

THE AUTHENTIC POTENTIAL OF CHARLATAN



Charlatan (foreground) with stablemate Authentic looking on
Horsephotos

by *Chris McGrath*

"Only fools, liars and charlatans predict earthquakes."

So said the man who instead gave us a means of measuring tremors once they have actually happened, Charles Richter. But how about when an earthquake announces a Charlatan?

Because on the equivalent of the Richter scale, for those who try to quantify a horse's talent against the clock, a 105 debut Beyer for 'TDN Rising Star' Charlatan (Speightstown) at Santa Anita last month represented a convulsion that brought every other member of his crop crumbling to the ground.

Some even whispered the "J" word, noting that Bob Baffert had introduced another brawny newcomer at his home track two years previously, almost to the day, to clock a 104 Beyer. Now Charlatan has again emulated Justify (Scat Daddy), having stepped up from six furlongs to a mile last weekend to produce an equally gaudy display in allowance company. His time of 1:36.24 pulverised the 1:37.33 set by Ce Ce (Elusive Quality) in the GI Beholder Mile S. half an hour later. If his first start was an earthquake, here was the aftershock.

Whatever happens next, of course, we know that Charlatan's path has now diverged from that of Justify, who proceeded to exorcise "the curse of Apollo" in the GI Kentucky Derby.

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FULL FIELD FOR ELONGATED LOUISIANA DERBY by *Alan Carasso*

With the abrupt cancellation of racing indefinitely at Aqueduct and the announcement earlier this week that Keeneland has cancelled its Spring Meeting, Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby offers one of the final few springtime opportunities at amassing points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby, now tentatively scheduled to be contested on the first Saturday of September. The centerpiece of the meet in New Orleans, the Louisiana Derby will be run over a mile and three-sixteenths for the first time and is one of four races scheduled to be run over the next three weeks that offers points on a 100-40-20-10 scale.

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NEW DATE FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

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Oaklawn has announced that it is moving its signature race--the GI Arkansas Derby--from Saturday, Apr. 11, to Saturday, May 2, closing day of the 2020 live meet.

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THIS SIDE UP



by Chris McGrath



This time round, in contrast, Baffert can back off and give Charlatan the chance to mature through the summer in the hope that a Derby of sorts can indeed be staged, as now projected, in September--three months later than when Justify completed his Triple Crown procession in the GI Belmont S., and disappeared for good.

That is just one measure of the historic distortion invited by the Derby's postponement. But let's not dwell on that here, and instead examine the roots of a talent that looks well worth waiting for.

At 22, Charlatan's splendid sire Speightstown has been around for long enough to make us all familiar with the versatility of his stock. In fact, he is an object lesson in the complexity of genetic legacy.

His own metier, on the main track, was unequivocal. Though his fulfilment was seriously delayed by injuries, he was always going to warrant perseverance as a \$2-million yearling out of a Canadian champion juvenile. Sure enough, at six he wrapped up a divisional title in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, rounding off a spree highlighted by a share of the Saratoga track record in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. (then still a Grade II).

In his second career, however, he has proved a conduit for class in many latent shades: long as well as short, turf as well as dirt.

Yes, he has had his sprinters. Reynalduthewizard, for instance, won the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, at the age of seven, moreover, in the process helping to establish Speightstown's trademark propensity to eke sustained improvement from his stock as they mature. But he has also sired several elite winners round two turns: Haynesfield (GI Jockey Club Gold Cup); Golden Ticket (GI Travers S., dead heat); and, on turf, Force The Pass (GI Belmont Derby Invitational); Seek Again (GI Hollywood Derby); Competitionofideas (GI American Oaks). (Speightstown's sire Gone West, of course, has himself been a very diverse influence; and likewise another of his sons, Elusive Quality.)

In appraising the likely influence of any stallion, his own track performance very often proves too literal and one-dimensional a guide. Speightstown's success at stud, including now as a sire of sires, is rooted not in the particular strand that made him lightning fast on the track, but in the mesh of others that he

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combines. And, as I never tire of saying, if the stairwell of class is unbroken in a pedigree, top and bottom, it doesn't matter which strand might come through in a particular horse: it will always be class.

Just look at the eight sires seeding Speightstown's third generation: Bold Ruler, twice; another son of Nasrullah, in Nashua; Bold Ruler's son Secretariat; Northern Dancer; Native Dancer; and two sons of Tom Fool, in Buckpasser and Tim Tam. Not a hair out of place there. And these copper-bottomed Classic influences, from an era when books were so much smaller, bring their own guarantee of class equivalence in their partners. The mares who introduce these sires to Speightstown's family tree all had other distinctions--whether on the track, or as producers, or both.

The most conspicuous foreground feature of Speightstown's pedigree, however, is the way he compounds the distaff influence of Secretariat. Both his own sire Gone West and his damsire Storm Cat are out of Secretariat mares. (Honor Code, who could yet derail Charlatan with his son Honor A.P., is a younger stallion offering a similar package.)

As it happens, Charlatan's damsire Quiet American is another to duplicate a titanic name, but in a very extreme fashion. For not only are both Quiet American and his sire Fappiano out of Dr. Fager mares; these mares are also both granddaughters of the matriarch Cequillo.

Quiet American, whose laurels as a broodmare sire include Bernardini (A.P. Indy) and Saint Liam (Saint Ballado), got Charlatan's dam Authenticity from a mare by an even greater distaff influence in Deputy Minister. This was the unraced Court of Appeal, who subsequently produced a useful performer in Brielle's Appeal (English Channel), a graded stakes-placed, three-time winner from nine starts. But Authenticity was still more accomplished, banking \$883,362 in landing the GII La



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The decision to cancel this year's Spring Meet and April Sale due to the alarming spread of COVID-19 has been agonizing for the Keeneland family. We understand the devastating impact this has on the Thoroughbred industry, our Central Kentucky community who cherishes this tradition, and our employees who pour their hearts into this organization. We share the disappointment and frustration of our fans and horsemen – a silent April at Keeneland still has not sunk in. However, we knew this decision was the only way to effectively mitigate the risk of spreading this deadly virus. The speed at which this pandemic has continued to spread, and recent events unfolding within the racing industry reaffirms what was a difficult decision. This is a global health crisis and we must be responsible in our actions.

This past Monday, March 16, we found ourselves at a critical moment. The Federal Government issued a recommendation limiting gatherings over 10 people, just as horsemen from across the country were making preparations to ship to Keeneland. Many of these individuals were traveling from areas defined as "hotspots" for the virus. This convergence of participants from various states, as well as the inability to comply with social distancing within our dormitories and backstretch, put the health and safety of our horsemen and participants in great jeopardy. In compliance with recommendations from government and health officials, we cancelled our meet.

With the spread of the virus continuing, there are tough times ahead; however, we will get through this together. While doing our part to protect against the spread of this virus, we must also look to the future and restore hope and stability for an industry that is suffering. Since Monday, we have taken swift action and began working with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and our track partners on the Kentucky circuit to explore opportunities for additional Keeneland race days during this non-traditional year for our industry. When it is safe to do so, and in concert with community and health officials, we look forward to conducting world-class racing with the full participation of our horsemen, participants and fans. Keeneland applauds the efforts of the KHRC at their March 19th meeting to convene the Racing Dates Committee to examine these possibilities and we look forward to these continued conversations.

This fall also offers tremendous potential to rebuild and recover from these trying times. Our team continues to examine all opportunities to ensure that our worldwide marketplace has the certainty, consistency and platform to showcase the best yearlings and breeding stock in the world set against the backdrop of Keeneland's star studded fall meeting.

While we may not be racing this April, you can trust that the Keeneland team is working tirelessly to protect our industry, restore normalcy to the marketplace, and provide our participants, community and fans with hope for brighter days ahead.

Keeneland President & CEO

Troienne S. (stakes-record time) and GIII Shuvee H. and placing four times at the elite level for Todd Pletcher and Padua Stables. (She also gained some celebrity as breezing escort to Verrazano {More Than Ready}).

Three days after finishing third to Beholder (Henny Hughes) in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff on her final start, Authenticity was sold to Stonestreet for \$1.2 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Stonestreet first sent her to Malibu Moon, producing turf stakes winner Hanalei Moon; and then to Speightstown.

Great to see a farm proving a young mare with properly established sires. And there was due reward when Charlatan was sent to Keeneland September as hip 669, and sold through Denali for \$700,000 to a powerful syndicate headed up by SF Racing and Starlight Racing.

No doubt his purchasers were sooner taken with the strapping build of the animal before them, but the fact is that Charlatan's bottom line links him to some of the most aristocratic names in the American breed. It extends to Betty Derr, a half-sister to the pint-sized gelding Clyde Van Dusen, named for their mutual trainer and winner of the 1929 Kentucky Derby. Betty Derr is the third dam of Courtly Dee, with all that entails (between Arch {Kris S.} and Green Desert {Danzig} and now Covfefe {Into Mischief} etc); granddam of the 1957 Derby winner Iron Liege; third dam of the 1955 winner Swaps; and actually lurks in a similar slot in the background of California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit).

The branch descending to Charlatan takes in three mares bred at Bwamazon Farm, resulting from Millard Waldheim's purchase of Betty Derr's daughter Judy-Rae the year after she had foaled Tulle, subsequently dam of Courtly Dee. Mated with Nasrullah, Judy-Rae gave Bwamazon a stakes winner/useful producer in Judy Rullah--whose stakes-winning daughter by Raise a Native, Juke Joint, was bred to the farm's homebred heavyweight Quack. The resulting filly, though herself undistinguished on the track, produced a dual Grade III winner named Appealing Missy by Lypheor (GB), an interesting stallion who far surpassed his track achievements in a brief stud career. (Sired inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Royal Heroine and Japanese champion Nippo Teio before breaking his leg in a paddock accident aged 11). And Appealing Missy is the mother of Charlatan's granddam Court of Appeal.

That all adds up to quite a deep foundation for the showy flair of Charlatan. All we know, so far, is that he's very fast. For now he can only be measured by the clock, rather than the caliber of his victims. But his energies are auspiciously contained. There's brilliance, but economy too.

So maybe he can summon reserves of stamina from Speightstown's seamless Classic antecedents, and also from the

similarly expansive footprint of his damsire. Quiet American, after all, got his Grade I over a mile but got within a nose of siring a Triple Crown winner, while we've already mentioned a couple of two-turn champions out of his daughters. (And Charlatan's dam Authenticity, as already noted, was herself very accomplished over nine furlongs).

For Charlatan, the silver lining to the clouds now looming over our sport is the opportunity to work some serrations into a blade that might have been too slick to glide through the hardened opposition he would have met in early May. That Speightstown tendency, to keep progressing, will only serve him well in the meantime.

It remains very early days, but it would certainly be gratifying if Speightstown could bookend his career with a star to complement the instant luster of his first crop, which accumulated five Grade I winners besides a horse who might have been more talented than them all in Munnings.

WinStar are looking to the future, with the likes of Constitution, but the farm also houses some truly venerable animals, whose collective contribution to the modern breed deserves our gratitude: Distorted Humor, More Than Ready, Tiznow, Speightstown. At a time when our community's horizons seem so claustrophobic, it's wholesome to remember how long and patient are the cycles by which they have assembled their living legacy.

The cavalry of Baffert sophomores meanwhile straining at the leash also includes Authentic, another effortless dasher. His champion sire Into Mischief has yet to achieve the same reputation for diversity as Speightstown, though maybe that will happen now that his better mares are on stream. How apt, if it falls to Authenticity's son and Authentic to establish which of them is the real thing.

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Louisiana Derby Preview cont. from p1



Enforceable | Hodges Photography

Trainer Mark Casse sent out last year's beaten LA Derby favorite War of Will (War Front), but has two chances to make amends here. John Oxley's **Enforceable** (Tapit) is the 7-2 morning-line favorite in the 14-strong field, having followed in War of Will's hoofprints in taking the GIII Lecomte S. Jan. 18, defeating **Silver State** (Hard Spun). He most recently rallied from last to complete the exacta behind the now-sidelined Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice) in the faster division of the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 15. Julien Leparoux retains the call on the full-brother to Mohaymen, who looks have held his form in a pair of strong maintenance drills in the interim.

The second of the two Casse runners is **Lynn's Map** (Liam's Map), who will break from gate 12, two doors down from his stablemate. The dark bay got the better of Mr. Monomoy in a sloppy two-turn allowance over this strip Dec. 21, retreated to be fifth in the Jan. 24 Smarty Jones S. in Hot Springs and was a latest sixth in the slower split of the Risen Star, but made up stacks of ground from last through the final three furlongs. He should find this distance to his liking.

Modernist (Uncle Mo) argued the pace inside of **Ny Traffic** (Cross Traffic) in the Risen Star, shook free from that one into the final eighth of a mile and held off **Major Fed** (Ghostzapper) by a length. Drawn pole position on that occasion, he could be trapped out a bit wide with speed types **Wells Bayou** (Lookin At Lucky)--runner-up in the GIII Southwest S.--and the aforementioned Ny Traffic drawn inside him.

California raider **Royal Act** (American Pharoah) has some longshot appeal. The bay, a \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, was an 18-1 chance trying dirt for the first time in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita Feb. 1 and was consigned to a three- and four-wide trip, but stayed on very gamely to run then-undefeated Thousand Words (Pioneer of the

Nile) to three-quarters of a length while traveling an additional 40 feet, per Trakus data.

Chestertown (Tapit), last year's \$2-million OBS March topper, is liable to get bet down some from his 15-1 morning line off his horror trip in an allowance on the Risen Star undercard, in which he was all dressed up with nowhere to go in upper stretch and got home well, but too late, behind **Shake Some Action** (Into Mischief).

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Ed DeRosa of Brisnet.com takes on TDN's Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato as they handicap Triple Crown prep races plus the big three races themselves. The three will make \$100 Win/Place bets in the preps and \$200 Win/Place bets in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. Highest bankroll at the end wins.

