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## FOOTBALL STAR STRIKES FOR OSARUS TOP LOT



Marc-Antoine Berghgracht purchased the top lot for footballer M'Baye Niang, who plays for Rennes and Senegal. | Getty Images

By Emma Berry

A delayed and disrupted breeze-up season finally got underway in France on Wednesday with Osarus staging the first thoroughbred auction to be conducted entirely online in Europe.

From an original catalogue of 79 juveniles, 21 had been withdrawn prior to the sale, but Osarus received 10 supplementary lots which had been rerouted from the cancelled BBAG sale in Germany. The turnover of €509,500 was almost exactly half of previous year's tally but that was derived from 15 fewer horses being sold—32 in total from 63 offered. The average price dropped from €22,600 to €17,222 and the median was down to €9,000 from €16,000.

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TATTERSALLS CRAVEN & ASCOT BREEZE UP SALE

Tuesday 23 June

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## BLOODSTOCK WORLD KEEPS SPINNING

By Emma Berry

Borders may be closed around the world but the resourcefulness of the bloodstock industry has meant that horse sales have continued to be staged, even if not all the horses catalogued can actually be present in the ring.

When **Spinning Memories (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}) lines up for the G3 Prix du Palais Royal on Thursday it will be the start of quite an international week for the mare, though she will only travel between her stable in Chantilly and the racecourse at Clairefontaine.

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 SPINNING MEMORIES

Spinning Memories | Magic Millions

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### OSARUS BREEZE-UP SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2020	2019
• Catalogued	89	95
• Number Offered	63	74
• Number Sold	32	47
• Not Sold	31	27
• Clearance Rate	50.8%	63.5%
• High Price	€58,000	€90,000
• Gross	€509,500	€1,015,000
• Average (% change)	€17,222 (-23.8%)	€22,600
• Median (% change)	€9,000 (-43.8%)	€16,000

\*Note, the sale format was changed to online for 2020 due to the coronavirus.

### Osarus Cont.

The Osarus breeze-up is traditionally a much more domestic affair than Arqana's international equivalent, and all bar two of the horses offered had been prepared in France. The buyers' list featured some names from Britain, however, including syndicator Nick Bradley and dual-purpose trainer Donald McCain, as well as Newmarket-based Gazeley Stud.

At the head of proceedings was the Yann Creff-consigned Intello (Ger) colt (**lot 30**) out of the listed-placed Galaxie Des Sables (Fr) (Marchand De Sable), who knocked down at €58,000 to Marc-Antoine Berghgracht of MAB Agency. The agent later divulged that the colt is for Ligue 1 footballer M'Baye Niang, who plays for Rennes and his home nation of Senegal. Niang currently has three horses in training in France, including recent 2-year-old winner Swetty Beauty (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}).

"Fortunately confinement ended in time for me to be able to go out to see some horses," said Berghgracht. "There's no way I would want to buy a horse without seeing him first. I bought him for a new client of Frederic Rossi, who trains in Marseille. M'Baye Niang is new in the game. He had a winner recently and he loves racing and wanted to invest again in another horse. He loves his horses and regularly goes to see them in training."

Bidding by telephone, trainer Jean-Claude Rouget bought a half-brother to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches entrant My Love's Passion (Fr) (Elvstroem {Aus}) for €50,000.

Sold as **lot 5**, Antolya (Fr), a son of Prince Gibraltar (Fr) and the Cadeaux Genereux (GB) mare Amber Two (GB), was bred by Patrick Chedeville and offered for sale by Ecurie Prevost-Baratte. Chedeville's Haras de Petit Tellier is also the home of the former Australian-based stallion Elvstroem, whose 3-year-old daughter My Love's Passion was runner-up in last year's G2 Prix Robert

Papin for Yann Barberot and may yet take her chance in France's first fillies' Classic of the season on Monday after finishing third in the G3 Prix Texanita on May 13.

The leading vendor of the day was Larissa Kneip's Haras de Saint Arnoult, which sold nine 2-year-olds, including two to Michel Zerolo's Oceanic Bloodstock on behalf of Jeremy Para for €36,000 each. The duo will be trained by Fabrice Vermeulen and consisted of a Sea The Moon (Ger) colt out of the winning Cape Blanco mare (Ire) Casablanca (Ire) (**lot 14b**) and a filly by Wootton Bassett (GB) (**lot 73**) whose listed-placed dam Symba's Dream (Vindication) has already produced Italian listed winner La Gommeuse (Ire) (Zamindar).

Kneip was full of praise for Osarus for being able to stage the sale in challenging circumstances. She said, "I take my hat off to Osarus. I was in contact with them regularly because we had horses here to sell for clients. If they had just been my own it wouldn't have been so difficult because I am a trainer as well and I could have just kept them in training. But I had horses for clients and they wanted to sell them."

Kneip continued, "The horses have been here for much longer time than they usually have to be because of course this sale should have been at the beginning of April. As we didn't know what would be happening we've trained them like racehorses rather than breeze-up horses because we didn't really know if there would be a sale at all.

"That was a good discussion between Osarus and the vendors and we came up with this kind of idea. I think this was better than having no sale. There has been quite a bit of interest in my horses. I'm not saying that I made great money but people paid what they worth and at least we had the opportunity to sell them.

"I have a very good relationship with Jeremy Para and he bought Fantastic Spirit (Fr) from us, who won the Derby du Midi in Bordeaux last week and will be running in the Prix du Jockey Club." **Cont. p3**



The sale-topping colt by Intello (Ger) | Osarus

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OLMEDO TO STAND AT AQUIS IN QUEENSLAND  
 Olmedo (Fr) (Declaration of War) will stand at Aquis Farm's Queensland branch. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

**Osarus Cont.**

Reflecting on his day at the rostrum as the sole auctioneer for the online auction, Emmanuel Viaud, the managing director of Osarus said, "I'm very happy to have seen a lot of buyers involved like Jean-Claude Rouget, Michel Zerolo, Guy Petit and Nicolas de Watrigant. Of course the Normandy consignors like Larissa Kneip and Philippe Prevost-Baratte are well known by the buyers and that makes it much easier."

He added, "I've had some feedback from some bloodstock agents and they said they felt it looked professional and was easy to deal with if you wanted to place a bid. For us it is a success. It's not a big sale, it would not be the best breeze-up sale of the year, I know that, but it's a new concept and we had to do it this way otherwise we would have had to cancel the sale. So I am happy with the results."

Viaud concluded, "We had to register the buyers if they wanted to bid online and two weeks ago I didn't know if I would have five people or 10 people, but actually we had more than 100 people registered today and others buying on the phone. I'm not happy that we've taken €500,000 less than last year, of course not, but as we have seen over the last two months, everything has been stopped, and for us it is at least positive to have been able to hold this sale today."

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**Spinning Memories Cont. from p1**

Five days later, the 5-year-old sprinter will come under the virtual hammer as the final lot of the Magic Millions Online Sale in Australia, which is being held from June 2 to 4.

Offered by owner Pan Sutong, whose Goldin Farm is also selling 33 broodmares and weanlings during the auction, Spinning Memories will feature as [lot 131. Cont. p4](#)

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# SPINNING MEMORIES

Runs in today's Prix du Palais-Royal Gr.3 at Clairfontaine

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## Spinning Memories Cont.

Trained by Pascal Bary, she earned her first chunk of black type when winning a listed race on only her third start at three, followed by another listed victory at ParisLongchamp on her 4-year-old debut. Since then, Spinning Memories has remained in good company and won the G3 Prix du Meautry last season as well as finishing fourth in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest. She emerged from lockdown on May 11 to land the listed Prix Maurice Zilber, extending her record to four wins from 10 starts.

On Tuesday, Magic Millions staged a 93-strong online sale exclusively for Rosemont Stud, which grossed more than A\$2.5 million and was memorably described by the stud's principal Anthony Mithen as being "like speed dating on steroids". Now the sales company is gearing up for the next round of action beginning on Tuesday.

"We've had two sales in the last month as we also had one for Cornerstone Stud, but this is our first public sale which anyone can enter," said Barry Bowditch, managing director of Magic Millions. "Goldin Farm are having a reduction sale and that includes Spinning Memories.

She's a mare who has a lot of upside in her racing career. To go with that she is already very well performed and I think a lot of the European and American breeding barns would already have eyes on her. She could potentially have a big campaign later in the season."

