



## ETERNAL PEACE PROVES WORTH THE WAIT



Eternal Peace just holds on at Gulfstream | Lauren King

by Jessica Martini

**Eternal Peace** (War Front), who produced a solid effort to be fifth in her debut at Gulfstream Park last March, didn't see the racetrack again for another 13 months, but she began to make up for lost time with a determined maiden score in her first start back Sunday at Gulfstream Park for owner/breed Robert 'Shel' Evans and trainer Roger Attfield ([video](#)). The victory came some seven months after the filly's full-brother sold to Godolphin for \$800,000 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

"She hadn't run in a year and Roger was a little worried that she might be a bit short," Evans said Monday. "But he thinks she is a top-class filly. We are excited about her. I just hope there is someplace to run her."

Evans admitted, with the breeding season in full swing, time was running out to get the filly to the racetrack.

"She had a couple of different issues," he said. "We weren't sure she'd get to the races. I think Roger felt some pressure to see if she was as good as he thought she was because the breeding season is here. And I did say, 'Look, if we aren't going to race her, I've got to breed her. We've got to make a decision.' So it seems like we made the right one."

He continued, "We knew she had talent. Roger has always been high on her and really liked her. It was just a question of if she'd hold together."

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## PROVEN STRATEGIES: SURVIVAL KIT TO HELP TRAINERS *by Len Green*

Last week, I was listening to the [TDN Podcast](#). The Green Group Guest of the Week was the **very successful trainer and four-time Eclipse winner Chad Brown**.

One of the panelists asked Chad if he was affected by economically by COVID-19, even though he had relationships with so many significant owners who might be able to weather the storm of uncertainty.

Chad's response was that "all trainers are being affected, especially the smaller to midsize ones."

That got me thinking.

I have seen hundreds of articles and podcasts on the CARES Act, but not one of them was specific to trainers and what options they had, until now.

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## NOTHING AMISS WITH BOBBY'S WICKED ONE

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Trainer Al Stall, Jr. said Monday that Bobby's Wicked One (Speightstown), who attended a fast pace in Saturday's GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. before being eased down the lane, is harboring no ill effects from the effort. "Not so far, he's had a couple of days off, but he goes back to the track [Tuesday]," the conditioner said when asked if anything came to hand post-race.



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## Eternal Peace cont. from p1

Evans purchased Eternal Peace's group-placed dam Eternal Bounty (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), in foal to Invincible Spirit (Ire), for 420,000gns at the 2013 Tattersalls December Sale.

Asked about her appeal, Evans said succinctly, "I wanted a Galileo mare. Patrick [Lawley-Wakelin] went over and, with Andrew Sime's help, they picked her out and we bought her."



Eternal Bounty (right) was also a close third in the Listed Lenebane S. at Roscommon in 2012 | *Racing Post photo*

Veteran bloodstock agent Lawley-Wakelin did plenty of research before landing on the then four-year-old mare.

"About seven or eight years ago, Mr. Evans and I discussed the possibility that, to complement his broodmare band, he should have a daughter of Galileo," Lawley-Wakelin explained. "At that point, I realized, and I am sure a lot of experts realized, that Galileo was just going everywhere and could only go up. We first looked at the possibility of buying a Galileo yearling filly. We went to the sales in Ireland at Goffs and we had gone to the sale in England at Tattersalls, the Book 1 sale. We were trying to look at all the Galileo fillies that were for sale. And we found that they were either going for astronomical money or the pedigree just didn't seem to suit on the bottom side. We just came away from that not being able to buy anything. So we then concentrated on the Tattersalls December sales."

Eternal Bounty, third in the 2012 G3 Give Thanks S. for the Coolmore team, immediately looked to fill the bill.

"One of the reasons why I liked Eternal Bounty was that she looked fast," Lawley-Wakelin said. "She is not a very big mare, a typical Galileo, with a great walk on her. I thought maybe she would be a little early and had a little bit of speed. My very good friend Andrew Sime, who is based in Newmarket, was doing the pedigree side of the deal and we were both looking at all the Galileos--both the yearlings and the mares--and we hit upon

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Eternal Bounty. She managed to fall into the price range that was acceptable.”

Recalling that purchase six years ago, Evans said with a laugh, “I was actually in an airplane flying to Canada on the phone. It was pretty incredible technology back in 2013 when we were just learning how to do that.”

Eternal Peace is the mare’s third foal, but her first to race.

“She produced a beautiful Invincible Spirit filly [in 2014], but unfortunately she never ran,” Lawley-Wakelin said. “The second foal was a Distorted Humor who was an absolutely beautiful colt. But he got very badly kicked on his tendon, so he didn’t race.”

Evans knew immediately he had a keeper with the mare’s third foal.



Evans and Tonalist | Coglianese

“She was a filly that I thought was a very typical War Front,” Lawley-Wakelin said of his initial impressions of Eternal Peace. “There was a lot of her sire in her, beautifully topped with great balance. She was just a lovely filly. As soon as she was foaled, Mr. Evans said, ‘The last thing I’m going to do is sell this filly.’”

Things only got better for the team with the mare’s fourth foal, a son of Claiborne’s super sire War Front, who sold to Godolphin for \$800,000 last September.

“He was the most outstanding looking yearling, both in temperament, in the way he held himself and the way he walked,” Lawley-Wakelin said of the now 2-year-old. “I loved him, he was a beautiful foal, turned into a very good-looking weanling, and an even better yearling. He had everything about him that would suggest he would be a good horse.”

Eternal Bounty produced a filly by Quality Road, a stallion bred by Evans’s late brother Ned, in 2019 and was bred back to English Channel. She is due to visit Into Mischief this year.



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While Eternal Bounty may be a relatively new addition to his 28-head broodmare band, many in Evans’s band trace back generations, particularly to Classic-winning sire Pleasant Colony who was bred by his father, Thomas Mellon Evans.

In March, the breeder was represented by a pair of maiden-winning fillies from the Christophe Clement barn, with **Stop War** (War Front) graduating at Tampa Bay Downs Mar. 7 ([video](#)), a day after **Smack** (Super Saver) broke her maiden at Gulfstream Park. Both represent multi-generations of Evans homebreds.

Stop War is a daughter of the unraced Shared Hope (Gone West), who in turn is a daughter of 1993 GI Ruffian H. winner Shared Interest (Pleasant Colony). That mare was produced by the Evans-bred Surgery (Dr. Fager).

Shared Interest is the dam of the Evans-bred 1999 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Cash Run (Seeking the Gold) and 1999 GI King’s Bishop S. winner Forestry (Storm Cat).

Smack is out of Playful Humor (Distorted Humor), who is a daughter of Colonial Play (Pleasant Colony), the 1998 GII Orchid H. winner bred by Thomas Mellon Evans. The elder Evans also bred that mare’s dam Meteor Stage (Stage Door Johnny) and granddam Northern Meteor (Northern Dancer).

Colonial Play is also the dam of Evans’s multiple Grade I-winning Marsh Side (Gone West). **Cont. p5**



## Eternal Peace cont.

Recalling his long and successful association with the 1981 GI Kentucky Derby winner, Evans recalled, "When my father syndicated Pleasant Colony, the syndicate agreement called for him to have to sell 50% of him. He didn't have takers for all the shares, so he forced my brother and I to buy a share each and then financed us to do it. So I had a share of him for his whole breeding career. And it was a good thing because he was one of the most underrated stallions that's ever been."

And generations later, Evans still calls on the stallion for that extra bit of help in races.