DeRosa - Last Week's Results - Invader (+\$170) just got run down in the Jeff Ruby, while **No Parole** faded to last. **Bankroll: \$1565.**

GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby - When it comes to Brisnet Speed Ratings, one horse has been faster than the rest: **Wells Bayou**. Inside is an ideal draw for this gate-to-wire threat, who is a play for me at 6-1 or higher. **Selection: #3 Wells Bayou (8-1).**

Sherack - Last Week's Results - Very disappointing runs from both **Three Technique** and **Myamanoi**. **Bankroll: \$1885.**

GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby - Made my case for **Major Fed** in the Risen Star (2nd Division) **Throwdown**, and there's no reason that the lightly raced son of Ghostzapper can't take another leap forward (see Feb. 29 best-of-107 bullet) off that strong second-place finish in this wide-open affair. Could work out right trip just behind the speed from his inside draw with Rosario taking over the reins. **Selection: #1 Major Fed (8-1).**

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DiDonato - Last Week's Results - Basin and Halo Again ran similar races--not quite good enough. **Bankroll: \$2065.**

GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby - I loved **Lynn's Map** in both the Smarty Jones S. and Modernist's division of the GII Risen Star S. I thought he had an excuse in the Smarty Jones, and was a sneaky-good sixth in the Risen Star. He was way too far back in a race that played to speed last time, and found tons of traffic trouble in the stretch. He beat would-be Louisiana Derby favorite Mr. Monomoy in December over this (sloppy) strip, and I'm keeping the faith one more time at a huge number.

Selection: #12 Lynn's Map (30-1).

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TOP EUROPEAN JOCKEY DARRYL HOLLAND PLANS TO RIDE AT WOODBINE *by Bill Finley*



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with Darryl Holland | *Racing Post photo*

Having ridden here, there and everywhere, British-born jockey Darryl Holland has announced that he will spend the 2020

season in Canada at Woodbine.

"I've always been interested in racing in Canada," Holland said. "I have been there for the international race meeting. The facilities at Woodbine are second to none, and it's a racetrack that is right up there with the best of them. So, it's kind of like unfinished business for me there. I've decided to ride a full season there."

That is if he can get there. Holland's plans could be upended by the coronavirus as Canada is one of many nations that has placed severe restrictions on foreigners coming into the country. Holland is hoping for the best.

"The Canadian Prime Minister has said no foreigners can travel into the country unless you're a returning national," he said. "I do have a work permit there. I've got a special dispensation to come there because I was going to be an asset to Canada. I think at the moment they've just put this ban in place for 30 days, so I'll have more of an update then and then I'll come over. The season in Canada doesn't start until the 18th of April, so we've still got time."

Once he does arrive, Holland will try to establish himself in a jockey colony that will be a lot different than the one that was in place in 2019. Eurico Da Silva has won every riding title at Woodbine 2015, but has retired to pursue a career as a life coach and to spend more time with his family. Da Silva won 182 races at Woodbine last year.

"He rode more than 180 winners there last year and that's a hell of a lot of winners to be distributed to other jockeys," Holland said. "Hopefully, some of those winners will be coming my way."

The 47-year-old veteran got off to a fast start in his career. In 1991, he was named British champion apprentice and within a few years he was a regular presence in Group I races. He has won nine in Great Britain and one each in France and Ireland. Ask him who was the best horse he ever rode and he doesn't hesitate. It is **Falbrav (Ire)** (Fairy King), who was trained by Luca Cumani. He won three stakes aboard him and finished third, beaten just a head, in the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

"He was a fantastic race horse, just had everything," Holland said. "He had speed, he had balance, he had stamina, and he had a turn of foot. He was just a delight. Complete horse is what he was. He was a delight to ride and had a great temperament to go with everything else."

Over the years, his opportunities in the U.K. started to drop off, so Holland traveled around the globe in search of places where he could be assured he would win races. In 2017, he was brought to South Florida by trainer Patrick Biancone and spent much of the year riding in the U.S.

"I decided I wanted to try the circuit at Gulfstream Park and Patrick helped me out enormously when I was there and put me

up on a few mounts and winners," Holland said. "I like the way of life in North America. You're at the same race meets for three or four months on end and it's without all the travel you get elsewhere. It's a lot less wear and tear on your body. By my riding abroad in various different countries around the world, it just gives me a bit more longevity to perform in the saddle, which I'm thankful for.

He has ridden in 20 countries, including Canada, where he is 0-for-3 and has not ridden since 2006. The list includes major racing venues like England and Japan and off-the-beaten-track countries like Trinidad, Sweden and Austria. Since his time at Gulfstream, he has ridden mainly in South Korea and Mauritius.

Holland said the key to success when riding in a new country is to persevere.

"You've just got to stick to what you've always been doing," he said. "Ultimately, your job is to make a horse run fast, and luckily I've been able to do that many times all over the world. I think you can never rest on your laurels. You've got to take a new approach, whatever country you've gone to. You've got to learn how to adapt, which is crucially important for a jockey. You have to adapt to different situations in a race, which I've managed to do. Racing is different all around the world."

Holland's past accomplishments probably won't mean much to Canadian horsemen. But he is proud that he has held his own with the best riders in the world, has won on every surface possible and learned what it takes to win in North America when he rode at Gulfstream. He is ready for a new challenge.

"I hope that people will recognize my past achievements and my experience, which you can't buy," he said. "I've got a wealth of experience behind me and, hopefully, I can put that to good stead when I'm there."

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ARKANSAS DERBY MOVED TO MAY 2

Oaklawn has announced that it is moving its signature race--the GI Arkansas Derby--from Saturday, Apr. 11, to Saturday, May 2, closing day of the 2020 live meet. Due to the closing of the casino and racetrack to the public, Oaklawn could have raced with purses intact through Apr. 18, but, upon discussions with the HBPA, decided instead to reduce purses across the board and "stay until May." As a result, the Arkansas Derby purse will be reduced to \$750,000.

"Churchill Downs understands the circumstances created by the current health crisis, and, therefore, will allow the full 170 points toward Kentucky Derby eligibility (now scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5) as long as we meet the minimum purse threshold of \$750,000," Oaklawn President Louis Cella said. "The purse reductions are across the board. If operations return to

normal between now and May, we will adjust them accordingly."

Of the total 170 points toward Kentucky Derby eligibility, 100 points will be awarded to the winner of the Arkansas Derby.

Oaklawn is also moving the GIII Fantasy S. for 3-year-old fillies to Friday, May 1, and will reduce its purse to \$400,000, but, like the Arkansas Derby, it will still offer the full 170 points towards eligibility in the GI Kentucky Oaks, which is now scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4.

The Arkansas Derby and Fantasy are among 15 remaining stakes that have had their purses reduced along with all overnight purses. Other date changes: the Oaklawn Invitational moves to Saturday, Apr. 11, and will carry a \$200,000 purse. The GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. moves to Saturday, Apr. 18, and now shares the card with the GI Apple Blossom H. The GI Oaklawn H. moves to Saturday, May 2, and now shares the card with the Arkansas Derby.

"We are trying to make best of a bad situation," continued Cella. "And we greatly appreciate the cooperation we have received from our horsemen and the Arkansas Racing Commission."

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SANTA ANITA AND GOLDEN GATE FIELDS: GREEN LIGHT FOR LIVE RACING

by Dan Ross

Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields will conduct live racing as scheduled Friday and the rest of the weekend.

A state-wide "stay at home" order California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Thursday evening in an attempt to curb the spread of the coronavirus--telling residents to remain indoors with the exception of essential trips and services--had cast some doubts about the viability of live racing going ahead this weekend.

But Aidan Butler, acting executive director of California racing for The Stronach Group (TSG), explained in a text Friday--with first post times looming--that racing would go ahead as planned.

Santa Anita has also announced via Twitter that "all profits from racing will go to a charity chosen by Governor Newsom and his team to assist during these incredibly difficult times."

Santa Anita is scheduled to run Friday through Sunday, carding 26 races which include the GIII San Luis Rey S., the GIII San Simeon S. and the Sensational Star S. Golden Gate Fields, which conducted live racing Thursday, similarly runs through Sunday.

All week, TSG has gradually tightened the screws on which personnel are allowed entry to their California facilities.

On Tuesday, the company circulated a letter explaining that anyone--including trainers, assistants, grooms and jockeys--who

travels internationally will not be allowed entry to their tracks for 14 days. "In addition, they would have to pass a physical exam prior to being cleared to enter the racetrack including the stable area," the letter states.

On Thursday, they tightened the restrictions even further, closing the stable entry gates at Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields and San Luis Rey Downs to new personnel, while unveiling a detailed list of protocols for those permitted entry to these facilities in an attempt to minimize the possible spread of the virus—one that has already made it onto the backstretches of various tracks around the country.

On Thursday, for example, the New York Racing Association suspended live racing at Aqueduct after a backstretch worker at Belmont Park tested positive for the virus. Standardbred trainer John Brennan died of the virus last week, prompting Yonkers Raceway to shut down racing. Harness trainer Carmine Fusco died of the virus earlier this week.

In further news, all off-track simulcast wagering facilities in Southern California have been shuttered bar three: the Roadhouse Grill in Santa Maria, the Tilted Kilt in Thousand Oaks, and the Firehouse Grill in Bakersfield. All such facilities in Northern California have been closed because of the coronavirus.

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LOUISIANA HORSES CAN SHELTER IN PLACE FOR 30 DAYS WITHOUT FEAR OF EVICTION

by T.D. Thornton



Morning at Fair Grounds | Sarah Andrew

The Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) voted Thursday to impose an emergency order on the state's racetracks and training facilities that guarantees horses and horsemen can "shelter in place" for the next 30 days without threat of eviction.

The coronavirus-related order, which comes on the eve of the GII Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds, will not affect Saturday's spectator-free running of the most prominent racing card in the state.

The order also does not mandate that horses and horsemen have to shelter in place—it just guarantees that those who want to stay will be able to do so for the next month.

Recognizing that COVID-19 orders and regulations at all levels of government are changing almost daily, the LSRC left open the option that it could come back and revise the order.

The impetus for the emergency meeting was a notice sent out by Evangeline Downs on Mar. 16 that initially told horsemen to vacate the premises by Mar. 18. That 48-hour-notice eviction did not happen though, because Boyd Gaming (which operates the track) and horsemen came to a temporary agreement.

The subsequent LSRC order, which was read in summation from a 31-page document at the beginning of the one-hour meeting, mandates that all licensed racetracks and training facilities in the state of Louisiana shall now:

- 1). Allow horsemen and their horses to shelter in place without threat of eviction.
- 2). Allow access to tracks and exercise facilities at least every other day for the well-being of the horses.
- 3). Allow horses and horsemen to continue in accordance with their training schedules, regardless of whether or not a race meet is being conducted.
- 4). Implement the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's recommendations for response to COVID-19.

Commissioners emphasized several times during the public commentary period that the order is intended to allow for shipping flexibility at a time of the season when Louisiana's horse population—both Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses—is traditionally in flux from racetrack to racetrack.

Fair Grounds closes its Thoroughbred meet Mar. 29 and, according to testimony from a track spokesperson, management there wants to slice the horse population from 1,450 to 650 in the interest of making for a less dense backstretch environment.

While a number of national Thoroughbred outfits might ship out of Louisiana altogether, state-based stables would normally be making plans to head to Evangeline (which has already pushed back its Apr. 8 season opening) or to Louisiana Downs, which is slated to start racing May 2.

At the same time, the Quarter Horses are shifting from Louisiana Downs to Delta Downs, which is also operated by Boyd Gaming.

But like Fair Grounds, Boyd executives testified that they too are concerned about taking on too many horses because of concerns that crowded conditions related to backstretch workers will spread COVID-19.

“If we move 600 or 700 horses into one of our tracks, we’re simply going to pack them in there and have exactly the same problems as Fair Grounds is experiencing,” said Vincent Schwartz, Boyd’s senior vice president of operations. “We’ve got staffing issues too, and it would be irresponsible for us to put our employees in that situation.”

Schwartz said he thought he had come to a “gentlemen’s agreement” on Monday night with Bernard Chatters, the president of the Louisiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, that would have quelled the threat of eviction. That plan, he explained, called for Boyd to remove its employees and hire a contracted security staff, plus garbage and manure removers, to keep the backstretch safe and clean. The racetrack would not be open for training, however.

“That was kind of the solution to the horses having nowhere to go,” Schwartz continued. “And now this has morphed into ‘Let me fill up the place,’ and then ‘Let me have the training facilities as well.’ So we [would now] have to bring in a truckload of employees that have to be exposed to all of these [horse] workers on the backside.”

Chatters told the LSRC that his organization’s proposal was for training on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 10 a.m. with no break, and an official clocker being on site only on Saturdays to time official workouts.

Yet the vote on the order was taken, and the meeting was then adjourned, without that specific sticking point about staffing for training being resolved.

When a Boyd spokeswoman specifically asked for clarification from a representative from the state attorney general’s office if the order required racetracks to maintain staff to accommodate training, the AG’s representative replied that the order is simply “directing to allow access.” Staffing, he said, “would require further negotiations between any tracks and horsemen.”

Hundreds of listening-in members of the public shared the same open conference-call lines as the commissioners and industry stakeholders. Because many callers were unwilling or unable to figure out how to mute their phones, a lot of the testimony came across as garbled, making the identification of speakers difficult.

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COVID-19 UPDATE: MAR. 20

Officials at the Maryland Jockey Club announced the cancellation of Friday’s scheduled live racing program at Laurel Park and will pause racing indefinitely following an executive order from the office of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan.

“In accordance with the Maryland Governor’s Executive Orders and as part of the continuing effort to protect the health and

safety of essential personnel and the horses they care for, the Maryland Jockey Club will temporarily pause live racing at Laurel Park and Rosecroft Raceway,” read a statement. “Our top priority is the well-being of every person and every horse in our community and we look forward to resuming when the state and federal leaders and health authorities deem it appropriate to do so.”

The fluidity of the coronavirus situation has been very much on display in Maryland. The MJC announced the closure to the public of Laurel, Pimlico and Rosecroft Raceway Mar. 12 and went forward with spectator-free racing Mar. 13 and a four-stakes card Mar. 14. The following day, Hogan ordered the closure of Maryland’s six casinos, racetracks and simulcast facilities, effective Monday, Mar. 16. Despite that announcement, the MJC sought clarification and gained permission to continue racing with Friday’s program with strict protocols in place.

In other news from the state, Country Life Farm announced that it would be closing to visitors and owners, but that it continues to accept ship-ins for breeding and that training is taking place on the farm, owing to “a fairly self-contained workforce who live on site.”

