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Lookin At Lucky | Coolmore

by Chris McGrath

No matter what he does, **Lookin At Lucky** (Smart Strike) seems condemned always to be the short guy in the back row of the team photo. In the private duel that defines his stud career, moreover, he has to endure **Munnings** (Speightstown) moving ever closer, year by year, to front and center.

These two splendid sires, who started out together at Ashford in 2011, experienced rather typical fortunes last Saturday when dividing the big sophomore tests in New Orleans between them (along with those skilled gentlemen, Brad Cox and Florent Geroux). Munnings, who can seemingly do no wrong, had odds-on favorite Finite comprehensively beaten in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks--only to pick up the pieces with another daughter, Bonny South. The GII Louisiana Derby success of Lookin At Lucky's son Wells Bayou, in contrast, was swiftly attributed to the way he controlled a pace as hollow as the eerily deserted grandstands.

Somehow the stallion who has given us a GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner and GI Kentucky Derby winner in the last two seasons cannot get the traction he so manifestly deserves. Despite losing ever more ground in their relative crop sizes--hitherto he has had 357 lifetime starters, compared with 431 for Munnings, and that gap is only going to grow larger--Lookin At Lucky has so far had 27 graded stakes horses (leaving aside his excellent record in the Southern Hemisphere) compared with 26 for his rival. **Cont. p3**

NYRA SUSPENDS RACING THROUGH AT LEAST APR. 5; WOOD POSTPONED

The New York Racing Association has officially suspended live racing at Aqueduct Racetrack through at least Apr. 5 due to the continued impact of the coronavirus pandemic in New York.

As a result, the GII Wood Memorial S., previously slated for Apr. 4 at Aqueduct, has been postponed to a date yet to be determined. A decision regarding the other Apr. 4 stakes, including the GI Carter H., will also be made at a later date.

"While this decision is necessary, NYRA is working hard to determine when we can return to racing while prioritizing the health and welfare of everyone involved in our operations," said NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke. "I would like to thank the trainers and backstretch community who are caring for the horses stabled at Belmont Park during this period of great uncertainty." **Cont. p7**

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Horses walk at the top of Newmarket's Warren Hill on Wednesday morning. | Emma Berry

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**TODAY'S RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS:
MATTRESS MACK**

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As a man known for his magnanimity as much as he is for his local television commercials in the Houston area or owning or champion sprinter Runhappy, it was no surprise to anyone to see Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale doing his part to help the less fortunate members of his community during the unfolding coronavirus crisis.

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Yet his yearling average last year sank to \$41,266 from \$52,910, placing him at No. 80 in North America.

In contrast, there has been wise-guy momentum behind Munnings for a good few years now. His yearlings broke into the top 40 last year, trading at \$71,748, and his fee this spring was hiked to \$30,000 from \$20,000--at which fee Lookin At Lucky remained pegged, despite adding Country House to Accelerate at the head of his resume.



Munnings | *Coolmore*

To be fair, Munnings is absolutely living up to his billing --notably, this year, in dominating the Oaks picture through Venetian Harbor, Finite and now Bonny South.

The weathervane swung around to Munnings very early. Both the Ashford rookies made a solid start with their first crop, finishing third and fourth by earnings, with Lookin At Lucky on top by winners with no fewer than 29 from just 44 starters. But their rewards the following year were in striking contrast: Munnings catapulted straight into the top six books nationally, more than doubling his traffic from 94 to 196 mares, while Lookin At Lucky trod water at 115 (from 121). The die was cast: their respective books since have been 182, 178, 134 and 202 for Munnings; and 126, 76, 92 and 134 for Lookin At Lucky. Munnings, to be fair, had to earn his stripes as a \$12,500 start-up. And this cluster of Oaks fillies belong to only the second crop after his numerical breakout, so he's not hanging around in making most of the upgrade in both the quality and quantity of his mares.

Take Bonny South herself: a Juddmonte homebred out of a Tapit half-sister to a Group 1 winner; second dam a sister to the dam of Sightseek (Distant View) and Tates Creek (Rahy), also the family of European Classic winner Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy) and GI Breeders' Cup Mile scorer Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}). Should Munnings continue to consolidate, aged 14 and now routinely receiving guests of this caliber, there's every prospect that he will work his way out of the middle market into the elite. **Cont. p4**



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But we can't stand up for Lookin At Lucky without implying the slightest disfavor for his studmate. The fact is that he has done everything you could have hoped for, when he retired at \$35,000, and yet has spent most of the time since bumping along at around half that fee.



Country House (outside) | Coady

How typical, that his Kentucky Derby winner should have yielded so much attention to the historic relegation of the first past the post; and then been denied the chance to confirm his merit thereafter.

Be that as it may, Country House did something beyond every other member of the crop: namely, to finish in front of 18 horses in the Derby. And his sire, from just four previous crops, had already produced a horse able to do that, Lookin At Lee having beaten all bar Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) in 2017.

That was one of several early near-misses for Lookin At Lucky at the Grade I level (poor Money Multiplier four times a runner-up), but the slow-burning Accelerate--another graduate of his second crop--put all that right with his spectacular blossoming at five. Only Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), moreover, prevented Lookin At Lucky's shuttle daughter Wow Cat (Chi) from matching Accelerate's success at the 2018 Breeders' Cup in the Distaff (having already won the GI Beldame S.).

Nor was Country House a flash in the pan last year, when Lookin At Lucky and Munnings both had eight graded stakes performers, from 187 and 256 runners respectively. Lookin At Lucky had three winners at that level, against two for Munnings; and three Grade I horses (Munnings had one).

If this is not a "sales sire," then I'd like to know what exactly all these experts touring around the yearling barns are looking for? Yes, people quibble over his conformation below the knee. He was, remember, a \$35,000 buyback as a yearling. But his balance, size, scope and athleticism amply redressed any such concerns on the track, starting with his revised valuation when returning to Keeneland the following April, when he made \$475,000 at the 2-year-old sale. **Cont. p5**

THE PAST.

Back in 2015 **UNCLE MO'S** fee was \$25,000, now he's one of the best sires in America.

SCAT DADDY used to stand for \$10,000, before he became a truly world-class sire, as did **MUNNINGS** who continues to rise up through the sire ranks.

THE PRESENT.

2020 Leading Sires of GSWs

RK	STALLION	GSWs
1	UNCLE MO	5
-	MUNNINGS	5
-	Tapit	5
4	SCAT DADDY	4
-	Into Mischief	4

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ISN'T DROPPING

#	Stallion	20 Stud Fee / Farm	Sires	Wins	SWs	SWs	Chief Sire (Earnings)	2019 AWD
1	Constitution 🐾 Tapit, 2011	\$40,000 WinStar Farm, KY	52	16	3	3	Tiz the Law (\$151,900)	123
2	Tonalist 🐾 Tapit, 2011	\$15,000 Lane's End, KY	43	11	1	2	Tonalist (\$90,000)	123
3	Carpe Diem 🐾 Giant's Causeway, 2012	\$15,000 WinStar Farm, KY	56	11	-	-	Carpe Diem (\$82,740)	114
4	Tapiture 🐾 Tapit, 2011	\$10,000 Darby Dan Farm, KY	53	-	-	-	Steady Success (\$82,000)	123
5	Khozan 🐾 Distorted Humor, 2012	\$10,000 Journeyman Stallions, FL	5	3	1	-	Distorted Humor (\$52,000)	72
6	Liam's Map 🐾 Unbridled's Song, 2011	\$35,000 Lane's End, KY	4	-	-	-	Unbridled's Song (\$40,000)	114
7	Palace Malice 🐾 Curlin, 2010	\$25,000 Three Chimneys Farm, KY	3	-	-	-	Three Chimneys (\$27,000)	123
8	Honor Code 🐾 A.P. Indy, 2011	\$30,000 Lane's End, KY	43	8	1	-	Max Player (\$137,500)	123
9	Bayern 🐾 Offlee Wild, 2011	\$15,000 Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	46	12	-	-	Tempers Rising (\$107,000)	96
10	American Pharoah 🐾 Pioneerofpeace, Nile, 2012	Private Ashford Stud, KY	54	8	2	2	Cafe Pharoah (\$92,232)	124
11	Executive Edge 🐾 Tapit, 2012	\$12,500 Ashford Stud, KY	48	14	-	-	Misty Blue (\$50,000)	96

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SECOND-CROP SIRE OF 2020



#10 **FIRST-CROP SIRE OF 2019**

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Lookin At Lucky cont.

Lookin At Lucky then proceeded to become only the fifth male (following Secretariat, Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Spectacular Bid) to match soundness to class sufficiently to add a sophomore championship to his juvenile Eclipse Award. He secured the Classic that was his due in the GI Preakness S., having made a heroic charge from 18th to sixth out of the rail gate in the Derby; while a May 27 foaling had not prevented him from winning three of his five Grade I prizes at two. Nonetheless, as was most conspicuous in Accelerate, he has matched Curlin--a less precocious son of Smart Strike--in often drawing sustained improvement from his stock as they mature.

Wells Bayou absolutely fits the Lookin At Lucky template, having been buried as Hip 3281 at the September Sale, where he made just \$18,000 as a back-ring spot by Whitman Sales and Judy Karlin. That was a disappointing



Wells Bayou | Hodges Photography

return for Willow Pond Stable, which had given \$50,000 for him in the same ring that January. But the next pinhook went rather better, as he realized \$105,000 from Lance Gasaway (working with Liz Crow) after a :10 1/5 work at OBS March.

Evidently there were one or two veterinary concerns, again just as had been the case with his sire, but handsome is as handsome does. And while Cox had to back off his new recruit for a while, Wells Bayou regrouped to win on debut at the Keeneland fall meet. Disappointing at Churchill the following month, he resumed his progress when sent to Oaklawn, winning an allowance before holding off all bar Silver Prospector (Declaration Of War) in the GIII Southwest S. On Saturday, the extra furlong and,

okay, a comfortable early pace, enabled Wells Bayou to stake his Derby claim--whether for Arkansas in May, or Kentucky in September. **Cont. p6**



BREEZE UP DEAUVILLE



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Lookin At Lucky cont.

He certainly has a legitimate Classic pedigree. His dam Whispering Angel is by the flourishing Hard Spun (Danzig) out of a Theatrical (Ire) half-sister to the mother of Big Brown (Boundary). And she was, moreover, clearly talented herself: she won two of just three starts for Todd Pletcher after being picked out as a \$140,000 Keeneland November weanling by James Delahooke for Bobby Flay. Her odyssey since, in view of her son's emergence, is one that will have left a good deal of regret in its wake.