"When they come to the top of the stretch, I say, 'Come on Pleasant Colony, get them home,'" Evans said with a chuckle. "And he usually does."

Pleasant Colony came through yet again for Evans when he purchased subsequent Classic winner Tonalist (Tapit) privately as a yearling.

"When Mr. Evans bought Tonalist, one of the reasons that was factored into him buying him was that he was out of a Pleasant Colony mare," Lawley-Wakelin said.

In addition to the 2014 GI Belmont S., Tonalist also won the 2014 and 2015 GI Jockey Club Gold Cups and the 2015 GI Cigar Mile H. He was second in the 2015 GI Met Mile. Now standing at Lane's End and with his second crop on the track this year, the stallion was represented by a bevy of impressive winners before racing's lockdown. His daughter Tonalist's Shape won the GIII Forward Gal S. and GII Davona Dale S., and Alta's Award was second in the GIII Honeybee S. His son Country Grammar, fifth in the GI Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., had been expected to start in the GII Wood Memorial before racing was cancelled in New York.

"One thing that we all need to really pay attention to is what [the racing shutdown] is going to do to second-crop sires," Lawley-Wakelin said. "With only 'x' amount of jurisdictions running right now, it's going to severely hurt a number of these horses. Fortunately, Tonalist's numbers keep on going up and I think he's got a healthy book this year even in view of what's going on. Country Grammar, that was hugely disappointing for us, because I know that that colt was going to go to the Wood. And that obviously hasn't happened, but there might be a silver lining in that the Kentucky Derby is now in September and that has to play to the favor in a lot of the progeny of Tonalist. He's proven that he can get them on any surface. I think that he could be an outstanding sire and definitely, value-wise right now, he's definitely there for that."

Despite his years'-long passion for racing and breeding, Evans maintains a pragmatic approach to his stable.

"My brother, who was a pretty top-notch breeder, used to say, 'These are not racehorses, they are trading horses.' So yes, I'd sell all of them. I would love to make some money and I have too many horses."

With sales across the country postponed or canceled, trading horses has become even more problematic.

"I had a bunch in the 2-year-old sale in Ocala and I still have them," Evans said. "I didn't mean to race them, I would like to sell them. I have a whole bunch of yearlings I would like to sell--in fact, I've entered them all in the sale. I would sell them all if somebody would buy them. But they have to have a sale for that to happen."

With all the uncertainty across the globe, the Evans team can still bask in Eternal Peace's victory Sunday and look forward hopefully to the possibilities ahead.

"Her winning like that at a mile, I thought showed great determination, the will to win," Lawley-Wakelin said of Eternal Peace's maiden score. "I was really impressed with the way she settled, the way she ran and came up through a bunch of horses and just nailed it on the wire. I know that the Honor Code filly [Talking Book] was coming hard, but I know that our filly is very, very game. I think she could have a very good season ahead of her and it would be amazing if she could get some black-type. If she does, I don't care what economy we are in, she becomes very valuable."

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- The PPP Loan Program, which is very advantageous for a number of reasons. Aside from providing liquidity for payroll and other incidental expenses, it has a relatively "streamlined application process." While it's true that the funds ran out last week, Congress is nearing a deal to re-fund the program.

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- You can calculate the amount of the loan by starting with gross payroll and multiply that times 2.5 to cover the period to June 30, 2020.
- Include in gross wages any group health and retirement benefits. In arriving at that figure, remember to subtract individuals whose salaries are in excess of \$100,000.
- Review who you pay by Form 1099 as independent contractors. The interpretation of the law is that you cannot count them as payroll since they may be applying also and the government does not want “double dipping of benefits.”
- My suggestion would be to ask the contractor if they are filling for the PPE Loan and have them sign off that they are not. Then consult with your advisor to decide if they are payroll for your purposes.
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- The next step would be to keep track for eight weeks of what you are doing with the loan.
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- Look into using the Employee Retention Credit of up to \$5,000 per employee for the period March 3, 2020 to January 1, 2021.
- You can also apply for \$10,000 advance from the Economic Injury Disaster Program or even apply for their loan program.
- Go for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster loan of \$25,000, no collateral is required.
- Take advantage of changes that were recently made affecting the review of 2018 tax returns and prior tax returns to see if there were any limitations or losses that have now been allowed and can be taken retroactively in 2018. This could cover depreciation, business losses, etc.
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- Credits are available if you paid employees for sick leave.

### Disclaimers

- The Tax Law changes on a daily basis. As questions are asked Congress should continue to update the

interpretation of the law. Like the health rules, the financial regulations remain “fluid.”

- For example, the definition of what constitutes as payroll in the PPP section has already changed a number of times.
- Since these Laws are new, all I can provide is my interpretation as of now.
- Your specific situation should be reviewed by your advisor or send us a specific question, and we will try and answer it for you.
- Our understanding is that the current PPP loan program has been oversubscribed. That should not preclude you from moving forward with the application process, as we fully expect another round of funding to be implemented, especially if the majority of the country is still in “self-quarantine.”

### Some Post-COVID discussion topics

The above items will greatly provide liquidity opportunities for smaller trainers. Other future “Post-COVID discussions” should also include running restricted races for trainers who have less than 12 horses stabled at a specific track (maybe even a starter handicap series), establishing a buying co-op for supplies, etc. Anything that would even the playing field a little without forcing larger trainers to give up their client base.

### Bottom Line


These are some of the ideas many of my clients have talked to me about—many may assist you.

I am sure there are more.



If you have some additional ideas, mail them to me and we will summarize them, research the feasibility of them and hope to publish them in the near future. Feel free to email us at [mail@greenco.com](mailto:mail@greenco.com) or if you would prefer to speak directly to a tax consultant, please call Len Green at (848) 212-4002, Jim Benkoil at (732) 510-1422, Karlene Bauer at (732) 510-1434 or Dianne Sellmeyer at (732) 510-1435.

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## ST. ELIAS TO FUND RESEARCH ON BISPHOSPHONATES

Vinnie and Teresa Viola's St. Elias Stables will sponsor a research project to help develop alternate methods for detection of bisphosphonates in Thoroughbreds, the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced Monday. This gift was made following an appeal by Grayson, the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTC), and the American Association of Equine Practitioners in June 2019 for research proposals to investigate bisphosphonate administration in racehorses and young racing prospects intended for sale at public auction. The research will be based at the University of California-Davis K. L. Maddy Equine Pharmacology Lab.

"The use of bisphosphonates on young racehorses has been a topic of concern in recent years, which is why we made a special call for research proposals last spring," said Dell Hancock, chairman of Grayson. "We are thankful to Vinnie and Teresa for their support of this project and for recognizing the importance of this research in promoting equine safety and welfare."

The Violas started purchasing racehorses in the late 1990s and eventually formed St. Elias Stables, which, together with Teresa Viola Racing Stables, has won the GI Kentucky Derby with Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), the GI Breeders' Cup Classic with Vino Rosso (Curlin), and the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile with Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), among other major stakes races. Vinnie Viola was elected to The Jockey Club's board of stewards in August 2019.

"As owners of Thoroughbred racehorses, we believe that medications that are harmful to a young horse's skeletal system should never be administered off-label and that buyers should be able to test for the presence of such substances when purchasing horses," said Vinnie Viola. "We are proud to support research that will enhance detection methods."

Grayson's slate of research projects for 2020 includes a study regarding bisphosphonates, "Bisphosphonates and Fatal Musculoskeletal Injury." Based at Cornell University, this study is being supported by the RMTC and the Klein Family Foundation.