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WRITERS’ ROOM PODCAST: RACING IN THE AGE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

The [TDN Writers’ Room podcast](#), presented each week by [Keeneland](#), was a strange affair this week, conducted in an otherwise empty *TDN* office, with Bill Finley and Jon Green sitting six feet apart, and host Joe Bianca calling in from home. “We need to march on, just like the world does,” said Jon Green. “We’re just a small part of what’s going on out there, but I’ve been implementing social distancing for just about all of my 50 years.” That led Bianca to crack, “All of those nights without a date were in preparation for this.” There was a lot of news to cover in the News of the Week segment, sponsored by [West Point Thoroughbreds](#). Topics include the postponed Derby, what will happen to the rest of the Triple Crown, and how important is tradition in this new era? The [podcast is now available](#).

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MUNNINGS FILLIES TOWER OVER RIVALS IN FAIR GROUNDS OAKS

by Alan Carasso



Finite | Hodges Photography

Both the Winchell Thoroughbreds-owned Summerly (Summer Squall, 2005) and Untapable (Tapit, 2014) used a victory in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks as a springboard to success at Churchill Downs on the first Friday in May. That particular double will be delayed this year, but **Finite** (Munnings), bred by Winchell and campaigned in partnership, can take the first step as the likely heavy favorite in the Saturday co-feature in New Orleans.

The current pole sitter on the **TDN Kentucky Oaks Top 10**, Finite enters the Oaks on a five-race winning skein, two of those in Louisville, including the GII Golden Rod S. She was perhaps a touch ring-rusty when eke-ing out the win in the Jan. 18 Silverbulletday S., but she looked every bit the divisional heavy when accounting for champion and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner British Idiom (Flashback) in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 15.

Munnings is also represented on the Road to the Oaks by #3 Venetian Harbor, the last-out GII Las Virgenes S. romper, and a third daughter of the Coolmore stallion has a chance to join the fray this weekend. Juddmonte's **Bonny South**, bred on the exact same cross as Finite, burned some money when just fourth on her 6 1/2-furlong debut beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 14, then finished second, but was ultimately awarded a maiden win at this venue Dec. 22. Shipped to Oaklawn for her latest, the homebred got as many as 14 lengths behind a tear-away leader, but kept her mind on business in the lane and outfinished her stablemate and subsequent GIII Honeybee S. victrix Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil) by three parts of a length. Jockey Florent Geroux rode Munnings's I'm a Chatterbox to victory in the 2015 Fair Grounds Oaks.

Stop Shoppin Tammy (Tapit) is the least experienced member of this sextet, having finished fourth at 2.15-1 behind **TDN**

Rising Star' Wicked Whisper (Liam's Map) on Saratoga debut Aug. 25 before returning to action with a front-running success over track and distance Feb. 17. Her three works since include a bullet five furlongs in :59 1/5 (1/18) Mar. 13.

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NO BRICKS, BUT BROWN WELL STOCKED FOR MUNIZ DEFENSE

by Alan Carasso



Instilled Regard | Coglianese photo

Despite being taken out of his best game to sit on the pace in 2019, Bricks and Mortar (Giant's Causeway) gave Chad Brown a second victory in the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial S. and the four-time Eclipse Award winner has two chances to go back-to-back in the race named in honor of the beloved former Fair Grounds racing secretary.

OXO Equine's **Instilled Regard** (Arch) makes his third trip to the Big Easy, having won the 2018 GIII Lecomte S. ahead of a fourth in the GII Risen Star S. while under the care of Jerry Hollendorfer. Since switching to the Brown barn, five of his seven starts have come on the grass, including a perfect-trip score in the GII Fort Lauderdale S. at Gulfstream last December. The handsome dark bay was also third in the GI Hollywood Derby in 2018 and rounded out the triple last time out in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Jan. 25. Lasix goes back on for this effort.

The second of the two Brown entries is **Rockemperor (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who went close in the G3 Prix La Force at ParisLongchamp last April and came with a flying finish from last to be third to **Henley's Joy** (Kitten's Joy) in last year's GI Belmont Derby Invitational. He raced evenly when sixth to loose-on-the-lead A Thread of Blue (Hard Spun) in the Saratoga Derby Invitational S. Aug. 4 and gets the services of Joel Rosario here.

Pin Oak's **Synchrony** (Tapit) has remained in training for a 7-year-old campaign and was third to Bricks and Mortar in defense of his 2018 title last year. Also victorious in Woodbine's GII King Edward S. last June, the homebred son of Brownie Points (Forest Wildcat) was likely in need of the run when he chased home pacesetter **Factor This** (The Factor) in the Feb. 15 GIII Fair Grounds S.

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BY MY STANDARDS RETURNS TO GRADED COMPANY FOR NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC

by Alan Carasso



By My Standards | Sarah Andrew

On this program 12 months ago, Allied Racing Stable's **By My Standards** (Goldencents) belied odds of 22-1 to upset the GII Louisiana Derby. He'll be a fraction of that price and even of his 6-1 morning line when he makes his return to graded-stakes company in the GII New Orleans Classic S. at Fair Grounds.

The bay colt overcame the widest stall in a field of 12 to break his maiden by better than four lengths last February and was prominent in the Derby before rallying late to score by 3/4 of a length. Sideline after finishing 12th--placed 11th--in the GI Kentucky Derby, By My Standards resumed from a nine-month hiatus to wallop a field of a local allowance rivals by a handy six lengths at 1-2. He has trained brilliantly since as evidenced by a half-mile gallop in :47 2/5 (1/88) Mar. 14 and should take some beating.

Silver Dust (Tapit) has finished in the exacta in six of his eight local appearances and was runner-up to Core Beliefs (Quality Road) in this event last year. The grey, subsequently disqualified from an apparent 4 1/4-length victory in the GIII Louisiana S. Jan. 18, made it back-to-back wins in the Feb. 15 GIII Mineshaft H., defeating the re-opposing **Gun It** (Tapit) by three-quarters of

a length.

The newest of new shooters is **Fearless** (Ghostzapper), a \$725,000 Keeneland September purchase, who is making up for lost time. The 4-year-old opened his account at first asking in a six-furlong Gulfstream maiden Dec. 22, defeating Beau Luminaire (I Want Revenge), who returned to graduate by seven lengths going a mile in his next start. Stretched to two turns for his latest, Fearless stalked a solid pace, took over at will at the midpoint of the turn and was kept to task but was 8 1/2 lengths clear under the line. He gets tested for class Saturday.

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TODAY'S GOOD NEWS/
RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

NEED GROCERIES? GIVE VICTORIA KEITH A CALL

by Bill Finley



Victoria Keith | Keeneland

In every crisis, it's possible to find examples of kindness and generosity, of people reaching out to help total strangers out of the goodness of their heart. To focus attention on the many people in the industry who have stepped forward to help those who have been impacted by the coronavirus, the TDN has launched a series that we hope will put a smile on your face during these difficult times. We'll do our best to bring you a little bit of good news every day.

Like so many who work in the horse racing industry, Victoria Keith spent the last couple of days trying to figure out how she

could help people who work in the racing business and are now facing problems due to the coronavirus. She couldn't donate millions and she can't help with any of the medical needs people may have, but she was determined to do something. So she came up with an idea, something simple yet powerful. She decided she would go grocery shopping for any racing people who live in the Lexington area and either can't get to the store or don't feel comfortable going out.

She reached out Friday via Twitter to those who may need her, writing: "If you know anyone working in horse racing in the Lexington area who has been affected by the coronavirus, not getting a paycheck and having difficulty affording food, give me a call and I'll go buy them groceries and deliver to them. 859-227-5441."

That Keith would step forward was hardly a surprise. You knew she has a good heart because her job is to save horses that come off the track and find homes for them. Along with owner Rick Porter, she is the founder of the National Thoroughbred Welfare Organization, a horse rescue group that has concentrated much of its efforts on cleaning up the slaughter mess in Louisiana.

She said the idea just popped into her head.

"I don't really know how I came up with it, it was just instantaneous," she said. "I am at home and I can get to the grocery store. I thought about it for no more than a second. I don't know if it really pertains to anyone or not. I just figured I would throw it out there. There might be some people who need some help and I am capable of doing it. I saw people posting about how you can give to this organization or that organization and that's great. It just occurred to me that I could go to the grocery store for someone. Give me your list of groceries and I can do it."

Keith is healthy and has shown no signs of coming down with the virus herself, but her interacting with others, particularly those working at grocery stores, could put her own well-being at risk.

"The reason why the grocery store is still open is that people still have to go to the grocery store, the drug store, things like that," she said. "As for me, I feel ok. I have gone to the grocery store. I wipe down the handles and wipe my hands. Some people may not feel comfortable with that but I feel comfortable going. I feel safe to go get my own food so if I feel safe enough to get my own food I can get it for someone else and knock on their door and hand them a bag of groceries."

She isn't quite sure who will come forward and accept her offer of help. The elderly are in particular need of help and she's also concerned about the many employees Keeneland hires to work at its racing meet. With Keeneland having announced that the spring meet has been cancelled there will be more than

1,000 part-time workers who will be missing out on income they had been depending on.

"I don't know who is being affected in horse racing," she said. "We know there are people that have been hit."

While focusing on the impact coronavirus is having on the people who work in racing, Keith is also concerned about what problems it may cause for the many horse rescue groups out there that rely on donations. The country is already facing tough economic times, and they figure to get worse before they get better. When people are struggling, charitable donations are among the first things they cut back on.

"The problems the economy is having can have an effect on our charity," she said. "Like Trump, I believe once this is over, everything will bounce back pretty quickly. I certainly hope so."

First things first. Keith is not only a great example of the spirit that is part of horse racing, she knows there are many more out there just like her. She says that if her initiative to buy groceries for people takes off and she needs help that "it will take me two seconds to find 200 people who will help me with this."

She considers herself lucky.

"I am fortunate," she said. "I get to work from home and my job with Rick Porter has always been working at home. I'm not sick, I'm not affected. Hopefully, the economy will bounce back quickly and everything will be good again. If there is anything I can do, I will. Maybe I'm being selfish because I know if I can get groceries for someone it will make me feel good."

Selfish? Not in the least.

Do you know of an individual or an organization that is helping others in racing during this time of need? If so, please let us know. Bill Finley can be reached at wnfinley@aol.com.

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

LIZ CROW

I will go with **Outwork** as my top freshman sire. He won at 4 1/2 furlongs in April of his 2-year-old year and is by Uncle Mo, who has proven to be a very prolific 2-year-old sire. I have seen a lot of quality from Outwork's first crop.

I bought three fillies by him at the yearling sales. The nicest filly we've ever had in four years of pinhooking with Paul Sharp is an Outwork filly out of Starship Warpspeed, a half to recent



Outwork | Sarah Andrew photo

Grade III winner Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil). She makes me want to love the sire.

All of ours seem to be very forward and looking to do more at this stage, but also very classy walking to and from the track and while being handled in the barn. Mentally, they seem to be able to handle the early rigors asked of 2-year-olds with speed and they have the talent to go along with it.

Tamarkuz could be an under-the-radar sire to watch. He is by the super-hot Speightstown, who has proven to be a sire of sires already. I liked several of them at the sales and have heard good things from a few 2-year-old consignors. I expect them to be quick and early.

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NETFLIX, ANYONE?

In these days of self-isolation, the need to find your next great t.v. series is greater than ever. We asked some industry folks what they're watching these days, and for their top recommendations to last us until we can leave our homes again. Pull up a couch!

BECKY THOMAS

I think at times like this we should all binge watch (if we weren't taking care of these horses we can't sell!) "**Curb Your Enthusiasm**." It is funny and lighthearted about ordinary every day activities.

JEN ROYTZ, RETIRED RACEHORSE PROJECT

My all-time favorite horse movie is **Phar Lap** (incredible horse, incredible story, incredible movie), though I love The Black Stallion and Black Stallion Returns for its cinematography and musical score in addition to the theme. For anyone with horse-crazy kiddos stuck at home, there's a Canadian-produced series called "**Heartland**" that is great (and there are a LOT of episodes/seasons, so it will keep them busy for a while!).

JIM COX, DARLEY

"**Let it Ride**," a 1989 movie starring Richard Dreyfuss. He keeps parlaying his horse winnings during an afternoon at the track. Very funny. Every bettor's dream day.

PETER KIRWAN

Peaky Blinders on Netflix!

BOB WHITE, DOUBLE DIAMOND FARM

I like a good family movie. "**The Sandlot**" reminds me of being a kid and what was "really" important to us then. I also love baseball and miss it during this time. Be safe, everyone.

JON SIEGEL, PM ADVERTISING

The Biggest Little Farm. This movie surprised us how good it was. The cinematography is amazing. The struggle of farm life mixed with family life was familiar to us. This movie is great to watch as a family or by yourself. Hands down, one of the best movies we've seen in a while. [Here is the official trailer](#).

DUNCAN TAYLOR, TAYLOR MADE FARM

Arthur, with Dudley Moore and Liza Minnelli. It makes me laugh.

TORIE GLADWELL

I lived on the **Black Stallion** series and movies. I read every book twice, plus what girl doesn't love *Pretty Woman*. TV shows-- **Ozark, Game of Thrones, Breaking Bad, Outlander, Black Sails, Vikings** just to name a few.

PATRICK MAHAN, STUDIO 34

Pursuit of Happiness starring Will Smith comes to mind. It's an inspirational true story about facing tough times with strength, courage and determination. It reminds me of one of my favorite quotes by Ralph Waldo Emerson: "What lies behind us, and what lies ahead of us, are but tiny matters compared to what lies within us." I also highly recommend watching [this video by Ray Dalio](#), one of the greatest financial minds of all-time explaining how the economy works. Very relevant to understanding what we're experiencing now.

MICHELLE HUCKABAY

Casey's Shadow and **International Velvet** are childhood favorites of mine.

Current day non horsey: **The Americans, Jack Ryan, Ozark**

JUSTIN CASSE

Watched **Contagion** two nights ago; it's NOT a pick-me-up, but is scarily educational at the moment.

Netflix- **Narcos, The Witcher, Bloodline, Master of None, Living With Yourself**

HBO- **Succession, The Outsider, Westworld, Watchmen, Chernobyl, Euphoria**

Binge away.

