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Eight Rings | *Coady*

by *Chris McGrath*

Even Richard Wagner would have struggled to make anything of this particular "ring cycle".

In four starts, **Eight Rings** (Empire Maker) has so far abruptly alternated the full works--strings, horns, kettle drums--with a timid clink of the triangle. As such, he certainly can't afford to break the cycle when surfacing for the first time since his Breeders' Cup bust in the Bachelor S. at Oaklawn Saturday.

Dropping in grade and distance, in fact, he needs to produce the dominant sophomore performance of a day that also features a new stakes race, over at Gulfstream, to assist a hapless crop that finds itself all dressed up with no place to go.

No place, that is, besides Hot Springs. Arguably the GI Arkansas Derby next weekend will be much closer to a substitute 'Run For The Roses' than anything Churchill might contrive in September. For now, however, Eight Rings himself just needs to regroup. On the face of it, he was presented the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile on a silver platter after Dennis' Moment (Tiznow) stumbled out of the gate. The betting had billed the race more or less as a match, but Eight Rings failed to profit from his rival's misfortune and could only manage sixth of eight.

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BELLAFINA & MIA MISCHIEF BOOKEND CAROUSEL

Top-level scorers **Bellafina** (Quality Road) and **Mia Mischief** (Into Mischief) will break from opposite ends of the gate Saturday at Oaklawn as the headliners of the Carousel S. A force to be reckoned with on the Santa Anita road to the GI Kentucky Oaks last spring, the bay has been winless since the GI Santa Anita Oaks in April, but finished off last term with a pair of strong seconds. Closing strongly to finish within 3/4 of a length of dual champion Covfefe (Into Mischief) in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint Nov. 2, the \$800,000 FTFMAR purchase completed the exacta behind 'TDN Rising Star' Hard Not to Love (Hard Spun) last time in Santa Anita's GI La Brea S. Dec. 28.

"We were always going to try and bring her back in an easier spot than her last few races, which have been contentious Grade Is," trainer Simon Callaghan said. "Kind of landed on this spot for obvious reasons. She's doing really good. She looks like she's getting over the track pretty well there." **Cont. p7**

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Three-time Grade I winner **Bellafina** (Quality Road), pictured exiting the track at Oaklawn Apr. 16, makes her 2020 debut in Saturday's Carousel S. | *Coady*

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Hardly what Coolmore had bargained for, in sealing a deal to stand Eight Rings just days previously. We know how they like a champion 2-year-old at Ashford: Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile) had been the sixth to enter the fold in eight crops. (The only exception, aside from the tragic Shared Belief {Candy Ride [Arg]}, was Nyquist--who had in any case vindicated the strategy, as a graduate of Uncle Mo's first crop). Curiously enough, Eight Rings had precisely emulated Classic Empire when likewise hot favorite for his first Grade I race: each discarded his rider by veering early, Eight Rings at Del Mar and Classic Empire at Saratoga. Both then put things right in blinkers next time, only for their paths to fork at the Breeders' Cup.

Eight Rings already had a whole alphabet soup of powerful owners before Coolmore jumped in; and obviously he represents a barn that had just sent a second Triple Crown winner to Ashford in four years. Bob Baffert has meanwhile disclosed as strong a Classic hand as ever--those flourishing in the absence of Eight Rings including Authentic (Into Mischief), Charlatan (Speightstown) and Nadal (Blame)--so all parties must have been comfortable with the standards against which they could value the colt. So whether or not Eight Rings can ultimately fulfil his potential, he simply has to have a ton of natural talent. **Cont. p4**



Eight Rings romping to 'TDN Rising Stardom' | Benoit

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He has been going that way, at any rate, since returning to the worktab. His last serious breeze before leaving Santa Anita was six furlongs in 1:11 flat; and he limbered up on arriving in Hot Springs with five furlongs from the gate in :59 flat (both times unmatched on the day).

With the Classic program postponed, Baffert still has every opportunity to stretch out this speed, should that still seem the way to go after Saturday. Either way, however, as a traditionalist I'm delighted to see Eight Rings returning in a sprint. Having done so a few weeks ago, I won't reprise the litany of past champions whose trainers would routinely set up two-turn campaigns in this way. But this is absolutely the classic formula for sharpening a horse, physically and mentally, without damaging the fitness base.

Eight Rings won a sprint maiden on debut, but his Grade I success, gate-to-wire by six lengths, came at 1 1/16 miles. And he's by a GI Belmont winner.

Since we last saw him, of course, we have grieved the death of

Empire Maker--whose most accomplished son at stud, Pioneer of the Nile, had already been a premature loss. So while Ashford's conveyor belt of champion juveniles includes Pioneer of the Nile's outstanding runners American Pharoah and Classic Empire, Eight Rings does now have an especially precious chance to extend the legacy. (He belongs to Empire Maker's first crop following his repatriation to Kentucky).

One thing is for sure: if he can seize that opportunity, it will reflect well on his late sire. Because while first and third dams both had graded stakes success, that is about as good as it gets for the pedigree of Eight Rings. His first four dams are by Pure Prize, Kissin Kris, Baederwood and Bold Monarch. But then we know Coolmore doesn't always insist on a deep family and those names are no less distinguished than Yankee Gentleman, Ecliptical, Tri Jet and Crozier, who fill the same slots in the family tree of American Pharoah.

Purely Hot, the dam of Eight Rings, once carried a \$4,000 claiming tag at Penn National but eventually won a dozen times, including a Grade III sprint on synthetic at Woodbine. **Cont. p5**



Eight Rings winning the GI American Pharoah S. | Benoit

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Despite her son's loss at the Breeders' Cup, she still realized \$1.2-million when sold (with the bonus of a Union Rags cover) five days later at the Keeneland November Sale. (WinStar, who had meanwhile bred Eight Rings and banked \$520,000 for him as a September yearling, had picked her up for \$250,000 five years previously).

Purely Hot's sire, a son of Storm Cat (like Yankee Gentleman), has been a versatile influence including for turf and distance; but there will be some nostalgic shaking of heads in Maryland to see Baederwood in the background of a good horse. His eligibility for stud was extremely marginal, but his most able sons, Frugal Doc and Miracle Wood, will be remembered around Chesapeake Bay for 113 and 117 starts respectively. His most accomplished daughter Wood So, winner of three graded stakes at five and six, is the third dam of Eight Rings.

Compare this with the family of **Americanus** (War Front), an interesting contender for the Unbridled S. at Gulfstream (named, remember, for the sire of Empire Maker). He's out of Sapphiresndiamonds (Mineshaft), who cost \$1.45-million as a Saratoga yearling—a price that still makes more sense than her subsequent failure to win in nine maidens. Her Grade I-placed dam (by Unbridled, aptly enough) is out of a mare by Seattle Slew out of the great broodmare Lassie Dear; while her grandsire A.P. Indy was by Seattle Slew out of Lassie Dear's daughter Weekend Surprise.

Who can say by what kinks of nature or nurture Purely Hot could turn out a better runner than Sapphiresndiamonds? And, as things stand, she remains the more notable producer too. But a) that's why this business is so fascinating; and b) you never know how, in future generations, class may percolate back in; or out.

Personally I'm keen to see how **Attachment Rate** (Hard Run) shapes in this field, as he has so far just looked a little too naïve



Attachment Rate | Lauren King

to figure out how good he might be. As it happens, his dam is a half-sister to the grand-dam of the very exciting **Money Moves** (Candy Ride {Arg}), their family tracing to Mill Ridge's celebrated blind mare Begum. Impressive in both his starts this spring, Money Moves was himself eyeing today's race, but Todd Pletcher has decided to give him a little more time before trying a second turn.

This year, after all, there's no hurry. Yes, it's always vexing in horse racing to let any kind of chance pass you by. The Breeders' Cup Juvenile has so far worked out poorly in terms of the protagonists prospering since. Should Eight Rings bounce back now, you'd have to say he let an Eclipse Award slip through his grasp.

At least we'll find out today whether he is indeed better—way better, probably—than he looked that day. A bit like Wagner's music, which the Wyoming humorist Bill Nye famously remarked to be "better than it sounds".

Nye founded the Laramie Boomerang, which curious newspaper title was named for his mule, who could reliably bring his owner back home, no matter how inebriated when mounting the saddle. So let's trust that Eight Rings can now take us right back to where he started, too.

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EIGHT RINGS RETURNS IN BACHELOR



Eight Rings | Coady

Grade I-winning 'TDN Rising Star' **Eight Rings** (Empire Maker) makes his seasonal bow Saturday in Oaklawn's Bachelor S. An impressive debut winner at Del Mar Aug. 4, the \$520,000 KESEEP buy ducked in sharply at the start of the GI Del Mar Futurity S. Sept. 2, bumping his neighbor and losing his rider. The dark bay returned with a decisive score in the GI American Pharoah S. at Santa Anita Sept. 27 and could only manage sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile in Arcadia when last seen Nov. 1. Eight Rings enters this test off a string of bullet works, most recently covering five panels in :59 flat (1/29) Apr. 17 in Hot Springs.

"I would have preferred like seven-eighths or a mile, but he's in, he has a good post and he's doing really well," said Hall of Famer Bob Baffert. "He's a really good horse and he worked really well there."



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Steve Asmussen sends out a pair of live contenders in **Little Menace** (Into Mischief) and **Echo Town** (Speightstown). Graduating by 7 3/4 lengths at second asking at Churchill Dec. 1, the bay captured an optional claimer at Oaklawn Feb. 2 and was second to the re-opposing **Long Weekend** (Majesticperfection) in the track-and-trip Gazebo S. last time Mar. 21.