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## NOTHING AMISS WITH BOBBY'S WICKED ONE FOLLOWING COUNT FLEET *by Alan Carasso*



**Bobby's Wicked One winning the 2019 GIII Commonwealth S. at Keeneland | Coady**

Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables Inc.'s **Bobby's Wicked One** (Speightstown), who was eased home last of 11 as the 9-2 fourth choice after attending a hot early pace in Saturday's GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. at Oaklawn, has emerged none the worse for wear from the effort, trainer Al Stall, Jr. said Monday.

"Not so far, he's had a couple of days off, but he goes back to the track [Tuesday]," the conditioner said when asked if anything came to hand post-race. "He will throw in a clunker sometimes. He trained well at Oaklawn, he had three breezes there and they were all very satisfactory. [Jockey] Miguel [Mena] said 100 yards out of the gate he had his head all twisted and just wasn't comfortable at all. Right now we'll draw a line through it unless something comes up over the next few days. He scoped clean after the race and he was cooled out walking the shedrow."

Winner of the GIII Commonwealth S. and runner-up to eventual Eclipse Award winner Mitole (Eskendereya) in the GI Churchill Downs S. last year, Bobby's Wicked One was below par in his next two, finishing eighth in a lone turf try in the Mighty Beau S. in June and in the Bet on Sunshine S. back on the main track in November. He maintained a perfect four-for-four record in dirt sprints at the Fair Grounds with facile successes against short fields in the Thanksgiving Classic Nov. 18 and in the Duncan F. Kenner S. Jan. 18. Cont. p9

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Stall added that stable star **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike) is doing "very well" since his 3/4-length victory in the Apr. 11 Oaklawn Mile S. and has been galloping routinely over the Oaklawn main track.

Both Bobby's Wicked One and Tom's d'Etat will remain in Hot Springs until the Churchill backstretch opens, tentatively set for Apr. 28. Bobby's Wicked One is being pointed to the \$125,000 Aristides S. May 30, while Tom's d'Etat is penciled in for the \$150,000 Blame S. on the same program, assuming racing goes forward.

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#### EVAN FERRARO, RECRUITING & MARKETING MANAGER, FASIG-TIPTON

##### **Favorite: Songbird**

The two-time Fasig-Tipton sales graduate has been a personal favorite of mine since first seeing her as a yearling. Back in 2014, my friend and Fasig-Tipton colleague Dennis Lynch returned from a yearling inspection trip in California raving about a Medaglia d'Oro filly he had accepted for our Saratoga Sale. Whenever Dennis talks up a horse, you better listen, as he is one of the best judges around. That filly turned out to be Songbird.

Songbird was easy to fall for, showing like a queen at Saratoga where she was purchased by Rick Porter. She would go on to win her first 11 starts by a combined 60 lengths, and a retire a two-time Eclipse Award Champion, Breeders' Cup Champion, and nine-time Grade I winner of \$4.6 million. It was especially gratifying to be a part of her subsequent sale at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, where she sold for \$9.5 million. She will always be a personal favorite for many reasons.



**Songbird** | Sarah Andrew

##### **Best: Secretariat**

I unfortunately never saw him run in person, but I've watched all his races and read about him extensively. At two, he was named Horse of the Year--an incredible feat in itself. At three, he captured the 1973 Triple Crown with track records in both the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont S., records that still stand today. A teletimer malfunction in the Preakness left his final time in that race up to debate, but many contend that he set a new track record there, too. And, not to mention, he won the Belmont by 31 lengths. Who does that?

#### ALAN CARASSO, MANAGING EDITOR, TDN

##### **Favorite: Blind Luck**

In the late 2000s, I had the privilege of doing some work for David Moore, who campaigned the one-eyed, blue-collar Pollard's Vision, in helping him to monitor the sire's early progeny.

Among those was a similarly blue-collar filly out of a Best of Luck mare bred by Fairlawn Farm, an \$11,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling purchase by Juvenal Diaz's Omega Farm and bought back by Diaz for \$10,000 at OBS April the following spring. She paid nearly \$14 when she won her maiden by better than 13 lengths a few months later at Calder, an effort that caught the eye of Jerry Hollendorfer. She would go on to win the GI Oak Leaf S. and, in arguably the performance of the year by a juvenile filly (ask Vic Stauffer what he thought), the GI Hollywood Starlet S. A narrow third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies cost her a championship.

Those were the days of synthetics in California, but she reaffirmed her affinity for a conventional dirt surface with a much-the-best score in the GII Fantasy S. in Hot Springs in April 2010.

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Favored on the first Friday in May, the blaze-faced chestnut was far back early on, but came with a miraculous mid-track rally to best Evening Jewel by a zop. Or a half-zop. I was home working that afternoon, I recall it was a warm day. The windows were open. Still feel sorry for my neighbors. Blind Luck would go on to defeat a certain Havre de Grace (Saint Liam) in the GII Delaware Oaks and again in the GI Alabama S. before giving her a ridiculous amount of weight when going down by a neck in the GII Cotillion S. She was second in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, ahead of Havre de Grace, and should have been a unanimous Eclipse winner. A single vote was cast for No Such Word. I'll bite my tongue.



Blind Luck (outside) and Havre de Grace | Coglianese

Havre de Grace was the queen of the hill throughout most of 2011, easily besting Blind Luck in the GIII Azeri S. That year's GII Delaware H. is undoubtedly the most exciting race I've ever seen, as the two rivals locked up down the Delaware stretch, neither giving an inch before Blind Luck got her nose down first. I think I'm still hoarse. Of their six head-to-head meetings, the margin between the two was a neck or a nose on four occasions. Blind Luck was the only female to take down the colors of the eventual Horse of the Year that season.

It's a Hall of Fame-worthy resume, in my admittedly biased estimation. Should that happen, I'm sure there will be a tear or two shed in her honor.

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Andrea Branchini

**10th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.96, sy.**

**MERNEITH (f, 3, American Pharoah--Flattermewithroses {SW}, by Flatter)**

With American Pharoah and Cairo Prince around, one would naturally expect Egyptian choices to be popular in the naming of horses, but the name of Oaklawn winner MERNEITH is really outstanding and fitting. She is a filly by American Pharoah and, "Merneith may have been the first female pharaoh and the earliest queen regnant in recorded history", according to Wikipedia. Please note the slight difference in the spelling of the designation of the king of Ancient Egypt in the previous sentence. The correct spelling is "pharaoh" and the Jockey Club did pick up the discrepancy at the time of the naming of the Triple Crown winner, we are told, but it was decided by the owners to leave letters as they were. The supposed superstition about not changing horses' names has been around for a long time, but in the case in question, a superstition is a superstition no more when things turn out so good. All's well what ends well.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 8	6	6	4	4	2	2	105	34	483,588	2,159,296
										Con Te Partiro	
2	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	4	5	2	3	1	1	138	49	1,295,707	4,437,692
										Mozu Superflare	
3	<b>Mucho Macho Man</b> (2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016 Crops: 3	1	2	1	2	1	1	44	14	3,162,000	3,605,390
										Mucho Gusto	
4	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> (1998) by Machiavellian FYR: 2004 Crops: 12	1	4	1	2	1	1	54	12	688,440	1,487,491
										Zulu Alpha	
5	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017 Crops: 2	3	6	2	4	1	1	60	16	598,300	1,439,098
										Tiz the Law	
6	<b>Elusive Quality</b> (1993) by Gone West FYR: 2000 Crops: 19	2	3	1	1	1	1	59	13	634,200	1,025,517
										Ce Ce	
7	<b>Midnight Lute</b> (2003) by Real Quiet FYR: 2010 Crops: 9	3	6	2	2	--	1	100	29	3,500,000	4,739,017
										Midnight Bisou	
8	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	5	14	5	12	--	--	159	36	1,000,000	4,555,714
										Tacitus	
9	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	1	6	1	5	--	--	126	27	3,172,650	4,549,735
										Golden Sixty (Aus)	
10	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 9	12	26	5	9	--	--	221	59	300,000	3,976,876
										Authentic	
11	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 9	6	16	3	10	--	1	171	52	390,000	3,137,551
										Gladiator King	
12	<b>I'll Have Another</b> (2009) by Flower Alley FYR: 2014 Crops: 5	1	1	--	--	--	--	158	48	330,412	2,975,042
										Another Truth (Jpn)	
13	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 6	5	11	5	7	--	--	149	53	377,400	2,914,242
										Modernist	
14	<b>Empire Maker</b> (2000) by Unbridled FYR: 2005 Crops: 14	1	3	--	1	--	--	160	38	239,744	2,653,232
										Eternite (Jpn)	
15	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 7	7	10	5	6	--	--	144	45	300,000	2,485,890
										Warrior's Charge	