Whispering Angel was carrying Wells Bayou when first discarded for \$50,000 to Knowles Bloodstock at Keeneland November 2016; and then the pair of them were sold as consecutive lots, both to Willow Pond, in the same ring 14 months later. The mare, carrying a Karakontie (Jpn) filly, brought \$35,000; and her son, as just noted, made \$50,000. That investment did not pay off as deserved. The loss made by Wells Bayou that September seems tough enough, with hindsight; but Whispering Angel, incredibly, changed hands for just \$3,000 back at Keeneland the following January.

Still, the nature of this business is such that seller's remorse always spells joy for someone else. The luck, this time, was with Windylea Farm. True, the mare had arrived in the ring having

already lost a pregnancy to Kitten's Joy. But this year she has safely delivered an Army Mule filly and was covered--on the very eve of the Louisiana Derby--by none other than Lookin At Lucky. (Watch for a *TDN* story on Windylea's coup in the coming days.)

Bearing in mind that she is still only eight, continued progress by Wells Bayou could qualify Whispering Angel as one of the all-time bargains. Even as it stands, all being well, she can deliver a full-sibling to a Louisiana Derby winner with a page already decorated by a Kentucky Derby success. Moreover, Big Brown's third dam, and Wells Bayou's fourth, was a Damascus half-sister to champion Hidden Lake. Their mother was by Round Table, and this was a family developed for four generations by the estimable Nuckols clan at Hurstland. So it's all good stuff, at least until Whispering Angel's own dam proved unable to win in 11 tries and was eventually sold to Venezuela.

Big Brown, of course, was by a son of Danzig--and that breed-shaping name recurs top-and-bottom in the page of Wells Bayou. Not only is his dam by Hard Spun; Lookin At Lucky himself is out of a mare by another son of Danzig, in Belong to Me. An auspicious mirror image, in a pedigree full of speed that carries.

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Check out what Accelerate and all the other Lane's End stallions are up to on the farm's Instagram tour of the stallion complex.

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Lookin At Lucky cont.

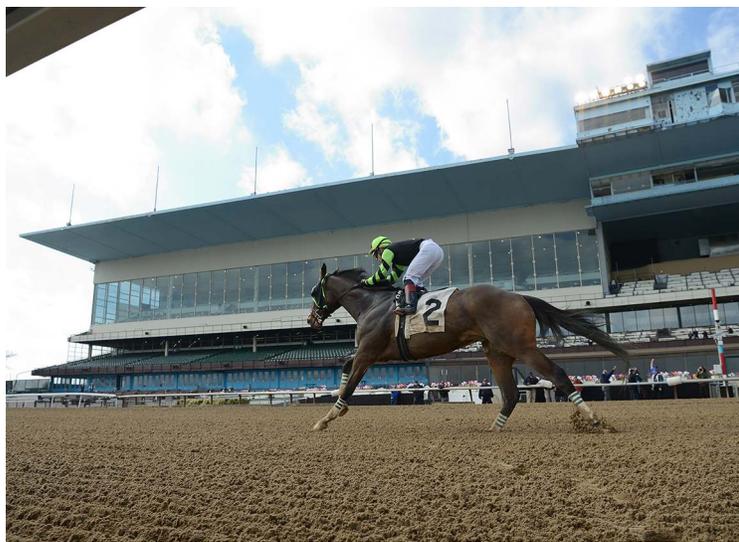
Yet what might Lookin At Lucky see, in his own reflection? A guy that everyone else seems able to look through. And, as such, one whose every achievement is earned not by luck, but by merit.

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NYRA cont. from p1

On Mar. 19, NYRA announced live racing at Aqueduct was suspended following the confirmation that a backstretch worker who lived and worked at Belmont Park tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Preparedness and Response Plan Committee, comprised of key NYRA staff members as well as representatives from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Backstretch Employee Service Team, and the New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America, have closely monitored and assessed developments regarding the coronavirus for the past several weeks. During that time, the committee has established a number of key protocols following the most up-to-date health guidance established by the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to monitor and manage both the Aqueduct and Belmont properties.



Empty Aqueduct | *Coglianesse*

The safeguards implemented were:

- NYRA contracted with multiple outside cleaning vendors following best practices established by the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
- Posting of coronavirus-related signage in English and Spanish across the backstretch noting key information regarding social distancing, hand washing techniques, and a hotline to call for workers feeling the onset of symptoms

- Access to enter Belmont Park was restricted to Gate 6 and all workers, including licensed horsemen, that do not live on the backstretch are subject to a standard health assessment including temperature check

- The Belmont Park grounds are closed to ship-in horses with the exception of horses in extenuating circumstances subject to the approval of Martin Panza, NYRA's Senior Vice President of Racing Operations.

- To eliminate congestion and encourage social distancing, a number of common areas have been closed or had their service modified including the recreation center, Morning Line cafe, track kitchen and clockers stand. The Morning Line cafe and track kitchen are providing grab-and-go food options to align with guidance from the New York State Department of Health. The clockers stand has been closed to all but essential safety personnel.

"I'm encouraged by and thankful for the support, teamwork and communication with our industry partners during this difficult time," said O'Rourke. "The real-time input and expertise provided by Joe Appelbaum and the NYTHA team, along with the care and compassion of Paul Ruchames at BEST, our Chaplain Humberto Chavez, as well as Libby Imperio and her colleagues at Anna House have helped to safeguard our community and provide a sense of stability and hope."

In addition, NYRA has confirmed with its vendor, Triple Star Horse Feed, that feed supply for horses stabled at Belmont is guaranteed during this time of uncertainty.

The Belmont Park backstretch and its facilities remain open to horsemen and operational for training. Owners will not be permitted access to the backstretch until further notice.

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TURFWAY PARK THE LATEST CORONAVIRUS CLOSURE

Churchill Downs announced the closure of Turfway Park Wednesday due to the coronavirus pandemic, citing the "Healthy at Home" Executive Order 2020-257 issued by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. With the Turfway racing season scheduled to run through Saturday, Mar. 28, the remainder of the meet has been cancelled. Turfway Park's backside will remain open for training because it falls under the "life-sustaining business" category as it provides "food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals."

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NTRA UPDATE ON FEDERAL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Like virtually every other industry and sport, U.S. horseracing is grappling with the realities and uncertainties brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. Thousands of businesses and individuals — from farms to racetrack employees, trainers, and the backstretch workers who care for our horses — have had their lives disrupted in ways we could not have imagined only a short time ago. That being said, the industry's first priority at this time must be the health and safety of our workforce and the general public at large.

In response to the pandemic, Congress and the Administration are in the process of passing a series of bipartisan bills aimed at combating the coronavirus, jumpstarting the economy and providing financial relief to individuals and businesses during these uncertain times. Here is a list of the recently enacted and pending legislation:

The **Coronavirus Preparedness Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act, already passed by Congress and signed by the President**, allows \$1 billion in loan subsidies to be made available to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and non-profit organizations which have been impacted by financial losses as a result of the coronavirus. Contact your local small business administration office for more details on how to access this new loan program.

The **Families First Coronavirus Response Act, also passed by Congress and signed into law**, provides paid leave, establishes free testing, protects public health workers and provides important benefits to children and families for those impacted by the coronavirus. Protections for the employers of affected workers also are included in the legislation in the form of tax credits to offset the costs of providing emergency sick leave.

The **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or CARES Act** is a bill now before the U.S. Senate that is expected to provide an economic stimulus package valued at \$2 trillion. The bill would provide direct payments to many Americans, including individuals and couples; \$130 billion to hospitals that are seeing their resources stretched to the brink and beyond in their battle to combat the coronavirus, \$500 billion for corporations; \$367 billion for small businesses; \$150 billion in aid for local and state governments; and billions of dollars in extended unemployment benefits for furloughed workers. We expect this bill to be passed by both House and Senate and signed by the President by the end of this week. The NTRA continues to review this massive stimulus package and will provide details as they become available.

It is likely that Congress will turn its attention in coming weeks or months to a fourth bill, especially if the crisis worsens. While the first three bills are aimed mostly at the general economy, the fourth bill may well focus on damage to specific economic sectors and efforts to help those sectors and their workers. Undoubtedly, our industry has been adversely impacted with racetrack and casino closures, the postponement of equine sales, and other negative economic events necessitated by federal, state and local orders and recommendations as well as the industry's own duty and responsibility to promote the safety of our workforce and public health in general.

Our challenge with regard to this fourth bill will be to compete with many other industries for limited federal resources, especially since our industry is built most visibly on sports betting and entertainment. Nonetheless, we are significant employers and represent a massive agribusiness with an extensive economic footprint across the nation. We will make our case at the Federal level for horseracing as we advocate for our \$36.6 billion industry that accounts nationwide for nearly half a million jobs.

Stay safe and stay tuned for future updates, and please visit NTRA.com for information on how our industry is responding to the coronavirus pandemic.



- Alex Waldrop, NTRA President and CEO

PROVEN STRATEGIES

by Len Green
of The Green Group

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SALES CANCELLATIONS, INSURANCE AND DOL ISSUES

We are pleased to report we received a number of favorable responses to our first [question and answer column](#). We also received several new questions which we are addressing at this time.

Question #1:

From a tax point of view, what should we do if the horses we bought to pinhook can now not be sold?

Answer:

As a result of the threat of COVID-19, many pinhookers are having second thoughts.

Our normal transaction was to buy yearlings in 2019 for resale at the 2-year-old sales in March and April 2020. For tax purposes, most of us treat the purchases as inventory and would not usually take a tax deduction on our 2019 tax returns.

When Keeneland announced it would cancel its 2-year-old in training sale, Fasig-Tipton followed suit with the decision to cancel the Apr. 1 Gulfstream select 2-year-old in training sale. OBS has also adjusted its schedule.

With these auctions now off the calendar and the continued uncertainty of the virus which has no expiration date, many consignors are changing their sale strategies.

What Alternatives Are Available

- Some could move their horses to later sales--if they're allowed to go ahead. The problem is whether the economy is going to rebound in time for these auctions where there will be over 1,000 horses to sell.
- Some are trying to sell their horse privately.
- Some will make the decision that the market doesn't represent fair market value and decide to race the horses.

Tax Idea

If you choose to race the horses, you may be in a position to receive some tax benefits that you could realize on your 2019 tax return. Check with your tax advisor or contact us for a discussion on whether you qualify for a tax deduction in 2019.

Question #2:

I plan on buying a 2-year-old at one of the Florida sales, when sales resume or continue. What are the rules as far as Florida sales tax?