Echo Town opened his account at Fair Grounds Jan. 18 and was third next out in an optional claimer over this course and distance Feb. 23. The bay bested allowance company by 3 3/4 lengths in the slop here last out Mar. 13.

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

BACHELOR S., \$100,000, 3yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Little Menace	Into Mischief	Elliott	Asmussen	4-1
2	Beau Oxy	Oxbow	Canchari	Robertson	20-1
3	Echo Town	Speightstown	Santana	Asmussen	9-2
4	Ginobili	Munnings	Cohen	Baltas	6-1
5	Lykan	Congrats	Baze	Mason	8-1
6	Liam's Pride	Liam's Map	Garcia	O'Neill	20-1
7	Eight Rings	Empire Maker	Rosario	Baffert	5-2
8	Sir Rick	Paynter	Mojica	Diodoro	30-1
9	Long Weekend	Majesticperfection	Talamo	Amoss	3-1

Bellafina & Mia Mischief Bookend Carousel S. cont. from p1



Mia Mischief | *Coady*

GI Humana Distaff heroine Mia Mischief skipped the World Championships and instead closed out last term with a facile score in Churchill's Dream Supreme S. Nov. 1. Sent through the ring at Fasig-Tipton's November Sale just days later, the former Heiligbrodt colorbearer was purchased by Stonestreet Stables for \$2.4 million and returned to Steve Asmussen's barn for another year of racing. The bay carried her new owner's famed burgundy and gold silks to a decisive victory in her first start this year in a track-and-trip optional claimer Mar. 20.

The top two from the local Spring Fever S. Feb. 29, **Midnight Fantasy** (Midnight Lute) and **Amy's Challenge** (Artie Schiller), both return in this spot, but are likely to chase the minor awards behind the heavy hitters. While Midnight Fantasy has done most of her best work against La-bred company, Amy's Challenge has won multiple stakes against open company and most of them were over this track.

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:16 p.m. EDT

CAROUSEL S., \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Bellafina	Quality Road	Talamo	Callaghan	8-5
2	Midnight Fantasy	Midnight Lute	Garcia	Sharp	5-1
3	Sunny Dale	Medaglia d'Oro	Rosario	Hollendorfer	6-1
4	What a Fox	Bernardini	Cohen	Diodoro	8-1
5	Classy Act	Into Mischief	Beschizza	Sharp	15-1
6	Amy's Challenge	Artie Schiller	Canchari	Robertson	4-1
7	Lady Suebee	First Defence	Baze	Sadler	20-1
8	Mia Mischief	Into Mischief	Santana	Asmussen	9-2

SHUTDOWN OF ILLINOIS RACING FUELS TEMPERS, STRAINS RELATIONS

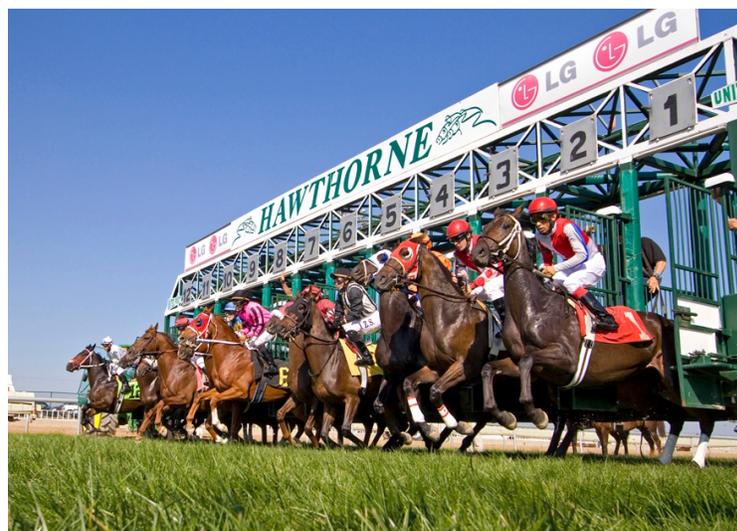
By T.D. Thornton

Arlington Park and the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) remain bitterly deadlocked over months-long contract negotiations for the now-delayed 2020 meet.

Both sides understand that the scheduled May 1 start of racing isn't going to happen because of COVID-19 restrictions, which tightened further Thursday when Illinois extended a statewide stay-at-home order through May.

But the new sticking point, which emerged during testimony at Friday's Illinois Racing Board (IRB) tele-meeting, centers on the horsemen wanting to ink a only a one-year deal because of uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, while track management's latest offer is for the standard two-year contract both sides agreed to in recent seasons.

Separately, another rift is brewing that threatens the longer-term status of racing in the Chicago area for 2020: Management at Hawthorne Race Course asked the IRB to establish a "working equalization group" to possibly modify the rest of this year's race dates and simulcast hosting status, which is a chief revenue source for purses. Arlington officials told the IRB they are not opposed to engaging in informal discussions with Hawthorne, but balked at having negotiations mandated.



Hawthorne | *Four Footed Fotos*

Hawthorne and Arlington officials sparred back and forth over the matter, which also has a humanitarian component: Earlier this year, Hawthorne agreed to house both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds on its backstretch. It currently has 200 of each breed stabled there, but the grooms and family members of Thoroughbred caretakers (444) right now far outnumber the harness staffers (80) who live in the on-site dorms.

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Hawthorne expected the Thoroughbred horses and workers to have already moved over to Arlington by this point in the year, but they remain stuck at Hawthorne because the local board of health won't allow Arlington's backstretch to open. Hawthorne wants to get ready to resume its spring/summer harness meet that got shut down when the coronavirus hit, and track management wants those backstretch amenities to be available to incoming Standardbred personnel.

"I think we all have to realize that this [COVID-19] situation has created an atmosphere where there is a lot of unknown," said new IRB chairman Daniel Beiser, who was moderating the board's first public meeting since his predecessor and two other commissioners resigned in February after allegedly making illegal political contributions. "We don't know what it's going to be like for the horsemen, for the track owners. We're all in this 'We don't know' set of mind."

Horsemen gave their take on the Arlington contract negotiations first. Trainer Chris Block, an ITHA board of directors member, said that the latest offer from Arlington for a 45-day meet to run July 4-Sep. 26 was "welcome news," especially considering that the track agreed to transfer \$1.6-million from the \$3.3-million stakes budget to bolster the overnight purse account.

Block said the ITHA was ready to sign that deal, but the "big problem" was that Arlington was asking for the two-year contract, with terms and conditions for 2021 to be "open-ended," with no assurance about the number of race dates and the level of purses.

David McCaffrey, the ITHA's executive director, explained that "[Thursday] we sent back a contract proposal to Arlington that just focused on the 2020 meet. We thought that was pertinent and the way to do things because, heck, things change every six hours [because of the pandemic] let alone six months or two years from now. So this notion of a second-year contract with no specifics and no parameters, I think most people would agree that's got to be a non-starter."

ITHA president Michael Campbell said that another key issue was that Arlington management has yet to assure horsemen that it would be willing to race spectator-free, like other tracks (including Churchill Downs, which has the same corporate

ownership as Arlington) have committed to do.

"If Arlington chooses to race, it's still very important to know if they're willing to race spectator-free," Campbell said. "This is a question that has to be answered. I wish somebody would ask that of Arlington Park, because I think it's critical. We all know how dependent they are on [live customers]. That's fine. That's part of their business model. But our business model is racing horses."

When one of the commissioners did put that question directly to Arlington president Tony Petrillo, he answered in a roundabout way by citing the math behind the calculation of purses.

"We have looked at the possibility of running without spectators," Petrillo said. "In order to achieve purse levels this year of somewhere between \$150,000 and \$164,000 based on a 45-day race meet, we would almost have to double [the 2019 all-sources handle]. We would estimate that we would need

about \$235 to \$250-million wagered on our races to be able to sustain those purse levels, so [that means] almost essentially doubling [all-source wagering] from last year without any on-track wagering."

Campbell expressed another concern: Instead of running a weeks-long meet, he fears Arlington might just try to race for a few days in a festival format anchored by the GI Arlington Million, which annually gets carded in



Arlington | Horsephotos

August.

"We need to give some [assurance] to our membership if we're going to race horses at Arlington Park at some point," Campbell said. "And it can't be just on Million Day. I can foresee an opportunity for them--if that's what you want to call it--to just race during the two or three days for the Million.... It's possible they could mothball the whole meet. We just want someone to give us some assessment of what their priorities are."

Petrillo said Campbell's Million scenario was based on "unfounded figures" that Arlington has yet to see.

"A month-long might be a possibility," Petrillo added. "It's not something that we have explored at this point. But it's not something that we've discounted."

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Arlington | Coady

Regarding the ITHA's desire to agree on just a 2020 contract, Petrillo said, "The first time that we learned of a one-year agreement position in writing from the ITHA was [Thursday]. We've always tried to work from a very basic agreement that has been used for the last several years and has worked for us. However, each time there's a counter-proposal there [are] new conditions put into the agreement... We seem to narrow some issues down. We seem to open other issues up."

The IRB voted unanimously to give formal approval for a delay in Arlington's season because of the pandemic. It will re-examine the situation when it next meets May 22, which is eight days before the state's stay-at-home order expires.

Hawthorne president and general manager Tim Carey lobbied for the formation of the work group among tracks, horsemen, and the IRB, but the board instead opted to have staffers look into the possibility of such a confab while the stakeholders were encouraged to talk it out.