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**Zippy Racer**, g, 3, **City Zip**--Espial, by Banker's Gold. Nakayama, 4-19, Maiden (\$90k), 1200m, 1:10.7. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$65,741. O-Makio Okada; B-Monticule (KY); T Noboru Takagi. \*\$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**Saimon Harold**, c, 3, **Maclean's Music**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan.'

**Make Happy**, f, 4, **Square Eddie**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan.'

**Baskerville**, h, 6, **Bernardini**--Divalarious (SP), by Distorted Humor. Nakayama, 4-18, Allowance (\$270k), 1800m, 1:50.2. Lifetime Record: 21-3-4-3, \$520,556. O-Godolphin; B-Tenth Street Stables LLC & Darley (KY); T Yukihiro Kato. \*Won by four lengths. \*\*\$375,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.



**Beau Sancy**, h, 7, **Tiz Wonderful**--Izzy Kate, by The Cliff's Edge. Fukushima, 4-18, Allowance (\$271k), 1150m, 1:07.7. Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-0, \$398,519. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, Albert & Joyce Bell, BGHA#1LLC & R-Cher F (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe. \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '14 KEEJAN; \$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.



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**Queen's V V (Jpn)**, f, 3, **Honor Code**--V V Goodnight (GSP, \$116,835), by Midnight Lute. Hanshin, 4-18, Maiden (\$90k), 7f, 1:25.2. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$57,407. O-Kazuhiro Kameda; B-Kosho Farm; T-K Nonaka. \*\$360,000 in utero '16 KEENOV.



## Saturday's Results:

**10th-Nakayama**, ¥34,910,000 (\$324,322), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.7, sy.

**MAKE HAPPY** (f, 4, **Square Eddie**--Silar Rules, by Ten Most Wanted) bested the boys in the 2018 Cattlea Sho--the first leg of the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby--and was looking to go one better off a course-and-distance second Mar. 22. The 11-10 chalk to return to winning ways, the full-sister to Ralis, GISW, \$426,138; and B Squared, MSW & MGSP, \$449,948, settled in a staking third and was forced to make a bit of an early move to hold her spot a half-mile from home. Poised to pounce three deep into the stretch, she grabbed command inside the final 200 meters and edged clear to score by 1 3/4 lengths. The dam of a 2-year-old full-brother to Make Happy, Silar Rules was most recently covered by this breeder's GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist. Sales history: \$650,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$590,278. O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA); T-Koichi Shinkai.

**3rd-Hanshin**, ¥9,680,000 (\$89,943), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:11.8, sy.

**SAIMON HAROLD** (c, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Cocoa Cowgirl, by Cowboy Cal) failed to factor when 11th to fellow U.S.-bred Primo d'Arc (Bernardini) when trying dirt for the first time at Chukyo Mar. 1, but led home an American-bred 1-2 here at odds of 11-1. Alertly away from the inside stall, the bay colt settled in a rail-skimming third and was pulled out into the two path nearing the stretch. Confidently handled, he hit the front at the eighth pole and easily held off Jasper Ace (Discreet Cat) by 2 1/2 lengths to become his sire's first Japanese winner. Remarkably, Jasper Ace was also bred by Toby Keith's Dream Walkin Farms. Cocoa Cowgirl is the dam of Saimon Harold's 2-year-old full-sister Kowgirl Kirby. Sales history: \$13,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$47,222.

O-Akinori Sawada; B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc (KY); T Hideyuki Mori.

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5-Will Rogers Downs, \$55K Will Rogers S., 1m, CANEY'S GHOST, 3-1

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5-Will Rogers Downs, \$55K Will Rogers S., 1m, SOUTHGATE, 2-1

\$6,500 RNA OKC YRL yrl

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500

246 foals of racing age/39 winners/3 black-type winners

5-Will Rogers Downs, \$55K Will Rogers S., 1m, GREAT FACES, 5-2



## STAKES RESULTS:

**CINEMA S.**, (NB) \$55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 4-20, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.05, ft.

1--**SHE'S ALL WOLFE**, 122, f, 3, **Magna Graduate--She's All In (GSW & GISP, \$1,102,489)**, by **Include**. O/B-Robert H. Zoellner (OK); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel; J-Floyd Wethey, Jr. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$85,691.

2--**Seeing Double**, 122, f, 3, Pollard's Vision--Zarba's Production, by Run Production. O/B-P&D Racing Stables (OK); T-M. Brent Davidson. \$11,000.

3--**Polly Tiz**, 122, f, 3, Pollard's Vision--Tiz Divine, by Tiznow. (\$3,500 RNA Ylg '18 HEROCT). O-Eric Owens; B-Steve & Brooke Martin (OK); T-Martin Lozano. \$6,050.

Margins: 3, NK, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.40, 16.90, 14.00.

## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400**, (S), 4-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.26, ft.

**SANDY SANGRIA** (f, 4, **Euroears--Kiss Me Chocolate**, by **Evansville Slew**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-1, \$58,389.

O/T-Nathaniel Quinonez; B-Joe Petalino & Gedda Quinonez (OK).

**3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$21,736**, 4-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.37, ft.

**STRONG SIDE** (g, 7, **English Channel--Whalah**, by **Dixieland Band**) Lifetime Record: 32-5-7-4, \$205,247. O/T-Karl Broberg; B-William B. Harrigan (KY). \*\$35,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Anniversary Girl (Aragorn {Ire}), MSP, \$209,945.

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**ENGLISH CHANNEL**, Strong Side, g, 7, o/o Whalah, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 4-20, Will Rogers

**EUROEARS**, Sandy Sangria, f, 4, o/o Kiss Me Chocolate, by Evansville Slew. ALW, 4-20, Will Rogers

**MAGNA GRADUATE**, She's All Wolfe, f, 3, o/o She's All In, by Include. Cinema S., 4-20, Will Rogers

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## WRITTEN IN THE STARS



'TDN Rising Star' and German Derby hero Sea The Moon  
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By Sean Cronin

Fast approaching a silver jubilee of time served in the trenches, there remains nothing which acts as such an effective catalyst for in-house discussion and disagreement as our beloved niche, *TDN's Rising Stars*. "Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work." So said Einstein. I don't suppose he gave that one a second thought, though his words perfectly illustrate the backstory of notable achievements in almost any sphere. However, for this publication's signature product, there is no small measure of luck required too.

