason why he went after her. It turns out that Cracksman is out of a Pivotal mare as well, and it’s very exciting to have a filly by Frankel running in the Golden Slipper.”

Like Siyouni, Frankel has a high strike rate from low numbers Down Under. He has had 15 winners from 22 runners in Australia and three stakes winners for a strike rate of 13.5% stakes winners to runners. Those other stakes winners are the G2 Tea Rose S. (1400m) winner Miss Fabulass (Aus) (who was second in last weekend’s G1 Coolmore Classic), out of a Redoute’s Choice mare, and Finche (GB), who was bred by Juddmonte in Newmarket and is out of a daughter of Woodman.

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IN THE EYES of the EXPERTS

“We are very happy with our colt by Expert Eye. He is a very good first foal - well made, correct with plenty of quality and moves very well.”

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Finche won a pair of group races going 10 and 12 furlongs in France at three and four before being partially sold and expatriated to join Chris Waller, where he has been twice placed in pattern company. Eminent (Ire) was another to start his career in the North before relocating to Australia, where he was second in the G1 Ranvet S. Frankel received a select group of top-class Australian mares to Southern Hemisphere time in his first year at stud, resulting in the likes of the Group 3-placed Merovee (Aus) and the winning Woman (Aus) for John Singleton’s Strawberry Hill Stud.

Yulong offers five yearlings by Frankel at the Inglis Easter yearling sale on Apr. 7 and 8, and a good showing by Hungry Heart this weekend would be a great boost to their profiles.

“Mr. Zhang loves Frankel and for three years he bred five or six mares to him so we have yearlings going to the Inglis Easter sale by Frankel, and we have foals on the ground by Frankel,” Fairgray said. “It’s an experiment Mr. Zhang has tried, getting the mares in foal to Frankel and bringing them out here and it’s great that Hungry Heart is from the first crop of that experiment.”

Fairgray said Mr. Zhang has also supported Kingman (GB) and Siyouni with a mare or two, and last Southern Hemisphere breeding season he sent three mares to Lope De Vega (Ire) that are now in Australia.



Hungry Heart as a yearling | Bronwen Healy

That brings us back to the granddaddy, Pivotal. While he never shuttled, a stallion who has made such an impact across all realms was always likely to eventually have an influence Down Under. His exported progeny include two stakes winners in Australasia from 18 runners (9%), headed by the Group 1 Tancred S., Ranvet S. and George Main S. victor Avilius (GB), who is out of a daughter of Sunday Silence. As a broodmare sire

Pivotal is responsible for 11% stakes winners to runners (six stakes winners from 66 runners) in Australasia; in addition to Hungry Heart those include Group 1 winners The United States (Ire) and Polarisation (GB), who are out of daughters of Galileo and Echo of Light (GB), respectively.

Now 27, Pivotal is still active at Cheveley Park Stud in Newmarket, covering a very select book of around 30 mares for a private fee. Cheveley Park Managing Director Chris Richardson confirmed that after covering four or five mares already this season, he had his first scanned in foal on Monday. “He looks like he’s continuing where he left off last year, although he covers a book of only about 30,” Richardson said. “He’s certainly in good heart, thankfully.”

The Golden Slipper—not Australia’s most famous race, but probably its most coveted among stallion masters—has never been won by a horse conceived in the Northern Hemisphere, and with two such horses with legitimate claims likely to line up on Mar. 21, history hangs in the balance.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

O’BIEN HORSES TO BYPASS WORLD CUP

Aidan O’Brien has removed his team of runners from consideration for next weekend’s G1 Dubai World Cup because of the growing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, *Racing Post* reports. [Cont. p6](#)



Did You Know...

...Frankel (GB) (Galileo (Ire)) has sired 10 individual Group 1 winners?

Cracksman, Mozu Artist, Soul Stirring, Anapurna, Dream Castle, Logician, Veracious, Without Parole, Call The Wind, Quadrilateral.



Aidan O'Brien has pulled his Dubai World Cup team amid coronavirus-related travel concerns | *Racing Post*

O'Brien Horses to Bypass DWC Cont.

O'Brien told that publication, "With such concerns over international travel we are really disappointed not to be able to go to the Dubai World Cup. We were really looking forward to the meeting and felt that we had a very strong team representing us this year."