GRAY LYSTER

Movies: **The Last Waltz** and **Jeremiah Johnson!**

SID FERNANDO

I recommend **The Outsider** on HBO.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALLEN GUTTERMAN

Dennis Drazin is a good man who has done much to keep racing alive in New Jersey, but his press statement released last Monday staggers the senses.

The last paragraph of his statement reads, "I should also add that this indictment is particularly sad in that Jason Servis was my trainer. During my 45 years as an attorney, chairman of the NJRC, and racetrack operator, I have always advocated that cheating cannot be tolerated and I would never tolerate illegal conduct. My horses are being moved to Pat McBurney."

This should have been the opening of his statement. How can the chairman and CEO of Monmouth Park hire and maintain Jason Servis as his trainer? Do you really believe that his win percentage is high because he's that much better at training? Aren't you concerned about the whispers and innuendo from horsemen and horseplayers that follow him wherever he races, and how discouraging it is for trainers and owners who play by the rules? What about the avid fans of horse racing who want to enjoy the competition and thrills of the sport without worrying about the doping of racehorses?

I also believe that "regulators take their jobs seriously and endeavor to catch all cheaters." But, it's hard to oversee a sport where regulatory oversight has been diffused, and often lax, across more than 30 separate state regulatory and enforcement

agencies. The use of drugs in sports to obtain a competitive edge has almost become a common practice. As the investigation revealed, the horse racing industry is no different, and the sport's greatest races may have been compromised. So, what do we do now? The suspension of NJ state racing licenses comes after the fact, after the indictments, after the arrests.

While it is admirable that Dennis Drazin has called upon the New Jersey Legislature to enact sweeping reforms, it is clear this is not an issue unique to any specific state. The problem our industry faces is systemic and warrants a systemic solution. The indictments are a shining example of why we need H.R. 1754, the Horseracing Integrity Act (HIA), and a national, independent, anti-doping program that is the same for every jurisdiction. We can no longer afford to be both the presenter and the regulator of the program. The time has come for everyone involved in the horse racing industry to band together to right the wrongs of those who have tainted the sport. The industry needs to take a stand to show that cheaters and abusers will no longer be tolerated.

Whether it's the burden of proof, legal retribution or friendships with charming people who happen to cheat, too much gets in the way. Racing organizations need to move swiftly and decisively toward a better system of regulation and effective drug testing and present a united front to Congress. The best deterrent is enacting federal legislation. The owners, trainers, and jockeys need to have full confidence that our industry is providing them with a healthy, safe environment in which to compete, and we can do that only if the racehorses' needs come first.

We are at a turning point in our great sport's history. These last couple of years have been rough and the need to protect our equine and human athletes has never been greater. Dennis Drazin could be a major player in a horse racing renaissance if he chooses to embrace reforms to ensure this never happens again

Allen Gutterman

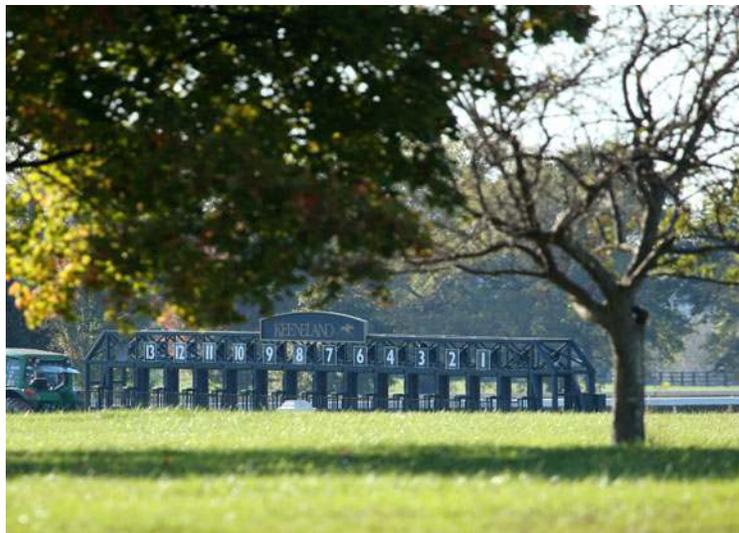
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LETTER FROM KEENELAND PRESIDENT AND CEO BILL THOMASON

To our Industry, Fans and Central Kentucky Community,

The decision to cancel this year's Spring Meet and April Sale due to the alarming spread of COVID-19 has been agonizing for the Keeneland family. We understand the devastating impact this has on the Thoroughbred industry, our Central Kentucky community who cherishes this tradition, and our employees



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who pour their hearts into this organization. We share the disappointment and frustration of our fans and horsemen--a silent April at Keeneland still has not sunk in. However, we knew this decision was the only way to effectively mitigate the risk of spreading this deadly virus. The speed at which this pandemic has continued to spread, and recent events unfolding within the racing industry reaffirm what was a difficult decision. This is a global health crisis and we must be responsible in our actions.

This past Monday, March 16, we found ourselves at a critical moment. The Federal Government issued a recommendation limiting gatherings over 10 people, just as horsemen from across the country were making preparations to ship to Keeneland. Many of these individuals were traveling from areas defined as "hotspots" for the virus. This convergence of participants from various states, as well as the inability to comply with social distancing within our dormitories and backstretch, put the health and safety of our horsemen and participants in great jeopardy. In compliance with recommendations from government and health officials, we cancelled our meet.

With the spread of the virus continuing, there are tough times ahead; however, we will get through this together. While doing our part to protect against the spread of this virus, we must also look to the future and restore hope and stability for an industry that is suffering. Since Monday, we have taken swift action and began working with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) and our track partners on the Kentucky circuit to explore opportunities for additional Keeneland race days during this non-traditional year for our industry. When it is safe to do so, and in concert with community and health officials, we look forward to conducting world-class racing with the full participation of our horsemen, stakeholders and fans. Keeneland applauds the efforts of the KHRC at their March 19th meeting to convene the Racing Dates Committee to examine

these possibilities and we look forward to these continued conversations.

This fall also offers tremendous potential to rebuild and recover from these trying times. Our team continues to examine all opportunities to ensure that our worldwide marketplace has the certainty, consistency and platform to showcase the best yearlings and breeding stock in the world set against the backdrop of Keeneland's star-studded Fall Meet.

While we may not be racing this April, you can trust that the Keeneland team is working tirelessly to protect our industry, restore normalcy to the marketplace, and provide our participants, community and fans with hope for brighter days ahead.

Bill Thomason, Keeneland President and CEO

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FLORIDA CUP CANCELLED; MONEY ALLOCATED TO OVERNIGHT RACES



Tampa Bay Downs | Doug DeFelice Prime 360 Photography

The Florida Cup, a series of six \$110,000 stakes races for registered Florida-breds and Tampa Bay Downs's annual showcase for the state's Thoroughbred breeding and racing industries, has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis. The event, which was first run in 2003, had been scheduled for Sunday, March 29.

Peter Berube, the track's Vice President-General Manager, said a portion of the \$660,000 in Florida Cup purse money will

be allocated to the track's overnight purse account, enabling Tampa Bay Downs to continue its 2019-2020 meeting beyond next week, as circumstances allow.

Tampa Bay Downs began racing without fans Wednesday as public health officials urge citizens to adhere to social distancing to slow the spread of the virus.

"It's a huge blow to everyone to have to cancel one of the biggest days on our racing calendar," said Berube. "At the same time, we are committed to keeping the track free of spectators at least through that date, and the social aspect of Florida Cup Day, which includes a buffet luncheon for horsemen and their families under the Picnic Pavilion Tent, has always been an important part of the day.

"We are dedicated to helping ensure to the best of our ability the health and well-being of everyone associated with Tampa Bay Downs, and the logistics of putting on a multi-stakes event in the midst of a national health crisis made this the only decision possible," Berube said. "The silver lining is this gives us an opportunity to help our horsemen continue racing. We will work closely with them, the breeders and owners and our stakes sponsors to make the 2021 Florida Cup memorable and exciting for all."

The cancelled races include the DRF Bets Sprint (4yos/up, 6f), the Pleasant Acres Stallions Distaff Turf (3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT), the Equistaff Sophomore Turf (3yo, 1 1/16mT), the Stonehedge Farm South Sophomore Fillies (3yo, f, 7f), the Ocala Breeders' Sales Sophomore (3yo, 7f), and the Touch Vodka Turf Classic (4yo/up, 1 1/8mT).

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NEW YORK RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY OF AMERICA HOSTING FUNDRAISER

The New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America has launched a fundraiser in support of backstretch workers to help during the challenging circumstances relative to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The chaplaincy is looking to bolster its food pantry and welcomes any financial contribution. For those who wish to donate food, non-perishable items that are microwavable are welcome. Drop-offs in Nassau County will also welcome perishable items in individual sizes, including fresh fruits.

Click [here](#) to make donations online. For more information on how to ship a donation or for the address to drop off food near the track, please contact info@rtcany.org or text 516-428-5267.

"Clearly the best thing people can do are canned items, something non-perishable, where we know the food won't go bad," said retired Hall of Fame rider Ramon Dominguez, who was named president of the New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America last month. "There's been a few people who have

called and asked if it is better to donate food or money. We appreciate both, but with money, it gives the chaplaincy the ability to purchase what is needed the most."

Dominguez credited the work and support provided by the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) and the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA).

"Both NYRA and NYTHA, they've been so supportive of the chaplaincy and the backstretch community," Dominguez said. "Through different programs, they've continued to give support. I don't see them as separate entities from the chaplaincy. We are one big family doing what's best for the backstretch. They've done such a good job stepping up to the plate and when anything is needed, they are there to help us."

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GULFSTREAM TO PAUSE RACING FRIDAY FOR CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION

Gulfstream Park issued the following announcement late Thursday night:

Gulfstream Park will suspend racing for one day, Friday, Mar. 20, to update its protocols in a number of areas, including the Jockeys' Room. Racing is scheduled to resume on Saturday, March 21.

Last week, Gulfstream Park took strict measures to limit exposure by closing the facility to the public for live racing and simulcast. Gulfstream Park has operated in full compliance with all government and local health orders, while ensuring the protection of the essential personnel that care for the over 3,200 horses that are stabled at Gulfstream Park, Gulfstream Park West and Palm Meadows.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Paynter (2009) by <i>Awesome Again</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>	4	7	1	2	--	--	122	41	135,600	1,757,197 <i>Ring Leader</i>
2	Violence (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	122	38	94,266	1,292,793 <i>No Parole</i>
3	Flat Out (2006) by <i>Flatter</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Mighty Acres OK Fee: \$3,000</i>	--	3	--	1	--	--	105	29	79,870	1,045,676 <i>Threes Over Deuces</i>
4	Take Charge Indy (2009) by <i>A.P. Indy</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$17,500</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	92	27	71,740	858,780 <i>Bronx Bomber</i>
5	Orb (2010) by <i>Malibu Moon</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>	1	4	--	4	--	--	71	17	100,000	780,728 <i>Whoa Nellie</i>
6	Alternation (2008) by <i>Distorted Humor</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY Fee: \$10,000</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	71	15	269,400	759,580 <i>Serengeti Empress</i>
7	Oxbow (2010) by <i>Awesome Again</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	76	26	60,000	666,943 <i>Tuz</i>
8	Point of Entry (2008) by <i>Dynaformer</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	68	19	53,400	578,954 <i>Admission Office</i>
9	Overanalyze (2010) by <i>Dixie Union</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	79	18	96,250	578,515 <i>Piedi Bianchi</i>
10	Graydar (2009) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Milky Way Farm CA Fee: \$4,000</i>	--	3	--	2	--	--	78	17	53,000	532,680 <i>More Graytful</i>
11	El Padrino (2009) by <i>Pulpit</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Northview PA USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	41	13	55,880	498,906 <i>Promised Storm</i>
12	Justin Phillip (2008) by <i>First Samurai</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: The Quarter Company NM Fee: \$3,000</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	51	18	92,800	488,238 <i>Just Might</i>
13	Poseidon's Warrior (2008) by <i>Speightstown</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Equistar PA Fee: \$5,000</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	67	16	150,000	452,302 <i>Firenze Fire</i>
14	Smiling Tiger (2007) by <i>Hold That Tiger</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Harris Farms CA Fee: \$7,500</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	38	13	71,280	437,017 <i>Tiger Dad</i>
15	Brethren (2008) by <i>Distorted Humor</i> FYR: 2015 <i>Stands: Arindel Farm FL Fee: \$7,500</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	58	13	92,070	434,485 <i>Cookie Dough</i>

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:49 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Major Fed	Ghostzapper	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Rosario	8-1
2	Mailman Money	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	15-1
3	Wells Bayou 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, C & L, Madaket Stables & Wonder Stables	Cox	Geroux	8-1
4	Chestertown	Tapit	West Point Thoroughbreds, Broman, Sr., C & M, Woodford Racing, Siena Farm, & Masiello, Robert	Asmussen	Velazquez	15-1
5	Social Afleet	Northern Afleet	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Beschizza	50-1
6	Shake Some Action 🌿	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Hernandez	15-1
7	Sharecropper	Pioneerof the Nile	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Stall, Jr.	Mena	20-1
8	Royal Act 🌿	American Pharoah	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Cedillo	10-1
9	Portos	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
10	Enforceable 🌿	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	7-2
11	Ny Traffic	Cross Traffic	Fanelli, J, Cash is King, LC Racing & Braverman, P	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	15-1
12	Lynn's Map 🌿	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Gaffalione	30-1
13	Silver State 🌿	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	6-1
14	Modernist	Uncle Mo	Wygod, Pam and Martin	Mott	Alvarado	6-1

Also Eligible:

15	Mr. Big News	Giant's Causeway	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Albarado	20-1
16	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables, and LaPenta, Robert V.	Pletcher	Castellano	12-1

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	ML
1	Lone Sailor 🌿	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	6-1
2	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Murrill	15-1
3	Fearless 🌿	Ghostzapper	China Horse Club International & WinStar Farm	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	9-2
4	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Mena	8-1
5	Tenfold	Curlin	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Velazquez	12-1
6	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	2-1
7	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	10-1
8	By My Standards	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	6-1
9	Gun It 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	6-1

