



SAUDI CUP PRIZE MONEY BEING WITHHELD



Maximum Security heads to winner's circle following Saudi Cup
Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

by Bill Finley

The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) announced Monday that it is withholding distributing the purse money from the \$20-million Saudi Cup in light of the criminal charges filed against winning trainer Jason Servis. Servis, who trained **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), was one of 27 people indicted after a wide-ranging FBI probe into horse doping.

The winner's share of the race is \$10 million.

The JCSA issued a press release Monday which read, in part: "JCSA is aware that Mr. Jason Servis, trainer of the horse, **Maximum Security**, the first-placed horse in the Saudi Cup, has been indicted in the United States of America on charges relating to the administration of prohibited substances to horses in training under his care and control.

"JCSA is conducting its own investigation in respect of the allegations and until that investigation is concluded, JCSA will withhold payment of prize money due to all connections of horses placed in prize-winning positions in the Saudi Cup, Race 8. This decision has been communicated privately to connections of Saudi Cup runners."

The release went on to state that the investigation has been slowed due to the coronavirus and that the JCSA will issue no further statements until its investigation is finished. **Cont. p3**

LITTLEPRINCESSEMMMA DELIVERS HALF-SISTER TO AMERICAN PHAROAH

by Christie DeBernardis

Littleprincessemma (Yankee Gentleman), dam of Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), produced a Tapit filly around 10 p.m. on Easter at Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Farm in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Weighing in at over 130 pounds, the filly was born chestnut with three white socks and a unique semi-circle on her forehead. However, the silver around her eyes and muzzle and flecked through her coat indicate she will turn gray like her famed sire.

"She was a very large foal and probably the longest-legged foal Emma has ever had for us. She is the sixth of her foals that we have delivered," said Lyon with the tones of a proud mother. "Before I went to the barn, I said, 'Let's see, this filly will be bright chestnut with a lot of white [like Emma's last three foals]. Everybody was laughing. When this filly first presented, she was darker with no big blaze and it became clear she had a lot of gray around her nose and eyes." **Cont p4**

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The Century Club! Snitzel (Aus) became the fifth generation of his extraordinary sireline to notch a century of stakes winners thanks to Splintex (Aus) in the G2 Arrowfield 3YO Sprint at Randwick on Saturday. The Arrowfield Stud star is now in pole position for a fourth consecutive Australian Champion Sires title. | Bronwen Healy

LASHARA PUTS HUTSON IN THE GAME

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Cindy Hutson came back from her first trip to Deauville with an American Pharoah filly and the pricey yearling purchase had the Kentucky native in the winner's circle Saturday.

STREET BAND TUNES UP FOR APPLE BLOSSOM

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Street Band (Istan) tuned up for Saturday's GI Apple Blossom H. with a five-furlong breeze at Oaklawn Park Monday.

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The Kentucky Derby may be delayed, but the countdown goes on with GI Florida Derby winner Tiz the Law (Constitution) leading this week's top 12.

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Saudi Cup Prize Money Withheld *(cont. from p1)*

The JCSA has been using the French drug lab Laboratoire des Courses Hippiques to handle the drug testing for its races. The JCSA also announced Monday that the lab found the presence of the banned drug cobalt in **Sun Hat (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}) following a race on the Feb. 28 card. In their press release, Saudi authorities made no mention of the results of any test performed on Maximum Security.

When asked for comment via email, Maximum Security owner Gary West replied, "I agree it is appropriate for them to conduct their own investigation."

The investigation raises the possibility that second-place finisher **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute) will be declared the Saudi Cup winner. She earned \$3.5 million for finishing second. In March, Jeff Bloom, one of the owners of Midnight Bisou, issued a statement in which he said he expected that Maximum Security will be disqualified from his Saudi win.

"At this time we are following the news as everyone throughout our industry," the statement read. "We are of course deeply concerned and frustrated of the apparent cheating and blatant disregard for the equine athletes that has been pervasive for all the accused in the Federal indictments."

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Smith, Ortiz Appeals Also Heard in Saudi

The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia has rejected the appeals brought by jockey Mike Smith against the severity and length of suspensions handed down by stewards for a pair of infractions on the Saudi Cup program Feb. 29. The Technical Committee of the JCSA did agree to allow the local authority of the appellant to determine the dates of the suspension.

Smith received two suspensions totaling 11 race days on the Saudi Cup program Feb. 29. He was handed a two-day ban for failing to weigh in following a fifth-place effort on one of the undercard races which also saw the horse he was riding disqualified to last. Smith was also hit with a nine-day suspension for using his whip "with excessive frequency and without regard to the horse's stride pattern" when guiding Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) to a runner-up effort in the Saudi Cup itself. He was also fined 60% of his share of the \$3.5 million earned by the 5-year-old mare.

The JCSA Technical Committee rejected the appeals "in substance and supported the original decisions of the stewards regarding the length of the suspension and refused to overturn the stewards' decision relating to the retention of prize money.

An appeal by jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr., who was handed down a total of 10 days for one ride on the Kingdom Day program Feb. 28 (eight days) and for his ride aboard Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) in the Saudi Cup, was also heard.



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Ortiz was also fined 10% of his cut of prize money, but his appeal against the sanctions was limited to the proposition that his days of suspension should be amended consistent with his position as a rider in the U.S. As with Smith, the Technical Committee agreed to allow local authorities to render a final determination.

In an unrelated matter, Smith's mount in the second leg of the Feb. 28 International Jockeys' Challenge, Sun Hat (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}), was disqualified from a 7 3/4-length victory and placed last for a cobalt positive. Smith added a second victory in the four-race series to claim an apparent victory, but the demotion means that Sibylle Vogt is the newly adjudged winner with 32 points. Mickaelle Michel, whose mount was promoted to victory in the second leg, moved up to second (20 points), while Smith's 18 points was good enough to hold on for third.

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Littleprincessemma Delivers Half-Sister to American Pharoah *(cont. from p1)*

The Arkansas native continued, "She has the most wonderful little odd marking on her forehead. It is like a little rainbow. I was laughing, saying maybe she came with her own tiara. She is very different looking [than Emma's past foals] in that respect. She is very tall and long and has great bone structure. When she fills out, she is going to be a big filly. I am very excited about her."

Lyon has kept all, but one of Emma's foals since she purchased her for \$2.1 million at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November Sale--with the lone exception being the first, **St. Patrick's Day** (Pioneerof the Nile)--and the mare's newest offspring will also remain at Summer Wind for life.



Littleprincessemma and her newborn Tapit filly | Jane Lyon

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“This is the third filly out of Emma that will remain in her legacy broodmare band here at Summer Wind,” Lyon said. “I have far too much emotion invested in Emma and I know that. A mare like her doesn’t come around often. [Farm manager] Bobby [Spalding] said I will probably never have another mare like this and he is probably right. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to buy her. She does everything right and is the ultimate mare.”

Lyon has tentative plans to send Littleprincesemma back to Tapit for the fourth straight year.

“The plan is to go back to Tapit, but I haven’t officially made a decision,” the horsewoman said. “Emma is 14 now and I don’t want to do anything to push her too hard. I want to wait and make sure she comes out of this okay before we breed her back.”

Since arriving at Summer Wind back in 2014, Emma has produced the aforementioned GSP St. Patrick’s Day, who sold to Coolmore and is standing his first year at stud at Journeyman Stud in Florida. The following year, she produced her first Tapit filly, **Chasing Yesterday**, who gave Lyon her first Grade I win as an owner in the 2018 Starlet S. and is now pregnant with her first foal by Curlin. Next up for Emma was the now-3-year-old full-brother to American Pharoah named **Theprinceofthebes**, who will eventually carry the Summer Wind colors. She was returned to Tapit the following season and had the 2-year-old colt **Triple Tap**, who is in pre-training with Eddie Woods.