Spinning Memories, bred by Mubarak Al Naemi, was the first foal for her unraced dam Hanalei Memories (Hard Spun), who is herself a granddaughter of the multiple graded stakes winner Memories Of Silver (Silver Hawk) and out of a half-sister to dual Grade 1 winner Winter Memories (El Prado).

Bowditch continued, "It's amazing how small the world is when you're sitting in Australia and all of a sudden you're offering a mare in training in France who is running in a Group 3 race. It's something that is obviously quite new to us but we are really excited by the idea of promoting her and really looking forward to watching her race. The way our world works now, with the information and the technology, you can get it all at the click of a button and it makes horses accessible to buy anywhere in the world at any time."

He added, "We are lucky here in Australia that racing has been able to continue and participants have been able to earn money on the racetrack and keep the horses racing, so with that it has given sales companies an opportunity to continue selling horses

and there is still confidence in our industry."

A mare from a strong American family, bred in Ireland by a Qatari, trained in France for a Hong Kong-based owner, being offered at a virtual sale in Australia. Welcome to the brave new world of bloodstock auctions.

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## SPINNING MEMORIES TAKES AIM AT PALAIS-ROYAL

With Paris ruled out of racing action for the immediate future, Clairefontaine take on the G3 Prix du Palais-Royal on Thursday

with **Spinning Memories (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}) set to start at prohibitive odds. Fourth in this when staged at its usual home of ParisLongchamp 12 months ago, Sutong Pan Racing Bloodstock's 5-year-old went on to garner Deauville's G3 Prix de Meautry over six furlongs in late August after filling fourth spot in the 6 1/2-furlong G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest there three weeks earlier. She was impressive when taking the Listed Prix Maurice Zilber over this seven-furlong trip at ParisLongchamp

May 11 and looks a cut above her rivals which include the Wertheimers' 3-year-old **Devil (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}). Successful in the six-furlong G3 Prix Eclipse at Maisons-Laffitte in September before finishing runner-up in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte the following month, he looked a dubious stayer at a mile when last of eight in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at ParisLongchamp last time May 11.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### HELTER SKELTER FATALLY INJURED, THREE OTHER POULES D'ESSAI ENTRIES DEFECT

French listed winner **Helter Skelter (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}–Winna Chope {Fr}, by Soave {Ger}) sustained a fatal injury on the gallops on Wednesday morning, owner Masaaki Matsushima confirmed to *Jour de Galop*. [Cont. p5](#)

## Helter Skelter Cont.

The colt, an €30,000 yearling at the Osarus September Yearling Sale in 2018 who was purchased by Matsushima after his 3 1/2-length victory in the Listed Criterium du Fonds Européen de l'Elevage, had held an entry in the June 1 G1 G1 Poule d'Essai de Poulailler. He was a last out sixth in the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau behind **The Summit (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) at ParisLongchamp on May 11. Another entry that is no longer taking part in the Monday colts' Classic is the maiden **Lord Wellington (Fr)** (War Command), **leaving a field of nine**, headed by Godolphin's Group 1 winner **Victor Ludorum (GB)** (Shamardal), at the second forfeit stage.

In the fillies' equivalent, trainer Fabrice Chappet has withdrawn G3 Prix d'Aumale runner-up **Secret Time (Ger)** (Camacho {GB}) and the winner **Porcelaine (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}). At this point in the entries, 14 fillies have stood their ground for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Thursday marks the next withdrawal period. Both 1600-metre Classics will be staged without spectators at Deauville, due to the coronavirus lockdown preventing any racing in France's 'red zone'.

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Helter Skelter | Scoop Dyga

## SHERGAR CUP CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

The 2020 Dubai Shergar Cup at Ascot has been cancelled due to the coronavirus, *Racing TV* reported. Originally scheduled for Aug. 8, the four-team jockey competition played host to some of the world's best riders, but with the current travel restrictions, as well as crowds at sporting events being prohibited, Ascot decided to call off the 2020 event.

"Regrettably, given the complexities of flying jockeys around the world and uncertainty over what government regulations will be in place at the time, the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup won't take place this year," Ascot Director of Racing and Public Affairs Nick Smith told *Racing TV*.

Added Ascot Chief Executive Guy Henderson, "Following discussions with long-term event partners Dubai Duty Free, we decided that this event, even if logistically possible, wouldn't be the same without crowds and that the best option was to plan ahead to return with the event in 2021. Our thanks go to Colm McLoughlin and the Dubai Duty Free team for the ongoing support of the competition."

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## REWARDS4RACING EXPANDS REACH

Rewards4Racing, the industry's rewards programme, will be offering its services and expertise to all UK and Irish racecourses, the organisation announced on Wednesday. In 2019, 960,000 tickets were purchased by the reward programme's members, and data has shown that they attend race meetings more frequently and spend more when they come racing. One of the tracks that has accepted the offer is Plumpton Racecourse. Racing begins again in the UK on June 1, while Irish racing kicks off on June 8 after extended coronavirus-induced breaks.

"During these unprecedented times, there has been extensive research showing that loyalty programmes have become even more important and appealing for consumers," said Rewards4Racing Co-founder and Director Tom Cowgill. "This is especially true in terms of consumers' behaviour and attitudes towards brands that they engage and transact with. Racegoers are no different and, despite the absence of live racing at the moment, I'm pleased to say that our members have continued to be rewarded for their loyalty to the sport by collecting points with our platform of retail, racing and betting partners."

"It is crucial however that, once the lockdown eases and racing resumes in front of a crowd, racecourses are given as much support as possible to re-engage with the race going public and offer their fans [including Rewards4Racing members] fantastic experiences and rewards as a way of saying thank you to them for their support. That is one of the reasons why we want to offer our platform and loyalty expertise to new racecourse partners but only when they are ready, whether that is now or later in the year."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, May 28, 2020:

### FRANCE

**Goken (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville  
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-LYON PARILLY, 1200m, TROBREIZH (Fr)  
€26,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019



Goken is aiming for his fourth winner at Lyon-Parilly on Thursday  
Haras de Colleville

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### HALF TO CURSORY GLANCE STARTS AT LYON

4.50, Lyon-Parilly, Mdn, €18,000, 3yo, 12fT

**BEAUTIFUL TIMING (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})** debuts for Godolphin, having cost the operation 700,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1. Henri-Alex Pantall introduces the half-sister to the G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Cursory Glance (Distorted Humor) against seven rivals including **Listentome (Fr) (Galileo {Ire})**, Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani's daughter of the G2 Diana-Trial winner and G1 Preis der Diana third Longina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) who starts out for the Francois-Henri Graffard stable.

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## FRANCE

### Wednesday's Results:

**8th-Vichy, €20,000, Mdn, 5-27, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.24, gd.**

**VASCO DA GAMA (FR) (c, 3, *Dansili {GB}*--*Some Spirit {Ire}* {GSP-Ire}, by *Invincible Spirit {Ire}*)**, who was sixth on debut over a mile at Saint-Cloud May 12, travelled with purpose from the outset tracking the leader. Looming on the front end with over two furlongs remaining, the 9-2 shot was always doing enough to score by 3/4 of a length from Ernan Cortes (Fr) (*Olympic Glory {Ire}*). The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who was runner-up in the G3 Fairy Bridge S. and is a full-sister to the listed scorer and multiple group-placed One Spirit (Ire). The third dam Arvola (GB) (Sadler's Wells), a half-sister to Cape Cross (Ire), was responsible for the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup-winning sire Diktat (GB) (*Warning {GB}*). Some Spirit's 2-year-old colt Simple (GB) is by Dark Angel (Ire), while she also has a yearling colt by Frankel (GB). Sales history: €300,000 Ylg '18 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,000.