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The "wow factor" caveat remains an unwritten aspect of the mantra, of course, but it is implied and has been a constant from day one. It's a struggle to recall when Europe first made contribution to the honour roll, archaeology points to a period circa 2004, and while recollections of that season remain foggy in parts, the year's freshest memories lurk later in the piece.

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## ARC CHAMP ZARKAVA FOALS FRANKEL FILLY

Undefeated champion **Zarkava (Ire)** (Zamindar), who was a French highweighted filly at two and from 9 1/2-14 furlongs at three, foaled a filly by Frankel (GB) on Apr. 14, The Aga Khan Studs announced on Monday.

A full-sister to French listed winner and G1 Prix Vermeille third Zarkamiya (Fr) (Frankel {GB}), the bay is also a half-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud hero and G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}). Zarkamiya produced her first offspring, a Medaglia d'Oro filly, earlier this spring, while Zarak is covering his third full book of mares at Haras de Bonneval.

The dam of 11 straight foals, the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine has a 3-year-old filly by Siyouni (Fr), a Sea The Stars (Ire) juvenile colt called Zaskar (Fr), and a yearling filly by Dubawi (Ire).

(Click [here](#) for a video of the new addition and her champion dam.)

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### ETERNAL PEACE PROVES WORTH THE WAIT

Jessica Martini speaks with Robert 'Shel' Evans about his **Eternal Peace** (War Front), who broke her maiden at Gulfstream Park on Sunday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

**Written in the Stars Cont. from p1**

The task in identifying a personal top 10 of those which cleared the bar precludes an appraisal of Frankel (GB), Sea the Stars (Ire), Kingman (GB) and many more. The *TDN* seal is not always in these hands for certification ceremonies. It is also worth noting that, while the full list is extensive, there are prime examples of opportunity knocking, but not taken. It is a matter of some discomfort these should include dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) and three-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile victress Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), both still mentioned in whispers round these parts. Absolution remains elusive for the many faux pas so I'll seek a degree of solace in sharing, with some trepidation, a selection of my favourites.

**SEA THE MOON (GER), c, 2, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Sanwa (Ger), by Monsun (Ger).**

9-22-2013, Cologne, Mdn, €5,100, 2yo, 1mT, 1:38.99, sf.

O/B-Gestut Gorldorf; T-Markus Klug.

Germany is a rich seam, mined sparingly, but interest was piqued this autumn day. Cologne--beautiful city, nice cathedral--was the scene of the Gestut Gorldorf homebred's debut. Having been bought in at 230,000gns when passing through the Tattersalls ring the year before, he attracted a welter of support at the tills to start as the even-money favourite, despite the presence of Novellist's half-sister Ninfea (Ger) (Selkirk). Soon holding sway, Sea The Moon maintained control without reaching for higher gears and was untroubled to hit the line four lengths clear of his main rival. From a family featuring Classic winners Samum (Ger), Salve Regina (Ger) and Schiaparelli (Ger), his elevation was in little doubt and he hit his racing zenith, by a whopping 11 lengths adopting similar tactics, in the following year's G1 Deutsches Derby. **Click for [free Equineline.com](https://www.equineline.com) catalogue-style pedigree.**

**ZARKAVA (IRE), f, 2, Zamindar--Zarkasha (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire).**

9-9-2007, Longchamp, Mdn, €21,000, unraced 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:42.60, gd.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de

Royer-Dupre.

Zarkava's unveiling was preceded--just 30 minutes earlier--by the imposing debut performance of Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef), which went unrewarded in the days of self-imposed rationing. A stellar renewal of the G1 Prix du Moulin also featured on the card and was plundered by another daughter of Zamindar, Princess Zahra Aga Khan's Darjina (Fr). That Zarkava drew the plaudits on such a day bears testament to her brilliance. Biding her time through the initial stages, the odds-on favourite was unleashed approaching the final furlong and not for catching thereafter. Five of her six subsequent starts were at the highest level and she retired unbeaten with a magnificent seven under her belt, accounting for the likes of Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Youmzain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) along the way. **Click for [free Equineline.com](https://www.equineline.com) catalogue-style pedigree.**

**MOONLIGHT CLOUD (GB), f, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Ventura (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire).**

9-9-2010, Longchamp, Cond, €34,000, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.99, sf.

O/B-George Strawbridge; T-Freddy Head.

There is no reason offered other than there must have been a disturbance in the force when Moonlight Cloud was overlooked following a 2 1/2-length triumph atop Deauville's synthetic surface one month earlier, but there would be no mistaking the merit of her second outing on the anniversary of Zarkava's debut. Sent off as the solid favourite for this turf bow, George Strawbridge's homebred bay toyed with overmatched rivals before coasting six lengths clear in effortless fashion. Post race, trainer Freddy Head declared, "I have never had a 2-year-old this good." High praise indeed from the man responsible for Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa). Upon retirement, Moonlight Cloud had accumulated six successes at the highest level and matched the mark set by stablemate Marchand d'Or (Fr) (Marchand de Sable) with a record-equalling three editions of Deauville's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest. **Click for [free Equineline.com](https://www.equineline.com) catalogue-style pedigree.**

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**SARAFINA (FR), f, 3, Refuse to Bend (Ire)--Sanariya (Ire), by Darshaan (GB).**

5-3-2010, Chantilly, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.70, sf.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

Untested as a juvenile, Sarafina's belated introduction came in an 18-runner debutantes' affair. Heavily supported during the preliminaries, the 8-5 favourite was best away before finding a rhythm behind five other contenders. She loomed ominously once into the straight and dismantled her many rivals when quickening clear inside the final 300 metres, gearing down in the dying embers to register a highly impressive six-length score. Next up would be victories in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix de Diane, collecting the last of trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre's six wins in the latter, before hitting the board in that year's G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The homebred bay embellished her resume with success in the following season's G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. **Click for free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**LOPE DE VEGA (IRE), c, 2, Shamardal--Lady Vettori (GB) (GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$116,309), by Vettori (Ire).**

9-13-2009, Longchamp, Cond, €34,000, 2yo, 7fT, 1:22.10, gd. O/B-Gestut Ammerland; T-Andre Fabre.

Off duty when Lope de Vega registered a promising debut win over 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville just 2 1/2 weeks earlier, Gestut Ammerland's homebred would not evade our clutches next time around. Stalking the pace in second after recovering from a slow start, the odds-on favourite powered clear once allowed his head approaching the final furlong, settling the contest in a matter of strides to prevail by an unextended 2 1/2 lengths in impressive style. **Cont. p4**



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**Siyouni** | *The Aga Khan Studs*

### Written in the Stars Cont.

The February-foaled chestnut's legacy was secured in the space of three weeks during a banner sophomore campaign the following year, defeating a combined 35 rivals when annexing the G1 Poule'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey Club. **Click for [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

**SIYOUNI (FR), c, 2, Pivotal (GB)--Sichilla (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Danehill.**

5-4-2009, Longchamp, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 2yo, 5fT, :58.30, gd.