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	ML
1	Antoinette	Hard Spun	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	12-1
2	French Rose	Raison d'Etat	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Murrill	20-1
3	Tempers Rising 🦿	Bayern	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Leparoux	9-2
4	Bonny South	Munnings	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	4-1
5	Stop Shoppin Tammy 🦿	Tapit	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Lanerie	8-1
6	Finite	Munnings	Winchell Thoroughbreds, Reiman, Thomas, Dickson, William and Easter, Deborah A.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	3-5

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	ML
1	Dot Matrix	Freud	Ten Strike Racing	Cox	Geroux	8-1
2	Aquaphobia	Giant's Causeway	Paradise Farms, Staudacher, D & Hooties Racing	Maker	Gaffalione	12-1
3	Dontblamerocket	Blame	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Leparoux	12-1
4	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Brown	Rosario	10-1
5	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	15-1
6	Instilled Regard 🦿	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	5-1
7	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	20-1
8	Channel Maker 🦿	English Channel	Joey Gee Tbreeds, Wachtel Stable & Barber, G	Mott	Alvarado	6-1
9	Factor This 🦿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Bridgmohan	10-1
10	Secretary At War	War Front	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Beschizza	20-1
11	Marzo 🦿	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	15-1
12	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	3-1
13	Bundibunan 🦿	Ghostzapper	Haras Interlagos	Correas, IV	Lanerie	20-1

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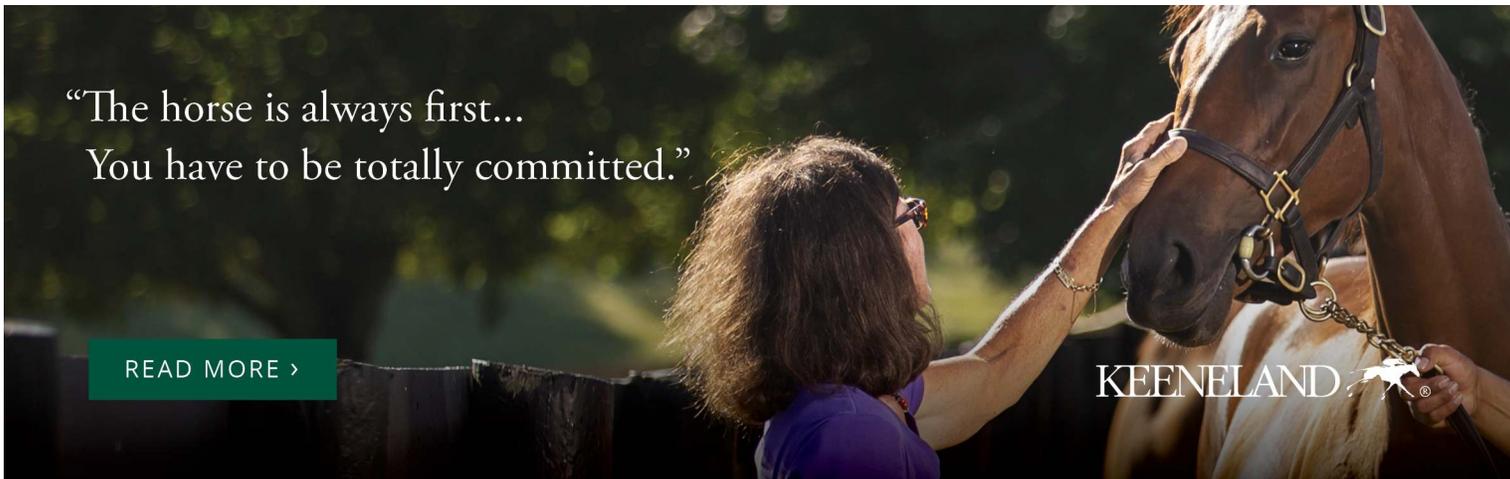
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SAN SIMEON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Sparky Ville 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Del Secco DCS Racing	Bonde	Velez	15-1
2	Bound for Nowhere 🌿	The Factor	Wesley A. Ward	Ward	Garcia	6-5
3	Murad Khan (Fr)	Raven's Pass	R3 Racing LLC, Calara Farms and Rothblum, Steve	O'Neill	Bejarano	6-1
4	Cistrion 🌿	The Factor	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	3-1
5	Surrender Now 🌿	Morning Line	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Prat	6-1
6	Voodoo Song	English Channel	Barry K. Schwartz	Mandella	Rispoli	4-1
7	King of Speed 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Del Secco DCS Racing	Bonde	Franco	20-1

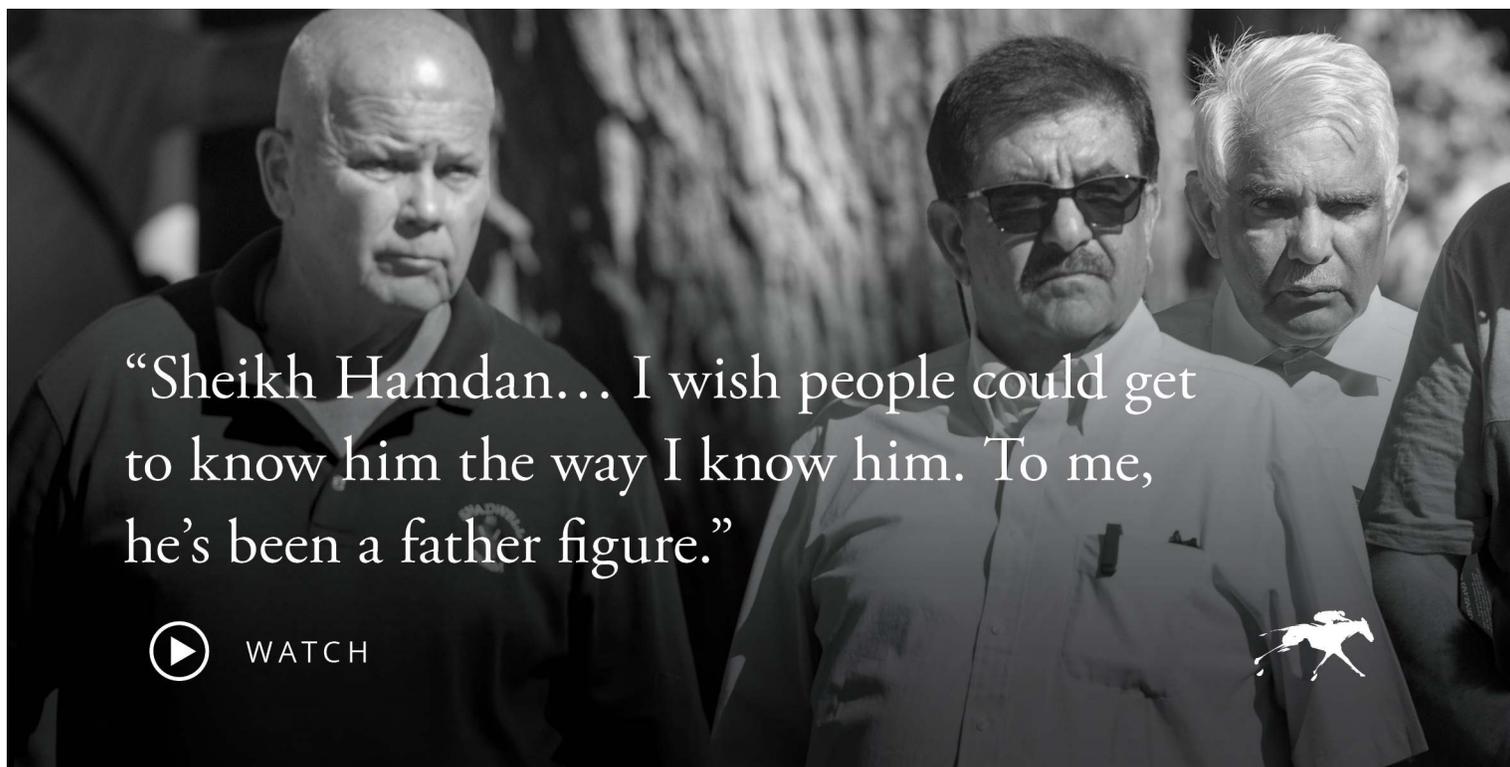
Breeders: 1-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC, 2-Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster, 3-S.C.E.A. Haras de Manneville, 4-St. George Farm, LLC, 5-Elaine Macpherson, 6-Stonewall Farm, 7-Newaukum Racing Stables LLC

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	ML
1	Swamp Souffle	Bodemeister	Knapp, Steve R., Romo-Zolotas, Sabina and Zolotas, Steven	Knapp	Gutierrez	12-1
2	Camino Del Paraiso	Suances (GB)	Paradise Road Ranch, LLC	Jauregui	Pereira	3-1
3	Ashleyluvssugar	Game Plan	Alesia, Sharon, Bran Jam Stable & Ciaglia Racing	Eurton	Blanc	6-1
4	Oscar Dominguez (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Messineo, Nancy and Sands, Bruce	Baltas	Rispoli	9-5
5	Go for a Ride 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	DA Meah Racing, Rising Star Farm and Henson, Michael R.	Meah	Maldonado	20-1
6	Ward 'n Jerry	Lucky Pulpit	Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D.	Puype	Prat	2-1
7	French Getaway 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Schroeder Farms LLC	Hess, Jr.	Bejarano	10-1

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



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SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

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HALF TO BRILL DEBUTS IN ARCADIA

9th-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m 1mT, 7:39p.m.

Larry Best's OXO Equine went to \$420,000 at KEENOV to acquire **MADISON PARC (Curlin)** and she makes her debut in this spot. Out of SW Hung the Moon (Malibu Moon), she is a half-sister to Best's SW & GISP '**TDN Rising Star**' Brill (Medaglia d'Oro), who topped FTKJUL at \$1 million. **TJCS PPs**

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:09 p.m. EDT

GAZEBO S., \$90,000, 3yo, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 No Shirt No Shoes	Shackleford	Birzer	Anderson	15-1
2 Nucky	Ghostzapper	F. De La Cruz	Miller	15-1
3 Lykan	Congrats	Baze	Mason	8-1
4 Long Weekend	Majesticperfection	Talamo	Amoss	3-1
5 Little Menace	Into Mischief	Cohen	Asmussen	5-2
6 Marvin	Cross Traffic	Cancharia	Robertson	4-1
7 Fly to the Bank	Euroears	W. De La Cruz	Helzer	10-1
8 Beau Oxy	Oxbow	Vazquez	Robertson	7-2

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:49 p.m. EDT

MELODY OF COLORS S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 5fT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Randiabby	Majestic City	Gonzalez	Hayford	20-1
2 Compensate	Liam's Map	Prado	Gambolati	6-1
3 Take Charge Eh	Will Take Charge	Castellano	Gonzalez	8-1
4 Hear My Prayer	The Big Beast	Lopez	Fisher	3-1
5 Mrs. Maisel	Will Take Charge	Vasquez	Pompay	9-2

6 Reggae Revolution	Revolutionary	Torres	Fawkes	20-1
7 Foolish Humor	Distorted Humor	Saez	Ward	7-2
8 Just Smok'n	Justin Phillip	Rodriguez	Hills	20-1
9 Silver Tunes	Chitu	Jaramillo	Bagwandeem	15-1
10 Still Alive	Midshipman	Meneses	Preciado	10-1
11 Free the Beast	The Big Beast	Reyes	Munoz	20-1

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:52 p.m. EDT

TEXAS GLITTER S., \$75,000, 3yo, 5fT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Guildsman (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Saez	Walsh	6-1
2 Aye Aye Sir	Midshipman	Castellano	Ward	4-1
3 Rockcrest	Old Forester	Prado	Burke	12-1
4 Another Miracle	American Pharoah	J. Ortiz	Orseno	5-2
5 Cajun Casanova	Cajun Breeze	Vasquez	Pino	3-1
6 Ikeisgreat	Munnings	Lopez	Danner	6-1
7 R Man Joe	Kantharos	Jaramillo	Baxter	8-1
8 Ain't Wasting Time	City Zip	Meneses	Preciado	15-1



ALLOWANCES

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$94,000, Alw (NW2\$3MX)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.61, gd.

MIA MISCHIEF (m, 5, Into Mischief--Greer Lynn, by Speightstown) picked up right where she left off in 2019, winning her seasonal bow at Oaklawn Friday. Hammered down to 1-2 favoritism in this return, the 1-2 favorit kept close tabs from mid-pack through a :46.39 half-mile. Charging to the front at the top of the lane, the bay rolled clear to win with ease by 2 1/4 lengths. Shangha Tariff (Shanghai Bobby) was the runner-up. Winner of the GI Humana Distaff last term, Mia Mischief checked in third in the GII TCA S. at Keeneland Oct. 5 and romped in the Dream Supreme S. at Churchill Nov. 1 for Steve Asmussen and the Heiligbrodts. She was sent through the ring at Fasig-Tipton in November, summoning \$2.4 million from Stonestreet Stables, who returned her to Asmussen's care for another season. Greer Lynn is also responsible for the unraced 3-year-old filly Lady Tamara (Cross Traffic), a juvenile filly by Into Mischief and a yearling filly by Goldcents. She was bred back to War Front. Sales history: \$135,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR; \$2,400,000 4yo '19 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: GISW, 20-9-6-1, \$1,140,234. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

 **VINERY SALES GRADUATE** 

7th-Fair Grounds, \$46,180, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.41, ft.

MORE (f, 4, Paynter--More Respect, by More Than Ready) finished third behind a scintillating, 'TDN Rising Star' performance from future Grade I winner Guarana (Ghostzapper) in her career bow in the slop at Keeneland in April and earned her diploma next out in a sloppy off-the-turf affair at Indiana in July. Overlooked at 10-1 this time, the dark bay pressed from second through an opening quarter in :22.66 and drew even entering the far turn. Taking control in early stretch, More kicked clear to win by two lengths over Its Cold in Dehere (Dehere). Sales history: \$100,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$54,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Conrad, Barry and Carol; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.



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2nd-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-20, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.54, fm.