O'Brien's Dubai team was set to include G1 Investec Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the globetrotting mare Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), dual Group 1-winning miler Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Group 1-winning stayer Kew Gardens (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the Classic-placed mare Fleeting (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), among others.

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NEWBLOODS ON SHOW AT NAAS

By Tom Frary

Coronavirus may have seen off the Grand National and April's Guineas trials, but on Monday there is reason to relish in small celebration as Europe's first juvenile runners step out at Naas. This is one rite of Spring that the pandemic has failed to eradicate and praise be for that. At the initial entry stage, there is a tantalising quintet from Ballydoyle including **Giorgio Vasari (Ire)**, who could be the first runner for the Ashford Stud resident Air Force Blue. A \$490,000 Keeneland September Yearling, the January-foaled bay is a half-brother to the G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Norfolk S. hero Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy) so he has serious raw material.

Strong and precocious, Air Force Blue was making a successful debut in May of his stellar 2-year-old campaign prior to capturing the Phoenix as well as the G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. in emphatic fashion. He was beaten just once as a juvenile, in the G2 Coventry S. by Buratino (Ire) who

stands at Kildangan Stud and could also have his first representative on the track in the same race in the form of the Michael Mulvany-trained **The Blue Panther (Ire)**. Costing just €4,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale, the January-foaled bay will be looking for as bright a start as his sire made when winning at Chelmsford in March. In fact, by the time the Mark Johnston runner got to the Royal meeting he had already raced five times so it is fair to expect his runners to be sturdy types who can take early racing.

Also engaged in the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Maiden are fillies by other first-season sires Prince of Lir (Ire) and Markaz (Ire) in the Andrew Slattery-trained **Boasting (Ire)** and the Brendan Duke-trained **Marketta (Ire)**, respectively. Ballyhane Stud's Prince of Lir was another to score at Royal Ascot, in the Norfolk having made a winning debut in May. Derrinstown Stud's Markaz is a full-brother to the lightning bolt Mecca's Angel (Ire), but he lacked the out-and-out precocity of his aforementioned peers, getting off the mark in July and showing his best form at three and four. This is the maiden in which Dawn Approach (Ire) made sure his sire New Approach (Ire) was off to a flyer in 2012, so it will pay to give it close attention at this time of new beginnings in the shadow of a great outside threat.

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ITV TO BROADCAST IRISH ACTION



Bookmakers are expecting good action on Saturday's Thurles card | *Racing Post*

ITV Racing will on Saturday broadcast five races from Ireland's jumps meeting at Thurles, filling the void in programming left by Newbury and Kelso with all British racing off through April. Ireland is the last major European racing nation still staging racing, **amid strict restrictions**.

The news provided a boost to bookmakers, with Ladbrokes's PR Director Simon Clare calling it "an oasis in the desert."

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ITV to Broadcast Irish Action Cont.

"This is really good news from ITV Racing for all racing fans, bookmakers, and anyone who enjoys a flutter on a Saturday afternoon, as in the absence of any other major sports and football, or UK racing, this live broadcast of Thurles will be like an oasis in the desert," he said. "These are unprecedented, worrying times, and the impact and seriousness goes way beyond the world of racing and betting, but the importance of keeping at least some of the show on the road through these dark times cannot be underestimated, to provide entertainment to many people and keep business ticking over. Thanks to the ITV cameras, I imagine turnover on this Thurles card will probably exceed anything we've taken on an Irish meeting for a very long time."

Betfair's Barry Orr added: "It's a positive step for all concerned and once the Irish Government are fully behind racing continuation, then it is good for the industry as a whole."

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UK RACING ADAPTING CORONAVIRUS PLAN

Following [the temporary shutdown of racing in the UK on Monday due to the coronavirus](#), industry leaders from the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), Racecourse Association (RCA), National Trainers Federation (NTF) and the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA) met Thursday morning to work on an assessment of immediate needs and identify funding available from government and industry sources as a priority.