“Triple Tap is with Eddie Woods and with all the questions floating in the air in regards to the coronavirus, Eddie is just giving him time. He is extremely happy with the colt.”

Last, but certainly not least, Emma delivered another Tapit filly in 2019, who is now named **Lasting Tribute** in honor of Lyon’s late husband Frank Lyon. Her sister Chasing Yesterday is also named in Frank Lyon’s honor and they both share their mother’s chestnut coat and flashy chrome markings.

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Jane Lyon & Triple Tap last summer | Christie DeBernardis



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LASHARA HAS HUTSON IN THE GAME

by Jessica Martini

When Cindy Hutson decided to upgrade her small racing stable a few years ago, bloodstock agent Deuce Greathouse suggested a trip to Deauville for the 2018 Arqana August Yearling Sale where owner and agent purchased a daughter of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah for a headline-grabbing €850,000. The filly, now named **Lashara (GB)** and owned by Hutson in partnership with Robert Masterson, graduated in her turf debut on her third birthday at Gulfstream Park Saturday.

Hutson, whose late husband Dan owned the Hutson Ag Company in Murray, Kentucky, first decided to get involved in racing some five years ago.

"I was visiting a friend of mine from high school, Alan Usher," Hutson recalled Monday morning. "I was visiting with him and he lives in Louisville. And they were talking about the horses and running and I just got interested and asked if I could partner with him. That's how it got started."



Lashara | Lauren King

Owning racehorses was a natural fit for the Kentucky native.

"I am from Kentucky and I went to the Kentucky Derby a few times," Hutson said. "The horses are beautiful and I grew up with them around, my grandkids all ride. I love watching the horses run and I really enjoy visiting the barns and meeting the trainers and the jockeys. It's just been a later hobby for me. I don't know that much about it, but I'm learning."

After racing seven or eight horses, Hutson decided to switch her focus to fewer horses of higher quality.

"I met Deuce through Alan and Deuce asked me to go to Deauville with him," Hutson said. "We went and of course we saw Lashara there. It was very exciting--I didn't realize how much attention we were going to get."

Greathouse was already familiar with Lashara's family when the filly (**hip 158**) went through the ring at Arqana. His family's Glencrest Farm owned her third dam Mrs. Marcos (Private Account) and bred and campaigned that mare's Grade I-winning daughter Zoftig (Cozzene).

"Zoftig was probably the best race filly that Glencrest bred and raced themselves in the last 20 years," Greathouse said. "She was pretty amazing. Obviously, it's a little further back in that family, but it's a great family, turf and dirt. You like sticking with what you've had luck with in the past."

Greathouse purchased the mighty Tepin on behalf of Robert Masterson as a yearling in 2012, and he brought Masterson in to partner with Hutson on the Arqana yearling. The filly was then sent to Tepin's trainer Mark Casse.

"I did not know him at all," Hutson said of Masterson. "He wasn't in Deauville, but Deuce called him and said, 'There is this beautiful horse here and Cindy is wanting to go half.' So he said, 'Sure.' He picked the trainer because he knew more about it than me."

Out of Marbre Rose (Smart Strike), a stakes winner on turf and a half-sister to Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) who is graded placed on the grass, Lashara made her first start sprinting over the main track, finishing a well-beaten eighth in Hallandale Mar. 15.

"We had to get her started, so we ran her on the dirt," Greathouse said of that first start. "Typical of a lot of good grass fillies, she worked good on the dirt. But a lot of those grass horses will fool you in the morning, and not really handle the dirt in the afternoon. She got the perfect schooling, though. She got bounced around a little bit, got some dirt in her face and obviously got plenty out of her first start. And then she came back and worked great on the grass."



Cindy Hutson at Arqana | Zuzanna Lupa

Lashara prepped for her grass debut with a bullet four furlongs in :47.60 (1/40) over the Palm Meadows turf Apr. 4 and was sent off the 8-5 favorite Saturday. Well back in the early going, the bay filly charged up into contention turning for home and closed stoutly down the lane to win by 3/4 lengths ([video](#)) over Champagne Lady (Uncle Mo).

“My granddaughter and I watched the race on TV here at my house,” Hutson said. “She pulled from all the way back and smoked them—she did a great job. We were really excited to see her win.”

Like much of the racing calendar, Lashara’s next start is up in the air.

“I think that was a very salty maiden race,” Greathouse said. “The filly that was second was a full-sister to [Grade I winner] Mo Town. I think Lashara is a graded-stakes caliber filly, but I think anybody who makes any predictions about where they are going next right now would be kind of crazy because we have no idea what’s going on.”

Hutson currently has three horses in training and is taking a wait-and-see approach to growing her stable.

“My plan is to see how Lashara does and see what comes of that,” she said. “If we sell some of these other ones, we’ll want to get another one for sure.”

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STREET BAND LOOKING TO ‘BOUNCE BACK’ IN APPLE BLOSSOM *by Alan Carasso*



Street Band breezing Monday in Hot Springs | *Coady*

Oaklawn Park, which continues to be Thoroughbred racing’s headline act in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, hosts the Apple Blossom H. this Saturday, the first of the track’s two Grade I events. While 2019 GI Kentucky Oaks victress **Serengeti Empress** (Alternation) figures a warm favorite off her course-and-distance romp in the GIII Azeri S. Mar. 14, trainer Larry Jones is hopeful that **Street Band** (Istan) can return to the same

form that saw her beat Serengeti Empress into sixth in last year’s GI Cotillion S.

“She’s doing well, everything seems to be on target,” Jones said. “I couldn’t ask for her to be doing any better than she’s doing.”

Owned by Jones in partnership with his wife, Cindy, Ray Francis, Medallion Racing and MyRaceHorse Stable, the chestnut has breezed twice since her fourth-place effort in the Azeri, including a bullet five furlongs in :59 flat over the Oaklawn main track Monday morning.

“We just let her do her thing,” Jones said. “She’s one that goes out there and she’ll usually work :59 3/5 or so, that’s her normal, customary work. She went in :59 flat, so she’s basically doing what she always does.”

Winner of the GII Fair Grounds Oaks and GIII Indiana Oaks last season, Street Band was a good third to Dunbar Road (Quality Road) in the GI Alabama S. at Saratoga in August. She took advantage of a fast pace in the Cotillion, driving past **TDN Rising Star** Guarana (Ghostzapper) ahead of an eighth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff. She endured a wide trip when third to **Lady Apple** (Curlin) and Serengeti Empress in the GIII Houston Ladies’ Classic Jan. 26 and Jones is willing to give her the benefit of the doubt for the Azeri. Well, sort of, anyways.

“She does not care for those muddy tracks and that’s kind of what we got last time,” Jones reflected. “Not that I think anyone was going to beat Serengeti Empress. She got out there on her cruising speed and was always going to be tough to catch. I know my filly does not prefer those [tracks], however she’s also a filly that’s run every other race and I can’t get her out of the bounce/bounceback system. I’m afraid if I break that system it’s going to be when she’s supposed to bounce forward.

“But this is her bounce-forward race. Her bounce-back race was similar to the Alabama,” he continued. “She ran third in it and then ran lights out in the Cotillion. We’re hoping that this will be it. We’re going to have a super big field and you have to hope we don’t draw a bad post. We drew a bad post in the Kentucky Oaks and we drew a bad post for us at Houston. Even though you don’t think of the six hole as a bad post, we still had the widest trip of everybody.”