SOUPER DORMY (c, 3, Into Mischief--Truly Blushed {MSW-USA, SP-Can, \$263,199}, by Yes It's True) won on debut at Ellis Park in July and was fifth next out in the Kentucky Downs Juvenile Turf Sprint S. in September. Off the board in a Churchill optional claimer on the main track Nov. 9, he was second next out over course and distance Feb. 1. Hammered down to even-money favoritism to go one better here, the \$400,000 FTSAUG buy sat well back off the pace in fourth through a swift :22.07 opening quarter. Closing the gap a bit on the backstretch, the chestnut launched a two-wide bid in the lane and closed stoutly, nipping Lonely Private (Soldat) and Homebred (Oxbow) on the line to win by a head. Another head split his two foes in second and third. The winner is a half to Truly Marie (Hard Spun), SP, \$151,760. Truly Blessed produced a full-brother to Souper Dormy last year and was bred back to Into Mischief once again. Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$78,570. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Newtownanner Stud (KY); T-Mark Casse.



N ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Santa Anita, \$59,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-20, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.03, gd.

K P ALL SYSTEMS GO (c, 3, More Than Ready--Salonsun {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger}) took five tries to get the money, making several strong closing efforts before breaking through with a six-length decision when stretched to nine furlongs Jan. 25. Given a 3-1 chance this time, the NY-bred caboose the field early through moderate opening splits. Making a bold run out wide on the backstretch, the dark bay hit the front in early stretch and sailed clear to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: \$52,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$79,051. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Karl Pergola; B-Vivien G. Malloy (NY); T-Jeff Mullins.



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5th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, Msw, 3-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, ft.

PICASSO (c, 4, Tapit--Inspired {MSW, \$439,785}, by Unbridled's Song) checked in third in his career bow at Churchill in May and was off the board behind 'TDN Rising Star' En Wye Cee (Declaration of War) at Saratoga Aug. 3. Subsequently shelved, he was favored at 9-5 in this return. Away well from his rail draw, the gray maintained a narrow advantage through early splits of :21.97 and :45.45. Opening up in the lane, Picasso crossed the line 2 1/2 lengths clear of Major Attraction (Distorted Humor). The winner's dam has a 3-year-old filly named Inspiring (Medaglia d'Oro); a juvenile colt named King James (Nyquist); and 2020 colt named Driver's Seat (Quality Road). Sales history: \$735,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$725,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$35,886. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Steven Asmussen.

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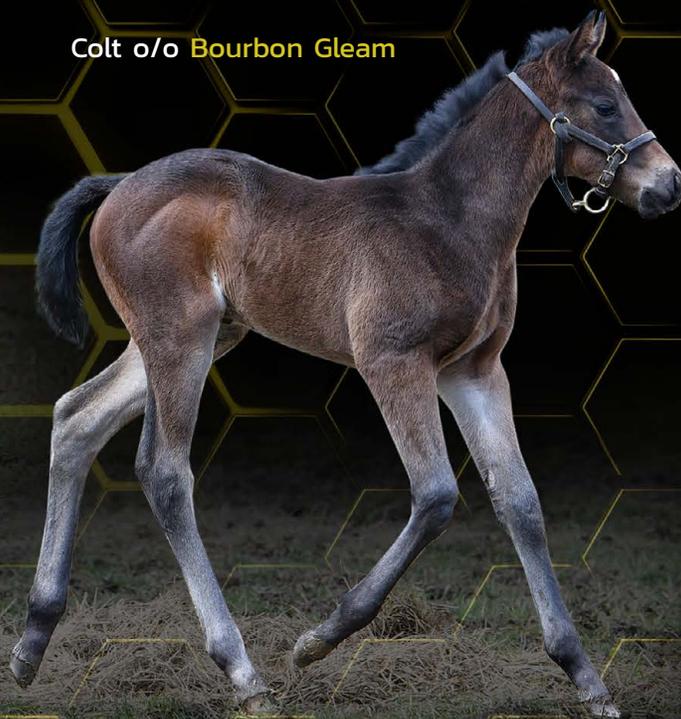
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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MAR. 21

American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, AMANI'S EAGLE, 12-1
11-Gulfstream, \$75K Texas Glitter S., 5fT, ANOTHER MIRACLE, 5-2
\$210,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, FREEDOM FORCE, 8-5
\$600,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, IMPERIAL MOMENT, 12-1
\$60,000 KEE JAN 2yo
12-Fair Grounds, \$1000K GII Twinpires.com Louisiana Derby, 1
3/16m, ROYAL ACT, 10-1
\$500,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
157 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, PRODIGIOUS BAY, 8-1
\$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo
11-Fair Grounds, \$400K GII Twinpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks,
1 1/16m, TEMPERIS RISING, 9-2
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$145,000 RNA OBS
MAR 2yo; \$170,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000
102 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, FREE THE BEAST,
20-1
9-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, HEAR MY PRAYER,
3-1
\$16,000 OBS OCT yrl

Call Me George (Point Given), Indian Creek Thoroughbred Farm,
\$1,000
3 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, \$75K Crescent City Oaks, 1m, GEORGIA DAWN,
20-1

Chitu (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, \$4,500
88 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, SILVER TUNES, 15-1

Circumference (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Milky Way Farms, \$3,000
41 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Santa Anita, Aoc 1 1/8mT, SASSYSERB, 4-1
\$32,000 BAR SEL yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
163 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, DREAMALILDREAMOFU, 3-1
\$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$65,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
155 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, MUSTN'T GRUMBLE, 15-1
\$16,000 KEE SEP yrl
10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, REAGAN'S EDGE, 4-1
\$45,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$30,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$77,000 OBS APR
2yo

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
140 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, Msw 7f, NEW BEGINNING, 2-1
\$4,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, STEELY DANZA, 8-1
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$62,000 OBS APR 2yo

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
158 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, I DARE U, 5-2
\$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo

Dramedy (Distorted Humor), Sau, private
29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, MIGHTY HEART, 12-1

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
102 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, WITTS MAMBO JACK, 50-1
\$1,700 KEE SEP yrl

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
130 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, WELL RESPECTED, 10-1
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
130 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, \$75K Crescent City Oaks, 1m, SEBS PRINCESS, 5-1
\$5,500 ESL YRL yrl

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
103 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners

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9-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, DIPPING IN, 6-1
 \$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$80,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo
 4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, KINZEA STONE, 12-1
 \$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$72,000 RNA OBS APR 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-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, COMPENSATE, 6-1
 \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl
 12-Fair Grounds, \$1000K GII Twinpires.com Louisiana Derby,
 1 3/16m, LYNN'S MAP, 30-1
 \$270,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$285,000 OBS APR 2yo
 2-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, TAYLOR'S LIGHTNING, 20-1
 \$135,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, WEST SIDE WARRIOR, 15-1
 \$55,000 OBS APR 2yo

Majestic City (City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions,
 \$3,500
 62 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, RANDIABBY, 20-1
 \$14,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 79 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 10-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, PLACATI, 25-1
 \$12,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 6-Mahoning Valley, \$75K Southern Park S., 6f, SPEAK LIGHTLY,
 7-2

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, DISTURBIN BOURBON, 8-1
 \$125,000 FTK JUL yrl

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 148 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, \$75K Bara Lass S., 6f, GEE SHE SPARKLES,
 5-1
 \$8,500 TTA MIX yrl
 3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, TAPAWAY, 5-2
 \$5,000 KEE JAN wnl

Suntracer (Kitten's Joy), Mallory Farm, private
 8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, LEADING THE CHARGE, 12-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
 10-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, DUST DEVIL, 7-2
 10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, HOPEFUL GROWTH, 3-1
 \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl
 3-Fair Grounds, \$75K Crescent City Oaks, 1m,
 STEPH'SFULLASUGAR, 7-5
 3-Fair Grounds, \$75K Crescent City Oaks, 1m, VACHERIE GIRL, 4-1
 \$60,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$87,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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 \$205,192}, by Mt. Livermore)** Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-3,
 \$235,059. O-HWL Partnership; B-Brent Harris & Beth Harris (KY);
 T-Steve Hobby. *\$225,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Don't
 Forget Gil (Kafwain), GSW & GISP, \$370,737; and Meantime
 (Shackleford), GSP, \$146,489; and full to Sweet Reason, MGISW,
 \$1,437,700.

5th-Turfway, \$46,405, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-19,
 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.81, ft.
FRILLS (f, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Giulio's Jewel, by Speightstown)
 Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$78,253. O/B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Ben
 Colebrook. *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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5th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.56, fm.

OFFSPRING (f, 4, Into Mischief--Pioneer Gal, by Pioneering)
Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$100,700.

O-Nikolopoulos, Gregory and Vaccarezza, Nicholas; B-Oak Tree Stables, LLC (LA); T-Carlo Vaccarezza. \$130,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 3-20, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.06, fm.

ROYAL PRIORITY (f, 3, Apriority--Broadway's Maria, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$48,700. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Royal B. Kraft (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Warrior's Map, c, 3, **Liam's Map**--Warrior Maid (MSW & GSP, \$496,109), by Holy Bull. Oaklawn, 3-20, 1 1/16m, 1:45.86. B-Russell Welch (KY).

Silenced, g, 4, **Arch**--Forest Valentine, by Forestry. Santa Anita, 3-20, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.09. B-Ridley Farm (KY). *\$300,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **1/2 to Valentine Wish (Lemon Drop Kid), SP, \$209,296.

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Raneem, f, 4, **Fed Biz**--J P's Flashy Honey, by Flashy Bull. Santa Anita, 3-20, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.25. B-Golden Pedigree LLC (KY). *\$60,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$100,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

Y Not Sizzle, f, 4, **Stormberg**--She's Borracho, by Tale of the Cat. Santa Anita, 3-20, (S), 1 1/8mT, 1:53.46. B-Jack Sims & Joey Platts (CA).

Prance, f, 4, **Tapizar**--Don't Tell Lou, by Guillaume Tell (Ire). Santa Anita, 3-20, (C), 5 1/2ft, 1:04.85. B-Sangreal Investments, LLC (KY). *\$31,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT.



APRIORITY, Royal Priority, f, 3, o/o Broadway's Maria, by Maria's Mon. AOC, 3-20, Fair Grounds

ARCH, Silenced, g, 4, o/o Forest Valentine, by Forestry. MSW, 3-20, Santa Anita

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Frills, f, 4, o/o Giulio's Jewel, by Speightstown. AOC, 3-19, Turfway

FED BIZ, Raneem, f, 4, o/o J P's Flashy Honey, by Flashy Bull. MCL, 3-20, Santa Anita

INTO MISCHIEF, Mia Mischief, m, 5, o/o Greer Lynn, by Speightstown. AOC, 3-20, Oaklawn

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INTO MISCHIEF, Offspring, f, 4, o/o Pioneer Gal, by Pioneering. AOC, 3-20, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Souper Dormy, c, 3, o/o Truly Blushed, by Yes It's True. AOC, 3-20, Fair Grounds

LIAM'S MAP, Warrior's Map, c, 3, o/o Warrior Maid, by Holy Bull. MSW, 3-20, Oaklawn

MORE THAN READY, K P All Systems Go, c, 3, o/o Salonsun (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). AOC, 3-20, Santa Anita

PAYNTER, More, f, 4, o/o More Respect, by More Than Ready. AOC, 3-20, Fair Grounds

STORMBERG, Y Not Sizzle, f, 4, o/o She's Borracho, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 3-20, Santa Anita

STREET SENSE, My Sixth Sense, g, 4, o/o Livermore Leslie, by Mt. Livermore. AOC, 3-19, Oaklawn

TAPIT, Picasso, c, 4, o/o Inspired, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 3-20, Fair Grounds

TAPIZAR, Prance, f, 4, o/o Don't Tell Lou, by Guillaume Tell (Ire). MCL, 3-20, Santa Anita

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FRENCH BREEDING SEASON APPROVED TO CONTINUE



Leading French sire Siyouni. The Ministry of Agriculture has signed off on protocols allowing the French breeding season to continue

Bronwen Healy

By Kelsey Riley

French breeders were given the go-ahead on Friday evening to continue with their season, with the Ministry of Agriculture approving an extensive list of protocols drawn up by veterinarians and breeding industry experts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 while transporting mares and while at the breeding shed. The breeding season had been under threat in light of the country's government-mandated lockdown, and earlier on Friday Haras de Bouquetot, home of last year's leading first-crop yearling sire by average, Shalaa, **announced it would close its breeding shed for two weeks.**

Those that contributed to writing the protocols include veterinary advisors to France Galop and LeTROT; representatives of the AVEF, IFCE and the Societe Hippique Francaise; and Camille Vercken, founder of equine biosecurity consultancy Equiways.

"The continuation of the breeding season is an absolute necessity for the players in the horse industry, whether for breeders or stallion owners," said EFTBA President Loic Malivet. "So the industry had to come together to propose solutions allowing the continuation of breeding in absolute respect of the rules of hygiene and security facing COVID-19. **Cont. p2**

BUYANOM.COM: STALLION SHOPPING MADE EASY

A one-stop shop for stallion nominations? Well, maybe it's not quite there yet but, having only launched last autumn during the yearling sales, the stallion nomination trading website buyanom.com has quickly gained a decent following.

A browse through its listing pages this week showed nominations available to Dandy Man (Ire), Dark Angel (Ire), Kodiak (GB), Oasis Dream (GB) and Showcasing (GB) among the more established stallions, and these are just a fraction of those for sale, with the first-season sires available including crack sprinter Soldier's Call (GB) and Arc winner Waldgeist (GB).

"We've got over 80 individual stallions on the site at the moment and probably double that number in terms of actual nominations," says Luke Lillingston, who launched the business in Britain and Ireland with partner Ted Voute.

The nominations posted on the site are a combination of those owned by individual share-holders in stallions and some put forward by stallion studs. **Cont. p2**



Luke Lillingston sporting a buyanom beanie at last year's sales | *Tattersalls*

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THE AUTHENTIC POTENTIAL OF CHARLATAN

Chris McGrath looks at the meteoric rise of 'TDN Rising Star' Charlatan and the vast success of his sire Speightstown. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

French Breeding Season Approved To Continue cont. from p1

Malivet continued, "These steps also respond to the call of the President of the Republic, who [wishes] to maintain economic activity in France despite the particularly painful circumstances that our country is going through today. The EFTBA calls on all professionals in the sector to act responsibly and apply [the protocols] immediately. We are of course available to inform and support breeders and stallion owners."