This is a change in the industry's coronavirus plan from allowing racing to continue behind closed doors. The BHA is also liaising with key departments in the government to ensure they are aware of the issues that have already been encountered in the racing industry since the shutdown. These efforts will assist the industry in putting forward a request for government support. The initial plan will be finalised in another meeting by industry leaders on Friday morning. There is also a plan for racing's resumption in the works as well, which will allow the industry to resume as soon as possible when given the green light.

The industry plan to handle the coronavirus currently includes:

- **Finance**--This work is led by senior executives and is assessing the financial needs of racecourses, trainers, breeders, other employers and those working in racing. All avenues of potential assistance are being explored. It is supported by the BHA's Public Affairs Team which is in daily contact with government.
- **People**--Dawn Goodfellow from Racing Welfare has joined the Industry's COVID19 Group and will work initially to coordinate help for individuals, supported by the Industry People team led by Will Lambe at the BHA.

- **Medical**--Dr. Iain McNeil, the RCA's Medical Advisor and Dr. Jerry Hill from the BHA continue to provide racing with advice on how the pandemic is developing and actions to be taken.
 - **Equine Sector**--George Noad from the NTF, Claire Sheppard from the TBA and Charlie Liverton from the ROA provide an overview of the impact on trainers, breeders, their staff and jockeys as well as the needs of owners. Dr. David Sykes, the BHA's Director of Equine Health and Welfare, will develop a welfare and veterinary response to support those looking after horses.
- Once racing can resume, focal points for its resumption are:
- **Race-day Resilience and Planning**--This work is to ensure that all requirements are in place to run race-days when possible. Caroline Davies leads for the RCA, whilst Brant Dunshea, the Chief Regulatory Officer of the BHA, will ensure that all regulatory functions are maintained, including stewarding, integrity and veterinary resources.
 - **Fixtures and race programmes**--Richard Wayman from the BHA leads a tripartite team planning a schedule for resumption, with Ruth Quinn leading on the Pattern and international engagement.

The BHA is providing project management and support for the industry group, led by BHA Director of Communications and Corporate Affairs, Martin Fewell. That same team is also dealing with media and the government, with the BHA Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Alison Enticknap, leading engagement with the racing industry as the plan develops. Trainers, owners, stable staff, jockeys, breeders and racecourse staff are encouraged to check their respective membership organisations' websites for specific information and regular updates and to contact these organisations directly if they have further questions. Racing Together is identifying ways in which racing may be able to support the wider community effort to tackle the impact of the virus, while the BHA is also looking at how to fill resource gaps that emerge in the industry through Brant Dunshea.

The BHA's Chief Executive Nick Rust, who chairs the Industry Group, said, "The effort from across the sport at the moment is incredible. There is a determination that racing will not be beaten by this shutdown. The willingness to help is universal. We will do all we can to keep people informed as we progress."

"We are acutely aware that the current situation will be resulting in immediate hardship for many people from a whole range of different roles across the industry, said Chief Executive of Racing Welfare Dawn Goodfellow. "We are working hard to ensure that any available funds that the industry can provide are disbursed quickly, fairly and transparently to those in most need." [Cont. p8](#)

UK Coronavirus Plan Cont.

Rob Hezel, the Chief Executive of the Racing Foundation, which has managed since 2012 the funds received by racing after the sale of the Tote, added, "We are working as fast as possible with senior racing executives to work out how best to use our resources to support the developing plan. We are also liaising with other funding bodies to increase the levels of support that can be made available and we are examining the pressures being faced by racing's charities so we can help them wherever possible too."

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DETTORI PICKS UP DWC RIDE ON BELMONT WINNER

Frankie Dettori has picked up the ride on American challenger **Sir Winston** (Awesome Again) in the G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan on Saturday week. The popular Italian has landed the lucrative prize on three previous occasions--striking gold aboard the Saeed bin Suroor-trained trio of Dubai Millennium (GB) (Seeking the Gold) (2000), Moon Ballad (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}) (2003) and Electrocutonist (Red Ransom) (2006). This year he is set to partner trainer Mark Casse's Sir Winston, who landed the GI Belmont S. in June--denying fellow Dubai World Cup runner Tacitus (Tapit)--and returned to winning ways with an impressive display over a mile at Aqueduct at the end of January.