Jones gave Street Band the better part of three months off following the Breeders’ Cup and sees a more grown-up version this year.

“She’s gotten a little bigger, a little thicker,” he said. “She’s probably a little heavier than she was as a 3-year-old, but she still isn’t a ‘fat’ horse by any means. She’s doing well and she’s ready.”

Saturday’s co-featured event is the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H., in which Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) is expected to shoot for a three-peat.

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THE TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR APRIL 14



Tiz the Law | *Derbe Glass*

by T.D. Thornton

Instead of “My Old Kentucky Home,” the new theme song for GI Kentucky Derby aspirants is now “Time Is On My Side” by the Rolling Stones. This week’s rankings represent a reshuffling of the pecking order in light of the Derby’s new Sept. 5 race date.

1) TIZ THE LAW (c, Constitution--Tizfiz, by Tiznow)

 O-Sacketoga Stable. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl '18 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-0-1, \$945,300.

Last Start: 1st **GI Curlin Florida Derby**, GP, Mar. 28

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Champagne S.**, 1st **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 1, 3rd **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30

Next Start: Uncommitted. **EquineLine PPs**. KY Derby Points: 122.

Sequel New York graduate

With a 4-for-5 race record and a pair of commanding graded stakes prep wins under his belt to start 2020, Tiz the Law was well honed to handle the difficult burden of Derby favoritism going 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in May. Instead, the connections of this \$110,000 SARAUG Constitution bay will hit the pause button and try to map out a game plan that aims for re-peaking in late summer.

Although “Tiz” regressed a touch in terms of Beyer Speed Figures from the GII Holy Bull S. (100) to the GI Curlin Florida Derby (96), he showed nice tactical improvement by managing to carve out a cleaner-than-usual trip after running himself into pockets of trouble in his previous three stakes attempts. In the Florida Derby, Tiz broke fluidly, enjoyed clear sailing three wide into the clubhouse bend, stalked energetically, and powered past the pacemakers at will, leaving the impression that his stamina reserves had not been fully tapped. Will he end up prepping for the Derby at Saratoga? If so, he’s undefeated there—but you won’t get him at 7-2 in the betting like last August, when he broke his maiden against New York-breds.

2) HONOR A.P. (r, Honor Code--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush)

 O-C R K Stable LLC. B-George Krikorian (Ky). T-John Shirreffs. Sales History: \$850,000 yrl '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-2-0, \$122,200.

Last Start: 2nd **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 7

Next Start: Possible for **GI Arkansas Derby**, OP, May 2

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 20.

Among the Top 12 contenders, Honor A.P. might benefit most from the Derby’s delay. This \$850,000 FTSAUG Honor Code ridgling broke his maiden impressively by 5 1/4 lengths in start number two at Santa Anita last October, but his 2020 campaign got stalled because of a January foot bruise. Coming off a five-month layoff in the GII San Felipe S., this John Shirreffs trainee ran a crackerjack second behind loose-on-the-lead Authentic (Into Mischief), leaving last year’s 2-year-old champ Storm the Court (Court Vision) and top-ranked (at the time) contender Thousand Words (Pioneer of the Nile) in his wake before galloping out on even terms with the 98-Beyer winner. Honor A.P. is possible for the GI Arkansas Derby (he had been aiming for the non-carded GI Santa Anita Derby), but there is no immediate rush to accrue Kentucky Derby qualifying points with the likelihood that additional qualifiers are going to get added once tracks nationwide are back up and running.

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

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

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

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

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Maxfield is another contender who had the traditional Derby calendar against him, but will now get the gift of an extra four months to properly recover from ankle chip surgery back in November. His last race is now more than six months in the rear-view mirror, but his 5 1/2-length clock-cleaning of the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity field at Keeneland Oct. 5 still resonates as the most impressive juvenile stakes race from last fall. This Street Sense homebred settled willingly, deftly wove through the pack, then bounded outside and swooped past seven horses between the three-eighths and quarter poles before opening up big in the stretch under light encouragement. After wintering at Palm Meadows for trainer Brendan Walsh, "Max" is now stabled at Keeneland, where he breezed a half mile in :49.20 (12/47) Friday. Walsh subsequently detailed in a *Blood-Horse* interview that he plans to have the colt ready to race by mid-May, although no exact race has been picked out to start what would ideally be a three-prep plan to get to the first Saturday in September.

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

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Peter E. Blum

Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$350,000

yr1 '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$331,200.

Last Start: 1st GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 7

Accomplishments Include: 1st GIII Sham S., SA, Jan. 4

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 60.

Trainer Bob Baffert has said he will back off of race-ready training for undefeated Authentic for the time being. This \$350,000 KEESEP Into Mischief bay would have started favored in the called-off Santa Anita Derby. Yet with 60 Derby qualifying points (fifth-best on the Road to the Derby list) and several of the stable's other A-list sophomores slotted for the Arkansas Derby, Authentic will now be freshened with an aim toward being ready for prime-time action in late summer. He was a front-running force up to 1 1/16 miles in early March, and the addition of ear plugs by Baffert in the San Felipe S. helped to resolve focus issues (veering in and out in the stretch) that this colt exhibited back in January. That Mar. 7 win (98 Beyer) was visually more impressive than Authentic's previous score. But the only two horses to run back out of the San Felipe so far were both beaten favorites in their next starts, including stablemate Thousand Words, who was 11th in the Oaklawn S. Saturday.

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



'TDN Rising Star' O-George Bolton, Arthur Hoyeau, Barry Lipman & Mark Mathieson. B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$65,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$700,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$753,000. Last Start: 1st **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14
 Accomplishments Include: 1st **GII San Vicente S.**, SA, Feb. 9
 Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, May 2
Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 50.

Foaled, Raised & Sold at **SIERRA FARM**

'TDN Rising Star' Nadal ticked off several boxes on the Derby contender checklist by winning the Mar. 14 GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn. He proved he could handle shipping, two turns, and a sloppy/sealed track. Most impressively, he sparred successfully through an internal pace battle that featured legit splits, and when the pack tightened behind him with numerous far-turn threats emerging, this burly Blame bay (\$65,000 KEESEP; \$700,000 FTFMAR) capably held them all off. Nadal will likely start favored on the first Saturday in May in the Arkansas Derby, a stakes that favorites have won in each of the last three runnings. Baffert has won it twice, with American Pharoah (2015) and Bodemeister (2012).



Nadal | Sarah Andrew

6) SOLE VOLANTE (g, Karakontie {Jpn}--Light Blow, by Kingmambo)

O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Andie Biancone & Limelight Stables Corp. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). T-Patrick Biancone. Sales History: \$6,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-1, \$196,310. Last Start: 2nd **GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby**, TAM, Mar. 7. Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 8, 1st **Pulpit S.**, GP, Nov. 30
 Next Start: Uncommitted
Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 30.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

I'm inclined to give an upgrade to Sole Volante ("flying sun" in Italian) since he was last ranked within the Top 12 based on reanalyzing his beaten-fave second in the GII Tampa Bay Derby. Closing from far off the tailgate is rarely the optimal strategy at the Oldsmar oval, and on Mar. 7 the six dirt races at Tampa were all won by forwardly-placed speedsters (five pace-pressers, one who led every step). By contrast, this \$6,000 KEESEP and \$20,000 OBSAPR Karakontie (Jpn) pinhook settled in eleventh, saved ground, then made steady progress to win the "race within the race" behind a 49-1 bomb who won going away by 4 3/4 lengths (99 Beyer). Since transitioning to dirt after starting his career with a pair of grass wins last season, this gelding ran a sneaky-good third in the one-turn-mile Mucho Macho Man S. at Gulfstream Jan. 4, then slapped around a decent GIII Sam F. Davis S. crew at Tampa Feb. 8, earning a 96 Beyer. Sole Volante had been pointed for a start in the Arkansas Derby, but COVID-related shipping restrictions will reportedly keep him from journeying away from his Florida base.