The protocols include the submission of all paperwork—including a signed copy of the protocols—related to the covering electronically before arrival at the stallion farms; having just one person with the mare and having that person stay in the vehicle at all times; leaving foals at home as much as possible, and not stopping to or from the run to the breeding shed except in case of emergency. Any equipment (headcollars, lead ropes, chip readers, etc.) used on mares in the breeding shed should be disinfected between each use. In the case of non-compliance with instructions by a mare owner, the stallion farm may refuse her. The protocol advises that farms that cannot follow the protocols should cease operations. The full list of protocols can be found [here](#).

The statement released by the EFTBA on Friday does not touch on the directive issued earlier in the week by The Ordre National des Veterinaires and AVEF (Association Veterinary Equine France) to veterinarians to cease any non-emergency reproductive procedures in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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Buyanom.com: Stallion Shopping Made Easy cont. from p1

"We've had the likes of Shadwell and Cheveley Park listing nominations, as well as some farms in Ireland," Lillingston adds. "We got the name out there really well and that was a good start."

Lillingston continued, "We worked very hard over the year to get to that point and we had launches in England and Ireland and that was all very pleasing. Then from January onwards we had a huge take-up in terms of nomination listings. One of the things that we are really pleased about is that we have had quite a lot of really high-quality nominations on the site, from Siyounis to Invincible Spirits to Dark Angels—some really good stallions and one or two of those are still available on there."

Lillingston, a breeder himself who also manages mares for clients at his Mount Coote Stud, recognises that there is still work to be done in encouraging breeders to change their habits. Though internet shopping is hardly a new concept, in the stallion business many transactions are made and deals agreed in person or over the telephone.

He says, "I suppose we are in phase three now and that's trying to persuade people to make offers. We are a new business and it's the internet and we want people to realise that you can actually do business this way. Some smart people are getting some smart business done."

He also concedes that some smaller breeders have been feeling the pinch as foal crop numbers have started to rise gradually but the number of yearling buyers under the elite bracket has not. "The lower end of the market has got tougher and tougher and we all know it's not just about paying your nomination fee," he says. "But the point is that everybody who has listed nominations on the site wants to sell a nomination. I'm stating the obvious, I know, but what we are trying to do is to encourage people to look at the site more regularly and see what's available. Then if they see a stallion that's of interest to them they can make offers, and that is the easy way to do business."

He continues, "In general, there seems to be more activity in Ireland than in England and I think some of the English breeders might be missing a trick. Maybe they've done all their matings, but inevitably you get some who don't decide until after the mare has foaled.

"At this particular juncture, where we've got a couple of months left of the breeding season, people have still got nominations unsold and if they get any kind of a reasonable offer they're likely to look at it very carefully. In two months' time they will have zero value until next year, so it's a great time to make offers."



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Buyanom.com: Stallion Shopping Made Easy cont.

Having rolled out buyanom.com first in their native countries, Lillingston and Voute have now set their sights on conquering the U.S. market. The American launch is planned for later this year ahead of the 2021 covering season.

Lillingston adds, "It's been fascinating starting a business like this. We have learnt a lot and we are learning all the time. We have various improvements and additions to the site which we are looking forward to introducing, but for the first year I think we're very pleased with having got a foothold in the business."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

BOUQUETOT CLOSES BREEDING SHED DOORS

Al Shaqab's Haras de Bouquetot in Normandy, home to eight stallions including the much-anticipated first-season sire Shalaa (Ire), will close the doors of its breeding shed beginning on Monday "for at least two weeks" as a means to fight the spread of COVID-19. The stud said on a statement on its website on Friday that coverings already booked through Sunday will be honored, but no new bookings will be taken.

A statement on the Al Shaqab Racing website read, "Fully aware of the economical impact this decision may have on breeders, our priority remains the health and safety of our staff and clients, considering the gravity of this crisis and in accordance with all drastic measures recently taken across Europe."



Bouquetot stallion Shalaa | Zuzanna Lupa

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LOVING GABY DOMINANT IN WILLIAM REID

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Bouquetot Closing Breeding Shed Doors cont.

France came under a government-mandated lockdown on Tuesday. On Monday, the authorities for both flat racing and trotters in France collaborated to announce a complete shutdown of racing through Apr. 15. **The breeding season has thus far been permitted to continue**, with the ministry of agriculture having approved strict protocols later on Friday.

In addition to Shalaa, who was Europe's leading first-crop sire by average at the yearling sales last year, Bouquetot is home to Olympic Glory (Ire) and Toronado (Ire); G1 Investec Derby winner Ruler of the World (Ire), who is standing his first season in France this year; as well as Al Wukair (Ire), Ectot (GB), Mekhtaal (Fr) and Zelzal (Fr).

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STABLE STAFF SUFFERING DURING SHUTDOWN

The shutdown of British racing through April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has already been "catastrophic" to stable staff, said George McGrath, chief executive of the National Association of Racing Staff. McGrath told *Sky Sports Racing* that the organization, which represents about 7,500 stable workers, has been inundated with calls since the British Horseracing Authority announced on Tuesday that racing would cease for six weeks.

"Without a doubt the main concerns are job losses and redundancies," McGrath said. "Where do they get money from? Some have gone into work to be turned away by employers and they are asking what their rights are.

"It's carnage out there at the moment because people are very worried, and that includes trainers; nobody wants to let their staff go but if money isn't coming in how do you pay people?"

McGrath said there is a grant available through Racing Welfare to aid workers. "There is a hardship grant available to our members so if they contact us we will direct them to Racing Welfare services who will get to them as soon as they can," he said.

★ TDN RISING STAR ★

Quadrilateral (GB) (Frankel [GB])

Owner: Khalid Abdullah

Breeder: Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)

Trainer: Roger Charlton



Having ridden here, there and everywhere, British-born jockey Darryl Holland has announced that he will spend the 2020 season in Canada at Woodbine. That is...if he can get there. Click the photo above to listen to our interview with Holland. Story in TDN America.

Stable Staff Suffering During Shutdown cont.

McGrath continued, "Traditionally most staff will survive from one week to the next. Most of my members are paid weekly, some fortnightly--very few monthly. Like a lot of people in the country they might be able to survive without one pay cheque, but if you've got to go two or three you're going to struggle."

Within four days of racing being cancelled, stable staff have already been put out of work.

"Since the first announcement of no racing we have had members put out of work. The industry was gearing up to race behind closed doors with a reduced fixture list, but the landscape changed so quickly the rug was taken from under our feet when the political ramifications were made clear and medical advice said we couldn't continue. The industry is working incredibly hard and is as co-ordinated as it has ever been to alleviate the pressure that everybody is under.



Stable staff who are out of work may be able to avail of an aid grant through Racing Welfare | [racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

"The reality is the racing industry is looking at a loss of around £200-million if we can't get going before June and as an industry and from an employer perspective we simply can't survive that outlook. Trainers are doing their utmost to help staff keep their jobs, but by and large they are small businessmen with a massive cashflow problem."

McGrath said a silver lining is that stable staff are well placed from a health and safety standpoint to withstand the pandemic.

"The majority of the work takes place outdoors and the majority of the work takes place where you are very unlikely to be as close as a metre to someone--even if you are riding out upsides," said McGrath. "Most strings ride one behind another. Most yards are practising social isolation and have extra handwash facilities. Most of my members are under 60 so unless they have underlying health issues are likely to survive the virus. We are a young, resilient, hard-working workforce so in some respects that is the silver lining to the cloud."

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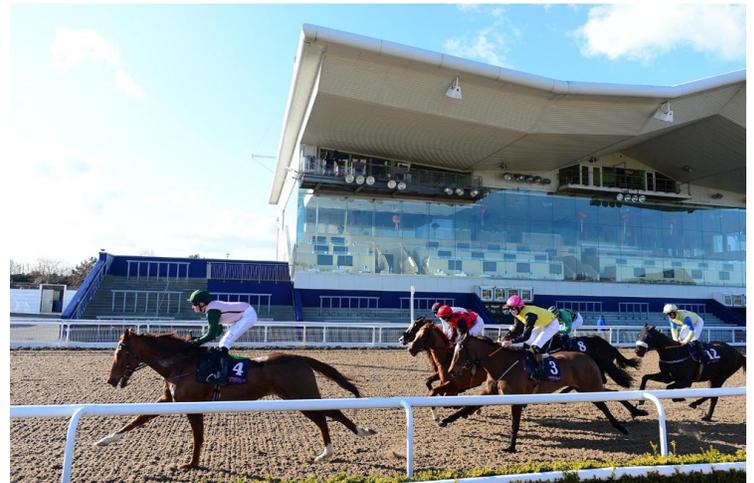
IRELAND

Friday's Results:

Dundalk, €15,000, Cond, 3-20, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.46, st.

AERCLUB (IRE) (c, 3, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Ibizane, by Elusive Quality), who scored on debut over this course and distance in November, raced behind the leading duo early. Committed on the front end approaching the furlong pole, the 11-8 favourite stayed on strongly to score by 2 3/4 lengths from Point Reyes (Ire) (Competitive Edge). The unraced dam, whose son Cabanac (GB) (Falco) was a useful sort in Scandinavia, SP-Nor, \$142,599, is a daughter of the G3 Prix Quincey winner Ing Ing (Fr) (Bering {GB}). She has the 2-year-old filly Monac's (Fr) (Camacho {GB}) and a yearling colt by Zarak (Fr) to come. Sales history: €18,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE; 45,000gns 2yo '19 TATHIT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$19,428. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stephen E McCarthy; B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG (IRE); T-Henry De Bromhead.



Racing at Dundalk on Friday in front of empty stands | [racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Dundalk, €12,000, Mdn, 3-20, 3yo, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:19.42, st.

JULIET ROSE (IRE) (f, 3, Camelot {GB}--Subsequently {Fr}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), who was second over this track and trip last time Feb. 14, was sent up to race in a close second from the outset. Earning the advantage passing the furlong pole, the 15-8 market-leader asserted to record a 1 1/2-length success from Dutch Admiral (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}). The winner is the first runner for the dam, who is a daughter of the G3 Prix de Royaumont scorer Sub Rose (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) which makes her a half-sister to the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris winner Subway Dancer (Ire) (Shamardal) and to Secret Advisor (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) who captured the G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy.

Dundalk cont.

Sales history: 60,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$10,171. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-K Al-Attiyah, M Al-Mansour, J Al-Darwish; B-Burns Farm Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MOORE TO RIDE GRONKOWSKI IN DUBAI

Gronkowski (Lonhro {Aus}), runner-up by a nose in last year's G1 Dubai World Cup, will have Ryan Moore in the saddle in his bid to go one better next Saturday at Meydan. Moore rode Gronkowski in his first two starts in Britain in the autumn of 2017, both defeats, but hasn't been aboard him since. Frankie Dettori, who partnered Gronkowski last out in an off-the-board finish in the Saudi Cup, rides G1 Belmont S. winner Sir Winston (Awesome Again) in the World Cup.

Oisin Murphy, who rode Gronkowski in last year's World Cup, will be aboard **Axelrod** (Warrior's Reward) in the G2 Godolphin Mile for the same connections as Gronkowski—owners Phoenix Thoroughbreds and Khalid bin Mishref and trainer Salem bin Ghadayer.

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Ryan Moore | *Racing Post*

ASIA

Friday, Nakayama, Japan

FLOWER CUP-G3, ¥67,320,000, Nakayama, 3-20, 3yo, f, 1800mT, 1:48.20, fm.

1--**ABLAZE (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by **Kizuna (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Etain (Jpn)**, by **Jungle Pocket (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Nine Muses (Jpn)**, by **Taiki Shuttle**

3rd Dam: **Lirio**, by **Forty Niner**

1ST STAKES WIN. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills; T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Kanichiro Fujii; ¥35,504,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0.

Werk Nick Rating: A++. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Red le Reve (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Last Groove (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥14,144,000.

3--**Season's Gift (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Season's Best (Jpn), by Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥ 8,872,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 78.30, 7.60, 2.50.

[Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

Friday's Results:

STEWARDS' CUP (SECOND LEG SINGAPORE 4YO CHALLENGE), S\$400,000 (£233,850/€257,095/A\$471,972/US\$275,966), Kranji, 3-20, 4yo, 1600mT, 1:34.63, gd.

1--**SIAM BLUE VANDA (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, **Echoes of Heaven (Aus)--I'm A Wag (Ire)**, by **Lahib**. **1ST STAKES WIN.** (NZ\$40,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR). O-Pupetch Racing Stable; B-Linwood Park Stud Ltd; T-Michael Clements; J-K A'isisuhairi; S\$238,000. Lifetime Record: 15-7-0-2, S\$503,966.

2--**Top Knight (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Zoustar (Aus)--Nero Cavallo (Aus), by Charnwood Forest (Ire). (A\$65,000 Ylg '17 MMMAR; A\$130,000 2yo '17 MMOCT). O-Falcon No. 7 Racing Stable. S\$85,000.

3--**Aramaayo (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Poet's Voice (GB)--Peruvian (GB), by Diktat (GB). O-Aramco Stable. S\$43,000.

Margins: HD, 1HF, NK. Winner's Odds: 5.80.

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★ TDN RISING STAR ★

Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})

Owner: Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
Breeder: Hascombe & Valiant Studs (GB)
Trainer: John Gosden

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#1 GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS) (PP #9)
(Medaglia d'Oro–Gaudeamus, by Distorted Humor) (A\$120,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS; NZ\$300,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR)
O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); T-Francis Lui; J-Vincent Ho. Current Rating: 112

Has won nine from 10 lifetime, including six on the bounce, and is strictly the one they have to beat. Despite doubts on the part of his trainer about his ability to stay, the Queensland-bred kicked hard and attacked the line in both Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Classic Cup. Should be poised for a final 400-metre burst to complete the sweep.



#3 MORE THAN THIS (GB) (PP #1)
(Dutch Art {GB}–Striving {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) (40,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT)
O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Francis Lui; J-Zac Purton. Current Rating: 107

One of two in the race for this owner--who campaigned top local sprinter Peniaphobia (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire})--More Than This overcame a near-impossible trip to win a C2 over 1600m on international day Dec. 8 and has since finished second and third, respectively, in the Classic Mile and Classic Cup. Sunday's 2000m journey could level the playing field. The pick.