Tyler Gaffalione was initially set to be on board--but he and fellow leading riders Irad Ortiz, Jr and Luis Saez will not be travelling to Dubai, as they would need to go into quarantine for 14 days on their return to America due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Dettori's agent, Ray Cochrane, said, "Things are up in the air for a lot of jockeys, but Frankie is sorted to go to Dubai at the moment. Things can change, obviously, with everything that's going on. Hopefully everything is ok as it looks like he'll have some nice rides, including Sir Winston in the World Cup.

"I think the horse has a bit of a squeak--if he could run into the first three or four it would be great, as there's obviously a lot of money on offer."

Sir Winston is set to be the last of seven rides on the big night for Dettori. The 49-year-old is booked to partner **Elusive State (Aus)** (All American {Aus}) for Hong Kong-based Tony Millard in the G2 Godolphin Mile, before riding both **Wrecking Crew** (Sky Kingdom) in the G2 UAE Derby and **Captain Scotty** (Quality Road) in the G1 Golden Shaheen for American handler Peter Miller. Dettori will renew his association with Allan Smith's **Dark Power (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, having last month steered him to victory on the inaugural Saudi Cup

card in Riyadh. His two other rides come for John Gosden, with **Lord North (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) all set for the G1 Dubai Turf and triple Group 1-winning filly **Star Catcher (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) a leading contender for the G1 Sheema Classic.

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Sir Winston after winning the Belmont S. | Sarah Andrew

WORLDWIDE NEWS

AGAINST ALL ODDS, DERBY LOOMS IN HONG KONG by Alan Carasso

Coronavirus has had a major affect on horse racing all across the globe, forcing the temporary abandonment of racing in a handful of prominent racing states in America, as well as Britain, France, hard-hit Italy and South Korea, while other places soldier on in front of empty grandstands.

Hong Kong lies roughly 700 miles due south of Wuhan, the widely accepted epicentre of the virus's outbreak, but owing to aggressive action by the government and a populace that adhered strictly to preventive measures, racing has been allowed to continue in the SAR, albeit absent the crowds that enthusiastically support the game and recognize its importance in their lives.

Officials at the Hong Kong Jockey Club have, over the last two weeks, allowed a few more patrons into live race meetings, but given the explosion of the virus overseas that poses a renewed threat from the outside, the Club's endeavours to open this weekend's BMW Hong Kong Derby meeting to even more racegoers ran out of time. [Cont. p9](#)

HK Derby Cont.

But a full field of 14 4-year-olds and two emergency runners was drawn Thursday morning in the Sha Tin parade ring.

The domestic centrepiece somewhat improbably goes on.

Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) is the king of the hill among his peers and can become just the second to sweep the Classics with a victory in his first attempt at the 2000 metres Sunday afternoon. The late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) made history in 2017 by adding the Derby to the Classic Mile and Classic Cup. Bred from a Distorted Humor mare, Golden Sixty would appear to relish Sunday's trip and ran out the 1800 metres of the Classic Cup very well, running down **Champion's Way (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) by a half-length.

Golden Sixty, winner of six straight and nine from 10 overall, drew gate nine and will be ridden by Vincent Ho, who looks to become the first 'homegrown' rider to take the Derby since Tony Cruz guided Makarpura Star (NZ) (Native Kingdom) to the victory in 1995.

"And I try not to think about winning the Derby because it's not yet happened," Ho said. "I try to do my best and focus and try to perform well enough to get Golden Sixty there. He's a brilliant horse."

While trainer Francis Lui has always had his doubts about Golden Sixty's chances of seeing out a mile and a quarter, he has always been of the opinion that **More Than This (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) would relish the distances getting longer. Though he was second in the Classic Mile and third, beaten a length in the Classic Cup, he hit the line hard both times and the extra 200 metres should work in his favour this weekend.

"It doesn't look like there is going to be too much pace in the race--so I thought barriers were going to be important and now we're halfway there, so we just need a little bit of luck now," said 2015 Derby winner Zac Purton before More Than This drew gate one Thursday morning.

Champion's Way is conditioned by John Size, who didn't win his first Derby until 2012, but has since added a couple more, including Ping Hai Star (NZ) (Nom du Jeu {NZ}) in 2018.

Though he is winless in five outings this season, he has rebounded from an early-season swoon to earn his way into the Derby. Champion's Way is berthed just to the inside of Golden Sixty in barrier eight.