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Mayfair Speculators SARL & G B Partners (FR); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

**9th-Vichy, €20,000, Mdn, 5-27, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.10, gd.**

**PERHAPS (FR) (f, 3, *Lope de Vega {Ire}*--*Reprint {Ire}*, by *Nayef*)**, who trailed in last on her debut at Saint-Cloud May 12, raced with zest early and after tanking her rider to the front was unchallenged there. Maintaining the momentum in the home straight, the 21-10 second favourite prevailed by a length from Anobar (Fr) (*Anodin {Ire}*). The winner is the first foal out of the dam, whose 2-year-old filly Dafna (Ire) (*Siyouni {Fr}*) sold for €210,000 to Haras de Victot at the Arqana October Sale. Also with a yearling colt by Dark Angel (Ire), she is a half to the G3 Prix Eclipse scorer Sasparella (Fr) (*Shamardal*) and a granddaughter of the Wertheimers' G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine and excellent producer Occupandiste (Ire) (*Kaldoun {Fr}*), which links her to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Intello (Ger) (*Galileo {Ire}*). Sales history: €200,000 Ylg '18 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Serge Boucheron (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**10th-Vichy, €22,000, 5-27, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:07.99, gd.**

**ROC ANGEL (FR) {g, 6, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}}--Forewarned**

{Ire}, by Grand Lodge Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 35-8-4-9, €227,720. O-Antoine Gilibert; B-Deln Ltd & Howard Kaskel (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. \*€45,000 Ylg '15 ARQOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Calypso Rose (Ire), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Calypso Beat (SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Fr & Ire), by Speightstown.** Vichy, 5-27, 5fT, 1:01.90. B-Ecurie des Monceaux, R S Cockerill (Farms) Ltd & Framont Ltd (IRE). \*€190,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG.

**Excalibur (Fr), c, 3, Sommerabend (GB)--Exeter (Fr), by Kabool (GB).** Vichy, 5-27, 5fT, 1:00.90. B-SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). \*€20,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE.

# ASIA

**Wednesday's Result:**

**SAKITAMA HAI-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥52,700,000 (US\$488,923/£399,995/€455,253), Urawa, 5-27, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:25.80, gd.**

**1--NOBO BACCARA (JPN), 123, h, 8, Admire Aura (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Nobo Kiss (Jpn), by French Deputy**

**2nd Dam: Rise Kiss, by Dayjur**

**3rd Dam: Take Lady Anne, by Queen City Lad**

O-LS.M Inc.; B-Yasuhiro Higisawa (Jpn); T-Hideyuki Mori; J-Hideyuki Mori. ¥31,000,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Jpn, 51-9-6-6.



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**2--Bulldog Boss (Jpn), 128, h, 8, Daiwa Major (Jpn)--Lyphard Cannes (Jpn), by Danehill.** O-Him Rock Racing; B-Keiichi Samekawa (Jpn); ¥10,850,000  
**3--Nobu Wild (Jpn), 123, h, 8, Vermilion (Jpn)--Koei Best(Jpn), by Amber Shadai (Jpn).** O-Nobuteru Maeda; B-Kiyomitsu Jochi (Jpn); ¥6,200,000  
 Margins: 1, 1, 3/4. Odds: 16.30, 2.90, 11.80.



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

### DETROIT TESORO

By Andrea Brachini

**DETROIT TESORO** may not sound as an operatic name for this winning filly, but it is. The dam is Bella Traviata and Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata" is the ideal opera for some, and definitely one of the most popular.

The most famous song (romanza) of "La Traviata" is "Parigi O Cara" "Paris, Oh Dear". I do not know where Detroit comes from (owner's prerogative), but in Italian Tesoro (treasure) is definitely a synonym of Cara as a term of endearment. I am exhausted and I rest my case.

**Detroit Tesoro, f, 3, Speightstown--Bella Traviata (SP), by Indian Charlie.** Niigata, 5-24, Maiden (\$90k), 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-3, \$106,481. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Noboru Takagi. \*\$190,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTNAUG; \$127,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$375,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR.

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**Thursday, Clairefontaine, France, post time: 1.10 p.m.**

**PRIX DU PALAIS-ROYAL-G3**, €56,000, 3yo/up, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Milord's Song (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Bachelot	Wattel	130
2	5	Stunning Spirit (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	F Rossi	130
3	7	Azano (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Boudot	Graffard	130
4	2	Stormbringer (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	C Demuro	Hernon	130
5	6	Tertius (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Journiac	Nigge	130
6	4	Spinning Memories (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Soumillon	Bary	127
7	3	Devil (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Guyon	Head	121

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## OLMEDO TO STAND AT AQUIS IN QUEENSLAND



Olmedo | *Scoop Dyga*

By Bren O'Brien

Aquis has confirmed that G1 French 2000 Guineas winner **Olmedo (Fr)** will stand at its Queensland base in 2020, becoming the fifth stallion added to its Australian roster ahead of the new season. The son of Declaration Of War (USA) will be made available to breeders through Aquis' foundation farm at Canungra at \$16,500 (inc GST), and becomes the third addition to the Queensland roster for 2020, joining fellow first-season stallion **Dubious** as well as **Duporth**, who has moved from Kooringal Stud in NSW.

Aquis has also added Group 1-winning **Pierata** to its Hunter Valley roster and it recently announced that a deal had been struck to stand **Needs Further** at its Victorian base. That takes the number of stallions across the three states to 17 for the 2020 season.

CEO Tony Williams said Aquis was relishing the opportunity to offer a stallion with the international race performance and pedigree of Olmedo to the Queensland market.

"We are very fortunate to have him in Queensland. Queensland breeders are going to be offered the opportunity to access a Group 1-winning and Classic-winning son of Declaration Of War," he told *TDN AusNZ*. "Olmedo was a champion 2-year-old, a Classic winning 3-year-old and is a seriously, seriously nice type. We are fortunate to have a horse with natural speed, with Classic ability who then went on to win again at stakes level as a 4-year-old. He is durable as well."

Bred by the Dream With Me Stable, Olmedo was purchased for €100,000 (AU\$165,000) by trainer Jean-Claude Rouget at the 2016 Deauville Arqana Yearling Sale. He was a dominant winner at Deauville on debut and at his third start was narrowly beaten in the G1 Prix Jean Luc Lagardere at Chantilly, with subsequent G1 Investec Derby winner **Masar (Ire)** (*New Approach {Ire}*) finishing behind him in third. At his second start back as a 3-year-old, he won the G1 French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp and as a 4-year-old he won the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron Hong Kong Jockey Club at Deauville.

"I was fortunate enough when I was in Europe to be exposed to Classic racing and see horses that we would once only read about in Australia. I was fortunate enough to see him race and see a lot of the horses he beat on the track," Williams said.

He was purchased by Aquis to compete in Australia earlier this year and after one appearance for trainer Kacy Fogden, he was retired to stud.

"He only retired late last week officially. As a racehorse, acclimatisation didn't quite work for him here. So we're fortunate now to have him in the breeding barn and we are really happy to do so," Williams said. "Many years ago, we'd only get the half-brother to this type of horse standing at stud in Australia. Now, we are exposed to them, we can get them."

"If you look at the list of French 2000 Guineas winners, Shamardal and Lope De Vega are two of the recent winners. They have both made big impressions at stud in Australia, but they are now lost to us. This horse won't be. He will be standing at Queensland and Queensland will be his home. He's as good an imported horse to come into Queensland for a long time, if not ever."

### *Australian Breeders to Make Declaration Connection*

Australian breeders will need no introduction to his sireline, with Declaration Of War having stood two seasons at Coolmore Australia, during which time he produced the 2019 Melbourne Cup winner **Vow And Declare** and 2019 Victoria Derby winner **Warning** as well as 2019 Queensland Oaks winner **Winning Ways**.

"Declaration Of War's stats are second to none now, he's done an amazing job in Australasia. He's done a good job in the Northern Hemisphere but with **Warning** and **Vow And Declare** over the spring carnival and having an Oaks winner as well, he's really done well," Williams said.



**Tony Williams | Aquis Farm**

Olmedo is Declaration Of War's highest-rated son, with a Timeform rating of 120, while his pedigree makes him a total outcross to the majority of sirelines in Australia.

"He's a complete outcross to Danehill. He can also go to More Than Ready mares and Zabeel mares," Williams said.

### A Commitment to Queensland

Williams said the decision to stand him in Queensland is a sign of the commitment the Fung family has to the state where it set up its operation five years ago.

"Queensland is where Aquis started. We have the farm at Canungra, which is owned by the Fung family. The racing and bloodstock enterprise was started in Queensland and there is a real affinity there. We wanted to offer a horse like Olmedo to the Queensland breeder and to make Queensland his home," he said. "Queensland is renowned for speed and this horse was a champion 2-year-old and then was able to win at 1600 metres as a 3-year-old. He is high quality, he's got speed, but he's certainly got strength and toughness to race on at three and four."