Answer:

The general rule is that there is a 6% sales tax that applies to the purchase of a horse. However, there are some exceptions:

- No sales tax is due when the sale is by the original breeder; or
- If the purchaser delivers the horse to a licensed common carrier and the common carrier delivers the horse to a location outside the State of Florida, the sale is not subject to Florida sales tax.

Question #3:

Should I insure some or all of my horses and if the answer is yes, what criteria do more successful owners use to decide on the coverage?

Answer:

The general rule is it depends on the owner. I can, however, give you some general guidelines that a large number of owners use.

- They do not insure the horses until they reach a certain value.
- They have a deductible--that is they self-insure up to a certain percentage. In our case, we use 20%;
- Constantly review your coverage. For example:
 - a. If a horse wins, places or shows in a graded stakes race, the value of the horse increases and you should increase the insurance coverage;
 - b. Insurance companies will usually only pay you based on the value of the last race. An example would be you purchase and insure a horse for \$100,000, but it ends up running in a \$50,000 claiming race, you would only get \$50,000 if the horse dies.

Question #4:

If I am a trainer and I am racing in New York State, are there special rules covering wages and overtime that the Department of Labor (DOL) is asserting?

Answer:

We have all read about the fact that Kieran McLaughlin is leaving the training ranks and becoming a jockey agent. We also see that Gary Contessa, after 35 years of training, is leaving the ranks. They are just two examples of how DOL audits have affected trainers' businesses.

Proven Strategies cont.

For most businesses, compliance with the DOL rules on wages and overtime is comparably simple--there are time clocks or similar devices and making the process of how many hours the employee has worked easier.

We also know that for grooms, hot walkers and similar personnel who live and work at the tracks, there is no simple way to ascertain the number of hours that they worked. It is very easy for a groom or hot walker to get in at 4 am and finish their chores by 10 or 11 am. In many cases, those people are also hanging around the track, especially if a horse they are involved with is racing. In many cases, the DOL says they are there all day and working and assess the trainers for those hours as if they represent working hours.

Suggestions to Trainers:

- Adopt some type of approved record keeping protocol to avoid problems, especially with the DOL.
- Prepare schedules that reflect when your grooms or hot walkers work overtime and then tie them into when those horses raced.
- Examine how you are reflecting stakes bonus payments when they are paid to grooms and hot walkers.

Since we have been involved in a number of these examinations along with attorneys who specialize in this area, our recommendation to trainers is to examine their books and records and come up with a game plan in case the DOL investigates them.

Have a question? Email suefinley@thetdn.com.

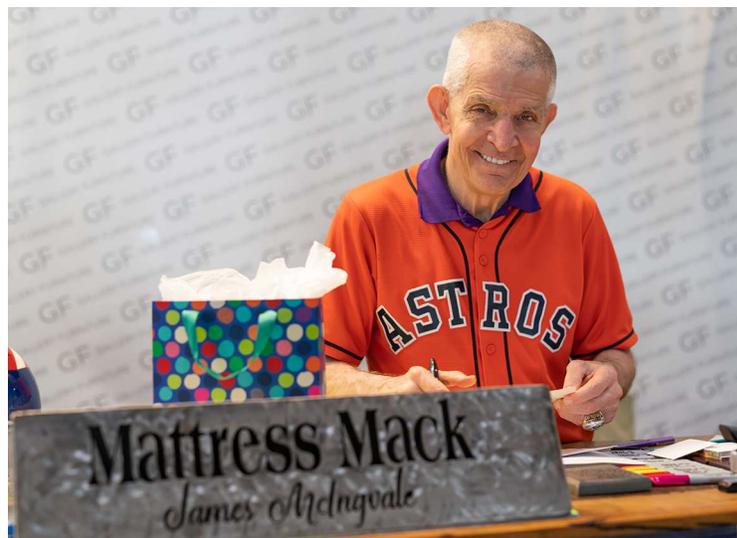
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TODAY'S GOOD NEWS/
RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

MATTRESS MACK COMING THROUGH FOR HOUSTON AGAIN

by Joe Bianca

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.



Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale | Patty Wolfe

As a man known for his magnanimity as much as he is for his local television commercials in the Houston area or owning or champion sprinter Runhappy, it was no surprise to anyone to see Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale doing his part to help the less fortunate members of his community during the unfolding coronavirus crisis.

Tuesday, McIngvale posted a video on Twitter showing a drive-through area in the parking lot of his Gallery Furniture store where he and employees provided free grab-and-go meals and supplies for thousands of Houstonians. McIngvale has also been arranging for deliveries of food and supplies to the elderly, many of whom are quarantined or isolated because of their high risk for infection.

The tweet had over 3,000 retweets and 11,000 likes in a day, and the replies from the people of Houston were universally gushing. "Build this man a statue," one said, "Mattress Mack is Houston's Mother Theresa. Amazing man," said another. It's hard to argue, considering the philanthropic impact McIngvale has continually had in the United States' fourth-largest city.

A heavy donor to charity, McIngvale hosts an annual Christmas giveaway and launched the country's first Mobile Stroke Unit in conjunction with a local hospital. He gained widespread media attention for opening his stores to displaced victims of Hurricane Harvey in 2018 and did the same for those stranded by Tropical Storm Imelda last year. Now, he's got the backs of a wide range of coronavirus victims, particularly the elderly and children.

"We asked our customers through email, what could we do to help during this very strange pandemic," McIngvale said Wednesday. "They said, without a doubt, help the children and seniors. The problem with children is that they're out of school and so many kids from low-income families depend on school to have lunch. Meanwhile the seniors are locked in and can't easily get food or supplies on their own." **Cont. p10**

Mattress Mack cont.

With the help of donations from Gallery Furniture's customers, McIngvale has so far by his estimate delivered prepackaged nonperishable food and toiletries to about 10,000 seniors. At his drive-through food pickup area, where mostly parents come by with children, McIngvale says they've helped around 3,000 people a day going on eight days now with scenes of cheerful children blow kisses to McIngvale through their car windows. He also hosted a blood drive last Friday with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center at the same location.

"People are frightened, they're scared, and thank God we can be a light in the darkness for these kids and put a smile on their faces," McIngvale said.

As for how long McIngvale and his customers will keep this up, despite the unknown duration of the crisis, McIngvale said, "We're going to keep doing it as long as the pandemic is going. Who knows how long that will be?"

While most of America focuses on the physical precautions that can be taken to stop the spread of COVID-19, McIngvale is also helping people to manage the mental toll of the pandemic.

"You should follow all of the medical advice, avoid crowds, wash your hands, but other than that you should go ahead and lead your life as much as you can, because otherwise the anxiety will overwhelm you," he said. "My daughter is a trained anxiety specialist and we're doing a lot of work with that part of it, we have videos on our website to help people with that."

Assisting in times of desperation and displacement has become synonymous with the name Mattress Mack, and he boils down his worldview into one simple call for action.

"A couple of months ago they had a Democratic debate, and the moderators asked the candidates what their life's motto is," McIngvale said. "I thought that was a great question. My life's motto is we all have a responsibility to our community and to provide for those in need. I'm gonna do that until the day I die."

Mattress Mack's grab-and-go lunch station is located at the 6006 N. Freeway Gallery Furniture location in Houston. You can learn more about how to help Gallery Furniture's community efforts [here](#).

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JOCKEY CLUB RECOMMENDS GUIDELINES FOR MAINTAINING BREEDING SHED ACTIVITY

The challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic have led to new protocols for Thoroughbred breeding to minimize risk of infection among farm staff and related personnel charged with transporting and handling horses.

The Jockey Club recommends that all North American, Central American, and Caribbean Thoroughbred stud farm operations at a minimum follow guidelines from the Kentucky Department of Ag Guidelines for COVID-19: Breeding Shed Activity issued by E.S. "Rusty" Ford from the Office of the State Veterinarian, Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

With vans and individuals visiting multiple facilities each day during the breeding season, it is important to adopt standard practices in how people and horses visiting sheds are managed. The essential elements enumerated in the guidelines are reproduced below with permission from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture:

1. Submission of documentation for mares booked to be bred would best be done electronically. We've seen numerous reports where handled paper can be contaminated.
 2. Eliminate outside individuals (van drivers and mare attendants) from coming into the prep area and shed. To accomplish this, the van would arrive, the mare would be offloaded and handed off to a shed employee (using the shed's shank) who would handle the mare through the process. The van driver and anyone accompanying the mare to the shed should remain outside in the parking area while maintaining social distance with other individuals.
 3. After cover, the mare would be returned to the loading area and handed off to the attendant for loading onto the van. If there is need for a mare's attendant to witness the cover, this should be accomplished from outside--looking in, videotaped or virtually.
 4. The shank would be cleaned before returning to the shed or reuse and attendant would wash hands [recommended addition by The Jockey Club: or preferably disinfected with acceptable products efficacious in preventing the spread of viral or bacterial agents and the use of disposable gloves by attendants is recommended where practicable].
 5. Breeding equipment (leg straps, collars, boots etc.) would be cleaned before reuse [recommended addition by The Jockey Club: or preferably disinfected with acceptable products efficacious in preventing the spread of viral or bacterial agents and the use of disposable gloves by attendants is recommended where practicable].
 6. Additionally, maintaining enhanced biosecurity in our daily activity is essential to all of these mitigations.
- The Kentucky Horse Council also [provided guidelines](#) Wednesday.

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

Even if most racing is delayed, we're all hoping it will get underway sometime this spring or early summer, if for no other reason than so we can all find out the answer to our annual favorite question. We surveyed some top judges on who their leading first-crop sire will be, and to give us some under-the-radar picks as well.

BRANDON RICE

Since we are a moderate-scale operation, I often feel that there are young sires that I have coveted after but I am unable to attain anything from their first crop. This year, I was lucky enough to obtain a colt and a filly from the first crop of **Air Force Blue**. One is to go to the sales and one will go to the races. *(Editor's Note: the colt going to the sales sold for \$390,000 last week at OBS March. See [Out of the 'Blue' for more.](#))*

If you had a race amongst all of the horses in my stable this year, I think these two Air Force Blues might come in first and second. That didn't happen by accident.

They're beautiful, sellable, and are great movers with great frames. They aren't limited to being sprinters or exclusively one-paced routers, these horses seem like they have all the goods. Their shape is enticing, and once we start putting pressure on them, they stride a little bigger, and show a little more brilliance than the horses next door to them.



RiceHorse's Brandon & Ali Rice with their Air Force Blue colt at OBS March | Photos by Z

I'm a big fan of Air Force Blue based on what I was lucky enough to get in my stable. My stable is largely horses I have hand-picked because of really good bodies and pedigrees I can afford, and I don't think there are any more promising candidates than the Air Force Blues in my stable.