"What happens to our fall [Thoroughbred] meet?" Carey asked rhetorically. "Anything that Arlington does has a reverberating basis to our fall meet and what we're going to do. The fact that we're down \$2 million in purses right now certainly is going to hurt what we are going to do in the fall."

Carey said last year's Hawthorne-Arlington agreement that divided host-status dates and the live racing calendar made sense then, but the economic landscape is different now because of the pandemic.

"We are aggressively trying to open up this harness meet," Carey said. "We've been damaged the first four months. We were the host. We lost host status. Arlington received the January/February [host] time frame. They've made millions. We've lost millions. That's the reality of the economic situation

right now."

Petrillo interjected: "Wait a minute. Please, Tim, don't categorize us as making millions. We have lost \$2 million in the first quarter of the year. Even if we run a race meet, we're still going to lose another million dollars."

Petrillo also took umbrage with Carey's characterization that the Thoroughbreds and workers housed at Hawthorne are somehow interfering with the ability to restart the harness season.

"The Standardbred race meet did commence with Thoroughbreds on the [grounds at Hawthorne] so I'm not sure how that is an encumbrance to resuming a Standardbred meet," Petrillo said.

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NEW SBA GUIDELINES ON EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE HELP HORSE INDUSTRY

President Trump signed an emergency aid package providing additional relief to small businesses and health care facilities into law Friday and the Small Business Administration released updated guidance that will assist the horse industry.

The new law provides \$310 billion to replenish the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for small businesses, which was oversubscribed. The additional appropriation will allow financial institutions to make additional forgivable loans to eligible small businesses in order to keep employees on the payroll for eight weeks.

The new law also includes \$60 billion in loans and grants for a separate Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program and makes farms and ranches eligible for the loans. Farms with 500 or fewer employees whose primary activity is breeding horses are now eligible to apply.

Separately, the Treasury and SBA released updated interim final rules that contain a key clarification that will provide essential relief to racetracks and other businesses who rely on gambling income and otherwise qualify for an SBA loan. Under the new rules, businesses that receive legal gambling income are eligible to apply for this loan forgiveness program.

"We thank the SBA and our allies on the Hill for providing clarification that will allow broader participation in the PPP and EIDL loan programs by racetracks, farms and others in our industry who have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop.

NTRA partner Dean Dorton has posted an update on its Covid-19 microsite at [NTRA.com](https://www.ntra.com) that outlines all of these new provisions that will positively impact horse racing and breeding. That PowerPoint can be found [here](#).

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TSG DIRECTOR OF EQUINE HEALTH AND SAFETY RESIGNS

by Dan Ross

Robert O'Neill, The Stronach Group's (TSG) director of equine health and safety since 2014, has resigned from the position, according to Bill Badgett, TSG's executive director of Florida Racing Operations, who said that O'Neill sent a letter of resignation to the state four or five days ago.

"He has some medical issues going on right now that are pretty serious that he has to take care of," said Badgett.

O'Neill's resignation coincides with a recent video that has surfaced on social media of O'Neill engaging in a verbal altercation with a member of the Gulfstream Park staff, in which O'Neill uses derogatory language.

Badgett acknowledged the video, but emphasized how O'Neill's resignation was precipitated by his ongoing medical issues. "The video wasn't the reason he resigned," said Badgett.

A separate picture has appeared on social media, of an official sign purporting to show O'Neill barred entry to TSG's Florida facilities. "That was a mistake, and it was taken down an hour after it was up," said Badgett of the sign.

"[O'Neill] did a phenomenal job when he was here," Badgett added. "He was an asset to the company. Really hate to see him go."

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OP/ED: IF GOOGLE AND APPLE CAN WORK TOGETHER... by Carter Carnegie



Carter Carnegie

During the Great Depression, horse racing developed into one of America's favorite pastimes as it became a welcome distraction from the hardships and fears of the economic climate gripping the country. Horses like Seabiscuit, Equipoise and War Admiral rose to prominence as they captured the imagination of

a nation seeking a break from the challenges and uncertainties of everyday life. Unfortunately, starting in the 1960's, racing began its slow trajectory towards becoming a niche sport. Unlike the NFL, NBA, NCAA or even PGA, it did little to integrate the advances in sports viewing consumption and embrace the new technology of its time: television. Needless to say, racing has had a tendency of "missing the break."

Today, horse racing is at a crossroads where it can either continue the path it is on or be bold and seize an opportunity to flourish by entertaining an American public clamoring for live sporting events and distractions under these difficult times. Due to restrictions related to the coronavirus and the mitigation efforts put in place to combat this pandemic, large gatherings at sporting events have been postponed for the foreseeable future. Resumption of the traditional sports calendar is unknown. As some racetracks have demonstrated, it is feasible for racing to successfully continue under spectator-free conditions filling a void in the sports world and providing an opportunity for viewers to watch and wager on a live event.

More importantly, the ability to have racetracks operational is also providing a vital means for the survival of the industry's ecosystem and the thousands of jobs that come from it. Although these are challenging, and for many families heartbreaking times, racing has an opportunity to not only grow its profile, but also help and support its workers.

By introducing a new generation of fans to the majesty and skills of both equine and human athletes as well as the excitement of legal wagering, our sport can regain some of the marketshare it has lost over the last few decades to other pastimes and forms of gambling. Unfortunately, not having a centralized governing body similar to other major sport leagues, horse racing seems to lack vision and leadership. As the last few years have shown, the sport operates in a passive, fragmented and reactive manner, addressing problems only after they have reached their apex which continues to damage its reputation and further its demise.

It is imperative that racing organizations come together in a collaborative manner to fund, create, and roll out a National Awareness Campaign of promoting what is currently the only sport in town. The overarching message should focus on welcoming both sports fans and betting fans to discover our game.

With overall advertising rates down since few companies are spending, a campaign to discover the joys of racing would take place in a landscape devoid of competition from any other sport at a fraction of what it would cost under normal circumstances. Through various crafted messages, this effort can be designed to attract new viewers and bettors in the short term and yield growth for the sport after this crisis ends. **Cont. p11**

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In addition to promoting a watch and wager message, the effort should also focus on addressing the various negative issues that have prevented wider acceptance by fans over the last few years.

Messages designed to improve and promote the game can be delivered through a mix of editorial content, paid advertising and live sports programming that would address:

- Live racing is important to the well-being and livelihood of thousands of jobs from the backstretch and beyond
- Tune in messaging to watch and wager on racing on *TVG*, *FS1*, and *NBC*
- Wagering delivers tax revenues to States that will have hard hit budgets after this crisis passes
- Horses are deeply cared for by their staff, loved by their owners and appreciated by the betting public
- Racing is working hard to protect the safety of its athletes
- Racing leadership is committed to a sport that is drug free

I sincerely hope that during this time of social distancing, organizations such as The Jockey Club, Keeneland, Breeders' Cup and others who have similar missions (growing the industry and its audience) can come together to harness a collective effort towards improving our common passion. By embracing the modern technology tools of our time such as social media, ADW platforms, television and live streaming distribution, the industry can promote the game we love, share beautiful stories about our treasured athletes and once again entertain America during a challenging time.

If this pro-active opportunistic strategy resonates with you, I would suggest you take the time to call/email industry leaders/organizations to share this point of view and urge them to take advantage of this once in a lifetime window.

If Google and Apple can collaborate on developing a joint solution to help bring normalcy back to our lives, why can't racing work together on a common vision to bring fans to the sport?

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OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY: #FREEDATAFRIDAY - A CALIFORNIA WAKE- UP CALL *by Patrick Cummings*



Adam Coglianese

We cannot say this any simpler: American racing does not have a fair and equitable split of the takeout dollar, it has overly and foolishly relied on alternate sources of gaming to supplement purses.

So, we remind you--whether you are for or against a 'federal bill,' a Jockey Club member, a commercial breeder, a small syndicate member or anything in between--the status quo is untenable. Something must change.

The economics for the sustainability of racing are all askew.

ADWs aren't bad--our business REALLY needs them, particularly now.

Their percentage of total handle on racing is at an all-time high, essentially 100% of total racing betting handle in America at the moment. When a "new normal" returns, it is likely more people who have been kept away from the track but finally opened ADW accounts will continue using them, increasing the overall share of ADWs compared to pre-pandemic level.

The problem is that while the financial splits the big ADWs receive have grown significantly, due to long-standing, negotiated rates, the amount this handle contributes to purses is incredibly small. The problem is exacerbated by a loss of other revenue sources for purses, namely, casinos.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association, an organization which its own former head, Tim Smith, described in 1999 as being formed by "the industry, led by The Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup, Keeneland, Oak Tree, and the NTA," commissioned a report, published in January 2004, which actually gave tracks the blueprint to exploit this model.

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The report offered three key measures to remedy what the NTRA Board of Directors identified as “one of the leading problems facing the Thoroughbred industry.”

That problem was “the phenomenon of ‘handle up, purses down.’” Essentially, handle was rising and purses were either not growing at the same rate, or as had been experienced in 2003, they fell.

The three measures the report offers to “remedy” this are summarized as follows: (1) increase handle, (2) get tracks into the ADW business, and (3) create economic incentives through competitive takeout rates to grow the betting base while also enhancing technological development to ensure a level playing field for all bettors.

Item one has never really happened--in fact, it’s just the opposite.

Item two, essentially, got 100% of the focus as tracks became ADW companies, through acquisitions and development.