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

It was a Monday, Forrest Gump may have noted, the day after Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway) claimed G1 1000 Guineas glory at Newmarket. Meanwhile, in France, Alain de Royer-Dupre was on a roll having picked up a swathe of Group 1 contests in 2008 with Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), Belle et Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg) and Montmartre (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}). Saluted for his patience, de Royer-Dupre nonetheless identified a five-furlong newcomers' dash--far from the madding crowd at the epicentre of Longchamp's hectares--for His Highness The Aga Khan's homebred bay. Naturally, it was no shot in the dark and the 11-10 pick coasted up front throughout and was not extended to easily outclass a field containing three subsequent stakes performers. "He has a good temperament and is already professional in what he does. There should be better things to come from him," the trainer opined at the time and how correct he was. Siyouni contested six Group 1 races all told and showed up best when winning the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, downing Lope de Vega (Ire) (Shamardal)

and Dick Turpin (Ire) (Arakan), in the last of six juvenile starts. **Click for [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

**WALDGEIST (GB), c, 2, Galileo (Ire)--Waldlerche (GB) (GSW-Fr & SP-Ger), by Monsun (Ger).**

9-8-2016, Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.21, gd.

O-Gestut Ammerland, Newsells Park Stud, Michael Tabor & Susan Magnier; B-Waldlerche Partnership (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

Waldgeist is the first foal produced by 2012 G3 Prix Penelope victress Waldlerche (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), herself tagged a 'TDN Rising Star' in 2011 and a half-sister to G1 St Leger hero Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), and has been joined in the archives by younger siblings **Waldstern (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and **Waldkonig (GB)** (Kingman {GB}). Displaying a technique which would yield dividends down the line, Waldgeist found comfort in midfield until sent forward in the straight and unleashed a devastating turn of foot once pouncing for control at the furlong marker to account for subsequent MGSW GI Belmont Derby Invitational and G1 Prix Royal Oak runner-up Called to the Bar (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) by an easy two lengths. Faring no worse than fifth in 20 pattern-race starts since, the chestnut's triumph in last term's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe crowned a stellar career which features a quartet of Group 1 wins. **Click for [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

**FAIRYLAND (IRE), f, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Queenofthefairies (GB), by Pivotal (GB).**

5-7-2018, Naas, Mdn, €19,000, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:15.30, g/y.

O-Mrs Evie Stockwell, Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

There is a plethora of Coolmore profiles eligible for inclusion, but special mention is reserved for Fairyland and her unwilling ability to bounce back from adversity. **Cont. p5**



**Fairyland** | *Racing Post*



### Written in the Stars Cont.

Prominent throughout this straight dash, the 925,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling required little encouragement to announce her arrival with an impressive 1 3/4-length tally and an immediate TDN endorsement. The January-foaled bay went on to garner York's G2 Lowther S. before embarking on a journey of nine consecutive Group 1 outings. Victory in Newmarket's G1 Cheveley Park S. concluded a five-race juvenile campaign, of which she won four, and her persistence was rewarded with a battling score in last September's G1 Flying Five S. at The Curragh. **Click for free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

### DIVINE PROPORTIONS, f, 2, Kingmambo--Myth to Reality (Fr) (MSW & GSP-Fr, \$114,752), by Sadler's Wells.

5-26-2004, Maisons-Laffitte, Mdn, €18,000, unraced 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.20, g/s.

O-The Niarchos Family; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd; T-Pascal Bary.

Divine Proportions's sibling Whipper (Miesque's Son) had secured Deauville's G1 Prix Morny the season before so warning flags had been raised before an engagement with newcomers of both sexes here. Exhibiting her trademark burst when headed in this dash, she was value for much more than the official 3/4-of-a-length winning margin would imply. The contest yielded little else, subsequently, but the Niarchos Family's homebred bay left an indelible mark and experienced pattern-race company only thereafter. She'd reel in five prizes at the highest level, including the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane, before forfeiting an unblemished record to Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) in her 10th and final start. **Click for free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

### MOTIVATOR (GB), c, 2, Montjeu (Ire)--Out West (SW-GB), by Gone West.

8-13-2004, Newmarket, Mdn, £7,390, 2yo, 1mT, 1:41.11, sf. O-The Royal Ascot Racing Club; B-Deerfield Farm; T-Michael Bell.

It was Friday the 13th and Triskaidekaphobia (GB) (Bertolini) was a year away from winning three for Karl Burke. This wasn't a moment for superstition because bad luck would not befall Motivator, not this evening. It was to be a run-of-the-mill July Course fixture on the outskirts of Newmarket and intermittent showers would not dampen enthusiasm. Especially not for those betting the 75,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling down to 3-1 second favouritism in a one-mile heat already responsible for subsequent G1 Epsom Derby third Let The Lion Roar (GB) and one set to host the debut of Frankel (GB) six years down the line. The local battalions were out in force, but this was no ordinary Friday as the February-foaled bay took down a solid cast by daylight. Ironical, considering the gloomy conditions.

Tethered behind the leaders by Kieren Fallon, it was obvious at halfway who was travelling best in a field of 11. Slinking to the front in effortless fashion, Motivator had the race in safe keeping at the foot of the climb and lengthened clear in some style before gearing down in hand to hit the line with an impressive six-length buffer. Further success followed in the G1 Racing Post Trophy and G2 Dante S. before adding Epsom's Blue Riband under a Johnny Murtagh masterclass. Despite three subsequent defeats, he was already written in the stars and remains a particular favourite. **Click for free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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### FORMER GORESBRIDGE TOPPER LIVING GOOD LIFE IN THE U.S.

*By Kelsey Riley*

In May of 2017, fresh off a win at the Breeders' Cup in his debut year with runners, American owner Bob Edwards set his sights on racing across the Atlantic. He charged Eamonn Reilly with picking out a 2-year-old at the Goresbridge Breeze-Up Sale, and they subsequently landed on a bay colt by Bated Breath (GB) which topped the sale at €210,000. Donning the green and purple silks of Edwards's e5 Racing, the colt named **Landshark (GB)** made his debut for trainer Jessica Harrington about 10 weeks later, winning a Leopardstown maiden by a half-length. He showed promise 10 days after that when running second to U S Navy Flag (War Front) in the G3 Round Tower S. but, plagued by physical issues, he was out of sight the rest of the year and made just two more starts at three, finishing off the board in both. **Cont. p6**



Landshark at pasture in Kentucky | Courtesy Casi Edwards



Casi Edwards aboard Landshark | Courtesy Casi Edwards

### Goresbridge Topper Cont.

Landshark, however, still has plenty of good days in front of him. Now in Lexington, Kentucky, he was rehabilitated by Edward's daughter Casi, equine manager for e5, who explained that the horse's career was cut short by carpal chips.

"He had some time off after the [Round Tower] and that's when he first started having issues with carpal chips in his left knee," she said. "He had some time off over there and my dad tried to run him back over there but he just didn't do so well. So he decided to ship him to the U.S. and try him over here. He went to Stonestreet [training facility in Florida] and was training really well there, and then he went to Chad Brown. Chad Brown had him in training but noticed one day walking down the shedrow that he was lame."

After two surgeries to attempt to correct the problem and alleviate the pain, Bob Edwards decided to retire Landshark.

"My dad decided to retire him because it was the best thing for the horse," Casi Edwards said. "He knew ever since he'd purchased the horse that I wanted to keep him in the family, so he did offer for me to take him. We did the whole rehab process at Indian Creek [in Kentucky] and then he came to me at the farm where I keep my other off-track Thoroughbred."