They fit the 'perfect medium stature with excellent motion' type common to the War Fronts. They are so efficient in their movement, and I can't even work out what surface they prefer. They move great over synthetic and dirt. Even though I might have a hunch that they could be turfy due to the success of the family on the turf, I would say it doesn't need to be exclusive. I wouldn't be surprised if he has stone-cold runners on both surfaces.

We all can be biased and blind to the sires that we don't have in our stables. It's not like we get a sample pack from every first-crop sire. So, from shopping the sales, I have also noticed the **Runhappys**. I really like them physically. I've also liked the **Frosteds**.

And again, the Air Force Blues keep hitting my list consistently at the sales. Usually that's an indicator for me when they keep hitting as I'm going through thousands of horses and looking strictly at body types until purchasing time.

I only have a few **Laobans** and a few **Not This Times**, but I'm choosing those two as the stallions I'm most excited about as under-the-radar sires.

The Not This Times that I have are really impressing me. I'm finding that they have good speed when I press on them, combined with big, dreamy body types. They have the full package, so they could be dynamite.

Laoban is a sneaky one that I'm not sure if a lot of people will notice. I can see that there's guaranteed speed, and I could see him having a breakout year. They are going to come out running hard if we are allowed to have more 2-year-old sales this year. They all have a pleasing physical type. Horses that stamp their progeny this way usually have at least some level of success.

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COLONIAL DOWNS TO DONATE 20,000 MEALS TO FRONT-LINE PANDEMIC WORKERS

by T.D. Thornton

Colonial Downs Group, which includes the Virginia racetrack that reopened last summer and Rosie's Gaming Emporiums at three other in-state locations, announced Wednesday that it will transition its closed restaurants to provide 20,000 free "grab-and-go" meals for police officers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, grocery store employees and other workers on the "front lines" of the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The company closed its facilities Mar. 15. The meals will be provided starting Apr. 1, with day-before ordering requested. Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to sign up. Details are available [here](#).

The company also announced Wednesday that its employees will be paid in full for the month of April, and that any time spent away from work as a result of COVID-19 will not impact workers' status.

"With our facilities closed we have the capacity to help, in our own small way, by using our kitchens to provide free meals to Virginia's community heroes," said Aaron Gomes, the chief operating officer for Colonial Downs Group.

Colonial's 18-date race meet is scheduled for July 23-Aug. 29.

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DREAM TREE IN FOAL TO CURLIN

Grade I winner **Dream Tree** (Uncle Mo--Afleet Maggi, by Afleet Alex) is carrying her first foal by Curlin.

Owned by Phoenix Thoroughbreds and trained by Bob Baffert, the \$750,000 FTFMAR buy won five of seven races for earnings of \$529,845. Her career highlights include wins in the 2017 GI Starlet S. and 2018 GII Las Virgenes S. and GII Prioress S.

"Dream Tree has been a special horse for us," said Phoenix Thoroughbreds' head of U.S. operations Tom Ludt. "She had a great will to win and was a true athlete. Considering her bloodlines, coupled with her race record, I see no reason she won't be a top-quality broodmare. By sending her to a leading stallion such as Curlin we have given her the best chance of making a great start to her new career."

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Horse Country Offers Virtual Tours

"Understandably, anxiety is running high as the coronavirus pandemic spreads throughout the country. Like many, we're looking for all the at-home distractions we can get. Shooting to the top of our list? Virtual Kentucky horse farm tours from Visit Horse Country, an organization of horse farms, equine medical clinics, and equine attractions, are now giving you the chance to pop onto a bucolic farm and live vicariously for a few as you toast horse birthdays, watch foals go about their day, and check in for feedings and nose scratches galore." **Perri Ormont Blumberg, Southern Living**

Gulfstream Park Won't Shut Down, Threatens Legal Action

"Gulfstream Park plans to continue racing Wednesday and hold Saturday's Florida Derby as scheduled, despite Broward County's ban on nonessential business and the city of Hallandale Beach asking the horse racing track to shut down and postpone the Derby, Hallandale Beach Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana told the Sun Sentinel on Tuesday." **Adam Lichtenstein, Sun Sentinel**



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:36 p.m. EDT

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	As Seen On Tv	Lookin At Lucky	Screen Door Stables, LLC	Breen	Lopez	122
2	Shivaree	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Jaramillo	122
3	Disc Jockey 🌿	Bodemeister	Frank Carl Calabrese	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
4	Soros 🌿	Commissioner	Eclipse Tbred Partners &d OGMA Investments	Delgado	Prado	122
5	Gouverneur Morris 🌿	Constitution	Team Valor International and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
6	Ajaaweed	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	Saez	122
7	Tiz the Law	Constitution	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Franco	122
8	My First Grammy 🌿	Curlin	Maria Ines Mejia	Sanchez	Berrios	122
9	Independence Hall 🌿	Constitution	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables & R K V RACING LLC	Trombetta	Rosario	122
10	Candy Tycoon 🌿	Twirling Candy	Mathis Stable LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	122
11	Sassy But Smart	Overdriven	Borchetta, Martha, Mike & Scott and Silver, Martin	Condie	Bravo	122
12	Ete Indien 🌿	Summer Front	Shanahan, L, Bacon, S, Dream With Me Stable, Horse France America, D P Racing & P Biancone	Biancone	Geroux	122
13	Rogue Element 🌿	Honor Code	Calumet Farm	Romans	Vasquez	122

Breeders: 1-Craig L. Wheeler, 2-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 3-Woodslane Farm, 4-Shain Crain, 5-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden, Craig Brogden & James F. Miller, 6-Shadwell Farm, LLC., 7-Twin Creeks Farm, 8-Mt. Brilliant Partners, LLC, 9-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 10-Jerry Romans Jr., 11-Mike Borchetta, Martha Borchetta & Martin Silver, 12-Robert B. Tillyer & Eric Buckley, 13-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish

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

FASIG-TIPTON GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Inveterate 🌿	Palace Malice	Nice Guys Stables	Magner	Franco	122
2	Bajan Girl 🌿	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Vasquez	122
3	Spartanka	Street Sense	Olympia Star, Inc.	Maker	Davis	122
4	Lake Avenue	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Rosario	122
5	Spice Is Nice 🌿	Curlin	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Castellano	122
6	Swiss Skydiver 🌿	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Lopez	122
7	Lucrezia	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Delacour	Leparoux	122
8	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Mitchell	122
9	Tonalist's Shape 🌿	Tonalist	Slam Dunk Racing, Branham, D & Legacy Ranch	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
10	Mrs. S 🌿	Creative Cause	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Spearman, Abbey	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
11	Addilyn 🌿	Palace Malice	Briannjenn Racing LLC	Sano	Zayas	122
12	Sunset Promise	Broken Vow	David Staudacher	Maker	Geroux	122
13	Four Grands	Honor Code	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Saez	122
14	Marialuisa	Tonalist	Ruben Valdes	Rodriguez	Gonzalez	122

Breeders: 1-Ramspring Farm, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Godolphin, 5-B. Flay Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer, 8-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC, 9-Sabana Farm, 10-Heinz J. Steinmann, 11-Dixiana Farms LLC, 12-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 13-Albaugh Family Stables, LLC, 14-Eico Ventures, Inc.

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT

KITTEN'S JOY PAN AMERICAN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Rosario	122
2	Bemma's Boy 🌿	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Geroux	118
3	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	124
4	Current 🌿	Curlin	Eclipse Tbred Partners, LaPenta, R & Dixiana Farms	Pletcher	Castellano	118
5	Go Poke the Bear 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Paradise Farms Corp. and Mad Dog Racing Stable	Maker	Lopez	118
6	Galleon Mast	Mizzen Mast	Anne D. Scott	Fawkes	Bravo	120
7	Prince of Arabia 🌿	Mineshaft	D P Racing LLC	Biancone	Panici	118
8	Manicomio 🌿	Include	22 Racing Stable Inc.	Bezara	Vasquez	118
9	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Gaffalione	124
10	Focus Group 🌿	Kitten's Joy	West Point Thoroughbreds, New Phoenix Stable, Stevenson, Louisa and Tango Uniform Racing LLC	Clement	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Lochlow Farm, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Kera M. Ramsey, 6-H & A Stables LLC, 7-Eileen H. Hartis, 8-Brereton C. Jones, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Dixiana Farms LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:00 p.m. EDT

HAL'S HOPE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Harvey Wallbanger	Congrats	Harold Lerner, AWC Stbls, Nehoc Stbls, Akman, S Braverman, P, Magdalena Racing & D Bernsen	McPeck	Davis	118
2	Bodexpress 🌿	Bodemeister	Top Racing, Global Tbred & GDS Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	118
3	You're to Blame 🌿	Distorted Humor	Bortolazzo Stable LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
4	Identifier 🌿	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Meneses	118
5	Just Whistle 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Helen K. Groves	Matz	Franco	118
6	American Tattoo (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Calumet Farm and John Anthony Stables LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	122
7	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Vasquez	122
8	Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Richard Otto Stables, Inc.	Mitchell	Geroux	122
9	Realm	Haynesfield	Dattner, Eric, Tagg, Barclay and Astarita, Harry	Tagg	Lopez	120
10	Rare Form 🌿	The Factor	Jones, Sr., Frank & Churchill Downs Racing Club	Romans	Saez	118
11	Prompt	Blame	James S. Karp	Mott	Zayas	118

Breeders: 1-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 2-Martha Jane Mulholland, 3-Bryant H. Prentice III, 4-Heinz J. Steinmann, 5-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 6-La Pasion, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-R. Otto Stables, Inc., 9-Morgan's Ford Farm, 10-McCann Bloodstock, Mark Kelder & DougRichards, 11-James S. Karp



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:17 p.m. EDT**ORCHID S. PRESENTED BY ROOD AND RIDDLE-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Beale Street 🌿	Quality Road	Amy N. Moore	Matz	Velazquez	118
2	Kelsey's Cross	Anthony's Cross	Bacon, Sanford & Patrick L. Biancone Racing, LLC	Biancone	Geroux	118
3	Irisa (Arg)	Pure Prize	Miami Shores Racing, LLC	Correas, IV	Prado	120
4	Quick Witted	Afleet Alex	Lorian Francesca Peralta-Ramos	Correas, IV	Bravo	118
5	Gentle Ruler 🌿	Colonel John	Morsches Stable	Wilkes	Landeros	124
6	Mean Mary	Scat Daddy	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	Motion	Saez	124
7	Cap de Creus	Tapit	Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Rosario	118
8	Beau Belle 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Davis	118
9	Get Explicit	Get Stormy	Modeste Racing Stable	Minshall	Zayas	118
10	La Australiana 🌿	Australia (GB)	JCA Racing Stable LLC	Avila	Meneses	118
11	Over Thinking	Overanalyze	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Leparoux	118
12	Elizabeth Way (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	John J. McCormack	Attfield	Lopez	124