Item three remains a pipe dream...for now.

Instead of addressing the bigger picture, and the impact to all stakeholders, the biggest track owners got into the ADW business and focused their efforts on maximizing them as a revenue source--which also happens to provide the smallest slice to purses. Concurrently, horsemen were left to rely on new-found casino subsidies to make up the lion’s share in purses.

Whatever you want to call them--payments from casinos have served as a massive subsidization to purses. There is little doubt that tracks, already the home for legal gambling, were conduits for bringing casinos into parts of mainstream America. As much as the industry might want to suggest that the casinos exist because of racing, the modern reality must be acknowledged--it really doesn’t matter much anymore.

By relying on alternate gaming revenue as a primary source of purse funding in many states, horsemen have been generally benign to declines in handle. That is problematic. Since the NTRA’s 2004 report was published, handle is down 27.4% in nominal terms, but adjusted for inflation, it’s down a staggering 49%. As for purses since then, well, they ARE up, but only in raw numbers. Nominal purses are up about 10% and prize money per race is up 15%. In real, inflation-adjusted terms, purses are actually down 19% on a per-race basis.

So what could purses across America look like in a landscape totally free of casino subsidies? It isn’t pretty.

THE CALIFORNIA MODEL

California has proactively published intricate detail explaining where wagering takeout (the amount of total wagered less total returned--a number that is roughly 20.9% of all money bet)

actually goes.

The comparison we are about to make is not perfect.

According to the California Horse Racing Board, bets on California racing or from California bettors on racing elsewhere totaled approximately \$2.9 billion in 2019. An effective overall takeout of 20.9% was applied, withholding \$608 million from those bets. Of that takeout, 21.12% went to purses, or roughly \$128 million. So, from \$2.9 billion in wagers, purses that sustain racing equated to about 4.4% of every dollar bet.

Consider how purses would look if this model was stretched across America.

Nationwide handle in 2019 was \$11.037 billion. With an average takeout of 20.9%, and a split of 21.12% of THAT amount, the total that goes to purses is only \$487 million, 59% lower than the current standard. See chart below.

Actual 2019 California Totals (No Casino Pay to Purses)	
CA Handle	\$2,907,382,828
CA Purses	\$126,813,852
Purses as % Handle	4.36%
Actual 2019 U.S. Totals (Many Casinos Pay to Purses)	
U.S. Handle	\$11,037,000,000
U.S. Purses	\$1,167,900,000
Purses as % Handle	10.58%
2019 California Model Projected Across 2019 U.S.	
U.S. Handle	\$11,037,000,000
U.S. Purses	\$481,410,453
Purses as % Handle	-58.78%

We can see the future of purses for American horsemen in these estimated figures, fraught with assumptions, including that all other variables remain unchanged. These numbers are far from perfect, but clearly reveal how dangerously dependent upon casino subsidies our sport has become.

What is American racing like with a nearly 60% decline in prize money? In a few months, racing might get a taste of that.

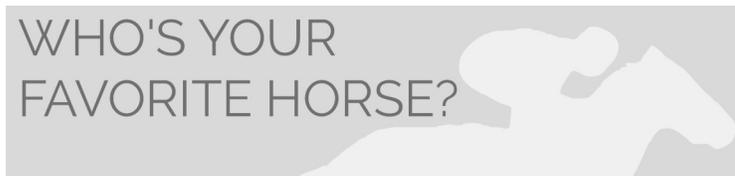
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Horsemen must commence re-negotiations and force a changed model, one that favors the racing product rather than the gaming company, then develop conditions that will attract wagering as opposed to the high-cost actions which have driven bettors away from the sport for years. High-profile Thoroughbred owners and trainers, many of whom have stayed out of the discussions for years, must be drawn into the fray. Horsemen need revenue from takeout now, and likely more in the future, than ever before. That should not mean HIKING the price of betting, that's exactly the wrong move. The path is a combination of reduced pricing on betting and re-negotiated deals that yield more money to purses.

The sustainability of the business is at stake.

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American Pharoah | Sarah Andrew

Favorite: My favorite racehorse of all time is definitely **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile). He was running when I was first getting involved in racing, and I followed him closely since he ran early in his career at my home track, Del Mar. One day, a family friend who writes for the local newspaper said she was going to interview Bob Baffert, and asked if I wanted to come along to be her photographer. Having only been to the backside a handful of times and having never met Bob, I was beyond excited to go.

The next morning we went to the barn and Bob chatted with us for a couple hours. Halfway through, he asked if we wanted to see the big horse up close, and he brought Pharoah out of his

stall for us. We spent the next half an hour petting him and feeding him carrots while Bob finished up the interview. I fell in love with Pharoah's sweet demeanor and that was the day I decided I wanted a career in racing.

He has been my favorite horse ever since and I've loved getting to see his progeny on the track now.

Best: I'd say the best horse of all time is **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}). She was ultra-consistent and ran her race literally every time she stepped on the track. To win 19 races in a row, with 17 of them being stakes races, is an incredible feat. She beat the boys in the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2009 after winning the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic the previous year. As an added bonus, she was a great advocate for the sport and brought a lot of new fans into racing.

TOM THORNBURY

Favorite & Best: With hair as white as mine, I have had the privilege of watching some of the really great ones, like Secretariat, Alydar, Affirmed, Seattle Slew, American Pharoah, Justify, Frankel (GB), Ruffian, Winning Colors, Rachel Alexandra, Zenyatta, Black Caviar (Aus), and Winx (Aus), to name a few.

However, the greatest racehorse in my recollection would have to be **Forego** (Forli {Arg}). He was named Horse of the Year three times, won eight Eclipse Awards (one of which was as champion sprinter, when he was best at long routes). And, at a time when races were truly weighted, he carried more weight than any horse at that time and certainly since.

I still get chilly-bumps thinking of his Marlboro win over Honest Pleasure. He carried 137 pounds that day. Honest Pleasure made an easy lead and carried it until they turned for home. Big, old, valiant Forego went wide and slowly reeled Honest Pleasure in, and put a head in front, right at the wire!

For me, there was never one like him--before or since.

Email Gary King (garyking@thetdn.com) to have your say.

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ZAYATS MOVE TO DISMISS LAWSUIT BASED ON JURISDICTION

By T.D. Thornton

Defendants Ahmed Zayat, his family members, and the financially troubled Zayat Stables, LLC, are collectively asking a Kentucky court to dismiss a “fraudulent scheme” contract breach lawsuit by New York investment firm MGG Investment Group, LP, on the basis that the complaint has not been brought in the correct legal jurisdiction.

Eric Mitchell of the *Blood-Horse* first reported the story Friday, citing Apr. 21 court documents.

The January civil suit claimed that financially strapped Zayat family members allegedly orchestrated a years-long scheme “to sell at a steep discount several millions of dollars of Zayat Stables’ assets” that had been pledged as collateral for \$30-million in loans.

“None of the actions that form the basis of the fraud claim are alleged to have occurred in Kentucky or to have arisen out of any action taken in Kentucky. Nor did any injury occur to MGG--in Kentucky,” the *Blood-Horse* reported, citing three memorandums filed on behalf of the Zayats.

“The contracts at issue in this action were negotiated and executed in New York and New Jersey and provide for the application of New York law,” the filings quoted by the *Blood-Horse* continued. “Moreover, any purported harm as a result of the fraud alleged in the complaint will be suffered by plaintiff in New York.”

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PAIR OF GRADED EVENTS HIGHLIGHT LOS AL SUMMER STAKES SCHEDULE

Three stakes races--including a pair of graded events--highlight the Summer Thoroughbred Festival at Los Alamitos. The two-week meet will begin Friday, June 26 and continue through Sunday, July 5.

The richest event on the calendar is the \$200,000 GII Great Lady M. S. for fillies & mares at 6 1/2 furlongs July 4. **Marley's Freedom** (Blame) won the last two renewals of the Great Lady M. The other graded race is the \$100,000 GIII Los Alamitos Derby, which will also be held July 4. Hall of Famer Bob Baffert has won the nine-furlong contest for 3-year-olds three of the last four years, including last term with champion **Game Winner**

(Candy Ride {Arg}).

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BARKER & KANTARMACI WIN UNDER 20'S CLAIMING CHALLENGE

Trainers Eddie Barker and Mertkan Kantarmaci finished as co-leaders of the Under 20's Claiming Challenge for the Aqueduct winter meet, NYRA announced Friday. They were each awarded \$16,500 for their joint winning effort in the program, which is open to local trainers with 20 or fewer horses.

The shared victory marked the third consecutive win in the series for Kantarmaci, who won the 2018-19 Aqueduct winter and 2019 Belmont spring/summer Under 20s Claiming Challenge titles outright.

Kantarmaci now oversees a stable of 16 horses in New York with the assistance of his father and brother, Ilkay. The stable was on a roll when the winter meet was cut short, finishing first and third with two of their last three starters in a \$16,000 claiming sprint Mar. 14 to help secure the tie. He compiled a ledger of 6-6-7 from 52 starters at the Big A winter meet.

Barker, who has spent 28 years on the NYRA circuit, captured the inaugural Under 20's Claiming Challenge at the 2018 Belmont spring/summer meet. He posted a record of 8-9-11 from 62 starters at the Big A winter meet.

Both barns compiled a total of 105 points each through Sunday, March 15 when live racing was last conducted on the NYRA circuit at Aqueduct Racetrack.