7) CHARLATAN (c, Speightstown--Authenticity, by Quiet American)

'TDN Rising Star' O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Frederick Hertrich, III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$700,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$67,200. Last Start: 1st **Allowance/Optional Claiming**, SA, Mar. 14
 Next Start: GI Arkansas Derby, OP, May 2
Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Another Saturday Afternoon Horse Sold by Denali
 Bred and Raised by **STONESTREET**

'TDN Rising Star' Charlatan is the only 3-year-old so far this season to earn consecutive triple-digit Beyers (105, 106). With trainer Bob Baffert pointing both Nadal and this Speightstown colt for the Arkansas Derby, one of those undefeated colts is likely to have his tactics altered to avoid dueling each other into defeat, because both have demonstrated a keen desire and ability to pounce on the pace from the outset of their races. This \$700,000 KEESEP chestnut has yet to attempt two turns, and while Charlatan's sire was a champion sprinter, his dam, Authenticity, was a Grade III stakes victress at nine furlongs.

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8) WELLS BAYOU (c, Lookin At Lucky--Whispering Angel, by Hard Spun)

O-Clint & Lance Gasaway, Madaket Stables LLC & Wonder Stables. B-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc. (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$50,000 yrl '18 KEEJAN; \$18,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-1, \$845,293.

Last Start: 1st [GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Mar. 21
 Accomplishments Include: 2nd [GIII Southwest S.](#), OP, Feb. 17
 Next Start: Possible for GI Arkansas Derby, OP, May 2

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 104.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

Wells Bayou wired the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby over 1 3/16 miles, and if you discount a seventh-place finish in a one-turn mile allowance in the slop at Churchill last autumn, his past performance record matches up with most of the heavy hitters on this list, with three wins and one second (beaten only a length in his stakes debut). This bay son of Lookin At Lucky (\$50,000 KEEJAN, \$18,000 KEESEP, \$105,000 OBSMAR) has been strictly a front-end force to date, and if he goes in the Arkansas Derby he will face a far stiffer fight for the early lead than he's ever experienced. His sire was the beaten favorite with a rough trip in the 2010 Kentucky Derby, and his dam-sire, Hard Spun, outran his 10-1 odds with a very game second in the 2007 Derby.



Wells Bayou breezing Monday at Oaklawn | Coady

9) KING GUILLERMO (c, Uncle Mo--Slow Sand, by Dixieland Band)

O-Victoria's Ranch. B-Carhue Investments, Grouseridge Ltd. & Marengo Investments (KY). T-Juan Avila. Sales History: \$90,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-1, \$240,350.

Last Start: 1st [GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby](#), TAM, Mar. 7

Accomplishments Include: 3rd [Pulpit S.](#), GP, Nov. 30

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 50.

Sold to Katie Cauthen by Blandford Stud for Carhue Inv., Grouseridge Ltd. and Marengo Inv.

A Katie Cauthen Pinhook Selection

After King Guillermo wired the Tampa Bay Derby at 49-1 off a three-month layoff, his connections said they were leaning toward training up to the Kentucky Derby without another prep. That plan sounded a little dubious considering this Uncle Mo bay (\$90,000 RNA at KEESEP; \$150,000 OBSAPR) only had one other win--a MSW turfer--on his resume, and he was quite light in overall experience. But now that the Derby has been re-slotted for September, "King G" could be back in the mix with time on his side to build up a more solid foundation. Even if you think that Tampa shocker was a fluke, there's no denying that this colt looked confident and well within himself striding clear on the lead, and the female side of his pedigree suggests staying power with Dixieland Band and Seattle Slew in the near branches of his family tree.

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

O-John Oxley. B-Clearsky Farm (KY). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$775,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 9-2-2-2, \$367,150.

Last Start: 5th [GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby](#), FG, Mar. 21
 Accomplishments Include: 1st [GIII Lecomte S.](#), FG, Jan. 18; 3rd [GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity](#), KEE, Oct. 5, 2nd [GII Risen Star S. Div. 1](#), FG, Feb. 15. Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 33.

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Enforceable is a deep closer with a robust stayer's pedigree, but his come-from-behind running style inherently invites trip woes. Thus, his overland fifth in the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby is not as bad as it appears on paper when you factor in that he lost real estate on both turns and couldn't get to the top two finishers after they chased each other all the way around the track. In his previous race, the split GII Risen Star S., this \$775,000 KEESEP RNA opted for a ground-saving go, and a nice rail run resulted in a traffic-free second. Enforceable is a half-brother to 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day (who subsequently sired DQ'd Derby winner Maximum Security) and is a full-brother to fellow gray Mohaymen (Tapit), who won four straight stakes on the 2015-16 Derby prep trail and was fourth in Nyquist's Kentucky Derby.

11) SILVER PROSPECTOR (c, Declaration of War--Tap Softly, by Tapit)

O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$50,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 9-3-0-2, \$719,718.

Last Start: 6th **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30, 1st **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 17

Next Start: Uncommitted **Equine PPs**. KY Derby Points: 21.

Silver Prospector continues to merit a Top 12 ranking based more on consistency and experience than raw power and prowess. His sixth-place try in the Rebel as the beaten second fave came with minor excuses in the form of traffic on the turns and having to eat sloppy kickback before again running into blockages turning for home, but the reality is he was punchless late in the lane behind Nadal when it counted. On the plus side, the previous-race company line for this Declaration of War pinhook (\$50,000 KEESEP; \$190,000 OBSAPR) upticked when the horse he beat by a length in the GIII Southwest S., Wells Bayou, came back to win the Louisiana Derby in his next start.

12) GOUVERNEUR MORRIS (c, Constitution--Addison Run, by Unbridled's Song)



'TDN Rising Star' O-Team Valor International & WinStar Farm LLC. B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden & James F. Miller (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History:

\$200,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$600,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-2-1-0, \$197,500.

Last Start: 4th **GI Curlin Florida Derby**, GP, Mar. 28

Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 5

Next Start: Possible for **GI Arkansas Derby**, OP, May 2

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 14.

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'TDN Rising Star' Gouverneur Morris remains a work in progress, and there is a possibility that he shows up next in the Arkansas Derby. He has shown flashes of brilliance (nine-length maiden win at the Spa last summer; a gritty Tampa allowance win just .02 seconds off the track record) paired with some so-so efforts, including his most recent fourth in the Florida Derby. John Velazquez really started riding him hard a half mile out in that Gulfstream stakes, and just like in his previous try at Tampa, this Constitution gray (\$200,000 at KEESEP; \$600,000 at FTFMAR) needed assertive handling all through the far turn just to try to stay engaged. He had some run into the stretch, but no true explosive rally. Like practically every other horse on this list, the benefit of time and maturity can only help with his progression.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Anneau d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro): GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up has been logging miles up at Golden Gate Fields; could be a forgotten prospect when he resurfaces.