"At \$16,500, he is really good value from a Queensland breeder point of view. Horses like this normally stand in the Hunter Valley, but it was decided to really make a statement about Queensland."

Williams said he feels Olmedo complements Aquis' other significant Queensland addition, Dubious, with the juvenile stakes-winning son of Not A Single Doubt to stand at \$13,200 (inc GST) in his first season.

It also further builds Aquis' impressive stallion roster across three states and reinforces its reputation as an emerging powerhouse in the Australian Thoroughbred industry.

"At the moment, we are standing 17 stallions in three states. We have a long list of stallion prospects to go to stud over the next couple of years. Having the option of the three states really does give the opportunity to Aquis to place stallions in the state that best suits them," Williams, who joined as CEO at the start of 2020, said. "It's nice to come in to Aquis when things are going up like they are and be involved with the progression of the place. A lot of this hard work has been done in the past with Shane McGrath and all concerned with the organisation."



### IN HONG KONG:

**California Concord**, g, 4, **Fastnet Rock**--Miss Concorde (Ire), by Encosta de Lago. Sha Tin, 5-27, Hcp. (\$285k), 1200m (AWT), 1:08.61. B-Goldendale (NSW). \*\$700,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS.

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**Party Everyday**, g, 4, **Snitzel**--Scarlett Lady (NZ) (G1SW-Aus & NZ, US\$666,837), by Savabeel. Sha Tin, 5-27, Hcp. (\$190k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.31. B-NJR Werrett & Whitby Bloodstock (NSW). \*\$870,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS; HK\$7,000,000 HRA '19 HKIS. **VIDEO**

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## KHRC RACE DATES COMMITTEE APPROVES KEENELAND SUMMER DATES



Racing at Keeneland | Coady

by T.D. Thornton

The July 8-12 meet at Keeneland Race Course got a step closer to reality Wednesday morning when the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC)'s race dates committee unanimously recommended a calendar shift agreement between Keeneland and Ellis Park.

The full KHRC board still needs to approve the recommendation to make it official. But that vote is now considered a formality given that committee members passed the recommendation without any discussion, questions or opposition. The next scheduled KHRC meeting is June 16.

Bob Elliston, Keeneland's vice president of racing and sales, told *TDN* after the meeting that the association has been working on a two-pronged approach to pandemic protocols that will start with spectator-free racing at the July race meet with the anticipation that Keeneland will be able to host on-site buyers and sellers at the September yearling sale.

"This is a situation where you can't plan enough. You plan for the worst and hope for the best. Things are going well so far in Kentucky under these protocols, and we expect them to do so at Keeneland come July 8," Elliston said. **Cont. p3**

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## BRENDAN WALSH TALKS MAXFIELD, DRUGS, GODOLPHIN'S DERBY QUEST ON TDN

### WRITERS' ROOM by Joe Bianca

Patience is a virtue in racing, and trainer Brendan Walsh showed it in spades over the winter with his first Grade I winner, Godolphin's **Maxfield** (Street Sense). A blowout victor of the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity last fall, the homebred was slated to be one of the favorites in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but had to be scratched with an ankle injury and was slowly brought along by Walsh to a triumphant sophomore debut in the GIII Matt Winn S. Saturday, almost eight months after his last start.

The Irish-born Walsh joined the TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland Wednesday as the **Green Group Guest of the Week** to discuss the training strategy with his star pupil, how to fix the drug problem in American racing, Godolphin's quest for an elusive GI Kentucky Derby win and more. **Cont. p4**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### FOOTBALL STAR STRIKES FOR OSARUS TOPPER

Footballer M'Baye Niang, using Marc-Antoine Berghgracht of MAB Agency as his agent, bought the top lot out of the Osarus Breeze-Up Sale, a colt by Intello (Ger). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)



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Racing in France and selling (virtually) in Australia. Spinning Memories (Ire) lines up for the G3 Prix du Palais Royal at Clairefontaine Thursday, and five days later will come under the virtual hammer as the final lot of the Magic Millions Online Sale. See TDN Europe for more. | Scoop Dyga

## CA WORKERS' COMP. SUBSIDY APPROVED

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The TOC announced that the California Thoroughbred Business League board has approved a \$2-million subsidy to be paid to Post Time Self Insurance Group—the self-insured workers' compensation program for trainers in the state. The deal includes the creation of new safety position.

## ARLINGTON EXTENDS RACING CLOSURE

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Despite getting the go-ahead to resume live racing as early as June 1, Arlington has opted to remain closed, much to the chagrin of Illinois horsemen.

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## Keeneland Summer Dates cont. from p1



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"The good news is we've been working on this for a long time. We've been working in concert with [all the other Kentucky tracks] to develop a uniform set of protocols that could be applicable should any of us go racing," Elliston said. "Churchill Downs had the first opportunity, and I can tell you our team has been up at Churchill Downs--properly socially distancing and wearing masks--to observe how those things are going."

"We continue to do similar type of planning for September. Just [Tuesday] we had a group from the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association on site with our team. I'll bet you we had 15 people--properly socially distanced, wearing masks--doing walk-throughs in our pavilion and barn area to start brainstorming the best protocols to conduct the sale. That level of dialogue is happening on a daily basis."

"And right now our inspection team is in the field," Elliston continued. "They're going daily to farms to look at the yearlings that have been entered, and we're reviewing those horses under stringent protocols as it relates to biosecurity. So there's lots going on. I'm getting ready right now to go into a meeting to talk about protocols as they relate to conduct of guest services and the movement of people on our property."

The Wednesday-through-Sunday calendar shift in July is part of a compromise plan aimed at allowing Keeneland to regain some of the 17 dates it lost when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the track's traditional spring meet.

Ellis Park will retain simulcasting host status while Keeneland runs those five spectator-free July dates.

"I have talked to all parties, which would include Ellis Park, Keeneland, Kentucky HBPA and KTA," said KHRC executive director Marc Guilfoil in briefing commissioners prior to the vote. "They have all signed off on this agreement, and staff recommends approval."



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Ellis Park General Manager Jeffrey Inman said in the same press release that "We are all in this together, and Ellis Park is pleased to work with Keeneland on a plan that benefits our horsemen and Kentucky racing."

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## Walsh TDN Podcast cont. from p1



Brendan Walsh | *Coady*

"My approach with him and pretty much all of our horses is to let them tell me what they're going to do," Walsh said. "Every horse is important, but I knew this is a special horse and I wasn't going to do anything that was going to mess the horse up, as much as we'd all like to win the Derby."

Once the Derby got postponed four months, many in the sport pointed to the comebacking Maxfield as one of the horses who would benefit the most from the extra preparation time, but Walsh said he thinks his colt would've had a good shot on the first Saturday in May as well.

"Everyone tells me it was a blessing in disguise that the Derby got moved, and it may well have been, but he's a very good horse and it seems like he overcomes an awful lot of things and it wouldn't have surprised me if he [won] anyway," Walsh said. "He was going to make it, but he was going to make it off of one prep. The experts are going to tell you it's pretty much an impossibility to win the Derby off one prep, but it was

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something that we could've tried anyway. We took it step by step, day by day and in the end we were able to back down off him a little bit, take a fresh approach and do it the way we wanted, like he hadn't been injured last year."

With the news of a horse in the Arkansas Derby testing positive for lidocaine bringing the omnipresent topic of drugs in racing into the conversation, Walsh was asked about what he would do to bring more clarity to the sport's drug policies.

"Whether it be for or against certain medications, I think it needs to be one rule for everybody," he said. "We were being told seven, eight, nine months ago when all the trouble was at its strongest with all the breakdowns, how we needed to form a national body. Has somebody jumped up to form a national body? No. And now we're back to probably where we were again. With the COVID, everything in our industry has taken a backseat and it's gone to sleep again. Nobody's stepped up to form this national body. Everyone's talking about, they want to do this and they want to do that, where's the person that's going to step up and actually do this?"

Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin has won just about every big race there is to win in Europe and a myriad of historic trophies in the States, but the one prize that's evaded them to this point is the Derby. Should he make it to the starting gate, Maxfield figures to give them as good a shot as they've had at taking

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down the Run for the Roses.