"I think the draw is ok for him and his racing style--to go forward a little--and I think there are four or five horses in there that'll show decent speed, so hopefully he'll be able to position himself midfield," Size said.

Columbus County (NZ) (Redwood {GB}) will go off at rough odds, but has yet to run a poor race in four Hong Kong starts. He has played the role of bridesmaid in each of his three most recent runs, missing by a half-length behind **Butterfield (Brz)** (Setembro Chove {Brz}) over 1800m Feb. 2 and by a nose to the well-regarded Darley-bred **Amazing Beats (Aus)** (Epaulette {Aus}) in a genuinely run Class 2 going the Derby distance Feb. 23.

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Owner Stanley Chan selects gate nine for Golden Sixty for Sunday's BMW Hong Kong Derby | HKJC photo

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Golden Sixty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Ho	Lui	126
2	8	Champion's Way (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
3	1	More Than This (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Purton	Lui	126
4	14	Decrypt (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Schofield	Lor	126
5	13	Private Secretary (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Poon	Cruz	126
6	11	Playa del Puente (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Shinn	Shum	126
7	3	Columbus County (NZ) <i>(ex Sword In Stone {NZ})</i>	Redwood (GB)	Callan	Fownes	126
8	4	Super Oasis (NZ) <i>(ex Surely Sacred {NZ})</i>	Rock 'N' Pop (Aus)	Borges	Lor	126
9	12	Butterfield (Brz) <i>(ex Halston {Brz})</i>	Setembro Chove (Brz)	van Niekerk	Shum	126
10	10	Star Performance (NZ)	Per Incanto	Chadwick	Cruz	126
11	2	Amazing Beats (Aus)	Epaulette (Aus)	Teetan	O'Sullivan	126
12	5	Reliable Team (NZ) <i>(ex Monopolize {NZ})</i>	Reliable Man (GB)	Leung	Lor	126
13	7	Savvy Nine (Fr) <i>(ex Insandi {Fr})</i>	Anodin (Ire)	Yeung	Moore	126
14	6	World Famous (Fr) <i>(ex Master Brewer {Fr})</i>	Reliable Man (GB)	Lai	Yiu	126
Emergencies						
		Hello Daddy (NZ) <i>(ex Sponge Bob {NZ})</i>	Keeper (Aus)	No Rider	Ting	126
		Champion Supreme (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	No Rider	Moore	126

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“He knows that as long as he takes care of his people, his people will take care of his horses.”





WOODSIDE EMBRACES DIGITAL PLATFORM



Woodside Park's James Price | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

In what may be a sign of things to come in these extraordinary times, Woodside Park will offer a dispersal of 18 mares and one weanling as part of the upcoming Inglis March (Late) Online Sale, while stakes-placed **Trope** (More Than Ready {USA}) will also be offered by his owner Alan Bell.

With the growing maturity of the online sales market, Woodside Park decided at the end of the last breeding season that some of the mares it would look to move on in 2020 would be offered via the digital platform.

Given the current uncertainty in the global market caused by coronavirus and the enforcement of restrictions on public gatherings, the progress of the traditional breeding sales season in May and June is uncertain.

It may make Woodside's decision to disperse through the online method in what is an unreserved sale look prescient, but General Manager Commercial, James Price, said the move to online selling was always going to be part of their sales strategy moving forward.

"It was a decision we made pre-Christmas, following the season, on which mares we needed to move on. We came up with the plan to give them a mini-prep. As people will see from the vision, the mares and foals are looking their best and they have been well-fed," he said.

"All the foals have been handled to a standard where potential buyers can get a great look at them. We have taken the online vision to another level to try and give buyers a better picture of the horse they are potentially buying. We have front on shots, behind shots and walking shots."

Woodside Park will also conduct an open house across two sessions at its Tylden base, 80km north of Melbourne, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday [Mar. 22] and Monday [Mar. 23.]

"I dare say when the catalogue is released, they can choose the lots they are interested in, come on Sunday and Monday and then bid away on Wednesday," Price said.

The format of holding prior inspections and then bidding online may become common place during the current season, with the Federal Government restricting outdoor gatherings to 500 people and indoor gatherings to fewer than 100 people.