The top eight trainers in the contest shared in a prize pool of \$80,000. Following Barker and Kantarmaci were Randi Persaud with 80 points and \$13,000; Orlando Noda with 59 points and \$11,000; John Toscano, Jr. with 58 points for \$9,000; David Cannizzo with 55 points for \$7,000; Ralph D'Alessandro with 54 for \$3,500; and James Ferraro with 54 points for \$3,500.

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EMOTIONAL KITTEN, 10, Kitten's Joy--Silent Emotion, by Ghazi
Foal born Apr. 24, a colt by Dialed In
Owned by Gretchen & Roy Jackson's Lael Stables
Boarded at Denali Stud
Accomplishment: GSW & MGISP, \$563,761.

DON'T TRICK HER, 19, Mazel Trick--Lucy Sims, by Northjet (Ire)
Foal born Mar. 5, a filly by Cairo Prince.
Will be bred back to Cairo Prince.
Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: Dam of On the Menu (Canadian Frontier),
SW, \$164,350; Check the Label (Stormin Fever), MGSW,
\$557,233; Include Me Out (Include), GISW, \$956,530.

SANTINA DOND, 12, El Prado (Ire)--Tri Skipping, by Skip Trial
Foal born Feb. 18, a colt by Unified.
Will be bred back to Collected.
Owned by Brereton C. and Bret Jones
Accomplishments: SW of \$112,755.

NO SUCH WORD, 13, Canadian Frontier--Muskoka Ice, by It's
Freezing
Foal born Feb. 20, a filly by Collected.
Will be bred back to Preservationist.
Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: GISW of \$653,213.

GOLD EDGE, 10, Eddington--Gold Spike, by Pioneering
Foal born Mar. 7, a colt by Girvin.
Will be bred back to Preservationist.
Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$162,430.

SOUNDWAVE, 12, Friends Lake--Echo Echo Echo, by Eastern Echo
Foal born Mar. 12, a colt by Creative Cause.
Will be bred back to Preservationist.
Owned by Brereton C. and Bret Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: SW of \$177,270.



Emotional Kitten and her colt by Dialed In.
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Crop Report – 2015 By Graded Stakes Horses

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Apr. 23

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings	
1	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike</i>	15	24	7	17	2	5	104	78	4,803,125	18,475,183	
	<i>Crops: 9</i>	<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Vino Rosso</i>				
2	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday</i>	17	30	6	17	2	3	130	100	2,130,520	15,019,488	
	<i>Crops: 9</i>	<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Audible</i>				
3	Scat Daddy <i>(2004) by Johannesburg</i>	20	30	11	16	5	7	141	107	3,798,000	19,672,531	
	<i>Crops: 8</i>	<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Retired/Exported)</i>						<i>Justify</i>				
4	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	13	20	10	14	2	4	88	55	3,848,669	13,958,242	
	<i>Crops: 13</i>	<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i>				
5	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i>	11	20	8	13	--	1	103	79	1,235,310	10,692,836	
	<i>Crops: 13</i>	<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>New York Central</i>				
6	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo</i>	6	17	3	10	2	2	103	76	2,134,000	10,233,352	
	<i>Crops: 17</i>	<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Catholic Boy</i>				
7	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails</i>	10	13	6	10	2	4	84	54	964,000	8,099,738	
	<i>Crops: 13</i>	<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>						<i>Separationofpowers</i>				
8	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy</i>	10	18	5	9	3	4	95	66	1,177,800	7,687,551	
	<i>Crops: 18</i>	<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Magnum Moon</i>				
9	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	7	18	5	8	1	3	146	99	3,575,197	11,566,583	
	<i>Crops: 12</i>	<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Roaring Lion</i>				
10	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West</i>	11	14	6	8	2	3	72	56	3,015,454	9,519,625	
	<i>Crops: 13</i>	<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Mozu Superflare</i>				
11	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch</i>	10	12	6	8	--	1	67	57	571,124	6,607,164	
	<i>Crops: 7</i>	<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>						<i>Randonnee</i>				
12	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie</i>	10	16	5	8	1	1	104	72	529,845	6,266,790	
	<i>Crops: 6</i>	<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>						<i>Dream Tree</i>				
13	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet</i>	6	14	2	7	1	4	106	73	7,250,000	13,867,870	
	<i>Crops: 9</i>	<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Midnight Bisou</i>				
14	Quality Road <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality</i>	7	13	4	7	1	3	68	58	1,307,800	7,879,568	
	<i>Crops: 7</i>	<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Caledonia Road</i>				
15	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	7	16	2	7	--	1	98	83	553,773	7,516,519	
	<i>Crops: 4</i>	<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Cosmic Burst</i>				

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SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: \$800K TAPIT COLT RETURNS AT GP



Tapit, sire of Ashiham | *EquiSport*

by Christina Bossinakis

5th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, 7ff, 2:46 p.m. ET

Shadwell Stables' **ASHIHAM (Tapit)**, an \$800,000 Keeneland September yearling, debuts for trainer Todd Pletcher after finishing an even fourth in his career bow for Kieran McLaughlin going six furlongs at the Hallandale oval Feb. 29. The chestnut is out of Wine Princess (Ghostzapper), a graded stakes winning daughter of Hall of Famer Azeri (Jade Hunter). At Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs training base, the May foal worked five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 Apr. 18. Jockey Luis Saez, whose book is now managed by the colt's former trainer and recently retired McLaughlin, gets the mount for the first time. Fern Circle Stables & Three Chimneys Farm LLC's **CHASING ANNA (Fast Anna)** gets started for trainer Ken McPeck. A \$400,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, he was the top priced of 31 offspring of champion Dreaming of Anna reported in 2018. In his latest work at Gulfstream, he went four furlongs in :47.08 (3/82).

Insights cont.

Chad Brown also sends out firster **Basquiat (American Pharoah)**. Out of SP Divalarious (Distorted Humor), the Peter Brant homebred will be ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr. **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Oaklawn, \$62,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.48, ft.

VOLATILE (c, 4, Violence--Melody Lady {SW}, by Unbridled's Song), a first-out winner at Ellis last July, came up short at Churchill in September before rebounding to win back at that venue Nov. 3. Sent off the 6-5 choice here, the grey prompted Strike That (Biondetti) through crisp opening splits, assumed control turning for home and ran off to score by an eye-opening 7 1/2-length margin. Strike That finished 1 1/2 lengths ahead of D'Rapper (Cherokee Rap). The winner is a full to Buy Sell Hold, SW & GSP, \$125,520. Melody Lady, out of dual Grade I-winning Lady Tak (Mutakddim), foaled a colt by Bayern in 2018 and a filly by Army Mule this season. Sales history: \$850,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$142,160. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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10th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-24, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.34, ft.

NO PAROLE (c, 3, Violence--Plus One {SW, \$168,847}, by Bluegrass Cat) dominated Louisiana-breds by a combined 27 1/2 lengths in his first two starts at the Fair Grounds, earning 'Rising Star' status Jan. 11. Next time, he rolled home a 6 1/2-length winner of the state-bred restricted Premier Night Prince S. at Delta Feb. 8 and was installed the even-money choice to get back on track following an off-the-board finish in the GII Rebel S. Mar. 14. To the front from the word 'go', the bay reeled off fractions of :21.59 and :44.80. Extending his advantage approaching the quarter pole, he came home an easy 2 1/2-length winner over American Butterfly (American Pharoah). Plus One is responsible for a filly by Connect in 2019 and was not bred back. Sales history: \$75,000 Ylg '18 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$157,866. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Gulfstream, \$39,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-24, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.00, fm.

EVE OF WAR (f, 3, Declaration of War--Special Thanks, by Broken Vow), sent off the narrow 27-10 second choice for her turf and route debut, held the advantage all the way around at to mark her return to the winner's circle Gulfstream. Cleanly away, the chestnut assumed a narrow advantage over New Day Dawning (Medaglia d'Oro), who was prompted by GSP Secret Stash (Mukhadram {GB}) and Sky Snow (Lemon Drop Kid). Still in front through a half in :47.84, the Todd Pletcher trainee looked to have something left in the tank as she turned into the stretch still leading the way. Tackled to her outside by the ultra-game Secret Stash, she appeared to be momentarily headed by that rival, but fought back with determination to score by a half length over 8-5 favorite. Ella Brilla (Kitten's Joy) rounded out the trifecta. A flashy debut winner going six panels over the Gulfstream dirt Feb. 2, Eve of War finished sixth last time out going 6 1/2 furlongs at the Hallandale oval Feb. 28. Special Thanks, a daughter of multiple graded stakes winner Bedanken (Geri), produced a filly by Street Sense in 2018 followed by a filly by War Front's son Air Force Blue. She was bred back to Hard Spun. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$51,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Treadway Racing Stable; B-Jeff Treadway (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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Eve of War (inside) | Lauren King

Allowance Results cont.

9th-Gulfstream, \$39,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.57, ft.

GRACEFUL PRINCESS (f, 4, Tapit--Havre de Grace {Horse Of The Year, Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$2,586,175}, by Saint Liam), a first-out winner for Ralph Nicks at Saratoga, hit the board in two of five starts last season, both going a mile at Gulfstream over the winter. A well-beaten fifth in her seasonal finale here last September, she was installed the 9-5 second choice behind favored Slam Dunk (Into Mischief). Content to pursue the favorite through initial fractions of :23.23 and :46.69, the blue-blooded filly overtook her rival soon after and opened up a comfortable advantage. In command turning for home, she galloped home a geared down 6 1/2-length winner over Whispering Beauty (Arch). Favored Slam Dunk faded to last of seven. Following a sparkling career capped off with a Horse of the Year title, Havre de Grace brought a staggering \$10 million final bid from Mandy Pope's Whispering Hill Farm at the Fasig-Tipton November sale in 2012. The only offspring of the mare to sell at public sale's to date, a full brother to Graceful Princess--named Marvelous Guy--brought \$500,000 at Keeneland September in 2018. The champion mare produced a filly and a colt by the Gainesway sire in 2018 and 2019 and was bred back to Justify this year. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$87,794. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Graceful Princess | Lauren King



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.96, ft.