"I worked for them [in Europe] in the late '90s, early 2000s, and even back then they were throwing the kitchen sink at trying to win the Derby," Walsh said. "They had horses in Dubai for the winter to bring over here and then they tried to do it from England. They've tried all kinds of ways, and it's a very difficult race to win, full stop. They had a hell of a shot a couple years ago with Thunder Snow (Ire), and it got killed leaving the gate. They'd really, really like to win it, and this might be their best chance."

Elsewhere on the show, in the [West Point news segment](#), the writers forecasted the implications of the Oaklawn drug test revelations if the horse who tested positive goes on to win the Derby. They also debated the significance of vastly increased handle at Churchill and Santa Anita and how to fix a broken business model for trainers. Click [here](#) to listen to the podcast and click [here](#) to watch it on Vimeo.

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## CA \$2-MILLION WORKERS COMP' SHORTFALL PLUGGED, CREATION OF NEW SAFETY POSITION *by Dan Ross*



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Tuesday afternoon, the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) announced that the California Thoroughbred Business

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League (CTBL) board had "unanimously approved" a \$2-million subsidy from its reserves to be paid to Post Time Self Insurance Group--the self-insured workers' compensation program for trainers in the state.

As part of the deal--which took some three months to negotiate--the various stakeholders have agreed to the creation of a new position of "Director of Safety," who will help establish and regulate uniform safety standards and implement them across all California training and racing facilities.

"It's just a more robust program than we've had in the past," Michael Lyon, program administrator of Post Time, told the *TDN* Wednesday.

Currently, trainers are routinely given safety training sessions and materials to review quarterly, said Lyon. The program's new director of safety--who could be in place by July 1--will be "on site," and will "review with the trainers their safety practices, helping them to address areas that maybe need addressing."

The director will also be looking for "compliance" with these new safety protocols--what Lyon described as a set of best practices. "We have never implemented an experience modification factor in our program, but it definitely could be part of the program going forward," he said.

These protocols will be draw-up by industry representatives, including the trainers, said Lyon, who added that the position could come from someone within the industry itself.

Earlier in April, the Post Time proposed a plan to invoice trainers \$1,233 per horse retroactively for the first quarter of 2020, to help fill financial shortfalls. Though the proposal was subsequently dropped, it gave a nod to long-gestating revenue problems within the program, which relies on three funding mechanisms: a stall-per-day fee of \$3.70, per-start fees, and a slice of wagering revenue, which works out to 0.5% of money placed on exotic wagers.

According to Lyon, the \$2-million shortfall applies to "prior year losses." For example, within the first two years of Post Time operating, there were two "catastrophic" injuries that were "policy limit claims," meaning they were claims higher than \$1 million, said Lyon. Post Time covers the first million, while excess coverage provides funding for the rest.

This overall shortfall has been exacerbated by the suspension of live racing in California as a result of COVID-19. "With no wagering, the subsidy fund takes a hit," said Lyon, who added that wagering provided the biggest source of income for the program.

When asked how prevalent the problem of lax safety standards is in California barns, Lyon replied that, "in any given quarter, 85 to 90% of our trainers do not have an injury."

"There are some trainers who have several injuries, but those trainers tend to have the bigger barn," he added. "I don't think

there's a culprit as much as there's things that can be improved on to make everyone better."

As for the possibility of the stall-per-day fee increasing in the future, Lyon said that it's under consideration. "We haven't yet had a chance to analyze the overall impacts and make adjustments if necessary," he said.

"We spent substantial time over the last three months working with the trainers and Post Time to develop substantial improvements in the workers' comp program, including significant safety initiatives," said Nick Alexander, TOC Chairman and representative on the CTBL board, in the press release Tuesday. "I especially want to thank Tim Yakteen, Post Time president and southern California vice-president of CTT [California Thoroughbred Trainers], for his important input and the countless hours he contributed to the process."

"We greatly appreciate this funding from the CTBL," said Yakteen, in Tuesday's press release. "It was vital for the CTT to find an alternative to having the money come out of trainers' pockets to fund the 2018 Post Time funding shortfall due to negative claim development for that year. We feel that the agreement we reached is one that trainers will wholeheartedly support."

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## ARLINGTON EXTENDS LIVE RACING CLOSURE



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Despite being given the green-light by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker to resume racing, albeit without spectators, in the state as early as June 1, Arlington International Racecourse, which indicated previously it would not resume live racing without spectators ([TDN, May 22](#)), announced its plan to remain closed through at least July 4.

In a statement tweeted by Arlington Wednesday: "In support of, and with respect to the Governor's re-opening plan for

businesses that may encourage mass gatherings, and in the interest of public safety, Arlington International Racecourse has made the decision to suspend the opening of its race meet, which will extend beyond our next two premium events. Therefore, our Father's Day & Fourth of July fireworks events have been cancelled. Arlington will be issuing full refunds for all pre-purchased tickets to these events."

Beyond the pandemic-related shutdown, relations between Arlington and the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) has been strained for over six months over a contract for the 2020 meet that was supposed to have started May 1.

"Rather than race without spectators, and miss out on the prospect of selling cocktails at a steep markup to crowds at Arlington Million Day, Arlington instead is poised to forgo racing altogether," read a statement from Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. "Everybody in Illinois is sacrificing in this difficult time. Everybody, that is, except Arlington--which would just as soon take its ball and go home than do its part to help Illinois workers and taxpayers by continuing live racing while taking reasonable steps to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19."

Contrary to Arlington's latest decision, Illinois's Hawthorne Race Course is preparing to resume racing spectator-free.

The statement continued, "Live racing supports thousands of jobs in Illinois, from trainers, backstretch workers, veterinarians, blacksmiths and jockeys at the track to breeders, truck drivers and hay and feed suppliers downstate. These working men and women are committed to racing--and, in many cases, are residing and raising their families--in Illinois. The loss of live racing at Arlington will be devastating as horsemen move their small business operations to other states where they can work and earn a living."

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## BANNING THE CROP IS NOT THE ANSWER-- BUT RIDERS NEED TO OPEN THEIR EYES

*Op/Ed, by Ramon Dominguez and Ryan Moore*

We have watched, with increasing concern, as momentum to effectively ban the use of the riding crop has built around the world. The negative perception of the crop is real and it matters. You may think it is overblown, the domain of activists, but those among us who dismiss animal welfare concerns will first find ourselves riding without crops, and then not riding at all.

We shoulder some blame in this scenario. As riders we have failed--and fail still--to make a persuasive argument about the crop's use as a safety or corrective tool and its importance to the integrity of the sport. We did not move quickly to innovate its design as criticism of it grew louder. For years, we have simply

insisted "we need it" while refusing to compromise on a sustainable framework for its use.

And now, here we are. Faced with restrictive rules pending in California and regulatory bodies around the U.S. and the world debating the same issue. The time has passed for stubbornness, but we do need the riding crop to ensure the safety and integrity of our sport for all participants.

There are so many ways in which a horse can act unpredictably during the running of a race and require a rider to take corrective action to protect themselves as well as the animal. A crop is the most important tool a rider can rely on to correct a horse. These corrections are not always clear cut and often a matter of feel for the jockey given their position in the race, communication with the horse, and overall experience.

Being able to proactively use the crop, for example by tapping a horse on the shoulder anticipating that he/she is going to do something erratic, is much safer than trying to correct a horse who has already drifted. In a scenario where the crop can only be used for "safety," a rider will have to wait for the unsafe situation to become apparent or face penalties. This increases risk for all participants.

In addition to maintaining safety, the crop is necessary to maintain a level playing field. An unpredictable race creates uncertainty that is unattractive to the gamblers who are critical to racing's funding. Horses have different demeanors. Some are quick and come out of the gate running as fast as they can. As a rider, your goal is to help ration that speed so that they can conserve energy for the end of the race. Some horses have a laid-back demeanor and will only put forth effort according to what's asked of them. These horses will not give their best if the crop cannot be used for encouragement. This does a disservice to the animal's connections and to the betting public. A horse's inherent demeanor is invisible to the bettor and impossible to



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handicap. In order to offer a fair race, jockeys need to be able to use crops to encourage their mounts.

While crops are essential, we're not advocating their unrestricted use. It is time for jockeys to come to the table prepared to discuss common sense rules. We will not be able to use the crop as we always have--change is not coming, it is here. Regulators must also be prepared to compromise--namely on an enforcement and penalty system that is intended to help jockeys learn to change their behavior, not to punish them. This will require a level of regular dialogue between riders and stewards that goes well beyond the current systems.