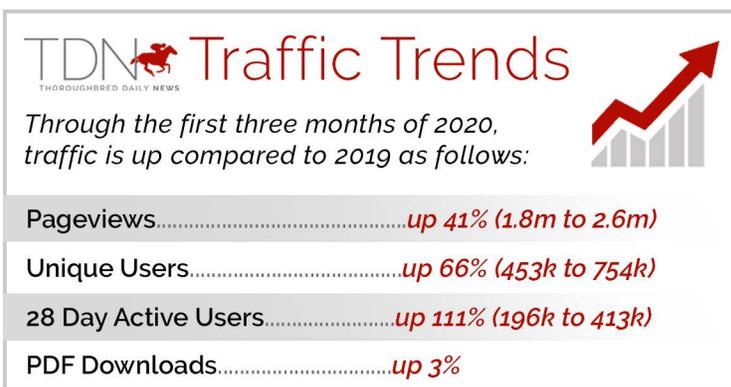
Country Grammer (Tonalist): This bay merits dark-horse consideration off a much-better-than-it-looks fifth in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Currently training at Payson for Chad Brown.

Edge of Fire (Curlin): This Ontario-bred 'TDN Rising Star' briefly made the Top 12 earlier this year, but when his connections indicated that both the Derby and the Queen's Plate were not likely targets because of time constraints, he got de-listed. He's since run second in a Gulfstream allowance, and again merits consideration given the revamped race spacing.

Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice): 'TDN Rising Star' won stronger/faster split division of GII Risen Star S., then was shelved with an ankle injury. The revised Derby timetable puts him back in the mix.

Sonneman (Curlin): Won a Belmont MSW and a Gulfstream allowance six months apart and fits the profile of a late bloomer with plenty of time to round into a top-notch contender.

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Owner/breeder Chuck Fipke has waived 2020 stud fees on his seven stallions in an effort to support small breeders in the midst of the global pandemic.

"What can I say? Small breeders will especially be affected by the economic conditions, and they are the backbone of this industry," Fipke said in statement released via Twitter through his consultant Sid Fernando Monday. "None of my stallions stand for more than \$5,000, and they are primarily supported by small breeders. Because I own my stallions outright and don't have shareholder responsibilities, I am able to do this, with the support of the farms where they stand. I'm passionate about this game and will continue to support my stallions, and I'd like to show my appreciation for outside breeders who do so as well in these trying times."

Fipke's stallions standing at Darby Dan Farm are Bee Jersey, Tale of Ekati, and Tale of Verve, standing at Colebrook Farms are Danish Dynaformer and Perfect Timber, standing at Hidden Springs Farm is Forever d'Oro, and standing at Daehling Ranch is Jersey Town.

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 Accomplishments: SP-Eng. Dam of Take Charge Paula (Take Charge Indy), GSW, \$451,700.

Cumulative Second-Crop Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Sunday, Apr. 12

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	5	12	5	9	1	2	85	40	945,300	3,636,025
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
2	Competitive Edge <i>(2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2017</i>	4	7	--	--	--	--	69	39	239,138	2,087,361
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>My Italian Rabbi</i>	
3	Tapiture <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	3	8	--	--	--	--	85	38	171,436	2,150,915
				<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>						<i>Axiomo</i>	
4	American Pharoah <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017</i>	6	15	3	9	--	3	92	36	692,500	3,694,307
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private</i>						<i>Four Wheel Drive</i>	
5	Bayern <i>(2011) by Offlee Wild FYR: 2017</i>	--	5	--	1	--	--	67	36	214,112	1,979,008
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Tempers Rising</i>	
6	Wicked Strong <i>(2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017</i>	1	6	--	--	--	--	77	35	113,941	1,684,521
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000</i>						<i>Forever Wicked</i>	
7	Liam's Map <i>(2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017</i>	2	5	2	2	2	2	61	31	371,000	2,212,028
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>						<i>Basin</i>	
8	Khozan <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017</i>	2	9	--	2	--	--	55	30	342,800	1,962,479
				<i>Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500</i>						<i>Liam's Lucky Charm</i>	
9	Palace Malice <i>(2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017</i>	4	6	2	3	1	1	79	28	709,500	2,406,212
				<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Structor</i>	
10	Carpe Diem <i>(2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017</i>	2	5	--	1	--	--	77	28	154,140	1,874,627
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Bella Aurora</i>	
11	Tonalist <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	1	5	1	2	--	--	62	25	311,390	1,776,116
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Tonalist's Shape</i>	
12	Summer Front <i>(2009) by War Front FYR: 2017</i>	3	5	2	3	--	1	58	25	405,156	1,571,491
				<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Ete Indien</i>	
13	The Big Beast <i>(2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017</i>	1	3	--	1	--	1	37	24	96,600	1,115,565
				<i>Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$6,000</i>						<i>Inspiressa</i>	
14	Palace <i>(2009) by City Zip FYR: 2017</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	49	24	104,200	955,372
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>						<i>Auberge</i>	
15	Commissioner <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017</i>	3	5	1	2	--	--	52	21	129,740	985,977
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>						<i>Island Commish</i>	

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7-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 6f, A FAST BROAD, 12-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$23,000
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Gray Meteor (Unbridled's Song), Paul Brandt
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 6f, A P METEOR, 30-1

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
130 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Will Rogers Downs, Alw 1m, SUGOI, 8-1
\$6,000 FTK OCT yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
246 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 6f, PUSSYCAT PUSSYCAT, 6-1
\$24,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$3,200 KEE SEP yrl; \$19,700 RNA
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3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080, (S), 4-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up,
f/m, 6f, 1:12.21, gd.

SHANGHAI SALLY (f, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Tiz Ground Speed, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$46,498. O-Bryan Hawk; B-Scott Pierce & Lynn Ferrell (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter. *\$25,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

 **LEGACY SALES GRADUATE** 

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Totally Tiger, g, 3, Smiling Tiger--Totally Worth It, by Congrats.
Will Rogers Downs, 4-13, 6f, 1:12.05. B-Thomas W. Bachman (CA). *\$40,000 Ylg '18 BARSEL.



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SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shanghai Sally, f, 4, o/o Tiz Ground Speed, by Tiznow. ALW, 4-13, Will Rogers

SMILING TIGER, Totally Tiger, g, 3, o/o Totally Worth It, by Congrats. MSW, 4-13, Will Rogers



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Saturday's Results:

9th-Fukushima, ¥14,360,000 (\$133,480), Allowance, 4yo/up,
1200mT, 1:09.1, fm.

DERMA KATRINA (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Ruthian {SW, \$212,592}, by Rahy) graduated two starts back at Hakodate July 13 and was last seen finishing a close seventh in a Chukyo allowance in mid-December. Racing one off the fence from the second flight of horses for the opening three furlongs, the \$100,000 Keeneland September buy crept closer on the turn, pulled out three wide

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into the lane, split horses to lead a furlong from home and held sway by a neck as the 32-5 third choice. Derma Katrina is a half-sister to Rutherienne (Pulpit), GISW, \$1,298,671; the latter's full-sister Ruthenia, GSW, \$339,635; and Ruthville (Afleet Alex), SW, \$148,518. Ruthian produced a Tonalist filly at age 23 in 2019. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$150,120.

O-Hiroyuki Asanuma; B-Payson Stud Inc (KY); T-Hidetaka Otonashi



4th-Nakayama, ¥9,680,000 (\$89,977), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m, 1:55.3, ft.

COSMO SEIRYU (c, 3, Temple City--Surround Sound, by Include) outran debut odds of 20-1 to finish third--albeit well-beaten--over this track and distance Mar. 14. Drawn widest in this field of 13, the \$15,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling was fifth and wide out of the straight and was trapped out three and four deep down the backstretch. Asked to take closer order with a half-mile to run, he traveled three wide on the second turn, poked a head in front in upper stretch and held on by a half-length at odds of 14-1 despite never switching leads in the lane. Breeder Janet Quillen acquired Cosmo Seiryu in utero for \$2,500 at Keeneland November in 2016 and consigned the colt in her own name to FTKOCT. Surround Sound is the dam of a yearling filly by Can the Man and most recently visited Wicked Strong. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$61,111.