Breeders: 1-JSM Equine LLC, 2-T. Wynn Jolley & Mary Jolley, 3-Carampangue, 4-Mrs. Arturo Peralta Ramos, 5-Builder's Mart, Inc., 6-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 9-Modeste Racing Stable, 10-Capital Bloodstock, 11-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 12-Godolphin

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Franco	122
2	Hembree 🌿	Proud Citizen	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Rosario	120
3	March to the Arch	Arch	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Gaffalione	122
4	Ballagh Rocks 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	Donegal Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Mott	Zayas	120
5	Maraud 🌿	Blame	Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC	Orseno	Davis	120
6	Smart Remark 🌿	First Defence	Humphrey, Jr., G. Watts, O'Brien, B & Klatsky, B	Oliver	Landeros	118
7	Social Paranoia	Street Boss	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	122
8	Dr. Edgar	Lookin At Lucky	Canzone, Sr., Peter J. and Eloise	Tagg	Lopez	124
9	Louder Than Bombs 🌿	Violence	Sandra New	Fawkes	Bravo	118
10	Sombeyay 🌿	Into Mischief	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Saez	124
11	Mr Dumas 🌿	Majesticperfection	WSS Racing LLC and Hooties Racing LLC	Maker	Reyes	124
12	El Tormenta	Stormy Atlantic	Sam-Son Farm	Cox	Leparoux	124
13	First Premio 🌿	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Geroux	120
14	Halladay 🌿	War Front	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
15	Regally Irish	Regal Ransom	Isabelle de Tomaso	Motion	Maragh	118
16	Flavius	War Front	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Derby Lane Farm, LLC, 3-Live Oak Stud, 4-Turner Breeders, LLC, 5-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm, LLC, 7-Mineola Farm II LLC & Silent Grove Farm LLC, 8-Frederick M. Allor & Michael T. Barnett, 9-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm, 10-J. D. Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc., 11-Ramspring Farm, 12-Sam-Son Farm, 13-Ronald G. McPeek, 14-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. & Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 15-Isabelle de Tomaso, 16-Juddmonte Farms Inc



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1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000	7	14	2	3	--	--	79	23	300,000	1,860,135
2	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000	4	7	4	5	--	--	66	24	377,400	1,742,450
3	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000	3	5	3	4	--	--	55	16	291,600	1,173,496
4	Lookin At Lucky (2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 7 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000	1	4	1	3	--	--	18	8	801,600	1,102,034
5	Blame (2006) by Arch Crops: 7 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$35,000	1	3	1	3	--	--	27	4	753,000	1,094,674
6	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 13 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	37	11	506,328	1,027,984
7	Constitution (2011) by Tapit Crops: 2 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	3	6	2	4	--	--	54	16	151,900	896,807
8	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000	1	6	1	4	--	--	44	9	220,000	843,566
9	Tonalist (2011) by Tapit Crops: 2 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	1	2	1	2	--	--	44	11	211,110	772,594
10	I'll Have Another (2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5 Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	61	8	82,524	753,052
11	Paynter (2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 4 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	3	4	--	1	--	--	42	12	135,600	727,644
12	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 2 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private	2	4	--	1	--	--	54	8	173,043	720,667
13	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 2 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	3	--	1	--	--	57	12	88,740	717,889
14	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	1	2	1	2	--	--	44	13	150,000	685,704
15	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit Crops: 2 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	2	4	--	--	--	--	53	16	90,000	652,989

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THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: SOLDADO LOOKS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT



Soldado | Leslie Martin

9th-GP, \$52K, OC62k/N2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 5:07 p.m.

Soldado (Verrazano), an impressive front-running optional claiming winner with a 97 Beyer Speed Figure in his Feb. 6 comebacker for Todd Pletcher, looks to put them back-to-back in Hallandale. The \$80,000 FTKTUR yearling turned \$8,000 EASMAY juvenile (*How Steve Young Found the Bargain of the Year*, by Bill Finley) debuted with a promising decision at this distance at Gulfstream last February over subsequent City of Laurel S. winner and GII Amsterdam S. third 'TDN Rising Star' Honest Mischieff (Into Mischieff), but disappointed in a pair of efforts once stretched out, including a fourth-place finish in his two-turn debut behind recent GIII Razorback H. winner Warrior's Charge (Munnings) at Oaklawn in his 2019 finale last April. He has been assigned the rail for the second straight time here. **TJCIS PPs**

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6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 3-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.27, fm.

NORTH DAKOTA (c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Starry Dreamer {MSW & GISP, \$564,789}, by Rubiano), a half-brother to leading sire War Front (Danzig), GSW & MGISP, \$424,205, got it done in impressive fashion with this overdue maiden victory. Runner-up in an off-the-turfer at Aqueduct in his final start at three Nov. 22, the blue-blooded dark bay was fifth with a career-best 80 Beyer Speed Figure behind promising next out winner Golden Tapit (Tapit) at Gulfstream Feb. 8. The 3-5 favorite raced in eighth through a half-mile in :47.93, began to advance entering the far turn, rolled up four wide at the top of the stretch and cruised home 3 1/4 lengths clear of first-time starter Idle Time (Into Mischieff). North Dakota is also a half-brother to Riviera Cocktail (Giant's Causeway), SW & MGSP, \$204,095; Jay Gatsby (Giant's Causeway), MGSP, \$313,972; Teammate (A.P. Indy), MGSW & MGISP, \$618,276; and Ecclesiastic (Pulpit), MGSW, \$346,472. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$51,305. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Allen Stable, Inc.; B-Joseph Allen, LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.



Milestone. Jockey Edgar Prado ties Angel Cordero, Jr. for eighth for all-time victories bringing home winner 7,057 Cory Gal at Gulfstream Wednesday. | Ryan Thompson



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Amira's Prince (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions
 35 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SISTER OTOOLE, 3-1

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, AUNTIE MABEL, 3-1
 \$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
 158 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, DANCEWITHTHEDEVIL, 20-1
 \$1,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$12,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, LELE, 7-2

Japan (Medaglia d'Oro), Waldorf Farm
 50 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, AIZU, 9-2

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, TYNAN, 7-2
 \$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 79 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, MS. DRAGONETTE, 12-1
 \$27,000 KEE SEP yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, PANINI, 20-1

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Gulfstream, \$51,300, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.29, ft.

LIZA STAR (m, 6, Cool Coal Man--Sweet Chantal, by Snow Ridge) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-10-2-3, \$263,405. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Pedro Maestre (FL); T-Peter R. Walder.

8th-Gulfstream, \$46,000, Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-25, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.54, ft.

THE TABULATOR (h, 5, Dialed In--Fly to the Stars, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-7-2-0, \$314,180. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Extern Developments LTD. (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$15,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$92,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$460,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The One for Fun, f, 3, **Liaison**--Ebony Uno, by Macho Uno. Will Rogers Downs, 3-25, 1m, 1:41.28. B-Scott Pierce (OK).

Ninethirtyturbo, c, 3, **Notional**--Whodoyoulikeboss, by Grand Slam. Will Rogers Downs, 3-25, 5 1/2f, 1:05.06. B-Kirk Thoroughbreds LLC (OK). *\$1,200 RNA Ylg '18 OKCYRL.

Simple Story, f, 3, **Take Charge Indy**--Tell a Great Story (SW & GSP, \$139,070), by Bluegrass Cat. Gulfstream, 3-25, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.60. B-Sagamore Farm (MD).

March West, c, 4, **Flashback**--Rockport Honey, by Rockport Harbor. Will Rogers Downs, 3-25, 1m, 1:40.28. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY).

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- COOL COAL MAN**, Liza Star, m, 6, o/o Sweet Chantal, by Snow Ridge. AOC, 3-25, Gulfstream
- DIALED IN**, The Tabulator, h, 5, o/o Fly to the Stars, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 3-25, Gulfstream
- FLASHBACK**, March West, c, 4, o/o Rockport Honey, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 3-25, Will Rogers
- LIAISON**, The One for Fun, f, 3, o/o Ebony Uno, by Macho Uno. MSW, 3-25, Will Rogers
- MEDAGLIA D'ORO**, North Dakota, c, 4, o/o Starry Dreamer, by Rubiano. MSW, 3-25, Tampa Bay
- NOTIONAL**, Ninethirtyturbo, c, 3, o/o Whodoyoulikeboss, by Grand Slam. MSW, 3-25, Will Rogers
- TAKE CHARGE INDY**, Simple Story, f, 3, o/o Tell a Great Story, by Bluegrass Cat. MCL, 3-25, Gulfstream

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A colt by Le Havre (Ire) out of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) is one of 165 juveniles catalogued for the Arqana Breeze Up Sale. The one-day sale is slated for Deauville on May 9, but that date is subject to change due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. In 2019, former Arqana Breeze up graduates War of Will (War Front) and Channel (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}) claimed the GI Preakness S. Stateside and the G1 Prix de Diane, respectively. Sprinkled throughout the 38 consignors are 30 siblings or half-siblings to group/listed winners and 35 lots out of black-type winners.

Offered as lot 65 by Willie Browne's Mocklershill, the bay's dam also won twice at Group 3 level in Ireland. Mocklershill is also the consignor of lot 118, a son of American Pharoah out of Rare Cat, the dam of MGSW and GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint runner-up Om (Munnings).

Two 2-year-olds by War Front are also entered; Lynn Lodge Stud's lot 8, a half-brother to SW and G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 third Mark of Approval (Lemon Drop Kid); and lot 24, a daughter of GIII Orchid S. heroine Beauty Parlor (Elusive Quality), will go through the ring from Brendan Holland's Grove Stud draft. Her second dam, Moon Queen (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) took the G2 Prix de Royallieu.

Haras du Saubouas consigns lot 54, a half-brother to Italian Group 1 winner Shamalgan (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}).

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TRAINERS REDUCING RISKS, COSTS DURING SHUTDOWN *By Kelsey Riley*

While COVID-19 has ensured that absolutely nothing is business as usual, the permission of racehorses to continue training has provided some sense of normalcy to a business that has otherwise ground to a near halt.