Innovations in crop design also cannot be ignored in this debate. For most of the last century, this piece of equipment changed little. The rise of the padded popper, first in the UK and then the U.S., was a step toward minimizing impact on the horse, but it has always had flaws.

First, the synthetic material on the outside of the popper can deteriorate over time and retain water, making it heavier, which contributes to increased impact on the animal. Second, the popper has hard edges where the outer material is stitched together over the padding. If a rider hits at the wrong angle--an easy thing to do during a race without realizing it--this hard edge can and will break a horse's skin.

The new 360 GT crop designed by Ramón Dominguez elevates the protection of the horse to another level--replacing the hard, sharp edges of the traditional padded popper with a smooth, waterproof foam cylinder that is far gentler on the horse and just as effective as an encouragement tool due in part to the loud sound it makes on contact. Its widespread adoption, along with education about its benefits, could transform the conversation about crop use globally.

The crop has evolved. It is time for us to evolve in the way we use it.

**Ramon Dominguez is a retired Hall of Fame Rider based in the United States and the founder of Ryders Up, manufacturer of the 360 GT. Ryan Moore is a three-time British champion jockey who competes globally.**

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## CURTAIN COMES DOWN ON HISTORIC FONNER PARK MEET

by Bill Finley



Courtesy Fonner Park

As the meet was winding down Wednesday on the final day of racing in 2020 at Fonner Park, trainer Kelli Martinez was getting ready to ship her stable to Prairie Meadows. The Fonner meet was a good one for Martinez, who was second in the standings entering the day with 35 winners, and she was in no hurry to leave. It wasn't just the winners, it was the memories that she would be leaving behind.

"It was a stressful meet but it was a very different and very successful year for Fonner Park," she said.

It was all that and more.

Back when the meet started Feb. 21, a lot of people in racing barely knew Fonner existed. "They thought we came from some little bush track," Martinez said. Ninety-five days later, Fonner was a track that was churning out \$3.5 million a day in handle and had captured the imagination of horseplayers hungry to have something to bet on and anyone else who likes a story of the underdog making good.

Entering mid-March, Fonner was having a good meet, at least by Fonner standards. A bullring track in Grand Island, Nebraska, the handle was averaging about \$260,000 a day. Because most of it was coming from on-track bets, of which Fonner keeps a large percentage, the track could afford to pay out its modest purses, about \$50,000 a card.

But the meet was in jeopardy as the coronavirus swept across

the country and Fonner management told horsemen they were going to have to close. That never happened as a compromise was reached and an experiment was undertaken in which Fonner would no longer race on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Instead, the track would race Monday through Wednesday, spectator-free, in hopes that, with so little competition from other tracks, handle would go up.

It soared. On Apr. 7, with a mandatory payout of the track's Pick Five wager, Fonner handled \$7.2 million. Since the shift to weekdays, the track has averaged about \$3.5 million in wagering per day.

"After the first couple of weeks after we switched the days around I stopped being amazed. The handle just kept coming and coming," said Fonner's energetic CEO Chris Kotulak.

That Fonner faced so little competition is the primary reason handle went up, but horseplayers still had to accept the track. With its small purses, cheap horses and unknown jockeys and trainers, that wasn't a given. But something kept the gambler coming back every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as they discovered this little track in Central Nebraska.

"People, if they even knew Fonner Park existed, probably thought it was some dusty little track in the middle of nowhere," Kotulak said. "Just by the way we run our operations and how efficient we are, I know for a fact we are not. We are a real racetrack, not just a carnival or fair meet that pops up for a handful of days."

Wednesday's card also meant the end of the Nebraska racing season. Meets had been scheduled at tracks in Columbus and Lincoln, Nebraska that would have meant racing through July 5. But, because of the pandemic, neither track will race this year.

Martinez's barn is one of the best in Nebraska and she can compete in other states. Not everyone is as fortunate. Kotulak said many of Nebraska's smaller trainers would be hard pressed to win races without the option of staying on the Nebraska circuit. For Fonner's horsemen and jockeys, heading to the next stop is not always practical.

David Anderson, a 14-time leading trainer, was ready to call it a year. He normally goes to Prairie Meadows but said he wanted to do something different this year and enjoy some time away from the races.

"I'll be sending some of my horses to other trainers at Canterbury and Prairie Meadows," he said. "With the rest, I'm just going to take them to my farm and not run again until Fonner opens next year. With the pandemic going on, I thought that was the right move. My dad is 86 and my mom is 84 and I have not seen them over the last 2 1/2 months. They've been self quarantined. I also have a 2 1/2-year-old grandson. I have just decided I will stay at the farm this summer and enjoy life a little bit."

Martinez's husband Armando was the leading rider at Fonner and will soon be on his way to Prairie Meadows. Jake Olesiak, second in the standings, won't be coming with him. Olesiak used to go from track to track across the Midwest. He decided to cut back after his second daughter was born and now rides just in Nebraska. He will show up Thursday at his regular job, as a production supervisor at an ethanol company in Adams, Nebraska.

"I can't travel too far anymore," he said. "I will break a few babies this summer. I'll do that and my full-time job. Most likely, I am done for the year."

Other jockeys will scatter, some to Fair Meadows in Oklahoma, others to the fair tracks in North Dakota or Arapahoe Park in Colorado. Many of the trainers will find their way to those tracks and Canterbury and Prairie Meadows. They will soon be headed out of town, but none will forget Fonner Park 2020.

"When they announced in middle of March they were going to discontinue the races my thought was what the hell are we going to do now?" Anderson said. "Then they came up with the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday plan and it was phenomenal. That allowed us to earn a paycheck. With no fans, it was a strange meet and nothing like anything I've ever experienced. But look what happened here. It was a stroke of genius."

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## KEENELAND LIFE'S WORK PROJECT NO. 7: JOHN WILLIAMS

by Chris McGrath



John Williams at Keeneland in 2002 | Horsephotos

Nobody, we keep telling ourselves, remembers a time quite like this. And that's true even of John Williams, who has seen just about everything in our business. But he did once experience something pretty similar--worse, if anything, strictly



## *Life's Work: John Williams*

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in terms of the springtime routines of a stallion farm. That was when Caro (Ire) imported a wildly contagious venereal disease from France to Spendthrift, and the Department of Agriculture wanted to put a chain on the gate.

Williams imagined that he'd already fulfilled his most stressful task, in boarding a plane to Paris with a cheque for \$4.2 million in his pocket. After bringing Caro to Kentucky, however, the world's premier stallion roster could only be kept in business if everyone in the breeding shed wore surgical hoods, gowns, boots and gloves. Every square inch was disinfected and quarantined. As it happens, Williams gave his time to this project long before the current crisis. But however rare the precedent--whether in the quality of horses and horsemen, or in the dramas that colour their lives--you will find some guidance in the tapestry of a life too rich to be adequately unstitched here.

Perhaps the best measure of his wisdom, integrity and charm is the single compliment that might overcome his dread of flattery. For his regard for the dignity of the office is such that Williams would be pleased, mighty pleased, still to be simply acknowledged as a good horse-groom.

"Bill Haun instilled this in me," he says, recalling one of the mentors of his Maryland youth. "That the most important person to the horse is not the trainer, not the owner, but the groom who lives with him. On the racetrack, I loved being with some more than others; but I loved being with all of them. I'll never forget rubbing a horse called Tara Host. They claimed him at Monmouth Park. And I'm coming back with the groom leading my horse to another barn, and trying to get him to understand: he can't blow the dirt out of his eyes, he doesn't like it, and all the things I knew about him, as we're going back with this bridle in my hand and crying because I'd lost him."

The snowy-haired septuagenarian before us remains in tandem with that young groom not just in brightness of eye or

spryness of demeanour. He also has the constant prompt of a photograph, at home in Versailles, preserving his first ever visit to the winner's circle at the age of 24.

"Let's see," he says. "This is April 5, 1966. The winner's circle at what is no longer a racetrack. Bowie, Maryland. With Edgar Lucas, the owner of Helmore Farm. I was working for this wonderful horseman Billy Haun. And here I am, with a mare called Compass Rose. Can you see how proud I was, to be standing in that winner's circle? I mean, you'd think we just won the Oaks. And Mr. Lucas, look how happy he is to win a \$5,000 claimer. This is how much we loved it, even at that level."