O-Big Red Farm; B-Janet Quillen (KY); T-Eiji Nakano.

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LYONS READY TO ROLL



Siskin | Racing Post

By Sean Cronin

Ger Lyons's Glenburnie Stables enjoyed a banner 2019, adding to the 2011 G1 Cheveley Park S. success of **Lightening Pearl (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) with a first domestic Group 1 triumph courtesy of Khalid Abdullah's hitherto unbeaten G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Railway S. hero **Siskin** (First Defence), and the Co. Meath-based trainer is primed for the resumption of racing whenever that moment arrives.

"I'm blessed with a beautiful array of horses, I've a lovely bunch of 2-year-olds and a smashing bunch of 3-year-olds, and the team is very much led by Siskin," said Lyons. "We've carried on training as usual and, fingers crossed, we get up and running sooner rather than later."

Turning to Siskin, who was withdrawn from Newmarket's G1 Middle Park S. after turning over in the stalls, he continued, "Obviously, the [G1] English [2000] Guineas is up in the air, but he's training well and in good order. He has done plenty of stalls work and I couldn't be happier with him."

Lemista (Ire) (Raven's Pass) had her heavily-supported stablemate **Even So (Ire)** (Camelot (GB)) behind in third when the pair flew the flag for the 3-year-olds in the G3 Park Express S., the sole pattern-race event of the Irish season so far, at Naas last month.

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MOMENTS OF WONDER

By Tom Frary

Since the turn of the millennium, European racing has supplied several "wow" moments and every individual has their favourite. After some agonising I have selected, in my opinion, what I see as the top 10. There have been some big ones left out, so apologies to begin with. Frankel (GB) is in there four times, for which I make no apology, as it could have been seven or eight. Here are my elite in chronological order:

Dubai Millennium, 2000 G1 Prince of Wales's S.

Following his astonishing Dubai World Cup exhibition under the lights at Nad Al Sheba, Sheikh Mohammed's pride and joy went to the Royal meeting to face The Aga Khan's excellent Sendawar (Ire) (Priolo). The latter was a serious horse at the time and was attempting a fifth straight Group 1 win. Such was his status, the French raider was even narrowly favoured over his nemesis in the betting but at halfway was already beginning to feel the pinch. Jerry Bailey, deputising for the injured Frankie Dettori, let Godolphin's beautiful bay roll in front and by the turn for home Gerald Mosse was throwing everything at Sendawar. [Cont. p3](#)



Montjeu winning the King George | Racing Post

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SAUDI CUP PURSE MONEY BEING WITHHELD

The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) is withholding distributing purse money from the \$20-million Saudi Cup in light of the criminal charges filed against winning trainer Jason Servis, they announced on Monday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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“I ran Lemista because I knew she’d handle the heavy ground [at Naas], but I was worried about the trip beforehand. I knew she was training very well and looked very well so we took the punt. I was surprised how fantastically well she travelled through the race and she won going away. She’s a smart filly and comes into the reckoning for races such as the [G1] Pretty Polly and Irish Oaks going forward. She’s one that I’d suggest is ground dependent and would appreciate better ground, but I couldn’t imagine running her on fast ground. Even So got stuck in the mud, but she’ll improve for better ground and a step up in trip. She still has a way to go, but I wouldn’t rule out running her in the [G1 1000] Guineas just yet.”

Other talented fillies include **Peace Charter (GB)** (War Front), who followed a debut win at Naas in April with a second in the G3 Fillies’ Sprint S. back there in May and a third in the G2 Airlie Stud S. at The Curragh in June. She was lame after finishing fourth on her finale in a conditions event also at Naas in August.

“Peace Charter raced in good company last year, but we didn’t overdo it with her and she is training well. We think she might develop into a stakes filly and, hopefully, she can do that.”

Nurse Barbara (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) was off the mark at the first attempt at Cork at the start of September before a nose defeat

in Leopardstown’s Listed Ingabelle S. on the Irish Champion S. undercard. She was not disgraced when sixth in Newmarket’s G1 Cheveley Park S., her closing effort as a 2-year-old.

“Nurse Barbara was unlucky not to win her stakes race last year when she was caught on the line at Leopardstown. She’s a small filly and her size is her achilles heel. She doesn’t think she’s small and behaves like a big filly. She hasn’t got much bigger since last year, but there’s nothing to say she’s not going to have her day in the sun and win her listed race at the very least. Her work is suggesting just that.”

Yaxeni (Fr) (Maxios {GB}), a Niarchos-bred from the family of Hernando (Fr), was successful tackling one mile on her sole start at Cork in August and retains an entry in the July 18 G1 Irish Oaks.

“Yaxeni is a lovely filly and the type, going into the winter, that might be thought of as an [Irish] Oaks filly. She was a bit immature and took a while coming to herself. We were looking to start her off at [nearby] Navan and will try bringing her back in a 10-furlong winners-of-one race. She’s slowly, but surely, coming to herself, she’s training very well and, physically, looks good.”

Of the colts, **Camorra (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) took a Killarney maiden on debut in August before finishing a fourth in the G2 Beresford S. at The Curragh the following month. **Cont. p3**



Lemista winning the G3 Park Express S. on Mar. 23 | *Racing Post*



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ARCHANNA LIVES UP TO PEDIGREE

Pricy Snitzel (Aus) filly **Archanna (Aus)**, a three-quarter sister to The Autumn Sun (Aus), won on debut at Warwick Farm. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Lyons Ready to Roll Cont.

“Camorra is a lovely colt by Zoffany. He’s done massively well from two to three and I’d expect he’ll appreciate juice in the ground. He’s a 10-furlong type and has been training well.”

Juddmonte’s **Lough Cutra (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) was second at The Curragh in October and third in the mile maiden on Naas’s season-opening card last month.

“Lough Cutra ran well there [at Naas] in his first start of the season and that was encouraging. He appreciated the [softened] ground and will definitely appreciate a step up in trip. He’ll win his maiden, but time will tell if he’s any better than that.”

Lyons also gave favourable mention to the twice-raced maiden and G1 Irish Derby entry **Chiricahua (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), a €125,000 Goffs Orby yearling who ran second in one-mile starts at Navan, behind subsequent G3 Eyrefield S. victor Degraves (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), and Naas last term.

“Chiricahua is a gorgeous individual and probably the best looking horse in the yard. Being by Camelot, he was always going to progress from two to three and beyond. He’s a big, scopey individual and 10 furlongs will be his minimum this year. He is training very well and is the dark horse that could be a stakes horse in the making.”

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Dubai Millennium had already cracked him at that stage and was remorseless to the line, winning by eight from the German challenger Sumitas (Ger) (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}). This was one of those races which bare ratings cannot measure and it is just as remarkable to witness 20 years on.

Montjeu, 2000 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S.

It is hard to convey to those who did not serve as witness just how important Montjeu and Dubai Millennium were in this golden year for racing and there haven’t been two such brilliant performers around at the same time since. Sadly, the match we all wanted to see never materialised and no expert can claim to know who would have come out on top. Montjeu already had the “look of eagles” prior to this *tour de force* in Ascot’s summer showcase, which ensured his legacy. Described as doing just “three-quarter speed” by Mick Kinane afterwards, Michael Tabor’s illustrious 4-year-old played with Fantastic Light (Rahy) and Daliapour (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) in a display rarely seen. Not since Nijinsky II breezed past Blakeney (GB) in the 1970 edition had a horse won this prestige event while still on the bridle and that had come under favourable weight-for-age terms.