RAGTIME BLUES (c, 3, Union Rags--Home of the Blues, by Street Cry {Ire}) was the well-backed choice for his career bow at Los Alamitos, but finished runner up--beaten three lengths--while going 5 1/2 panels last September. Off for the remainder of his 2-year-old campaign, he was sent off the 2-1 second choice to go one better this time. In front through an initial quarter in :21 4/5, he soon was clear of his nearest pursuer Backshot (Tapiture) turning for home and, despite starting to show the effects of his early exertions in the late stages, he held on to win by a head over Backshot. Mister Kelly was third (Tapiture). Home of the Blues, a half-sister to champion sprint mare Informed Decision (Monarchos), is responsible for a juvenile colt by Carpe Diem and a yearling filly by Dialed In. She visited Bernardini this spring. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,000.

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Ragtime Blues | Coady



IN AUSTRALIA:

Wren's Day, g, 6, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Season's Greetings (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Fr), by Ezzoud (Ire). Canberra, 4-24, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:02.90. B-Darley (KY). *1/2 to Grace Hall (Empire Maker), GISW, \$1,546,360. **G1SP-Fr.

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
 318 foals of racing age/37 winners/6 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, BASQUIAT, 2-1
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, FREEDOM FORCE, 6-1
 \$600,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/37 winners/0 black-type winners
 11-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, BELFAST BOY, 30-1
 \$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 231 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, WE FIVE, 5-1
 \$180,000 KEE SEP yrl

Chitu (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, \$4,500
 88 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, BLUEJEANLADY, 15-1

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 163 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, \$75K Unbridled S., 1 1/16m, SOROS, 15-1
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, FOREVERNOA, 10-1

\$55,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo

7-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, VENEZUELAN HUG, 3-1

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
 142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, CHASING ANNA, 6-1
 \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500
 62 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, PREACHER, 6-1
 \$13,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, RECODED, 2-1
 \$150,000 FTS AUG yrl
 11-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, WORKING TITLE, 15-1
 \$105,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$170,000 RNA KEE APR 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, \$100K Bachelor S., 6f, LIAM'S PRIDE, 20-1
 \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$245,000 RNA FTS ANA 2yo

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 153 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, POKEGAMA, 12-1
 \$57,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/28 winners/4 black-type winners
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, DISTURBIN BOURBON, 20-1
 \$125,000 FTK JUL yrl

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 149 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, IMPLICATOR, 9-5

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, SHAMROCKET, 9-5
 \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, TONS OF GOLD, 10-1
 \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

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DECLARATION OF WAR, Eve of War, f, 3, o/o Special Thanks, by Broken Vow. AOC, 4-24, Gulfstream

TAPIT, Graceful Princess, f, 4, o/o Havre de Grace, by Saint Liam. AOC, 4-24, Gulfstream

UNION RAGS, Ragtime Blues, c, 3, o/o Home of the Blues, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 4-24, Oaklawn

VIOLENCE, No Parole, c, 3, o/o Plus One, by Bluegrass Cat. AOC, 4-24, Oaklawn

VIOLENCE, Volatile, c, 4, o/o Melody Lady, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 4-24, Oaklawn

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MORE STARS ARRIVING AT MONCEAUX



Starlet's Sister and her Dubawi filly, pictured on Thursday at just a few hours old | *Courtesy Henri Bozo*

By Kelsey Riley

In the midst of a global pandemic, Thoroughbred enthusiasts can find some respite in the excitement of the arrival of the future stars of the sport. The team at Ecurie des Monceaux, in the Pays d'Auge region of France, celebrated an especially exciting addition overnight on Wednesday when its budding blue hen **Starlet's Sister (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) produced a bay filly by Dubawi (Ire).

Racing as a homebred for William Preston, Starlet's Sister failed to win in four tries for trainer Alain de Royer Dupre. She was a full-sister, though, to the G3 Prix Cleopatre winner Leo's Starlet (Ire) and a half to the listed-winning and G1 Prix Saint-Alary-placed Anabaa's Creation (Anabaa), and of course a daughter of Galileo whose dam Premiere Creation (Fr) (Green Tune) was Grade I-placed in the U.S., so Monceaux decided to roll the dice on Starlet's Sister as a broodmare, purchasing her privately as a 4-year-old.

Starlet's Sister's first foal, a daughter of Myboycharlie (Ire), brought a modest €12,000 as a yearling at Arqana's October yearling sale in 2015, but after winning the G3 Prix Penelope and finishing second in the Prix de Diane in 2017 she was purchased privately by Peter Brant and expatriated to the U.S.

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REVISED FRENCH RACING PROGRAMME

RELEASED With the resumption of French racing planned for Monday, May 11, France Galop has released a revised racing programme for the period of May 11 to 31.

All meetings will take place behind closed doors and under strict sanitary measures as previously trialed in the country before racing was suspended. There will be 14% more races at the Parisian courses of ParisLongchamp, Chantilly and Saint-Cloud than originally scheduled during that time period, to include an extra 22 races for 3-year-olds and 24 for older horses. The number of races rescheduled for the provinces has been increased by 15%.

Beyond May, the rescheduled Classics and Group 1 races will be run from June 1 as follows: June 1 - Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Poule d'Essai des Poulaches (ParisLongchamp); June 14 - Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary and Prix Ganay (ParisLongchamp); June 28 - Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (Saint-Cloud); July 5 - Prix du Jockey Club and Prix de Diane (Chantilly); July 19 - Prix d'Ispahan (now open to 3-year-olds, Chantilly); Sept. 13 - Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris (replacing the Qatar Prix Niel in 2020 only, ParisLongchamp). [Cont. p5](#)



ParisLongchamp | *Scoop Dyga*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

SPARKLING RINGS REQUIRED FOR BACHELOR ENGAGEMENT Chris McGrath looks at the story so far of Eight Rings, who returns in Saturday's Bachelor S. at Oaklawn.
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Sistercharlie (Ire) has won seven Grade Is over the last two seasons and was in 2019 named America's champion turf mare.

Next for Sistercharlie came the G3 Prix Bertrand de Tarragon winner My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), also purchased privately by Brant and Grade III-placed for Chad Brown last November. Shortly after buying Sistercharlie Brant signaled his admiration for Starlet's Sister by snapping up her first two yearlings colts at Arqana's August yearling sale: a €340,000 son of Siyouni in 2017 and a €400,000 colt by Charm Spirit (Ire) the following year. The former, Sottsass, won last year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club and stays in training as a 4-year-old, while the latter, Radiant Child (Ire), is an unraced 3-year-old in training with Chad Brown. Starlet's Sister's 2-year-old son of Fastnet Rock (Aus) was bought by David Redvers for €700,000 at Arqana last August to join the Qatar Racing roster, and the mare has a yearling filly by Dubawi. After



Sottsass, Starlet's Sister's third foal | Scoop Dyga

producing another filly from a return visit to Darley's Lynchpin, Starlet's Sister is booked back to Siyouni this season.

"Starlet's Sister's new Dubawi filly is a special filly, with quality and a great physical," Bozo said. "We are so blessed to have this mare."

The Dubawi over Galileo cross has been prolific, returning seven stakes winners (16% from foals), headed by Night Of Thunder (Ire) and Ghaiyyath (Ire). Siyouni over Galileo mares has worked out well, too, with Sottsass and Maqsad (Fr) the crosses two stakes winners from 21 foals. Galileo has, of course, meshed very well with daughters of Siyouni's sire Pivotal, that cross producing six Group 1 winners thus far.

"Siyouni has obviously worked well with Starlet's Sister and he's worked well with other Galileo mares, so it was an easy decision," Bozo said. "The yearling filly is lovely, she has a lot of quality and very much takes after Dubawi."

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Starlet's Sister is, however, far from the only standout in the Monceaux pastures. Regular visitors to Arqana's August yearling sale will be familiar with **Platonic (GB)** (Zafonic) and her daughters, who have cumulatively produced eight seven-figure yearlings and three yearling sale top lots. The 21-year-old Platonic is carrying her 14th foal, a Siyouni due in early May, and Bozo said if all goes well she will visit Wootton Bassett (GB).

"Platonic is in great form," Bozo said. "She is in foal to Siyouni and if things go well, if she's fine after foaling and we have enough time, we will cover her with Wootton Bassett. We don't want to travel her anymore because she likes her home and she's beginning to be an old mare now, and we're happy to send a nice mare like that to Wootton Bassett, who is quickly proving himself as an emerging stallion."



Henri Bozo | Zuzanna Lupa

Platonic's star producer has been the 15-year-old **Prudenzia (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}), the dam of G1 Irish Oaks winner Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the globetrotting Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), winner of the G1 Mackinnon S. and placed in no fewer than nine additional Group 1s in four countries. Prudenzia has supplied a remarkable five seven-figure yearlings and two yearling sale toppers, leaving aside Chicquita's €6-million pricetag at the Paulyn dispersal in 2013. Prudenzia has a yearling colt by Galileo (Ire), and while she came up barren for 2020 after being again covered by Galileo, she has just returned home from a trip to Newmarket carrying a full-sibling to her Dubawi filly that fetched a sale-topping €1.625-million from Godolphin at Arqana last August.