The young man in the picture had no immediate background in horses--though Williams is still maddened that the old equine remedies collated by an Irish grandfather he never knew, who came over with a draft of coach horses for a wealthy family in Philadelphia, were incinerated on his death--beyond a father who couldn't wait to close the barbershop in time to catch the daily double at Pimlico.

Yet Williams had only completed his first semester at the University of Maryland when switching his education to Pistorio Farm, outside his hometown of Ellicott City. Here he was blessed to encounter a veterinarian as communicative as he was sage, Dr. Irwin Frock.

Admittedly his first racetrack employer did not prove quite so exemplary, but the time and place were propitious: that was the year the memorable Horatio Luro, his hat tilted just so, came to town with a colt they reckoned no more than 15.2hh.

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### NY-BREDS TO BE CATALOGUED AS A GROUP AT F-T MIDLANTIC

All New York-bred yearlings entered at Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic Fall Yearlings Sale will be catalogued together as a group in 2020, the company announced Wednesday.

"Having to cancel our Saratoga auctions this year due to COVID-19 has displaced many New York-bred yearlings," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "By cataloguing New York-breds together at Midlantic Fall, we are providing buyers with a large group of New York-breds that can easily be zeroed in on. We annually have strong representation from New York

owners and trainers at Midlantic Fall, which makes the sale an appropriate venue to offer this service."

"As previously announced, we are also cataloguing New York-breds together at our Selected Yearlings Showcase in Kentucky on Sept. 9 and 10," Browning continued. "We are doing our best to serve the New York-bred marketplace in a difficult year, and are pleased that we can offer New York connections two sales venues in which New York-bred yearlings will be presented collectively as a group."

The Midlantic Fall Yearlings Sale will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5-6, at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. It will take place following the Oct. 3 GI Preakness S.

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## LATE TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 3

The deadline for late nominations to the rescheduled 2020 Triple Crown will be Wednesday, June 3. Owners and trainers can make 3-year-old Thoroughbreds eligible for the three-race series with a payment of \$3,000.

Delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional order and dates for the Triple Crown were revised: the GI Belmont S. will be run first June 20 at 1 1/8 miles, followed by the GI Kentucky Derby Sept. 5 and GI Preakness S. Oct. 3 at their traditional distances of 1 1/4 miles and 1 3/16 miles, respectively.

A total of 347 horses were made eligible to the Triple Crown during the early phase with a \$600 payment that was due Jan. 25. The late nomination of \$6,000 was originally due Mar. 30, but the closing was postponed until all Triple Crown races were rescheduled.

Late nominations will be accepted [online](#) or by calling Churchill Downs racing operations manager Kelly Danner at (502) 638-3825. Payment must be made at the time of nomination.

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## FAIRMOUNT PARK GETS GO-AHEAD TO RACE NEXT WEEK

*by T.D. Thornton*

Fairmount Park has been green-lighted to resume spectator-free racing next week, coinciding with the "Phase 3" stage of the pandemic re-opening plan in Illinois. The *St. Louis Post Dispatch* first [broke the story](#) late Wednesday morning.

Jim Watkins, the president of the Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, told the *Post-Dispatch* he is not sure of an exact return date, but the plan is to have seven races twice a week.

Fairmount, which is 12 miles east of downtown St. Louis,



Fairmount Park | *T.D. Thornton*

Missouri, traditionally races on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday nights at this time of year.

"I'm relieved and drained to the point that excitement hasn't taken over yet," Watkins told the *Post-Dispatch*. "I've received 30 or 40 calls and people want to know the details like a kid at Christmas. The horsemen stuck together and stuck it out to show their resolve."

The 2020 season was to be Fairmount's big breakout year. Last June, Illinois granted it a license to add slot machines, table games and sports betting. A property expansion was planned, and the track's \$7,000 per-race purses were supposed to roughly double once the new gaming revenue started rolling in.

In March, Fairmount began its race meet earlier than usual. But the meet only made it five days in, with the final Mar. 17 card run spectator-free because of the impending COVID-19 restrictions. The track has been closed for business since.

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## GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PENNSYLVANIA BREEDERS

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association will begin offering grants for breeders, the group announced in a letter Wednesday afternoon.

"Thanks to the generosity of Chuck Zacney and Glenn Bennett, along with a contribution from the PHBA, we are happy to announce that we are offering grants to help alleviate some of the financial hardship you are experiencing," the letter read.

The grants will be awarded as follows: \$250/horse, up to a maximum of \$1,000 (four horses). Breeders are asked to submit a letter explaining their financial need, but must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current 2020 PHBA Member
- Breeder must have bred and currently own a domiciled registered PA-bred three years of age or older and submit proof of such
- PA-bred or Non-PA-bred mares may qualify as long as they have foaled in PA in 2019 or 2020 and meet other listed criteria
- Horse Breeding is your primary business or you've just lost your primary source of income due to COVID-19

All information should be submitted and postmarked by June 15; contact Brian Sanfratello ([brians@pabred.com](mailto:brians@pabred.com)) with any questions.

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**PERFECT PREDICTION**, 6, Majesticperfection--Predictress, by Vicar

Foal born Apr. 11, a filly by Cairo Prince.

Will be bred back to Preservationist.

Owned by Brereton C. Jones.

Boarded at Airdrie Stud.

Accomplishments: SW.



### DIVINE BEAUTY

9, Divine Park--Ghazo, by Ghazi

Foal born Apr. 19, a colt by Collected.

Will be bred back to Preservationist.

Owned by Brereton C. Jones.

Boarded at Airdrie Stud.

Accomplishments: SW of \$155,200.

### FEARLESS LEADER

16, Suave Prospect--Truly Romantic, by Robyn Dancer

Foal born Apr. 25, a filly by Summer Front.

Will be bred back to Creative Cause.

Owned by Brereton C. Jones.

Boarded at Airdrie Stud.

Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$216,485. Dam of Proud and Fearless (Proud Citizen), GSP, \$184,970.

### PREDICTRESS

18, Vicar-Mintecy, by Key to the Mint

Foal born Apr. 26, a filly by Unified.

Will be bred back to Upstart.

Owned by Brereton C. Jones.

Boarded at Airdrie Stud.

Accomplishments: Dam of Three Day Rush (Harlan's Holiday), SW, \$266,898; Perfect Prediction (Majesticperfection), SW.

### DEBONNAIRE (GB)

15, Anabaa--Ultra Finesse, by Rahy

Foal born May 3, a filly by Quality Road.

Owned by Mt. Brilliant Broodmares II, LLC.

Boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Roz (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Eng; Hartnell (GB) (Authorized {Ire}), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, MG1SW-Aus, \$230,676; Ursula (Tapit), MSP.

### LOVE COVE

16, Not For Love--Sand Pirate, by Desert Wine

Foal born May 3, a filly by Super Saver.

Will be bred back to Commissioner.

Owned by Brant Laue.

Boarded Hurstland Farm.

Accomplishments: MSW of \$396,739. Dam of Bibby (Stormy Atlantic), SW, \$143,163.

### MORENA (PER)

16, Privately Held--Charytin (Per), by Summing

Foal born May 12, a filly by Justify.

Will be bred back to Liam's Map.

Owned by and boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm and Ranch.

Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo & 3yo Filly-Per, MGSW & G1SP-Per,

GISP-US, \$270,699. Dam of Creator (Tapit), MGISW, \$1,610,320.