Inglis will press on with its Australian Easter Yearling Sale next month at the Riverside Stables on an invite-only basis, with strict protocols and a strong reliance on technology to facilitate the Sale.

Price pointed out that the success of online sales has grown in the past two years to a point where the market was mature enough to make them perfectly viable for dispersal sales like it is conducting, allowing greater flexibility for vendors.

"I think the online sale is now becoming a very mature buying bench. For the level of horse we are offering, I see them making no less than what they would if they went through a public auction at a complex," he said. "We have tried to take it to another level, by using videos and an open house, any information that anyone wants, we are willing to be contacted and give that information out, It's a very mature market and it can work very successfully if vendors are open and honest to buyers."

"In terms of being able to manage our labour force and our facilities, and this is a very labour orientated industry, it allows us to get these mares moved now, instead of giving them a full preparation and taking them to one of the sales in May or June."

"We have the opportunity to get staff away for holidays and it allows us more flexibility. The 2020 breeding season will be on us very soon."

The Draft

Of the 18 mares, nine are offered in foal, two are offered with foals at foot, and four are '3-in-1' packages', offered both in foal and with a foal at foot.



Trope | TDN AusNZ

Asked to select a couple of highlights, Price picked out a mare called **Reeh** (Sebring), who is from the Redoute's Choice mare Sponsored, the half-sister to stakes-winners Order Of The Sun (Encosta De Lago) and Get To Work (Snippets).

"She's in foal to Rich Enuff and the resultant foal will be a three-quarter to Dusty Tycoon, that Robert Heathcote has. He's an exciting 2-year-old and she had a September cover to Rich Enuff," he said.

Price said **Regal Gleam** (Alfred Nobel {Ire}) was another mare which would be ideal for those looking to breed to race.

"She might not have the big pedigree, but she has been compatibility matched to Cable Bay, who she is in foal to. The Cable Bay foal filly on her is a very nice type, as she is herself," he said.

Regal Gleam's first colt, a Cable Bay (Ire) yearling, is catalogued as Lot 126 of the 2020 Inglis Melbourne Gold Yearling Sale under Woodside Park's draft.

Other mares on offer include stakes-placed **Anelene** (Written Tycoon), **Baroness Gabriella** (Kempinsky), the half-sister to Group 1 winner Volkstock'n'Barrell (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}), **Brambling** (Redoute's Choice), who is out of Group 1 winner Bramble Rose (NZ) (Shinko King {Ire}) and **Helping Hand** (Fusaichi Pegasus {USA}), the half-sister to Group 1 winner No Evidence Needed (Shamardal {USA}). The full draft will be online when the Inglis Sale begins on Friday, with the auction to close next Wednesday.

Price said that while there is risk in offering stock through an unreserved sale, he is confident they will find their mark.

"With any unreserved sale, there is always a degree of hesitation that horses will make their money. It's a different story to your more high-profile sales where people are putting down bigger money," he said. "We're happy to move them on

and give them a wonderful opportunity for someone else to have them in their paddock. Where that sits, they will be unreserved and the market can decide what they are worth."

Trope Joins Digital Sale

Trope is the other significant addition to the March (Late) Online Sale, as a racing and stallion proposition. A one-time \$500,000 yearling, he is out of Personify (Galileo {Ire}), the daughter of blue hen producer Procrastinate (Jade Hunter {USA}).

"As a yearling, Trope stood out to me physically in a great line-up of Easter colts and he was the one horse that I absolutely had to come away with," Bell said.

He has won one of his nine starts but has been placed on four occasions, including a second in in the G2 Theo Marks S.

"His racing career has been defined by what might have been," Bell said. "Very early on, the Hawkes stable identified him as their Slipper colt and had him ready to go in October, only for him to damage his hoof wall so thoroughly he missed his 2-year-old autumn entirely. Finally making his debut as a 3-year-old, Trope won his first start in spectacular fashion at Randwick, coming from a seemingly impossible rearward position to flash home in an exceptional last 600 metres.

"Dazzling sectionals then came to typify his racing pattern and define his career. I have raced sprinters with ultimately more storied career records, but none with greater promise or more able to routinely break :33 seconds home in top class races."

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