While Britain's major training centres remain open, some conditioners have taken measures to ease the financial burdens on their businesses and those of their owners, as well as minimize the kind of human contact that permits the spread of the virus. Yorkshire-based trainer Ruth Carr revealed on Wednesday that she has turned out her entire string and closed her stable temporarily until racing is closer to resumption, while Newmarket trainer Phil McEntee has turned out all his older horses and kept just his five 2-year-olds in work.

"All my owners are happy for me to do what I think is best in the situation we find ourselves in," said Carr. "At this stage, I can't see us resuming in May." [Cont. p2](#)



Ruth Carr has temporarily closed her stable | racingfotos.com

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Other lots of note are: Tally-Ho Stud's Temple City half-brother to G1 Kentucky Derby hero Big Brown (Boundary) (lot 86); a son of G1 Preis der Diana heroine Silvester Lady (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) (lot 137) from Lynn Lodge Stud; and lot 146, a colt by Big Blue Kitten, who is a half to G1 Futurity S. victor Kameko (Kitten's Joy) from Church Farm & Horse Park Stud.

In 2019, the sale grossed €14,797,000 for 114 (78.6%) sold. The average was €129,798 and the median settled at €75,000. Topping proceedings was Ocean Atlantique (American Pharoah) at €1.1 million. The colt, who races in the Coolmore colours, has a win and a second from two starts.

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She added, "The horses are still getting full care and attention, they are out in a field enjoying the sun, but by doing this I'm reducing the footfall into the yard massively. For all you try hard to disinfect everything-- every sweeping brush, every muck barrow, every feed scoop, every gate, every light switch--the list is endless. People would come to the yard and mix with their families, by stopping that I feel I'm doing my part."

Carr has 55 horses on her books.

"The horses are getting fed well, four times a day, they are happy in the field and it's part of their normal routine anyway-- they are just not doing any formal exercise and they aren't being ridden," she said. "Because they aren't being ridden, we can reduce the footfall.

"I just feel that I'm doing my bit. I don't like to train--especially older horses--without a goal. They know their job and training puts miles on them physically and it's not great for them mentally."

McEntee has turned out the 15 older horses in his yard, with some soon set to move to land McEntee rents from The Jockey Club.

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Henry Spiller's string at the top of Bury Hill in Newmarket on Wednesday | Emma Berry



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So UNTIL we have a clearer idea when racing will resume all our older horses have been taken out of training ! But as u can see they're keeping themselves fit 🥰❤️ we've got 5 2yr olds to keep us going (sane even) for the foreseeable future @GraceMcEntee @KatieWebb07



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“They’re all officially down as resting at the moment and we’ve turned them out in a large group,” he said. “I have two or three paddocks in my yard to turn them out in, and they’re running around like idiots for half an hour when you first turn them out so they’re maintaining a fitness level, but straight away we’re going to reduce the training fees while the horses are having this training regime, and not only that but we’re saving money on the gallops fees as well.

“I’m fortunate that I actually have turn-out paddocks at my yard on Hamilton Road in Newmarket, but I also rent 20 acres off The Jockey Club Estates. That’s a six-month lease that I have annually because they’re only allowed to graze that land for six months, and it’s generally from May 1 through Oct. 1. But I’ve discussed it with them and they’ve kindly agreed to let me have that paddock a month early, as of Apr. 1.

“It’s a cost-saving exercise as much as anything else that will help my owners in the long run.”

McEntee said reducing training costs and eliminating gallops fees is “a way of helping everybody.”

“Most of my owners are small business people and their businesses are suffering themselves,” he said. Most of them are either shut down or not earning much income.

“I have only a small team; I have myself plus two employees. I’m lucky to be in the situation where I haven’t had to lay any staff off, because we are a small team.” **Cont. p4**

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He continued, "My wife and two of my daughters have either been laid off or are working from home. My one daughter does digital marketing, my wife works in a hotel and my other daughter has an apprenticeship doing recruitment. So all of a sudden all my family are at home so I have lots of extra help."

McEntee said for the most part his owners were also in a position to soldier on, but he shared the story of one that may have to call it quits as a result of COVID-19.

"I'm lucky that two of my main owners, who would have a few horses each with me, they—strange to say—don't have any children or ex-wives so they have the finances," McEntee said. "But another owner of mine is 76 and he has underlying health issues. He basically has to be shielded, as the government put it, for the next 12 weeks. He's retired a long time now, but his sole annual income is from a three-day country fair that he hosts every summer, and that's been cancelled. He has to stay in his house for three months and can't come to see his horse, so he's effectively said for now, and possibly when this is all over, he may not be able to have that horse in training with me anymore. And that horse won five races last year so that's a shame. He's just one owner, but it's the same for everybody."

"I train on the Hamilton Road and I'm surrounded by a lot of the smaller trainers and they have suffered. Horses have left their yard and they've had redundancies. It's a struggle. I'm one of the fortunate ones that I am able to turn my horses out."

"But it's the same everywhere. I have a brother who trains in Kentucky and he says everywhere he turns the meets are on lockdown."

Carr said closing her stable was also a means to help owners financially.

"If I reduce the fees to the owners, then hopefully they can look after me long term," she said. "If I can look after my business and my team by using the government's generous

scheme with the staff getting 80% of the wages, then I will utilise that.

"I'm looking at it as short-term pain for long-term gain, that's my new catchphrase. The sooner we all realise this, the sooner we'll be out the other side and we can enjoy our days at the races and the other things in life we've all become accustomed to."

McEntee has four 2-year-olds in work and another being broken in.

"We have five 2-year-olds, four of which are ridden away, and we'll be training them on a daily basis," he said. "My daughter Grace is a jockey and another girl, Katie, that works for me, and they need to be riding out. Grace was second in the apprentice championship on the all-weather this winter, and obviously she can't go and ride out in other yards."

Hugo Palmer, who operates a larger yard in Newmarket, said that he has turned out some of his later developing 2-year-olds, but that otherwise "95% of our horses are still working away."

"We've just kept in line with what the owners have wanted," he said. "We've sent out a couple of backwards 2-year-olds who probably would have gone to grass in a month's time for six weeks anyway—they've gone a bit earlier than they would have gone. A couple fillies we were going to try to get a win into before they were due to be covered, they've gone to be covered."

"Newmarket Heath remains open but we've all changed our practices a bit. We're trying to exercise the horses just in pairs and adhere to the government's social distancing rules as much as we possibly can within the template of our working day."

Palmer said if racing in Britain can start up again on the May 1 target—and, he noted, "that's a very big if"—not much may be lost.

"The whole season is going to be slightly truncated, but we don't know exactly by how much," he said. "It's often pointed out in this country anyway what an almost wasted month of the flat season April is. We start with that wonderful, exciting day of the Dubai World Cup and the Lincoln meeting and you think, 'here we go,' but then nothing really happens for two and a half weeks until you get to the Craven meeting and then the [G3] Greenham [S.], and things only really get rolling with the Guineas." [Cont. p5](#)

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Phil McEntee

Trainers Reducing Risks Cont.

“If—and that’s a very big if—we were only to miss April then I think we’ll have a) gotten away with it very lightly, and b) I don’t think it’ll have too much of an effect. But obviously each month that goes by that we don’t race affects the whole season, and the breed.

“It’s very different but the essence of what we’re doing remains the same, and I hope that will remain that way for the foreseeable future but none of us really know what’s around the corner. Everything is changing day by day, with Ireland stopping racing [on Tuesday], and none of us know when it might start again, although we dream of May but we’ll just have to see.”

McEntee said he has spoken with some of his cohorts about trying to be proactive with maximizing opportunities and minimizing risk when racing does restart.

“There is going to be such a backlog of horses ready to race,” he said. “I think we’re all fully aware that when racing does start back it’s going to be restricted and behind closed doors. I’ve spoken with a few trainers and we’re going to pitch an idea that we might have regional racing in different parts of the country to restrict the movement of horses. Because otherwise if we’re restricted to one meeting per day, for instance, horses would have to travel up and down the country.

“When there’s a clearer picture—whether it’s two, four, six weeks from now—we can react accordingly.”

The trainers concurred that it is important to keep perspective in such a testing time.

“In the grand scheme of things racehorses missing a few early season targets is a drop in the ocean compared to the enormity of what’s happening on a global scale,” Palmer said.

Carr added, “We have to think of people working in the hospitals, on the front line, and people that are going to lose loved ones. For all that racing is a very big industry, sometimes you just have to see the bigger picture.”

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I REMEMBER 1999

By Tom Frary

In the hallway of my house, there is a mirror and on it are the words “If things seem dark, focus on the brightest stars.” For me, illumination generally takes the form of memories, recalled as sunlit spells on the grasses of Europe, prepared for the sake of racing horses. Everyone has their tonic and mine involves conjuring up moments of personal joy and celebration of this particular sport. It just seems that, looking back, the final year of the last century holds more of those than others. When I was a teenager, Prince was already singing about 1999 and with the fear of the “millennium bug” hanging over us all, I’m sure many approached the year with a degree of trepidation. I’m pleased to

say that armageddon via technical glitches failed to materialise and I can now focus on what Hugh McIlvanney termed as the “magnificent triviality” instead.

Let’s get started. As context at the beginning of 1999, Godolphin were at least four years into their plan of world domination from Moulton Paddocks and it was going swimmingly, Ballydoyle was beginning to crank into persistent motion the machine that we have all become accustomed to, while the “old guard” of Newmarket greats like Cecil and Stoute still reigned supreme as the new world armadas assembling around them had yet to fully launch. Then there were the jockeys, the great characters of the game such as Pat Eddery, Mick Kinane and Gary Stevens who rode alongside the peaking new masters of Kieren Fallon and Johnny Murtagh. Eddery is one of several now departed before their time, along with Walter Swinburn who was also riding at this juncture but who was nearing the end of his tolerance for the havoc the profession had wrought upon him. As Don Draper pointed out, nostalgia is pain from an old wound, a “twinge in your heart”, but it is a necessary element of any recollection of this particular 12 months.

After everyone had just about recovered from the “annihilation” (to quote Channel 4 Racing’s voice of the generation Graham Goode, or “GG” as he was better known) that the Ballydoyle legend **Istabraq (Ire)** (Sadler’s Wells) had brought upon his rivals in the Cheltenham Festival’s Champion Hurdle in March, it was time for the flat season to commence.