"It's the same mating as the 2-year-old currently in training with Andre Fabre called Philomene (Ire)," Bozo said. "She has a 3-year-old also in training with John Gosden [Qatar Racing and Lady O'Reilly's Enemy (GB) (Muhaarar {GB})] who won his only start at two and we're looking forward to seeing him run again this year."

More Stars Arriving At Monceaux cont.

The sales ring high point for Platonic's daughters must be last year's Arqana August sale, where Prudenzia and her 8-year-old full-sister **Prudente (Fr)** provided, as back-to-back lots, the sale's two highest-priced lots and only seven-figure yearlings. Prudente's first foal, a Galileo colt, preceded Prudenzia's Dubawi filly in the ring and fetched €1.5-million from Japanese trainer Mitsu Nakauchida. Prudente has a yearling colt by Siyouni to go to market this year, and Bozo brought us up to date on her latest developments: "Prudente is in foal to Lope De Vega," he said. "She hasn't foaled yet but she's close, and she'll then go to Night Of Thunder. He's proving to be a very interesting stallion. He's bringing some power and he's bringing Galileo and Dubawi, which is a very exciting thing to bring into this family."

Prudente's Siyouni colt won't be the only high-class representative by Bonneval's leading sire in Monceaux's Deauville draft; **Polygreen (Fr)** (Green Tune), the dam of G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest victress Polydream (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and last year's G3 Prix Sigy winner Big Brothers Pride (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), will have a Siyouni filly in the consignment. Polygreen, who is the same age as Platonic and also her pasture mate, has been a repeat visitor to Siyouni.

"She's the same as Platonic, they're getting up in age and they live together," Bozo said.

"She's in foal to Siyouni and she's due in early May. The same thing, if she foals and is in good form after foaling and we can cover her again, she'll go back to Siyouni. She has a very, very nice yearling filly by Siyouni so we're going back to the best stallion in France."

While racing action in the Northern Hemisphere is currently limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, Monceaux managed to make headlines earlier this month as the breeder of 3-year-old filly Lashara (GB) (American Pharoah), who **won at Gulfstream Park** in Florida for **owners Cindy Hutson and Bob Masterson** and trainer Mark Casse. Deuce Greathouse had selected Lashara from the Monceaux consignment for €850,000 at the August sale of 2018, and she is the first foal out of **Marbre Rose (Ire)** (Smart Strike). Marbre Rose was campaigned as a homebred by Monceaux in partnership after being led out unsold at €95,000 at Arqana August in 2012, and she was twice Group 3-placed over a mile in France before crossing the Atlantic to win

Woodbine's GIII Seaway S. Marbre Rose has a Dubawi colt "who looks like a fast type with a lot of power" and is currently in foal to Siyouni and booked back to him.

Marbre Rose is out of **Manerbe** (Unbridled's Song), who Monceaux bought as a yearling and who won once in the U.S. She has served her owners well as a broodmare; in addition to Marbre Rose she has produced Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), a €410,000 yearling who has won a pair of stakes in America. Manerbe, a half-sister to Grade I winner and producer Zoftig (Cozzene), is also the dam of the Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr winner **Aviatress (Ire)** (Shamardal). Monceaux sold Aviatress to the Roth family's LNJ Foxwoods for €450,000 as a yearling in 2017 and later bought back into her to go to stud. She was recently scanned in foal to Siyouni for her first covering.

"It's really a family that is blooming at the moment," Bozo said.

"We bought Manerbe as a yearling and she's been a really great mare for us. She won't have a foal this year but she has a Kingman yearling colt and she is in foal to Siyouni [for 2021]. Her Kingman colt is very athletic, very much like Unbridled's Song. He'd be one of the good colts we'll have this year at the sales."

Monceaux also owns **Golden Valentine (Fr)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) in partnership with the Roths. The 7-year-old G3 Prix Minerve winner is out of Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon), a Group 3-

winning half-sister to the 14-time Group 1-winning champion Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa).

"Golden Valentine has her first foal by Galileo who is a yearling that we're going to sell in Arqana this year, and he's a lovely scopey colt with great balance," Bozo said. "It's one of the nicest pedigrees we have, and the mare has produced a colt foal by Dubawi. Unfortunately I haven't seen him because he was born in England in the great care of Lordship Stud, and I haven't been able, because of COVID-19, to go see all these foals. But from the videos I've gotten he seems to be a quality colt, and she's going back to Dubawi."

Also having foaled at Lordship Stud for Monceaux are **Birch Grove (Ire)**, a stakes-winning daughter of Galileo who has produced as her first foal a Frankel (GB) filly, and **Militante (Ire)** (Johannesburg). The dam of G3 Prix de Lieurey winner Wind Chimes (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) has produced a filly foal by Galileo.



Prudenzia's €1.625-million Dubawi filly, now named **Philomene** | Arqana

More Stars Arriving At Monceaux cont.

“Birch Grove is a mare we bought at Tattersalls in December [for 700,000gns last year] for a partnership and she foaled a filly foal by Kingman,” Bozo said. “Again, I haven’t been able to see her but I’m pleased with the videos I’ve got from Lordship Stud. She’s going to Dubawi to reproduce the Dubawi/Galileo mating.”

“Militante is a mare I really love,” he added. “She has a smashing yearling filly by Frankel and she foaled a Galileo filly foal that again I haven’t seen but hopefully she’ll come back soon. She has been covered by Kingman.”

Monceaux bought into last year’s G3 Prix de Tarragon winner **Silva (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and she has been covered for the first time by Frankel (GB), while Angel Falls (GB) (Kingmambo), dam of the Monceaux-bred G1 Prix Jean-Luc Largarde victor and young Irish National Stud stallion National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), has foaled a “lovely bay filly by Siyouini” and has already been covered again by that sire.

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Four-time Group 1 winner and Cartier champion 3-year-old filly Alpha Centauri with her first foal, a colt by Galileo. Mare and foal both were bred by the Niarchos Family | *Coolmore*

EUROPEAN NEWS

Revised French Racing Programme Released cont. from p1

The Classic trials have also been rescheduled:

- May 11 - G3 Fontainebleau/Grotte (ParisLongchamp)
- May 14 - G3 La Force/Vanteaux (ParisLongchamp)
- June 6 - G2 Greffulhe/G3 Cleopatre (Chantilly)
- June 10 - G3 Guiche/Listed Finlande (Chantilly)
- June 19 - G3 Paul de Moussac/Sandringham (Chantilly)
- July 14 - G2 Malleret/G3 Lys (ParisLongchamp)
- Aug. 8 - G2 Hocquart (Deauville)

A total of 16 stakes races will be lost from the 2020 programme in France, including the G2 Prix Eugene Adam and G2 Prix Niel.

Entries for the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday, Oct. 4 will be taken a month later than usual, in mid-June, though no firm date has been fixed yet.

A statement released by France Galop on Friday read: "In view of a resumption of activity behind closed doors from Monday, May 11, France Galop has reshaped its calendar and its programme for the period from May 11 to 31 to optimise the races on offer, both in Paris and in the provinces, for Flat and jumping. The sanitary measures which need to be observed in order to allow the organisation of race meetings behind closed doors cannot be taken on all racecourses. Consequently, plans to develop and relocate certain race meetings are being considered.

"France Galop has worked to respect the balance that makes French racing and breeding so successful and dynamic. Thus, all categories, disciplines, regions and different stud books continue to receive a share of the resources equivalent to that from which they benefited before the interruption of the racing programmes."

Once government approval is granted, racing should resume on May 11 at ParisLongchamp, with a meeting that will include the G2 Prix d'Harcourt and two Classic trials. There will also be racing at Toulouse in the south of France that day, as well as a jumps fixture at Compiègne.

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

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



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MAGNA GRECIA, CALYX TO SHUTTLE TO AUSTRALIA

G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy and G1 2000 Guineas winner **Magna Grecia (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}–Cabaret {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) and **Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}–Helleborine {GB}, by Observatory), winner of the G2 Coventry S. at two and the G3 Pavilion S. at three, will shuttle to Coolmore Australia later this year. Both are currently standing their first seasons at Coolmore's Irish headquarters for €22,500.

"We are delighted to welcome two very exciting new sires in Calyx and Magna Grecia to Coolmore Australia," said Coolmore Australia's Nominations and Sales Manager Colm Santry.

"They're both top-class racehorses from the red-hot Invincible Spirit sire line and are both out of group-winning juveniles. In fact, Calyx is the fastest son of Kingman, while Magna Grecia is the only son of Invincible Spirit to be a Group 1 winner at two and three." Southern Hemisphere fees for Magna Grecia and Calyx will be announced at a later date.

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Magna Grecia | *Racing Post*

MELBOURNE CUP WINNER BACK IN IRELAND

The 2017 G1 Melbourne Cup winner **Rekindling (GB)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) has returned from Australia to his former trainer Joseph O'Brien.

Now six, the stallion was originally retired from racing last August and his owner Lloyd Williams announced at the time that he would stand at stud in Europe. Rekindling did not reappear in action until 16 months after his most famous victory, and he finished last of 15 runners in the G1 Australian Cup at Flemington in March 2019 when trained by Liam Howley.

Now back at O'Brien's stable at Owing Hill, Co Kilkenny, he is being prepared to resume his racing career in Ireland this season.