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Moments of Wonder Cont.

There was one 3-year-old in this race, the G1 Satsuki Sho winner Air Shakur (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), and he was just another left trailing by John Hammond’s megastar.

Sakhee, 2001 G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe

It would have been just as valid to put this amazing runner’s G1 Juddmonte International performance in the list, such was the brilliance of that seven-length success at York which preceded this examination at Longchamp. He had to deal with testing ground in France, as well as a clutch of classy 3-year-olds, so the fact that he made such light of the task in hand meant that his Arc victory holds sway. To these eyes, he put up what is still the best effort in the famed race this millennium. The G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Vermeille winner Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill) was in receipt of 11 pounds weight-for-age, but could get no closer than six lengths at the line. A magnificent horse who went on to be beaten a nose by Tiznow in the Breeders’ Cup Classic, this was Sakhee in his peerless pomp.

Hawk Wing, 2003 Lockinge S.

This was another rare destruction job in a prestige affair and an extraordinary performance from the horse who remains the highest-rated of all of Aidan O’Brien’s armada of stars. Drawing the energy from Where Or When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) with every crushing furlong, he exacted true vengeance for his surprise defeat at the hands of that rival in the previous season’s G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Jimmy Lindley said that when they took the sheet off Hawk Wing at Newbury he had never seen a specimen like him and it was that physicality which came through on this 4-year-old debut. Where Or When was 11 lengths back in second, while the previous year’s G1 Breeders’ Cup Mile hero Domedriver (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) was beaten a total of 20 lengths in a ruthless time-trial effort. The runner-up’s rider Kevin Darley opined that the winner would win a Nunthorpe and after this freakish showing, few would argue.

Harbinger, 2010 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S.

Harbinger had smart form entering this renewal, but nothing

that suggested he would inflict an 11-length defeat on a G1 Irish Derby winner in Cape Blanco (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and an even greater one on the likes of Youmzain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) and his G1 Epsom Derby-winning stablemate Workforce (GB) (King’s Best). How he did so remains a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma, but the evidence is there on film for the disbelievers. On this showing, he was one horse since the start of the millennium that could really have put it up to Frankel (GB) had their stars crossed.

Frankel, 2010 G2 Royal Lodge S.

By the time Khalid Abdullah’s great prospect reached his third start in this juvenile contest, he was already the sport’s worst-kept secret such was his elevated home reputation and pyrotechnics at Doncaster. What he did in this slowly-run affair was spellbinding. Held up at the back initially, he carted Tom Queally around the field in a stunning mid-race move in an



Frankel winning the Queen Anne | *Racing Post*

event that was little more than a four-furlong sprint. Covering the last three furlongs in :35.5 seconds, he hit the line with 10 lengths and upwards to spare over three subsequent group and graded-stakes scorers including the following year’s G1 Irish Derby hero Treasure Beach (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). “Oh my word, we have seen a champion there,” Clare Balding stated on BBC in the immediate aftermath. It may not have been rated as high as some others in terms of 2-year-old performances in this

era, but such strict measurements are in this instance misleading. As a show of power in a steadily-run race, it is off the scale.

Frankel, 2011 G1 2000 Guineas

If the previous year’s G2 Royal Lodge S. had shown what Frankel was capable of when presented with a tactical, falsely-run race, this iconic performance put him in exalted territory. Drawn on the other extreme to his potential pacemaker Rerouted (Stormy Atlantic), the Warren Place colossus just cut loose as Tom Queally took history into his own hands. We all expected something special, but he suddenly went all Tudor Minstrel (GB) on us. It was the first time anybody had heard widespread applause during a European Classic race and it is a moment which will outlast all of those either present or watching on TV. [Cont. p5](#)

Moments of Wonder Cont.

Frankel, 2012 G1 Queen Anne S.

If he had supplied us with one of the great racing spectacles in the previous year's G1 2000 Guineas, Frankel's heavy defeat of Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) et al had the sport's big thinkers reaching for new ways to explain the phenomenon. That a horse could ever be sent off at 1-10 in a Royal Ascot race seems ludicrous, but Frankel was a throwback to the pre world-war legends with no modern comparison. He was some sight in full flow over Ascot's straight mile this day and registered the third 11-length verdict in this list. It was the one that made *Timeform* re-write the history books.

Frankel, 2012 G1 Juddmonte International

Played out on a sun-drenched Knavesmire, this was Frankel ultimate exhibition and the shining hour in Sir Henry Cecil's guiding of the great talent. On a form basis, everything he had done before was marginally eclipsed here. The second and third Farhh (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), were two of their stable's best horses of the last 20 years and they were made to look pedestrian as Frankel blew by and on to a seven-length triumph. He missed the start too! This was a true moment of wonder and nobody will ever forget his legendary trainer's mix of physical frailty and spiritual wellbeing in the aftermath.

Pinatubo, 2019 G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S.

Rated the best juvenile in this era on this evidence, Charlie Appleby's unbeaten dynamo brushed aside his Irish rivals with a shocking show of superiority. Undeterred by slightly easy ground conditions, the son of Shamardal who was also a high-class 2-year-old swamped the smart Ballydoyle colts Armory (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never) to win by nine lengths. If there is no Guineas in 2020, people will talk for many years about the brilliant colt who was cruelly robbed of his crowning Classic moment.

Agree or disagree? Email Gary King (garyking@thetdn.com) to have your say.

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HIGHCLERE CLASSIC PROSPECTS THRIVING

Thunderous (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) and **Fantail (GB)** (Zoffany {Ire}) are two potential Classic prospects to look forward to this year in the Highclere Thoroughbred Racing silks. A Mark Johnston-trained Night of Thunder colt, Thunderous ended his juvenile season unbeaten in three starts, picking up listed honours in the Denford S. at Newbury in August. Also hopefully in the big-race picture for Highclere is the once-raced filly Fantail, trained by Simon Crisford.



Highclere's Harry Herbert | *Racing Post*

Highclere Managing Director Harry Herbert said, "I think we've got some nice horses. Thunderous had a little injury after Newbury--nothing serious, thank goodness--otherwise we'd have loved to have run again and gone to the Royal Lodge or Dewhurst or Vertem Futurity or something.

"Sadly we couldn't do that and now we'll just have to wait and see what happens, see when racing resumes and in what form. He is a very exciting horse. We've got a lovely filly with Simon, she won her only start impressively and I think he holds her in high regard. She has a proper physique on her and could be something, hopefully.

"We also have a lovely horse with Roger Varian called **Ascension (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), who won two of his four and is one of those who could only look better this year physically."

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Highclere Classic Prospects Cont.

He added, "We've also got some nice unraced horses and a nice team of 2-year-olds and we've got a lovely older horse too called **Durston (GB)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) with David Simcock, who could be very good. He just got beat at Glorious Goodwood by Sir Ron Priestley (GB) (Australia {GB}) [who went on to be second in the G1 St Leger]. He's got very good form and he's done well physically, so we're excited by him.

"Like everyone who owns a racehorse now, it's very frustrating, but the main thing of course is that everyone stays safe and then hopefully we'll all get going again."

Expanding on plans for Thunderous, Herbert said, "We were thinking possibly of running at Newcastle in the conditions race there on Good Friday, that looked a possibility for him as a valuable race with the conditions set up well for him. Either that or go from there to another trial or straight to a Guineas. He's quite a difficult one pedigree wise, we don't know how far he stays. In his races it's looked like he's going to be swallowed up and then he's kicked on and effortlessly found another gear.