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There was a twist to proceedings, with Newmarket’s Rowley Mile closed for refurbishment and so the 2000 and 1000 Guineas took place on the July Course. Godolphin, Ballydoyle, Henry Cecil, Barry Hills, John Dunlop and Peter Chapple-Hyam were all pitted against each other in the former Classic, in which **Orpen (Lure)** flopped for Rosegreen and Frankie Dettori cajoled **Island Sands (Ire)** (Turtle Island {Ire}) to victory over the strong-closing Niarchos colt **Enrique (GB)** (Barathea {Ire}). [Cont. p6](#)

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Cecil had the upper hand 24 hours later as Khalid Abdullah's **Wince (GB)** (Selkirk) landed a gamble under Fallon in the fillies' Classic and five days later took The Thoroughbred Corporation's much-vaunted **Killer Instinct (GB)** (Zafonic)--remember him?--to Nottingham to break his maiden. The Thoroughbred Corporation was the racing operation of the late Prince Ahmed bin Salman and the famous white bridle was brought vividly to the forefront a month later in the Blue Riband itself.

Warren Place's **Oath (Ire)** (Fairy King) was no superstar by any means and not even the best in his own yard, but on that first Saturday in June he was lifted to glory by the master of Epsom Kieren Fallon from the hoodoo stall one. Later entering into the rarefied position of being one of only four owners to have enjoyed success in both the Kentucky and Epsom Derbys, Salman stated on that day in June that winning Classics was "a piece of cake" and that "all you do is buy a horse and send it to the genius Henry Cecil!" Just a day earlier, his brother Fahd Salman had benefitted from the work of the trainer described by the late Jim Joel as having "green fingers for horses" as the brilliant chestnut **Ramruma** (Diesis {GB}) rolled to victory in the Oaks.

While all this was playing out, Aidan O'Brien was shaping the future within his own borders, sending out a remarkable 16 debut winners from his first 21 2-year-old runners in a seam of relentless quality unlikely ever to be matched. After **King of Connaught (Ire)** (Fairy King) had opened the stable's account in The Curragh's initial juvenile race of the season, the likes of **Fasliyev** (Nureyev), **Bernstein** (Storm Cat), **Mull of Kintyre** (Danzig) and **Giant's Causeway** (Storm Cat) followed suit. Fasliyev was the year's leading 2-year-old after emphatic wins in the G3 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot, G1 Phoenix S. at The Curragh and G1 Prix Morny at Deauville, but was injured and never made it back to the track. By the end of 1999, it was clear that the

2000 Guineas success of King of Kings (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) a year earlier was not so much an aberration but a gauge of where the winds of change were to take modern European racing.

In the face of this uprising, the "Boys In Blue" were putting their own stamp on the racing program via the exploits of that flying grey **Daylami (Ire)** (Doyoun {Ire}). His emphatic five-length triumph in Ascot's King George reaffirmed what a success the initiative's modus operandi was at that time. Obtain good horses from outside sources and enjoy as they hit the heights in the royal blue livery. On top-of-the-ground from summer onwards, Daylami was as fine a runner as the stable have had bar, of course, **Dubai Millennium (GB)** (Seeking the Gold). He just happened to be bubbling under at the same time as a raw but fast-progressing 3-year-old. For all of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's defining moments in the sport, surely his pinnacle came when stating after Dubai Millennium's G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. victory that he was "the best we have had" and "just an outstanding horse." That kind of boldness before the horse had truly peaked could easily have backfired, but just six months later the ill-fated luminary would prove him categorically correct under the desert lights.

Unfortunately, Dubai Millennium never got to meet his nemesis, at least in terms of status, in the scintillating **Montjeu (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells). During 1999, Michael Tabor's highly-strung but imperious bay skimmed through the tests of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Irish Derby under Cash Asmussen before Mick Kinane was handed the reins ahead of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. [Cont. p7](#)

Montjeu after winning the Arc | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

I Remember 1999 Cont.

In heavy ground impacted by a weekend of non-stop rainfall in Paris, he dramatically cut down the terrifically game and high-class Japanese representative **El Condor Pasa** (Kingmambo) in one of the great renewals of the autumn showpiece. The *Racing Post* adorned Montjeu with the title of “*The Assassin*” in the next day’s publication, which seemed to do ample justice to the mercilessness displayed by John Hammond’s pride and joy. I can think only of the same trainer’s Suave Dancer as having the same international regard as a French-trained Flat Thoroughbred during my lifetime and few would argue that he was not the better of that pair.

Other stand-out moments of a vintage year included the awesome flourish of Ballydoyle’s newly-visored **Stravinsky** (Nureyev) in the G1 July Cup at Newmarket. Looking as if he had just joined in passing the two pole, the extravagant sprinter crushed several smart rivals with a finishing surge rarely witnessed. I leave the commentary of GG to reveal all. “*Look at this! Stravinsky bursts clear--he’s annihilated the field! It’s Stravinsky by a mile!*” Still one of O’Brien’s best, he went on to add York’s G1 Nunthorpe S. to his tally while narrowly evading catastrophe as Rambling Bear (GB) (Sharrood) took a heavy fall in his immediate vicinity. At the same Ebor meeting, Pat Eddery took the reins on Ramruma and conquered the G1 Yorkshire Oaks to complete a treble of such wins for the filly after she had followed up her Epsom triumph at The Curragh the month before.

Despite the exploits of Ramruma and Stravinsky on the Knavesmire, Yorkshire’s annual August jewel is best remembered for the incredible emission of power from another of The Thoroughbred Corporation’s big names in **Royal Anthem** (Theatrical {Ire}). For so long prior to the G1 Juddmonte International a “nearly horse” who had promised without truly delivering, the imposing 4-year-old gave Gary Stevens the absolute thrill of his brief European riding spell. We all know how brilliant Frankel (GB) was for Henry Cecil in this race in 2012, but I defy anybody to watch the replay of this colt in action on that day 21 years ago and deny him almost as many plaudits. “This horse actually throws you back in the saddle with his acceleration. He accelerates more like a sprinter than a mile and a half horse,” issued Stevens afterwards. For good measure,



Royal Anthem & Gary Stevens | *Racingfotos.com*

the North American icon rode two more winners that afternoon, two potential stars in the 2-year-old **King’s Best** (Kingmambo) in the Listed Acomb S. and **Fantastic Light** (Rahy) in the G2 Great Voltigeur.

Royal Anthem’s York blitz was to prove career-defining, as at Leopardstown the following month he was brushed aside by Daylami--with Frankie gesturing to Stevens as he rushed by--in the G1 Irish Champion S. on an afternoon in which Godolphin’s pre-eminence was glaringly obvious. Over at a swelteringly hot and humid Doncaster, **Mutafaweq** (Silver Hawk) emerged from a battle royal with Ramruma to annexe the G1 St Leger. Such were his travails as he subdued the triple Oaks heroine, he almost failed to make it back alive. I was close by as he buckled and swayed, but anxious connections and course vets managed to keep him on his feet and doused him with water

to bring him back from the edge. That stays with me as a vivid testament to the effort these animals are capable of making for our pleasure.

I ask you, what didn’t this year have?

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IRISH RACING COMMITTED TO FIGHT COVID-19 AMID SUSPENSION OF RACING

Horse Racing Ireland Chairman Nicky Hartery admits the sport possibly faces its "greatest challenge" after the decision was taken to suspend racing until the middle of April. Ireland had been racing behind closed doors since Mar. 13 as countries around the world battle to stop the spread of coronavirus.

However, on Tuesday the Irish Government announced it was cancelling all sports events, even those without spectators, until at least Apr. 19--leaving the HRI board to assess the implications at a meeting on Wednesday. **Cont. p8**

Irish Racing Update Cont.

Hartery said, "What is most important is that as a country we do all we can individually and collectively to fight the transmission of COVID-19 and focus on our health, ensuring that resources such as medical facilities and personnel are allocated where the need is most.

"We have consistently said that racing's facilities are at the disposal of the Government. Yesterday [Tuesday], the HSE began preparations to use Cork Racecourse in Mallow as a much-needed testing centre for the virus--and the centre will be operational from tomorrow.

"Horse Racing Ireland will be working with the HSE and the Government to identify other elements of racing's personnel and infrastructure that could be used in the co-ordinated reaction to the crisis."

Hartery also acknowledged the financial concerns surrounding a lengthy absence of racing, but moved to assure participants that the governing body will do all it can to access support.

He added, "We fully understand the anxiety that people are experiencing. Together we are facing an unprecedented public health crisis, and the health of our people is paramount. There is also considerable anxiety around the worsening economic situation.

"We are very aware that the thousands of people in our industry are facing into a great deal of uncertainty over the coming weeks and months. I would say to you--rest assured that we are working on your behalf with Government to put in place the supports necessary to get you through this crisis and back racing again as soon as we are able.

"Irish racing is a resilient sector, and we have come through previous challenges such as Foot and Mouth disease and Equine Influenza. This is perhaps our greatest challenge- but working together, we will come through this too."

The HRI board reviewed the 10 fixtures which took place up until Tuesday behind closed doors, with strict protocols in place, and chief executive Brian Kavanagh believes those successful meetings may prove a help further down the line.

He said, "We have run 10 race fixtures behind closed doors over the last two weeks through the diligence of key stakeholders in the industry; key personnel in the racecourses, HRI and the IHRB staff; the Order of Malta and medical

practitioners; and the media. What this has proven is that race fixtures can be safely staged while at the same time offering some level of business continuity for a crucial rural industry.

"The vital experience gained from staging these meetings behind closed doors may assist us to return racing as soon as possible. For the immediate future, however, there are more important priorities."



horses exercising at The Curragh | Emma Berry

The board also agreed "a series of measures to support the financial, physical and mental well-being of industry participants" is necessary.

Kavanagh added, "Similar to most industries, the racing and breeding sector will have to look forward now. We will continue our engagement with Government around the supports that are available for the many people in our industry who have now lost their jobs and whose earning capacity has dramatically reduced.

"Racing and breeding supports almost 29,000 FTEs--mostly in rural Ireland--and a sustained period without racing impacts thousands of those jobs.

"When racing went behind closed doors, many staff including bookmakers, Tote staff, catering staff and other racecourse service providers stopped earning. As of yesterday's stoppage, many others--including jockeys, trainers, stable staff, media and many other service providers--joined that list.

"In the long term, a cessation of racing has major financial implications for racecourses, sales companies, breeders and betting organisations such as the Tote. Supports will be necessary for each of these areas, and HRI will work with all parties to achieve this."

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FRANCE GALOP FUNNELS FINE MONEY TO TRAINERS

France Galop will redirect funds collected from fines to trainers as a means to help cushion the financial blow of lockdowns imposed by COVID-19, *Jour de Galop* reports.