**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:08 p.m. EDT**
**WINNING COLORS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sneaking Out	Indian Evening	KMN Racing LLC	Hollendorfer	Ortiz	120
2	Break Even	Country Day	Klein Racing	Cox	Rosario	120
3	Princess Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Landeros	120
4	Bell's the One	Majesticperfection	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Lanerie	120
5	Unique Factor	The Factor	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Miller	Geroux	120
6	Take Charge Angel	Will Take Charge	Sheffer Racing, LLC	Colebrook	Leparoux	120
7	Spiced Perfection	Smiling Tiger	Haruya Yoshida	Casse	Castellano	122
8	Mia Mischief	Into Mischief	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
9	Lady Suebee	First Defence	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Baze	120

**Breeders:** 1-KMN Racing, 2-Richard Klein & Bert Klein, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Bret Jones, 5-Sebastien G Murat, Martin Keogh, Justin Wojczynski & Gemma Freeman, 6-Sheffer Equine Partners LLC & RonaldStocks, 7-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 8-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 9-Claiborne Farm

**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 6:16 p.m. EDT**
**OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Juliet Foxtrot (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	120
2	Beau Recall (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Slam Dunk Racing and Medallion Racing	Cox	Bridgmohan	120
3	Winning Envelope	More Than Ready	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	120
4	She'sonthewarpath	Declaration of War	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Margolis	Sutherland	122
5	La Signare (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Madaket Stables LLC, Cambron, Tim, Cambron, Anna and Bradley Thoroughbreds	Walsh	Santana, Jr.	122
6	Nay Lady Nay (Ire)	No Nay Never	First Row Partners and Hidden Brook Farm	Brown	Ortiz	120
7	Secret Message	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Madaket Stables LLC, Heider Family Stables LLC ERJ Racing, LLC, Elayne Stables and Bouchey, Steven	Motion	Velazquez	120
8	Altea (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc., Madaket Stables LLC and Doheny Racing Stable	Brown	Rosario	120
9	Varenka	Ghostzapper	Augustin Stable	Motion	Castellano	120
10	Hanalei Moon	Malibu Moon	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Casse	Gaffalione	120
11	Zofelle (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Heider Family Stables LLC	Walsh	Lanerie	120
12	Coco Channel	English Channel	Calumet Farm	LoPresti	Bejarano	120
13	Elizabeth Way (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	John J. McCormack	Attfield	Hernandez, Jr.	122
14	Mitchell Road	English Channel	Shields, Jr., Mrs. J. V. and McFadden, Jr., E. J. M.	Mott	Talamo	120

**Breeders:** 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Tom Wallace, 3-Ramspring Farm, 4-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 5-Moussa Mbappe, 6-Stephen Sullivan, 7-Allen Tennenbaum, 8-Carlos Vazquez Gonzalez, 9-George Strawbridge Jr., 10-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 11-Fullbury & Minch Bloodstock, 12-Calumet Farm, 13-Godolphin, 14-J. V. Shields Jr.


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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EDT**

**HONEYMOON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Guilty (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Benowitz Family Trust, Madaket Stables LLC, Mathiesen, M. and Powell, M.	Powell	Blanc	120
2	K P Dreamin	Union Rags	Karl Pergola	Mullins	Espinosa	120
3	Fashion Royalty (GB)	War Front	Andrew Rosen	Gallagher	Valdivia, Jr.	120
4	Croughavouke (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Rispoli	120
5	Laura's Light	Constitution	Gary Barber	Miller	Cedillo	122
6	Little Bird (Ire)	Free Eagle (Ire)	Next Wave Racing, Baltas, Richard & Robershaw, Ritchie	Baltas	Gutierrez	120
7	Red Lark (Ire)	Epaulette (Aus)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Gallagher	Van Dyke	120
8	Parkour	Carpe Diem	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Smith	120
9	Stela Star (Ire)	Epaulette (Aus)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Prat	120

**Breeders:** 1-Hyperion Sarl, 2-Vegso Racing Stable, 3-Andrew Rosen, 4-Joe Fogarty, 5-Golden Pedigree LLC, 6-Springbank Way Stud, 7-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington, 8-LNJ Foxwoods, 9-Vimal and Gillian Khosla



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## 2020 Leading Second-Crop Sires by Black-Type Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, May 26

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Constitution</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>598,300</b> <i>Tiz the Law</i>	<b>1,647,527</b>
2	<b>Tapiture</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>65</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>90,000</b> <i>Steph'sfullasugar</i>	<b>805,456</b>
3	<b>American Pharaoh</b> <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	--	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>64</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58,000</b> <i>Merneith</i>	<b>687,452</b>
4	<b>Palace Malice</b> <i>(2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>56</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>260,000</b> <i>Mr. Monomoy</i>	<b>678,314</b>
5	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b> <i>(2011) by Bernstein FYR: 2017</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>199,800</b> <i>Sole Volante</i>	<b>551,354</b>
6	<b>Tonalist</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>259,145</b> <i>Tonalist's Shape</i>	<b>960,254</b>
7	<b>Khozan</b> <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	--	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>50</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>109,000</b> <i>Liam's Lucky Charm</i>	<b>907,801</b>
8	<b>Honor Code</b> <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	--	--	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>137,500</b> <i>Max Player</i>	<b>690,745</b>
9	<b>Summer Front</b> <i>(2009) by War Front FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>356,600</b> <i>Ete Indien</i>	<b>626,698</b>
10	<b>Wicked Strong</b> <i>(2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>61</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>59,425</b> <i>Villainous</i>	<b>619,971</b>
11	<b>The Big Beast</b> <i>(2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>84,213</b> <i>Up in Smoke</i>	<b>470,513</b>
12	<b>Mr Speaker</b> <i>(2011) by Pulpit FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	--	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>80,000</b> <i>Three Technique</i>	<b>368,000</b>
13	<b>Race Day</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>50,650</b> <i>Implicator</i>	<b>294,176</b>
14	<b>Commissioner</b> <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64,665</b> <i>Island Commiss</i>	<b>290,609</b>
15	<b>Danza</b> <i>(2011) by Street Boss FYR: 2017</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>32</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62,244</b> <i>Pitching Ari</i>	<b>277,722</b>

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 5-27, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.53, fm.**

**PURE RHYTHM (f, 3, Hard Spun--Lotta Rhythm {SW & GSP, \$263,128}, by Rhythm)** chased a quick pace in her local unveiling Mar. 29, but improved markedly when second by a neck as part of a Mike Stidham-trained exacta here May 3. Shuffled back a bit into the first turn to be third last, the 6-5 chalk crept a bit closer down the backside as Ever Smart (Broken Vow) applied pressure to a longshot through splits of :22.71 and :46.72. Pure Rhythm worked her way into third heading for home, blew past the leading duo like they were standing still at the head of the lane and ran up the score to a dominant 11 lengths at the line. Ever Smart held second, while debuting \$750,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad Completed (Verrazano) rounded out the trifecta. The winner is half to Enaya Alrabb (Uncle Mo), GISP, \$133,600--this year's \$640,000 Keeneland January topper; and to Hattaash (Strong Hope), MGSP, \$414,687. Her late dam was a full to the dam of Hall of Famer Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) and her dam's final foal was a now 2-year-old filly by Gemologist named Final Jewel. Sales history: \$55,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$15,780. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 28

**Tamarkuz** (Speightstown), Shadwell Farm, \$10,000  
28 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, LONG MONDAY, 15-1  
\$7,500 FTK OCT yrl

### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 28

**Commissioner** (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
163 foals of racing age/22 winners/3 black-type winners  
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, NATURALLY QUICK, 30-1  
\$45,000 OBS OPN 2yo

### Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000

233 foals of racing age/44 winners/5 black-type winners  
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, ART OF LAW, 15-1  
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 OBS APR 2yo

### Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000

142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners  
2-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, BLUE GRASS ANNA, 5-1  
\$38,000 KEE SEP yrl

### Japan (Medaglia d'Oro), Waldorf Farm

50 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, AIZU, 8-1

### Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500

130 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, INDEPENDENT MISS, 4-1  
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, STARSHIP NUGGET, 10-1  
\$34,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000  
232 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Churchill Downs, Alw 1 1/16m, SILVER RATIO, 9-2  
\$320,000 KEE SEP yrl

### Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

79 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, AWESOME ELLA, 9-2  
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

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**Second-Crop Starters cont.****Race Day** (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

149 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners

8-Charles Town, Alw 4 1/2f, CAMPY CASH, 8-5

\$42,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000

179 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner

2-Churchill Downs, Msw 5f, TIZ A BIT LUCKY, 10-1

\$3,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Wicked Tune** (Concorde's Tune)

9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

5-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, KAYLA'S TUNE, 12-1

**IN HONG KONG:****Kings Shield**, g, 5, **Scat Daddy**--Gender Dance, by Miesque's Son.

Sha Tin, 5-27, Hcp. (\$271k), 1650m (AWT), 1:36.75.

B-Rosemont Farm LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Quarrel (Maria's Mon), GSP-Eng; and Great White Eagle (Elusive Quality), GSW-Ire.

\*\*\$65,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; 675,000gns 2yo '17 TATAPR.

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