"We just don't know, he's bred to be a miler, but with his style of running he may go further. He's very strong--a typical Night Of Thunder. He's a fantastic looking horse and could be very good."

Showing the regard in which Fantail is held, Herbert revealed the daughter of Zoffany could have made her debut at Royal Ascot.

He said, "That day at Chelmsford she was pretty free early on, and then won going away from the front, which I think is a very good sign. I'd be surprised if she's not pretty decent.

"Interestingly, Simon was considering running her first time up in the Chesham. She just got a minor setback, which probably was a blessing in disguise, but for someone as shrewd as Simon to say he was thinking of running a filly first time up in the Chesham, she must have shown him something at home. She might be a bit special. The plan had we been racing would be to start in a Guineas trial, either here or in France, and go from there."

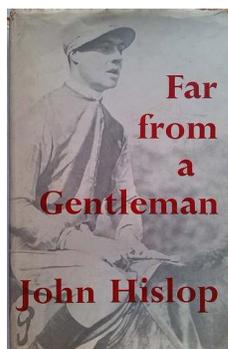
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Leading Fortune (Fr), g, 4, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Nayara (Fr), by Nayef. Sha Tin, 4-12, Hcp. (£100k/€114k), 1400mT, 1:22.16. B-Louis Baudron. *100,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; €385,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY. **VIDEO**

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Far From a Gentleman

By John Hislop

The racing recollections of the best gentleman rider of the inter-war period, *Far From A Gentleman* includes many amusing anecdotes of the characters and horses of that more leisurely time.

The companion volume, *Anything But A Soldier*, details John's experiences in World War II when he served behind the lines in Phantom, an offshoot of the SAS.

John went on to breed Brigadier Gerard, one of the best, if not the best, of the colts that have raced in Europe since World War II.

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HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SALE

POSTPONED A SECOND TIME by Alan Carasso

The Hong Kong International Sale, during which the Hong Kong Jockey Club offers to its licensed owners the opportunity to purchase race-ready horses it has acquired at auction houses from either hemisphere, has been postponed for the second time due to the COVID-19 situation in the Special Administrative Region, *South China Morning Post* reported Monday.

The sale typically takes place on the Friday before the BMW Hong Kong Derby in a cocktail-hour type setting in the parade ring at Sha Tin Racecourse. Officials at the HKJC tentatively rescheduled the event to Friday, May 8, but with a fresh set of coronavirus cases and tightened social distancing restrictions, the HKJC will now attempt to stage the event May 23.

"The plan would be to not make it a big show like we normally do, it would be low key and to the minimum with no frills," Jockey Club director of racing business and operations Bill Nader told SCMP.

Should the sale proceed, it will do so without the horses acquired in the southern hemisphere, as flights have been severely impacted.

"There are 16 lots which are here from the northern hemisphere, they have been here with us for a while," Nader told the publication. "The horses from Australia and New Zealand can't get in at the moment so they have been pushed back to the second sale which is tentatively set for July 3, but again that is touch and go. That is our target at this point and as we get closer, it will firm up."

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ARCHANNA LIVES UP TO PEDIGREE



Archanna as a yearling | Inglis

By Bren O'Brien

Archanna (Snitzel), the \$1.3 million three-quarter sister to champion 3-year-old and now Arrowfield stallion The Autumn Sun, debuted with an impressive 3.81 win over 1300 metres at Warwick Farm on Monday ([video](#)).

Trainer Chris Waller has had to be patient with the blueblood 3-year-old filly, who had three trials leading into her debut on Easter Monday, but hers was a debut worth waiting for as she overcame a pre-race scare then a wide run under James McDonald to surge away to the easiest of victories.

"It's something Chris does so well. He is so patient with these horses, working them through and running them when they are ready," Waller stable representative Jack Bruce said. "She hasn't been ready to run up until now, and I'm quite surprised she blew them away like that but at the same time, she's had a good grounding and has been ready to do it."

Wearing the Arrowfield Stud colours, Archanna dived at the gates before the start and had to undergo a vet inspection before being allowed to run. She then found herself in an awkward position, deep and midfield, but McDonald did not panic, settling her into a rhythm and then making a move as the field straightened for home.

"One horse kicked the stalls, and she thought it was go time and lunged at the front. Luckily, she got her head over and got away with it," McDonald said. "She's done a really good job today. Things didn't really work out in the run, she was pretty green, but I loved her last 100 metres, it was excellent.

"She has got a really good action. You can see the way she walks around, the way she stretches and extends. She will progress over a bit further than she stepped out at today and it was a really good starting point."

On the line, Archanna was widening her gap on the field, with Godolphin filly **Duenna** (Sepoy) and the Clarry Conners-trained **Stolen Jade** (So You Think {NZ}) dead-heating for second.

Bruce said a next destination for the 3-year-old was not immediately evident, but there was no hurry to step her up in class too quickly.

"To sit deep and do it on a heavy track is a very good sign going forward. I think just one step at a time for her, but it's good to see a nicely bred filly for some good clients win like that," he said. "The experience will do her a world of good. It's good she has got to the races now and got that confidence under her belt."

Promise to Go with Page

She was the top-priced filly at the 2018 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, costing Waller Racing and Guy Mulcaster \$1.3 million. She was sold two weeks before her three-quarter brother The Autumn Sun debuted with an impressive maiden win of his own, in his case at Randwick.



Azmiyna and her Deep Impact filly | The Aga Khan Studs



'20 Azmiyna/Deep Impact filly | The Aga Khan Studs

The son of Redoute's Choice would go on to five Group 1 wins in the next 11 months before being retired to stand at Arrowfield in March last year.

His racetrack efforts increased her residual value even more, with the now 2-year-old colt Foscolo (Not A Single Doubt), a \$900,000 Easter Sale buy for Aquis Farm last year.

He has had a couple of trials but is yet to debut for Waller. The yearling colt by Snitzel was initially part of this year's Easter catalogue but was withdrawn.

Dam Azmiyna (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift {USA}) and Group 2 winner Aranzan (Ire) (Anabaa {USA}), out of stakes-winner Asmara (USA) (Lear Fan {USA}). She returned to Europe last year, successfully in foal to Deep Impact (Jpn) with a stop in to Japan on the way home.



IN HONG KONG:

Good View Clarico, g, 3, **I Am Invincible**--Andromache (NZ) (MSP-NZ, US\$105,341), by Charge Forward. Sha Tin, 4-12, Hcp. (\$195k), 1200m, 1:09.47. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW). *Formerly Clarico. **\$750,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

Best For You, g, 4, **Not A Single Doubt**--Frenchs Forest, by French Deputy (USA). Sha Tin, 4-12, Hcp. (\$195k), 1400m, 1:22.06. B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd (NSW). *Formerly Forestville. **\$200,000 RNA 2yo '17 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

President's Choice, g, 4, **Redoute's Choice**--Shihabi, by Pins (Aus). Sha Tin, 4-12, Hcp. (\$195k), 1200m, 1:09.52. B-Attunga Stud, Geoff Walsh, David Epper (NSW). *\$100,000 Ylg '17 MMJUN; NZ\$100,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

Baltic Success, g, 5, **Exceed and Excel**--Madame Pedrille (MSW & MGSP-Aus, \$289,000), by Secret Savings (USA). Sha Tin, 4-12, Hcp. (\$293k), 1000m, :55.99. B-Pedrille Thoroughbreds (NSW). *\$180,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

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