Edwards said she rode Landshark twice before leaving Kentucky for Florida for the winter late last year, and described him as a "complete gentleman." She is focused on jumping with her other off-track Thoroughbred, a mare adopted from New Vocations that she plans to show at the Retired Racehorse Project in the fall, and said that Landshark will stay on the flat.

"I wouldn't risk jumping him," Edwards said. "If I can keep him on the flat and happy, that would be the best-case scenario in my opinion. He's a kind horse with a great brain and a really lovely mover. All in all he's a perfect horse; I'll never be able to compete in jumpers with him but when I go back [to Kentucky] I'm going to work with a trainer and maybe dabble in dressage,

hunter flat classes; he may even make his off-track debut at New Vocations later this year."

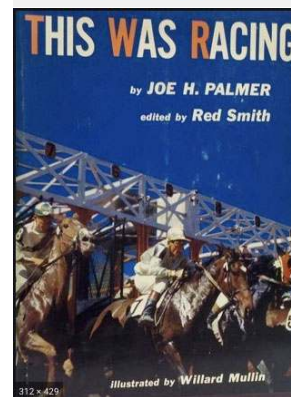
As an indication of Landshark's affinity for his new discipline, Edwards said she completed an 'around the world'—a 360-degree turn while seated on the horse's back—on just their second ride.

"He has a great brain and I'm able to throw anything at him and he'll just stand there and do what I ask," she said. "It's really nice to have a horse like that; he's the easiest horse I've had so far. Under saddle he's a complete gentleman; when I tack him up he just stands there—I don't have to cross tie him or anything. He's a great horse; I'm excited to do something with him."

And Landshark won't be the last horse to carry the e5 silks on the Irish turf. The Edwardses currently have a 2-year-old colt by Showcasing (GB) in training with Joseph O'Brien.

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### — THE GREAT RACING READ —



**JOHN PERROTTA**

***This Was Racing***

*By Joe H. Palmer*

Pick a favorite book about Thoroughbred racing? Not an easy task for most of us long in the game.

As for myself, I still possess an extensive library of racing tomes, ranging from venerable to hot off the press and including everything

penned by Jay Hovdey or Ed Bowen, many of which I have read and re-read to the point of frayed pages, but for the past half-century one and only one stands out: *This Was Racing*. The book that got me hooked. I can honestly claim to have owned as many copies as a small bookstore, and for many years I gifted them to anyone I thought would appreciate the contents.

*This Was Racing* is a collection of some of the work of Joe H. Palmer, the man referred to by Red Smith at the time as not only America's best-known racing writer, but in the opinion of many, "the best writer of sports anywhere."

Palmer passed away in 1952 at the age of 48, but not before he distinguished himself as the Racing Editor of the New York Herald Tribune and Columbia Broadcasting System's Turf Analyst, yet his words still ring true today, evoking most of the essentials that draw the rest of us to the game with his mastery of the parlance of the racetrack.

No stories of modern equine heroes here, no Justify or American Pharoah, no Zenyatta or Rachel Alexandra...they weren't even twinkles in a stallion's eye when Palmer wrote his tales. [Cont. p7](#)



## The Great Racing Read Cont.

But these are stories that are what is meant when they say the more things change the more things remain the same.

*This Was Racing* encompasses an entire range of racetrack anecdotes and stories, gleaned by Smith from Palmer's columns and includes his insight into the horses and jockeys, owners and trainers, bookies and horseplayers who populated the great tracks of his day; Hialeah, Saratoga, Keeneland, Churchill and Pimlico, Belmont and Monmouth, all painted by a master's brush in their golden age.

My favorite might be one called "Horse on a Man," telling a tale on jockey agent Harry Howard, who Palmer described as "slightly taller than a sign which says 'keep off the grass.'"

Or "The Odds Were Right" about one W. T. Anderson, a gambler who would jump on any wager when he thought he had an edge, even offering a fisherman odds he doesn't know his own catch.

Or "By Any Other Name" wherein Palmer recounts the tale of an owner who named his horses "very unattractively" figuring that hunch players wouldn't bet on Ugly Mary or Losing Clon and he'd get better odds when they won.

Yes, it's a throwback to the Damon Runyon era, the days when racing was America's most popular spectator sport, a place of mystery and romance to most, but the sentiment still remains. Racing rules.

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## GRIMTHORPE PROVIDES UPDATE ON JUDDMONTE RUNNERS

Connections of **Logician (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) are hopeful the G1 St Leger hero can make his mark as a 4-year-old this season. The John Gosden-trained colt stretched his unbeaten record to five at Doncaster in September, stylishly accounting for Sir Ron Priestley (GB) (Australia {GB}) by 2 1/4 lengths under Frankie Dettori. The grey son of Frankel suffered a serious infection during the winter, but is reported to have made good progress.

Teddy Grimthorpe, Racing Manager to owner Khalid Abdullah, told *Sky Sports Racing*, "We're very excited to run him as a 4-year-old. Obviously it was Prince Khalid's decision to keep him in training and it was an important one, because having won the St Leger everyone felt there was more to come from him.

"He had this stomach infection over the winter which was

treated, it set him back a bit as it was a serious infection, but he seems fine at the moment and is in light exercise. Whatever happens [with resumption of racing] his season would not have started very early anyway.

"Potentially we are extremely hopeful for him. Just where and what he might do, I think the way he won the St Leger we know he stays a mile and three-quarters and is pretty comfortable at a mile and a half--whether a bit shorter would be in his compass it's hard to tell at this stage.

"In terms of races one would never know, he would have to show us he was in good enough form and of course the races would have to be available for him, so we may not have a wide choice. He has the potential to be an important horse. Whether he meets **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) or not will be up to Prince Khalid."



**Logician** | *Racing Post*

Like Logician, the mighty Enable is also reported to be doing well, with all roads hopefully leading to another crack at an historic third victory in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October.

"It is incredibly difficult to get one horse to run in one race on particular date in the year," he said. "Obviously that date at ParisLongchamp has been in Enable's diary for the last three years and also this year as well.

"Everything will be geared towards that particular race for her and how that gets played I don't think in terms of how John would train her this [suspension of racing] is not making a vast difference at the moment.

"Equally she needs to be in the best possible shape come October, but of course how she gets there is very much in the laps of the gods. All I can say is she is in very good form. She is cantering up Warren Hill most days, she seems happy and has had no issues, so from that point of view we are very content."

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## Juddmonte Runners Cont.

Grimthorpe also reported the Juddmonte team to be happy with the Roger Charlton-trained **Quadrilateral (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), long-time favourite for the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas. The fillies' Classic is set to be run in early June this year, should a best-case scenario for the resumption of racing come together.

He added, "On the whole the 1000 and 2000 are the last 2-year-old trials if you like, but she was good enough to win the [G1] Fillies' Mile, so she isn't that backwards. She is certainly a strong filly and from that point of view we were looking forward to the 1000 Guineas in May. Equally so with all fillies, especially with the summer and everything else, opportunities become fewer and fewer at times and I think to concertina her season it doesn't necessarily work in her favour.

"The real question is where we might have gone had things gone well in the Guineas. Would she be a mile-and-a-half horse or a mile-and-a-quarter horse? From that point of view those things need to be answered earlier rather than later, because then you can plan the campaign.

"I saw her before the lockdown, she had grown a small amount but pleasingly she had filled out and was strong and I've seen pictures and videos of her fairly regularly and all the pointers seem very positive on her.

"There's some talk of the British horses racing for the British Classics, the Irish in Ireland and the French in France, certainly there's some talk of that, at least initially, but I don't know where we are with that and that's certainly not gospel by any means."