The fund contains of €540,000, and if split evenly among all 381 eligible trainers each would receive €1,417. France Galop, however, is giving trainers the opportunity to forego the aid to further assist those in need. Any trainer who foregoes the aid will have their share evenly divided among all others.

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RACING POST SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

Racing Post will suspend the publication of its printed paper following Thursday's edition. A letter to readers from editor Tom Kerr read in part, "Unfortunately, with racing in Britain and Ireland halted, betting shops closed, and our governments urging everyone to stay at home as much as possible to slow the spread of the coronavirus, we have been left with no other choice.

"Recent events have had an unfathomable impact on our world. We have seen harrowing pictures of overcrowded hospitals and overwhelmed medical professionals in other countries, and in Britain and Ireland we are bracing ourselves for similar scenes, while hoping the extensive measures announced thus far will forestall them.

"At some point in the coming weeks or months, when the worst of this disease has passed, horseracing will resume. When racing is back, the *Racing Post* newspaper will be back as well, filled with all the wit, wisdom, data and analysis that you expect from us. It is important in these dark days to remember that better times will come again.

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DONCASTER TO STAGE VIRTUAL RACEDAY

On what would have been its flat season opening Lincoln Day on Saturday, Doncaster will instead offer a virtual raceday, showing two past editions each of the Brocklesby, Doncaster Mile, Spring Mile and the Lincoln on its social media channels. The racecards for the event dubbed 'The Flat Is Back - Virtually' will be revealed 10 minutes before each race is shown. The event will also include a Best Dressed competition with a chance to win County Enclosure tickets.

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Auxerre winning the 2019 Lincoln | *Racing Post*

Doncaster's Head of Marketing Emma Rouse said, "I had a bit of an epiphany on Monday night. The Flat was supposed to be back on Saturday and we'd put so much work into it as a team and we'd had good advanced sales. We didn't want to lose that totally, so we thought we'd celebrate racedays gone by.

"We've launched it with a post today, but an event will go out on Facebook with an animation explaining to people how they can get involved. [On Thursday] we will launch the Best Dressed competition with the hashtag horsebound--rather than housebound. Hopefully people will dress up and there is the opportunity to win tickets to a future raceday before the end of December 2021.

"On Friday we'll show a piece to camera which our raceday presenter, Natalie Green, has done introducing it all, so we're hoping it's going to build momentum. On Saturday we'll show a virtual racecard from 1.30pm with all the runners and, using previous *At The Races* footage, we'll play the races out.

"Yes, there will be people who remember who won, but there might be some who've never been racing before who see it and fancy a day at the races when it's back on.

"We have no idea when racing might resume, we're obviously hoping the sooner the better, but if it helps keep interest warm, that will be great."



IN AUSTRALIA:

Corncrake (GB), c, 4, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Harvest Queen (Ire) (MSW & GSP-Eng, \$150,381), by Spinning World. Warwick Farm, 3-25, Hcp. (£25k/€28k), 2400mT, 2:31.98. B-The Rt Hon Lord Rothschild. *1/2 to Glean (GB) (Good Choice-HK) (Raven's Pass), GSP-Eng, \$575,429; and Helene Happy Star (Ire) (Zamindar), SW & MG1SP-HK, SW-Eng, \$1,059,323.



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HALLOWED CROWN HEADS TO TWIN HILLS



Hallowed Crown & Hugh Bowman | Bronwen Healy

By TDN AusNZ

Hallowed Crown will relocate from Darley to Twin Hills Stud in 2020. The son of Street Sense (USA), a dual Group 1 winner as a racehorse, has had 32 winners worldwide from 70 runners at the track including stakes-placed pair Big Hearted and The Perfect Crown, 22 of those winners from 37 runners are in the Southern Hemisphere.

With 18 winners so far in 2019/20 from 30 runners, he has the highest winners-to-runners strike rate (60%) of all current second-season sires and sits 13th overall on the second-season sires list with his progeny having won just over \$758,000.

He stood for Darley for five seasons and now transfers to Twin Hills, where he will stand at \$11,000 (inc GST) alongside Denman, Odyssey Moon and Smart Missile.

"Hallowed Crown was an outstanding racehorse for whom big things are in store. His first runners are only 3-year-olds and there are a number of his progeny who are showing terrific potential. This quality is backed up by his winners-to-runners ratio, which is outstanding," Twin Hills' Olly Tait said. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to stand another stallion of this quality on behalf of Mr. Eduardo Cojuangco Jr, who owns Smart Missile. Smart Missile has had a huge influence on the development of Twin Hills and we hope that Hallowed Crown can have a similar impact."

Hallowed Crown was bred by Gooree Park Stud and began his career under the guidance of Bart and James Cummings with a win at Randwick before winning the G3 Kindergarten S. at his second start. He then resumed as a 3-year-old with a win in the G3 Run To The Rose before a barnstorming victory in the 2014 G1 Golden Rose, the first combined Group 1 success for Bart and James Cummings. He suffered his first defeat in the G2 Roman Consul S. and then returned in the autumn to win the G2 Hobartville S. and the G1 Randwick Guineas.

With a Timeform rating of 125, he is the highest rated colt in the Street Cry (Ire) line to have raced in Australia, while his granddam Significant Moment (Bletchingly) was a half-sister to Champion sire Zabeel (NZ). Hallowed Crown's dam Crowned Glory (Danheill) was a Group 3 winner herself and was placed in a G1 Golden Slipper. As well as Hallowed Crown, she has also produced the Group 3 winner Needs Further (Encosta De Lago), who stands at Armidale Stud and has sired Group 1 winning Tasmanian mare Mystic Journey.

Inglis Easter Sale Moves Online

By TDN AusNZ

A federal government ban on auction houses has forced Inglis to modify its iconic Australian Easter Yearling Sale to be online only. Inglis released a statement on Wednesday morning confirming that it would need to make the sale remote to comply with new guidance on public events during the current COVID-19 crisis.



Olly Tait | SDP Media

"In light of Prime Minister Scott Morrison's most recent announcements and further restrictions made last night regarding the COVID-19 situation, Inglis is currently re-evaluating the timing and format of its sales schedule for the remainder of 2020," the statement said. "The Easter Yearling Sale will not proceed as a live auction but will instead proceed in an online format."

Inglis said it would confirm the details around the sale as soon as possible as well as the dates and formats for its remaining sales of the season.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Winning Method, g, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Out Of Egypt (USA), by Red Ransom (USA). Happy Valley, 3-25, Hcp. (\$312k), 1200m, 1:09.57. B-Mr J Cameron, Mrs J H Cameron, Mr W C Y Fan, Mrs E Oram, Mr M H Oram, Mr M F Tung (NSW). *Full to Rollout The Carpet, Ch. 2yo Filly & G1SW-NZ, US\$291,723.

NZ\$160,000 Ylg '18 NZBJAN. **VIDEO

Blooming Spirit, g, 4, **Spirit of Boom**--Pheebles, by Encosta de Lago. Happy Valley, 3-25, Hcp. (\$208k), 1650m, 1:40.74. B-J P Wagstaff (Qld). *Formerly Ask Not What. **\$27,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

Shouson, g, 4, **Star Witness**--Fille The Joy, by Royal Academy (USA). Happy Valley, 3-25, Hcp. (\$312k), 1200m, 1:09.36. B-A Stuck (Vic). *NZ\$37,500 Wlg '16 NZBMAY; NZ\$80,000 RNA Ylg '17 NZBFEB; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '17 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

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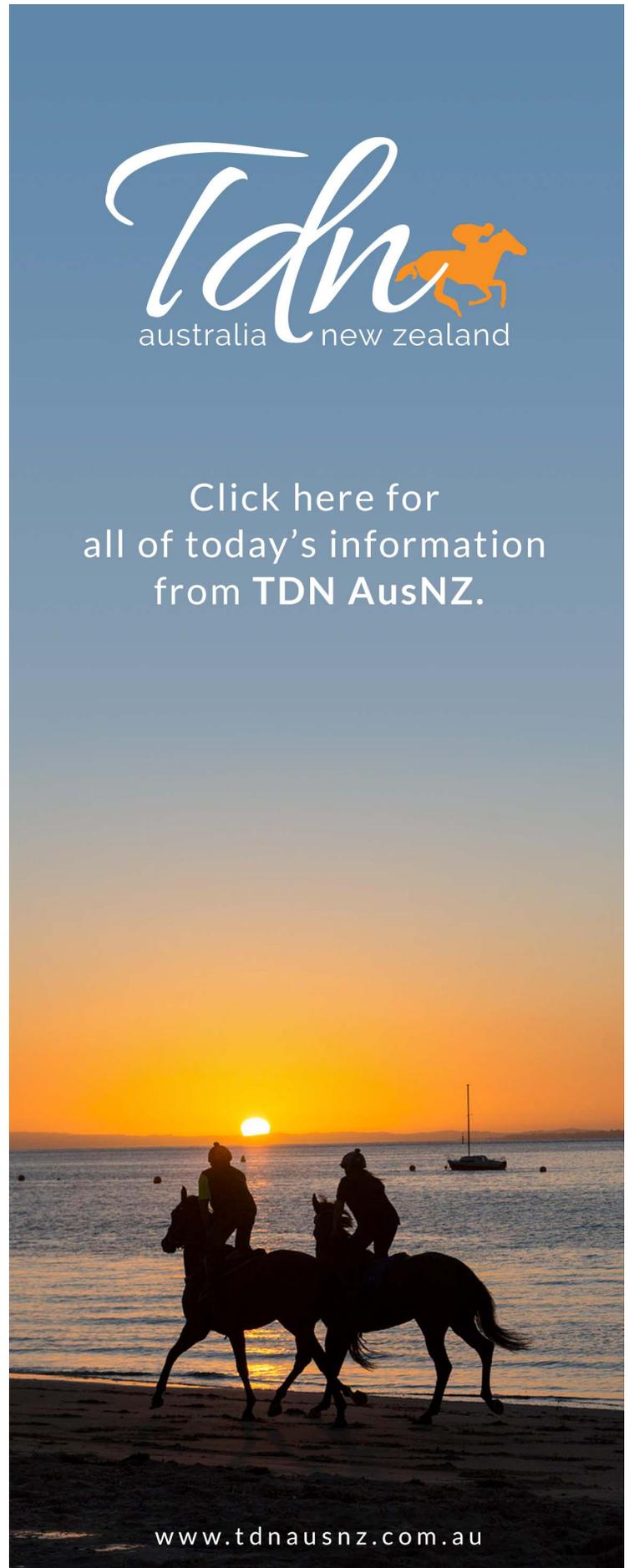
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