#5 PRIVATE SECRETARY (GB) (PP #13)
(c, Kingman {GB}–Intrigued {GB}, by Darshaan {GB})
O-Siu Pak Kwan; B-Denford Stud Ltd; T-Tony Cruz; J-Matthew Poon. Current Rating: 94

Winner of the Listed Cocked Hat S. while under the care of John Gosden last season, Private Secretary did what not many imports can in Hong Kong, namely winning first-up in Class 2. That set the bar reasonably high going forward, but he has since underachieved and was beaten five lengths into ninth in the Classic Cup. Talent is there, but he's an unfinished sort.

#2 CHAMPION'S WAY (AUS) (PP #8)
(Hinchinbrook {Aus}–Greta's Yarn {Aus}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus}) (\$150,000 Ylg '17 INGFEF)
O-Dr & Mrs Arthur Leung, Elaine & Angela Leung; B-G Bunt (NSW); T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira. Current Rating: 108



By a sire better known for his sprinters (i.e. Beat the Clock {Aus}), Champion's Way has overcome some spotty early-season form to earn his spot in this domestic centrepiece. Led 250m from home in the Classic Cup, but could not resist the late run from the favourite. Joao Moreira, in the saddle for four of this gelding's six career wins, is back at the controls.

#4 DECRYPT (GB) (PP #14)
(c, Dark Angel {Ire}–She's A Worldie {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB}) (£55,000 Ylg '17 GOF AUG)
O-Albert Hung Chao Hong; B-Equine Origin Ltd; T-Frankie Lor; J-Chad Schofield. Current Rating: 95



A staying-on third in last year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, Decrypt has placed in three of his four starts this season, but has nonetheless been fractionally disappointing. This owner's Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) made history in taking all three legs in 2017, but this entire has not given any indication that he wants this sort of trip. Maybe for later, going shorter.

#6 PLAYA DEL PUENTE (IRE) (PP #11)
(Elzaam {Aus}–Playamongthestars {Aus}, by Galileo {Ire}) (€27,000 Wlg '16 GOF NOV; €40,000 Ylg '17 TISEP)
O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Dermot Kelly; T-Danny Shum; J-Blake Shinn. Current Rating: 93



In a race not typically run at a strong pace, it would behoove connections to ride Playa del Puente for some speed and try to lead from his high draw. His lone victory locally came in all-the-way fashion at Happy Valley last October. Well beaten in the first two legs, he has decent non-turf form at home and maybe that's where his future lies in Hong Kong.



#7 COLUMBUS COUNTY (NZ) (PP #3)
(*Redwood {GB}–Spirit of Sandford {NZ},
by Kilimanjaro {GB}*) (NZ\$33,000 Ylg '17
NZBFEB) O-Mr & Mrs Hamen Fan Shi Hoo,
Alex & Christina Fan; B-D W Mayers & Mrs
S J Taylor; T-Caspar Fownes; J-Neil Callan.
Current Rating: 91

Third in the G2 Waikato Guineas at home, he has run about as well as a horse in HK can without crossing the line first and enters the Derby off a trio of bang-up second-place finishes in the deep waters of open Class 2. Nosed out by Amazing Beats over the Derby trip Feb. 23, he's shown versatility to adapt to any pace. Not as accomplished, but a live rough chance.

#8 SUPER OASIS (NZ) (PP #4)
(*Rock 'N' Pop {Aus}–Not Sure {NZ},
by Masterclass*)
(NZ\$160,000 Ylg '17 NZBJAN)
O-King Kong V Racing Syndicate;
B-Waikato Stud Ltd; T-Frankie Lor;
J-Vagner Borges. Current Rating: 91



Super Oasis is drawn alongside Columbus County and was fourth behind that rival in his last two appearances. The 2019 G2 Auckland Guineas winner, he is already proven at this trip and beyond, with a victory to his credit in the G2 Avondale Guineas (2100m) and a third in the G1 Australian Derby (2400m). Rarely turns in a bad one and is a top-five chance.



#9 BUTTERFIELD (BRZ) (PP #12)
(*Setembro Chove {Brz}–Londrinita {Arg},
by Fahim {GB}*)
O-Yue Yun Hing; B-Haras Cifra;
T-Danny Shum; J-Grant van Niekerk.
Current Rating: 90

A dual Group 1 winner at Cidade Jardim outside of Sao Paolo, Butterfield--who races in the colours of last year's Derby eighth Harmony Victory (Brz)--has improved as the distances have increased. His half-length defeat of Columbus County last time was achieved off a perfect trip on the back of the speed and he'll need some luck Sunday from gate 12.

#10 STAR PERFORMANCE (NZ) (PP #10)
(*Per Incanto–Star Guest {NZ},
by Pentire {GB}*)
(NZ\$250,000 Ylg '17 NZBJAN)
O-Mr & Mrs Mike Cheung Shun Ching;
B-Mrs C A & P M Algie; T-Tony Cruz;
J-Matthew Chadwick. Current Rating: 88



Fifth to Super Oasis in the Auckland Guineas, Star Performance took his Hong Kong debut last July as a \$66 gamble, but has simply not made much progress since. An even fifth to Golden Sixty in the Classic Mile, he dropped back to 1400m for a Class 2 Feb. 16, but could do no better than seventh. Expensive yearling by a successful sire looks up against it.



#11 AMAZING BEATS (AUS) (PP #2)
(*Epaulette–Quachita, by Exceed and Excel*)
O-Nicola Chu Ming Nga; B-Darley (NSW);
T-Paul O'Sullivan; J-Karis Teetan.
Current Rating: 86

Formerly trained in Australia by James Cummings as Cossetot, Amazing Beats won the 2019 Tasmanian Derby and placed three times at group level before finishing 15th in the Australian Derby. It took him some time to find his way in Hong Kong, but he put it all together when sneaking through at the fence last time. A progressive galloper to keep an eye on.

#12 RELIABLE TEAM (NZ) (PP #5)
(*Reliable Man {GB}–Stella Doro {NZ}, by
Faltaat*) (NZ\$50,000 RNA Ylg '17 NZBFEB;
NZ\$430,000 2yo '17 NZBTR) O-Nova
Stella Syndicate; B-Tullycrine Ltd;
T-Frankie Lor; J-Derek Leung.
Current Rating: 86



Victorious in four of his first six starts in Hong Kong, Reliable Team was exposed when retreating to 10th after racing up on the pace in the Classic Cup four weeks ago. He would be well-served by using some of that speed and is drawn well to make best use of it, but the trip is a major concern and several will be finishing with more vigour.



#13 SAVVY NINE (FR) (PP #7)
(*Anodin {Ire}–Insan Mala {Ire}, by
Bahhare*) (€42,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARQAUG;
€470,000 HRA '18 ARQARC)
O-Julian Hui Chun Hang & Michele
Monique Reis; B-Jan Krauze; T-John
Moore; J-Keith Yeung. Current Rating: 83

Trained in Europe by William Haggas as Insandi, Savvy Nine was placed twice at Group 3 level in France, but, bar a single runner-up effort as the top-weight in a 1650m Class 3 at Happy Valley in January, has done nothing to suggest he represents any sort of danger to the top ones here. The final Derby runner for the retiring John Moore has his work cut out for him.

#14 WORLD FAMOUS (FR) (PP #6)
(*Reliable Man {GB}–Quenching {Ire},
by Street Cry {Ire}*)
(€85,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT)
O-Lam Hiu Ngai; B-Salinity Service AB;
T-Ricky Yiu; J-Alex Lai. Current Rating: 80



The lowest-rated runner in the field and some 32 points off Golden Sixty, World Famous also figures to be part of the early mix, but he would be doing well to finish in the top half of the field. Trainer Tony Cruz last won the Derby in 2008 and he'll have to wait at least one more year for his next.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:35 p.m.

BMW HONG KONG DERBY-LR, HK\$20,000,000 (£2,210,623/€2,411,316/A\$4,397,389/US\$2,575,818), NH/SH4yo, 2000mT (PPs)

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) <i>(ex Cossetot {Aus})</i>	Epaulette (Aus)	Teetan	O'Sullivan	126
12	5	Reliable Team (NZ)	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

Breeders: 1-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); 2-G Bunt (NSW); 3-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; 4-Equine Origin Ltd; 5-Denford Stud Ltd; 6-Dermot Kelly; 7-D W Mayers & Mrs S J Taylor; 8-Waikato Stud Ltd; 9-Haras Cifra; 10-Mrs C A & P M Algie; 11-Darley (NSW); 12-Tullycrine Ltd; 13-Jan Krauze; 14-Salinity Service AB; E1-C M Gray & Ms C Wilkinson; E2-Team Valor Pty Ltd (NSW)



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





LOVING GABY DOMINANT IN WILLIAM REID



Loving Gaby | TDN AusNZ

by Bren O'Brien

Brilliant sprinting filly Loving Gaby (I Am Invincible) put in a powerful and dominating performance to win her second Group 1 race, claiming a vintage edition of the G1 Keogh Homes William Reid S. at Moonee Valley.

It wasn't quite the carbon copy of her win over the same track and distance in the G1 Manikato S. last October, with jockey Craig Williams opting to sit her outside of the hot favourite Bivouac (Exceed And Excel), who was a somewhat surprise early leader in the race.

Hugh Bowman pushed the G1 Newmarket H. winning colt up from the inside barrier and was expecting to hand up to the flying mare Pippie (Written Tycoon). But when Ben Melham opted instead to take a sit in fourth on that mare, it changed the complexion of the race and allowed the hulking filly Loving Gaby to shadow the Godolphin colt Bivouac in the run.

It was very clear rounding the home turn that Loving Gaby already had the measure of the James Cummings-trained colt and her only threat would come from Gytrash (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who peeled off her back and loomed.

But the Ciaran Maher and David Eustace trained filly more than had his measure, and she won by a clear 1.25l on the line from the Gordon Richards-trained Gytrash, with Bivouac, another 1.5l adrift in third.

Pippie would finish fourth, meaning Loving Gaby had the honour of trumping the winners of the three other autumn Melbourne Group 1 sprints in the final Group 1 of the Victorian racing season.

TJ looms as next target

Maher is keen to see Loving Gaby chase a third Group 1 win in the upcoming G1 TJ Smith S. at Randwick next month.

"She just seems to love The Valley. She was looking for bend last time at Flemington. Credit to Craig Williams, the key to this race was the start. He had to be quite forceful to put her into that position and I think that was the difference," he said.

"The TJ has always been the plan. She loves racing and her third and fourth run in her preps, she really trains on and if she pulls up well, we will definitely look at that."

Maher and Loving Gaby's owners Phoenix Thoroughbreds can make it a Group 1 double this weekend with Prague (Redoute's Choice), co-owned with Aquis Farm, to contest the G1 Golden Slipper S. at Rosehill.

Phoenix also has an interest in the Golden Slipper favourite, the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained Farnan (Not A Single Doubt), a horse it bred itself.

It has invested massive money into bloodstock in Australia and across the world over the past two years, although that has largely come to a halt so far in 2020, after it was linked to a federal investigation in the USA.

Phoenix Thoroughbreds purchased Loving Gaby for \$500,000 out of the 2018 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. Bred by Kia Ora Stud and Alan Bell, she is the first foal from stakes-placed Maastricht (NZ) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), the half-sister to Group 1 winner Velocitea (Volksraad {GB}).

Group 1 winner No.58 for star hoop

For Craig Williams, it represented his 58th Group 1 success, albeit on a strange stage, with the stands empty because of the protocols in place for coronavirus.

"This is the strongest William Reid Stakes we have seen in years, but she was great. She was really good and effective. She was relaxed today," he said. "She was awesome tonight and it's a privilege to be her jockey."

"We are just grateful we can still compete and keep this industry going as long as possible."

Williams now heads to Sydney on a chartered jet to ride in the Golden Slipper on Saturday on Personal (Fastnet Rock) as well as Castelvechio (Dundeel {NZ}) in the G1 Rosehill Guineas, Norway (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Ranvet S. and Soothing (Lonhro) in the G1 The Galaxy.

He will look to link up with Loving Gaby again in the TJ Smith S, while Maher is already planning a 4-year-old campaign which could involve both The Everest and the Golden Eagle.

Friday, Moonee Valley, Australia

WILLIAM REID S.-G1, A\$500,000, MVRC, 3-20, 3yo/up, Open Weight For Age, 1200mT, 1:09.44, Good.

1--**LOVING GABY**, 54.0, f, 3, by I Am Invincible

1st Dam: Maastricht (NZ) (MGSP-Aus, \$137,135), by Mastercraftsman (IRE)

2nd Dam: Cat Shmea (NZ), by Felix the Cat (USA)

3rd Dam: Ingresea (NZ), by Beaufort Sea (USA)

(\$500,000 Ylg 2018 WI Easter Yearling Sale) O-Phoenix Thoroughbred (Mgr: A A Salman); B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd NSW; T-C Maher & D Eustace; J-Craig Williams; A\$300,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-5-1, A\$2,281,250. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

Triple Plus. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Gytrash**, 58.5, g, 4, Lope de Vega (IRE)--Miss Barley, by Fastnet Rock. (\$70,000 Wlg 2016 WI Great Southern Weanling & Bloodstock Sale; \$40,000 Ylg 2017 WI Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale) O-C A Reynolds, R M Warnock, J M Baker, Mrs A J Charlton, Ms J Heaney, L J Clifford, Ms L Clifford, S B Charlton, R B Jones, W A Blythman, G Blythman, Ms V N Gordon, Dream To Win (J ; B-Packaging Investments Aust Pty Ltd NSW; T-G V Richards; J-M Zahra; A\$90,000.

3--**Bivouac**, 56.0, c, 3, **Exceed and Excel**--Dazzler, by More Than Ready (USA). O-Godolphin; B-Godolphin Australia NSW; T-James Cummings; J-J Bowman; A\$45,000.

Margins: 1.3 len, 2.8 len, 3.2 len. Also Ran: Pippie, Mystic Journey, Exceedance, Vital Silver, Embrace Me (NZ), Scales of Justice, Rock Magic, Zoutori.

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IN SINGAPORE:

Lim's Spin, g, 3, **Stratum**--Adria, by More Than Ready (USA). Kranji, 3-20, Restricted Maiden (\$88k), 1200m, 1:10.79. B-Corumbene Stud (NSW). *\$80,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS; NZ\$110,000 2yo '18 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**



IN SINGAPORE:

Siam Blue Vanda, g, 4, **Echoes of Heaven (Aus)**. See 'TDN Europe--Asia.'

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