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## TBA CONDUCTS COVID-19 SURVEY

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) has launched a survey to assess the immediate impact on the British Thoroughbred breeding industry brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is intended that the TBA will carry out a further survey of breeders' activities as the situation progresses in order to formulate a strategy to support the British breeding industry. In the meantime it is seeking respondents to its initial survey, found [via this link](#), by Friday, Apr. 24.

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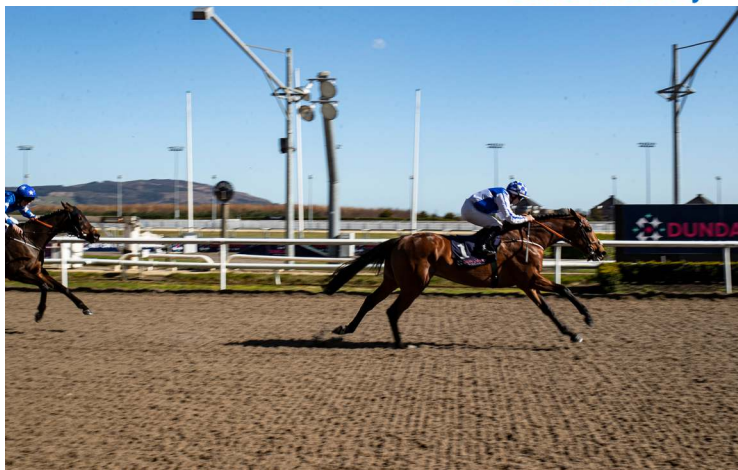
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## DUAL WINNER AERCLUB SOLD TO HONG KONG

**Aerclub (Ire)** (Charm Spirit {Ire}), two-for-two in his young career, is set for a new chapter in the Far East having been sold to race in Hong Kong. The €18,000 Osarus yearling—who was bought for 45,000 gns at the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale in May last year—impressed in winning both his starts for Henry de Bromhead and owner Stephen McCarthy, beating Joseph O'Brien's subsequent dual winner Dune Of Pilat (Fr) (Medaglia d'Oro) on his racecourse bow at Dundalk in November. The grandson of G3 Prix Quincey heroine Ing Ing (Fr) (Bering {GB}) followed up back at Dundalk in March, where he obliged once more under Wayne Lordan. Ing Ing is a half-sister to G1 Prix Ganay victor Execute (Fr) (Suave Dancer) and MGSW Tot ou Tard (Ire) (Robellino).

De Bromhead, who is renowned for his achievements with his jumpers but also does well with his Flat runners, said of the Gestut Zur Kuste-bred, "He's lovely and did nothing wrong for us. He was two-for-two and looked really nice in everything he'd done. Hopefully he'll go on for his new owners."

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Aerclub winning at Dundalk in March | *Racing Post*

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## ZOUSAIN READY TO SHINE AT WIDDEN



Zousain | Bronwen Healy

*By Bren O'Brien*

A virtual physical clone of his own sire Zoustar and boasting a very similar race record, **Zousain** is already attracting plenty of interest after Widden Stud confirmed he would join its star-studded roster for the 2020 season.

A fee for the Group 2 winner and multiple Group 1 placed sprinter is expected to be announced in the next week along with the rest of the Widden Stud roster, but expectations are that Zousain will garner plenty of interest as just the second son of Zoustar to stand at stud in Australia.

A member of the brilliant first crop of Zoustar, Zousain was narrowly beaten in Australia's two premier stallion-making races, the G1 Golden Rose S. and G1 Coolmore Stud S., races his sire won. He won the G2 Champagne Classic and was placed in the G1 JJ Atkins S. as a 2-year-old in Brisbane, mirroring the record of Zoustar five years before.

He will be the third generation of his sireline to stand at Widden Stud and proprietor Antony Thompson feels he is ready to live up to the substantial family reputation.

"He's everything you are really looking for in a young stallion. He's a terrific, good-looking horse, has a lovely deep pedigree and had Group 1 ability."

"He was a very good 2-year-old and a top level 3-year-old, so I think he'll be very popular standing along his sire," Thompson told *TDN AusNZ*.

"His Group 2 win was really dominant and it was a high-class performance to run second in the JJ to The Autumn Sun. He came back to Sydney and I thought his Golden Rose performance was terrific in a race that his own sire won. He was beaten the narrowest of margins. Like Zoustar, as well as his sire, grand sire and great grand sire, he was very good in the Coolmore, the first colt home and narrowly denied by Sunlight."

While the achievements of Zoustar, one of Australia's top young stallions having won honours as Champion First-Season Sire and Champion Second-Season Sire in the past two seasons, loom large over his son, Thompson feels Zousain is very much deserving of direct comparison.

"He's very similar to his sire. Physically, he's a clone. He is going to stand alongside him as good looking and as impressive as his sire is. Zousain has come out and replicated him in that way. He has got those similar race records with big performances in those two big races, as well as a nearly identical record through his Brisbane 2-year-old campaign. I think he's a great commercial option and he's a horse that will be well-priced alongside his sire," he said.

### **Points of Difference**

Indeed, his price, although yet to be confirmed will be the major selling point in comparison to Zoustar, whose service fee rocketed from \$44,000 (inc GST) on debut to \$60,500 in 2018 and \$154,000 in 2019. The other selling point will be Zousain's international pedigree through his dam Pasar Silbano (Ire) (Elnadim {USA}), a stakes winner in the USA and Europe.

"His mother was a very fast sprinting filly in Europe and America. She had very good 2-year-old form, four wins at two and she was a good sprinting filly from a good pedigree as well," Thompson said. "I think that little bit of international mix and that real speed coming through his dam will give breeders strength and confidence going to him."

Zousain was the first-ever foal born by Zoustar, arriving in late July 2015 at Edinglassie Stud for his breeder Richard Pegum. He was a \$400,000 yearling purchase at the 2017 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale when sold by Edinglassie to David Redvers and Mulcaster Bloodstock.

After Zousain won two of his six 2-year-old starts, Widden bought into the colt ahead of his 3-year-old campaign and secured his breeding rights with a deal which also involved Rifa Mustang and Glenlogan Park.

### **An Exciting Young Roster**

He joins a Widden roster which added two new stallions last year in multiple Group 1-winning sprinter Trapeze Artist and G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Written By.

Thompson described the addition of Zousain as an exciting development, and it shapes as a major step in a possible dynasty for Zoustar, who had his first son at stud last year in Lean Mean Machine at Aquis in Victoria.


While the current economic environment makes it a complicated time to launch a new stallion, Thompson said that he is confident that Widden has found the right time and price range to debut Zousain, with interest already high after it was confirmed his racetrack career was over.

"I don't think it's too tricky. Everyone knows the value of a horse like this and I think while we want to price him well to make him attractive, the demand from the breeders is already there and we've had a good positive response to him," he said.

## WINNERS BY AUSTRALIAN SIRE

### **IN JAPAN:**

**Avior (Jpn)**, m, 5, **Redoute's Choice**--Velda (GB), by Observatory (USA). Nakayama, 4-19, Cond. (\$421k), 1600m, 1:35.1. Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-0, \$340,370. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori. \*1/2 to Vorda (Fr) (Orpen {USA}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, US\$498,143.

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Blue Point (Ire) and Too Darn Hot (GB), pictured, will both stand at AU\$44,000 for the 2020 SH season. Exceed And Excel will stand at AU\$132,000, up from AU\$88,000 last year. | *Racing Post*