Speaking to *Sky Sports Racing*, O'Brien said, "He was very, very good to us a couple of years ago. I suppose it's fairly obvious things haven't gone smoothly for him since then, but it's great to have him back in the yard. We'll aim nice and low and then gradually move our way up into some better targets as the year progresses. We're just excited to get him started first of all and then we can go from there."

He added, "I suppose you could say on his 3-year-old form there's a big chance he could turn into that type of [Cup] horse, but obviously there has been plenty of water under the bridge between now and when he won the Melbourne Cup. We'll get a bit of confidence on the board first of all and take it race by race from there, see what Lloyd would like to have a crack at with him. The most important thing will be to get him back on track and try to get him some confidence."

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Rekindling winning the Melbourne Cup | *Bronwen Healy*

PJA TO SUPPORT RIDERS AFFECTED BY RESTRICTIONS

The Professional Jockeys Association has said it will support riders affected by plans to only use senior riders when racing resumes behind closed doors.

The Resumption of Racing Group, through the British Horseracing Authority, on Thursday sent a letter to trainers outlining proposals to, when racing resumes, limit field sizes to 12 and allow only senior riders to partake. Jockeys will also be restricted to one meeting per day.

Dale Gibson, Executive Director of the PJA, has said support will be in place for the jockeys, like claiming riders, affected by the measures.

PJA To Support Riders Affected By Restrictions cont.

"There is a shared common goal of achieving a safe resumption of racing in a controlled environment once we are permitted to do so and all parties are working hard to achieve that," he said. "We will continue to liaise with the BHA on additional jockey-specific issues, with the health and safety of all participants at the top of our agenda.

"We were pleased that there will only be a limited restriction on jockey bookings which is very good news for full jockeys, although of course we recognise that this is potentially frustrating for inexperienced claiming jockeys. We are waiting further detail from the BHA regarding fall and incident data, before any decision on restrictions is finalised. We can assure them that any restrictions will only be temporary and we will seek to have them lifted at the earliest opportunity, whilst offering ongoing support to those who need it through our recently confirmed Coronavirus Jockey Support package."

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WIN A NOMINATION TO JAMES GARFIELD

Experts on the young stallion James Garfield (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) can put their knowledge to the test from Saturday, Apr. 25 via an online competition launched by Rathbarry Stud.

Six questions will be posed pertaining to the 5-year-old, with the winner receiving a nomination to the G2 Mill Reef S. and G3 Greenham S. winner. James Garfield retired to Rathbarry last season and now has his first foals on the ground.

"To provide a bit of fun and support for breeders in this uncertain time we have devised a fun competition with a free James Garfield nomination as the winning prize," said Rathbarry Stud's Paul Cashman. "Judging by the foals we have here on the farm and the feedback from breeders, James Garfield is siring classy individuals with great presence and conformation. I am hoping they will inherit some of the speed and ability of their sire."

The winner of the competition can use the free nomination in either 2020 or 2021. The closing date for entries is midnight on Saturday, May 2, and the winner will be announced on May 4. To enter, visit the [Rathbarry Stud website](#).

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This filly is a full-sister to G2 Coventry S. winner Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Her dam, Helleborine (GB), will visit Kingman again this season. / Juddmonte Farms



Breeders can enter a contest to win a nomination to James Garfield

Day a wholly domestic raceday, but the beat goes on, with the vast majority of the jurisdiction’s top gallopers set to make an appearance.

Two-time defending Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) may not have been at his best earlier this season--he was only third when trying for the Hong Kong Mile three-peat last December--but he seems to have rediscovered his best form and is the afternoon’s marquee runner. The 7-year-old goes for a record-setting third consecutive G1 FWD Champions Mile on a two-race winning streak, and on the doorstep of his compulsory retirement from the Hong Kong training ranks, John Moore is counting his blessings.

“He keeps doing it!,” Moore told HKJC’s David Morgan of the gelding, who also holds the Sha Tin track record for 2200m. “Look at what he can do, racing time and time again on firm tracks, the wins he’s had, the records he’s broken. And they’re all gunning for him.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Kings Full (Ire), g, 5, **Galileo (Ire)**--Half Queen, by Deputy Minister. Gold Coast, 4-24, Hcp. (£18k/€21k), 1800mT, 1:51.85. B-Half Queen Syndicate. *1/2 to Halfbridled (Unbridled), Ch. 2yo Filly & MGISW-US, \$959,400. **\$500,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

NO FOREIGNERS, NO FANS, NO PROBLEM AS FWD CHAMPIONS DAY ARRIVES

by Alan Carasso

FWD Champions Day at Hong Kong’s Sha Tin Racecourse is annually a miniature version of December’s Longines Hong Kong International Races, with three Group 1 races offering prize money of HK\$63 million (£6.6 million/US\$8.1 million) and only a top-level race over 2400 metres missing from the mix. At least some of the buzz about this year’s event has been dashed owing to the coronavirus pandemic, which has rendered Champions

“He gets out in front and he gets shot at from every angle, but at his best he was so impressive that they were scared to take him on--he’s capable of running sectionals that other horses can’t live with at a mile.”

Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) is the emerging miler in Hong Kong and registered a breakthrough Group 1 in the Stewards’ Cup in January. But he was well below his best when sixth to the champ last time in the Apr. 5 G2 Chairman’s Trophy.

“I don’t think anything went wrong for him in the Chairman’s Trophy,” trainer John Size said. “He had two very strong races [when runner-up] in the Hong Kong Mile and the Stewards’ Cup and he might have felt that. He had a break after and maybe just needed a race to bring him back into form.”

FWD Champions Day Preview cont.

Leading jockeys Zac Purton (Beauty Generation) and Joao Moreira (Waikuku) will also go toe-to-toe in the G1 Chairman’s Sprint Prize, with the former astride favoured **Aethero (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) for Moore. Third at odds-on in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint, he looks to atone for a last-place effort in the Apr. 5 G2 Sprint Cup in which he was slow away and tailed off in the stretch.

Moreira hops back aboard the Size-trained **Hot King Prawn (Aus)** (Denman {Aus}), who has bounced back from colic surgery to reaffirm his status as one of Hong Kong’s most consistent short-trackers. He will try to go one better off his second-place finish to the upset-minded **Voyage Warrior (Aus)** (Declaration of War) in the Sprint Cup.

“At the moment this is an opportunity for him to win a big one—he’s done everything right going into the race so hopefully he gives it a good shake,” Size said.

Odds are that Tony Cruz will unsaddle the winner of the G1 FWD QE II Cup, as he sends out the three at the head of the market. **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) was runner-up to Japan’s Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) 12 months ago and was third from gate 14 in defence of his G1 Hong Kong Vase this past December.

He was rolled as the \$12 (1-5) chalk in the course-and-distance G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 16, as stablemate **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko) proved too tough to reel in up front. Cruz also sends out 2019 Hong Kong Derby hero **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}), who ran on well to be fourth in the Chairman’s Trophy in his first start for the Cruz yard.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.

FWD QE II CUP-G1, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,616,309/€2,991,253/A\$5,062,513/US\$3,225,618), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	4	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Moreira	Cruz	126
3	1	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Teetan	Cruz	126
4	3	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Callan	Moore	126
5	6	Elusive State (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Borges	Millard	126
6	7	Playa del Puente (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Shinn	Shum	126
7	2	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Schofield	Millard	126

Breeders: 1-Ballygallon Stud Limited; 2-Miss K Rausing; 3-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd; 4-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW); 5-Mrs K & Mr A Chrysiliou; 6-Dermot Kelly; 7-Team Hogdala AB

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:00 p.m.

FWD CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£2,092,435/€2,392,177/A\$4,051,166/US\$2,580,497), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	9	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
3	1	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Hamelin	Cruz	126
4	7	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Callan	Gibson	126
5	6	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Ho	Fownes	126
6	8	More Than This (Ire)	Dutch Art (GB)	Teetan	Lui	126
7	3	Singapore Sling (SAf)	Philanthropist	Schofield	Millard	126
8	4	Fat Turtle (Aus)	Smart Missile (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
9	2	Thinkin' Big (Aus)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Shinn	Whyte	126

Breeders: 1-Nearco Stud Ltd; 2-Shane Molan; 3-Kingsclere Stud; 4-M H S & S H R Davison & Mrs M P Schick; 5-Corumbene Stud (NSW); 6-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; 7-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert); 8-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW); 9-Dodmark Thoroughbreds (Qld)

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE-G1, HK\$18,000,000 (£1,881,073/€2,151,183/A\$3,644,135/US\$2,322,476), 3yo/up, 1200mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
2	11	Thanks Forever (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	Shinn	Moore	126
3	7	Mr Stunning (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Teetan	Lor	126
4	6	Full of Beauty (Aus)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Schofield	Size	126
5	4	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Hamelin	Gibson	126
6	8	D B Pin (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Callan	Size	126
7	10	Voyage Warrior (Aus)	Declaration of War	Ho	Yiu	126
8	2	Big Party (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
9	9	Big Time Baby (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Chadwick	Man	126
10	3	Jolly Banner (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Borges	Yiu	126
11	5	Aethero (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126

Breeders: 1-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 2-Mr AC Lloyd Jones (NSW); 3-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 4-Nearco Stud Ltd (NSW); 5-J Davies (Qld); 6-Mrs K N & W E Calder; 7-R A Emery (NSW); 8-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); 9-Paul & Billy McEnergy; 10-Makybe Breeding & Racing (Vic); 11-Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW)