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OMEGA TO ALPHA, A BREEDER WHO KNOWS HORSES INSIDE OUT



Debbie and Scott Pierce | Courtesy Scott Pierce

by Chris McGrath

If anything, you would think it the very last thing that might appeal to one who has spent decades acquainting himself, at viscerally close quarters, with all the things that can go wrong with a Thoroughbred. Yet here he is, sharing the same vicissitudes as those clients for whom—weighing the ups and downs of their trade—his veterinary skills so long served as a vital fulcrum.

As one of the original partners of the Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, Dr. Scott Pierce could scarcely have gone into breeding with fewer illusions. Yet perhaps that is precisely why he has proved so adept; why no more than 100 acres at Omega Farm, straddling the Bourbon and Scott County border, should have launched a couple of alpha males from the same crop towards Grade I prizes at Saratoga. On Saturday, ‘TDN Rising Star’ **Three Technique** (Mr Speaker) lines up for the Allen Jerkens S.; and then, a week later, **Country Grammer** (Tonalist) is sizing up the Travers S. (Both races, incidentally, under the Runhappy sponsorship umbrella.)

Certainly Pierce meets in similarly wry vein the suggestion that his professional experiences might sooner have put him off.

“Actually it was quite refreshing, not having to call owners and go through all the bad news,” he says. **Cont. p3**

WAR OF WILL TO STAND AT CLAIBORNE

Claiborne Farm has purchased an interest in Classic winner **War of Will** (War Front--Visions of Clarity {Ire}, by Sadler’s Wells), who will stand at the Paris, Kentucky farm upon the conclusion of his racing career. The winner of a trio of graded events at three, including the GI Preakness S., the Gary Barber-campaigned colt most recently scored in the GI Maker’s Mark Mile over the Keeneland turf July 10. War of Will’s 2021 stud fee will be announced following the Breeders’ Cup.

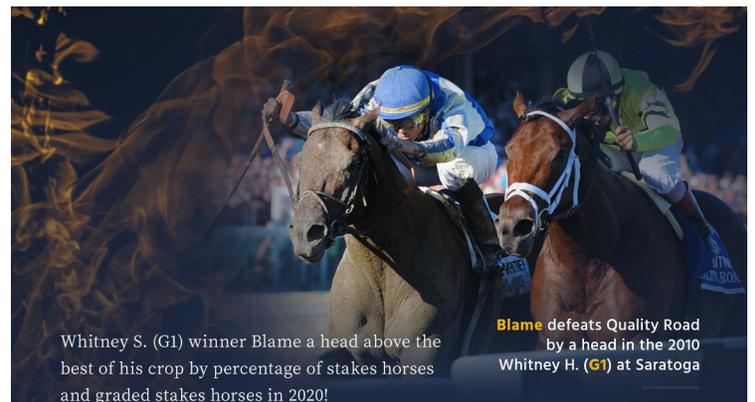
“War of Will has an outstanding pedigree, and combined with his race record, he should be very appealing to breeders,” said Claiborne’s Walker Hancock. “He’s a Classic winner on dirt at three and a Grade I winner on turf at four, which places him in rare company. War Front is one of the most successful sires of his generation and there is no doubt he is becoming a sire of sires. We believe War of Will has the capability to follow his father’s success.” **Cont. p7**

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Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a Classic winner in France, prevailed in a gritty battle in the G1 Qatar Nassau S.

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Whitney S. (G1) winner **Blame** a head above the best of his crop by percentage of stakes horses and graded stakes horses in 2020!

Blame defeats Quality Road by a head in the 2010 Whitney H. (G1) at Saratoga

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Blame	5.60%	8.80%
Quality Road	4.38%	8.13%

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Dancin in the Rain (Get Stormy - Dance By Em, by Tapit) was bred, raised, raced and retired by Virginia Lazenby, who is a big advocate for Thoroughbred aftercare. Raced both on the flat and over fences, his last start was in Saratoga in 2018. He is starting some transitional training at New Vocations and will be looking for a new home soon. He's pictured in a stall named in memory of the TDN's Ben Massam. To support the aftercare efforts of New Vocations, please visit newvocations.org. | New Vocations

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In his weekly column, Sid Fernando looks at sires who have had success across multiple continents.

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9:15a	Bonhams Thoroughbred S.-G3, GOO	-----	TVG
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From Omega to Alpha cont. from p1

“And it also helped me relate to what my clients were going through, because now it was happening to me too,” Pierce continued. “So no, it wasn’t discouraging at all. In fact, it made you tolerate and accept when things go wrong. That’s just part of the industry, part of a natural process, part of raising a horse. Things go wrong with all living species. And, when things do go well, this industry is a lot of fun. Especially when you have a business plan, and it starts to bear fruit, and you start to watch your horses run on the weekend.”

True, the 20-year transition out of veterinary practice--these days Pierce confines himself to public auction work--into a farm owned with his wife, Debbie Spike-Pierce, was a guarantee that he would never have anything recognizably resembling “retirement.” But there’s no mistaking the accompanying fulfilment.

And that breadth of perspective, critical to both his vocations, prepares Pierce even for the times when the best of fortune is sometimes conflated with regret. When Country Grammer made a splendidly game Travers reconnaissance in the Gill Peter Pan S., he confirmed that Pierce and his team can breed and raise a good horse: perhaps he can even emulate Saoirse Abu (Mr Greeley), a dual Group 1 winner in Europe. On the other hand, there’s no getting away from the fact that Country

Grammer’s dam Arabian Song (Forestry) was culled--for just \$5,000, apparently to Saudi Arabia--a couple of months after her son had been sold, for \$60,000, at the 2018 September Sale.

“Let me just say I have no illusions; I don’t have any problem with that,” Pierce says candidly. “As we all know, the perfect, 20/20 vision is hindsight. If we had that, we’d make a lot less mistakes in this world. That’s just life. But we’re a small farm, and small farms usually purchase lesser-valued mares. I purchased Arabian Song [privately] for very little, as a maiden mare. And I’d been a little disappointed in her first three foals to hit the races. On a small farm, when things don’t happen relatively quickly, then there’s turnover; there’s downsizing.

“If you can buy more expensive mares, they’re longer-term investments; and they require bigger stud fees. I don’t go there. That’s not been our model. It’s extremely expensive to keep mares. So small breeders like me typically tend to have more turnover. I had way too much inventory, and when it came time to be downsizing, she was one that got away. And that’s okay. You know, I’ve had clients tell me that when they look back and ask how many mares they regret selling, they can maybe count one or two out of 100. Now I did break my rule a little bit, because typically I try to let four of them get to racing age, and she’d just had three. But they were claimers.”

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All that makes perfect sense. On the face of it, after all, with another \$90,000 banked for her Runhappy weanling at that same Keeneland November Sale, you could argue that a nugatory initial investment had produced a perfectly acceptable yield from her stint on the farm. Both Country Grammer and the Runhappy filly, moreover, proved productive pinhooks for their purchasers, much as Pierce had promised would prove the case. Country Grammer, remember, is a May 11 foal.



Country Grammer (inside) wins the Peter Pan | Chelsea Durand

“I asked quite a few 2-year-old pinhookers to go see him,” Pierce recalls. “They loved his big walk, but said he was too immature, too small, to make a 2-year-old sale. Then somebody bought him out of California, I believe--and, lo and behold, he ended up going to a 2-year-old sale. Ciaran Dunne had him and when they got \$450,000 I was over the moon. That’s awesome. Those people will come back and want to buy another one from you.

“He was always a bit of a diamond in the rough, quite frankly: always a very nice individual, just not the super-obvious yearling that everyone just had to have. The mare was always bred late, which was a disadvantage because her foals were always a bit small. Always correct, but just a little immature. So he was not a great big bull. But he had that huge walk, and a great mind.”

Three Technique, sold as a weanling at the previous November Sale for \$50,000, was found to have suffered a minor ankle injury after flattening into fourth in the GII Rebel S. He now reverts to seven furlongs, over which trip he twice impressed--by an aggregate 10 lengths--at the end of his juvenile campaign.

His dam has already produced Stan the Man (Broken Vow), runner-up in the GII True North S. on his latest start, and Three Technique will be going out to bat for a full brother entered in the September Sale.

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“Three Technique was getting a lot of press early on so we’ll see, maybe he’ll be as good as some of the early reports,” Pierce says. “The yearling is very nice and correct, real similar to Three Technique. That mare Nite in Rome (Harlan’s Holiday), she just has lovely foals.”

Another smart sophomore from the same little Omega crop is Bank On Shea (Central Banker), winner of a \$500,000 stakes in the New York Stallion Series last winter. He was bred from a \$5,000 mare, another that was flipped: brought into the program for 18 months, to do a job. Bank On Shea made six figures at auction, and his dam had no pedigree that warranted longer investment. (“Thank goodness for the breeders’ fund!” exclaims Pierce.)



Three Technique | Sarah Andrew

Even Saoirse Abu, who made \$260,000 as a yearling, was bred from an unraced Florida-bred, picked up cheaply as a maiden mare. One way or another, then, it would certainly seem that Pierce has developed a shrewd eye for a horse during a career that had no roots in the Thoroughbred world.

Yes, his father was also a veterinarian, but in rural Missouri. “I knew I didn’t want to do small animals and I didn’t want to do food animals,” Pierce recalls. “So I went to Oaklawn Park as a vet student back in the early ’80s and worked for a track vet there. And I recall standing by the first turn and hearing the sound of the horses galloping by during the race. And that was my epiphany, the ‘ah-ha’ moment that said: this is for me.”

For the education of his eye, in the years since, he gives much credit to a long professional association with Mike Ryan.

“If you hang out for 30 years with probably the best agent in the world, you hope some of that rubs off,” he says. “Just in my visualizing the type of horse people want, the type to breed for. I don’t get down in the weeds with him: I’m his veterinarian, and I value our friendship. But vetting horses for him, I do see the type that he picks. That athletic horse, typically very correct.

And obviously some that others tend to not choose. Mentally and physically, they have certain characteristics. A big stride. No question, he’s the best; and it’s been a privilege to work for him for so long.”

Pierce was one of a handful of partners when Rood and Riddle launched in 1985. “I was fortunate to meet Bill Rood early in my career,” he says. “And this has been a really fun endeavor: to start off with four or five of us and end up, I’ve lost count, with over 70 vets now. So it’s been fulfilling. I always say how sorry I feel for people that get up in the morning and don’t want to go to work, because I was never that person. I got tired, obviously, and wore out, but I always loved doing what I was doing.”

His veterinary career spanned a period of unprecedented advances. When Rood and Riddle opened for business, the first ultrasound pregnancy tests had been conducted only three years previously. But the restless quest of science goes on, each new answer raising new questions. The rest of us can only envy people like Pierce, viewing each breakthrough not as a conclusion but as a platform for fresh discovery.

“It’s been phenomenal, all the advancements that have occurred,” Pierce enthuses. “I started off in mare work for years, loved it, but then became interested in upper airways: there was really nothing published, we had nothing to go on. So I started to do a lot of research, and actually I’m working on another paper now.

“Technology is advancing to the point where we know now that you can miss a lot of things in the resting endoscopic exam. That’s why your ‘over-grounds,’ your dynamics, are becoming so popular,” he said.

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“We know a lot more; we know that certain airways aren’t good, and that you don’t want to buy those grade threes,” he added. “But I think there’s still too much subjectivity. You can have 10 vets look at the same video, and half of them call it one thing and half call it something else.”

He rejects fears that veterinary checks are becoming too defensive, suggesting that this perception simply reflects better information.

“With the repositories now, everyone is looking at the same exam,” he says. “Obviously if you’re not happy with that, you can have your own exam performed by your vet. But I think there’s more transparency on the vetting end now. And the steroid bloods they installed, that’s another positive change. There hasn’t been a single positive reported yet. A lot of good stuff has happened.”

And that is no less true of his personal journey through the profession. Most obviously, he met Debbie at Rood and Riddle, where she took over as President/CEO two years ago. Besides being listed as co-breeders of Country Grammer, they have “bred” daughters Vivian and Audra.

“My partner in business, and partner in life,” Pierce says.

“Debbie’s helped me at sales since the mid-’90s, she’s one of the best at reading radiographs. She still helps me, goes to Tattersalls every year.”



Scott & Debbie Pierce | *Courtesy Scott Pierce*

And it was also at the “day job” that Pierce found Emma Quinn, originally his assistant but now--along with husband Dermot--indispensable to the day-to-day operation of Omega Farm.

“We started off small with just five or six mares,” Pierce says.

“And Emma and Dermot have done a great job, making the business as profitable as it could be--both with a few boarders, and in allowing me to do my thing.”

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“I think there’s going to be a pretty good opportunity in the middle, upper-middle market. The top of the market I think will be strong, it’s proven to be strong all year, but I think if you can buy to race, some really great horses will be bought.”

-Doug Cauthen, who selected Volatile, recent winner of the Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. (G1), as a yearling at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale

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“It’s important for the owner to have his or her boots on the ground, too: to see things, fix things, advise. But they’re the ones who have created the business, not me.

“Emma also has a little sale consignment, Garrencasey, that mostly sells off our farm; and she’s really good at that too. For years everyone has kept trying to hire her away from me, but she stuck it out—so something must be going right!”

Indeed it must. Omega may be a relative minnow: Pierce says that even around 20 mares is still too many. But this is a consignment that deserves attention. Its graduates are given a foundation that allows them to keep thriving. Pinhookers were able to get Country Grammer, Three Technique and Stan the Man for an aggregate \$192,000, before selling them on for \$780,000.

Pierce and his crew don’t cram these animals with supplements. They just try to raise a healthy, robust animal, physically competent for the next stage of its education. “We try to do things as naturally as possible,” says Pierce. “We try not to have an extended period in the stalls, etc. They’re not raised rough, they’re well cared for, but they’re raised naturally.”

So nobody is trying to be reinvent the wheel here. Cloth is cut according to resources, and it’s a case of keep things sufficiently shipshape to ride out the bumps in the tide.

“The way the small guy gets lucky is breeding to a new stallion in his second or third year and hoping he hits before the stud fees go up dramatically,” Pierce says. “But there’s downsides that go with that. A lot of stallions don’t hit, and you’re also buying mares you hope to make from scratch. So I’m pretty satisfied with our little program. We’re just waiting on our next Grade I winner, and I hope Country Grammer could be the one.”

If he is, then Pierce is seasoned enough to shrug off his dam’s exit. No farm, of any size, can afford to keep rolling every single dice; can persevere indefinitely with every mare just in case one of her ugly ducklings turns out a swan. The bigger picture is that the emergence, from so small a farm, of two legitimate Grade I contenders in consecutive weekends must be welcomed as a symbol of hope for anyone operating at the unforgiving margins of the business.

“It’s a win for the small guy,” Pierce says. “Kudos to the people that got lucky and bought Arabian Song. Hopefully we’ll have more in the pipeline. We’ve had a bit of success on this lower end, we’re very happy with how it’s going, and feel pretty good about the future. We’ve some really good 2-year-olds coming

out, some nice yearlings. So I’m pretty encouraged. And it’s a lot of fun to watch these horses you’ve raised. There’s camaraderie, and congratulations, and relationships. And that’s what it’s all about. It’s fun when you see that the small guy can occasionally jump up there and be a winner.”

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War of Will to Claiborne cont. from p1

To date, 4-year-old War of Will has earnings of over \$1,796,000 and four graded stakes wins for trainer Mark Casse.

“I am very proud to be standing War of Will at Claiborne alongside his famous father,” said Barber. “War of Will has a special place in my heart having brought so much joy to me and my family. He is a once in a lifetime horse.”

Runner-up in the GI Summer S. at Woodbine at two, the bay kicked off his 3-year-old campaign with back-to-back wins in the GIII Lecomte S. followed by the GII Risen Star S. Elevated to seventh in a roughly-run edition of the GI Kentucky Derby, he took the Preakness by 1 1/4 lengths and added a third-place effort in the GI Pennsylvania Derby later in the season.

“I’ve been fortunate enough in my career to be around a lot of good horses, but I have to put War of Will right there at the top. He has a special place in my heart,” said Casse. “He’s a class act. There’s a reason we call him WOW. It’s not just because of his initials. Everything he does is a WOW. The way he looks. The way he trains, and his pedigree. I’m excited to see him go to Claiborne and follow in his father’s footsteps.” **Cont. p8**



War of Will scoring in the 2019 Preakness | MJC Photo



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Looking ahead, Casse added, "Our plan is to point towards the Woodbine Mile next, and then, hopefully, the Breeders' Cup."

Bred in Kentucky by Flaxman Holdings, War of Will is out of Visions of Clarity, a half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner and GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Spinning World. Visions of Clarity is also responsible for Group 1 winner Pathfork (Distorted Humor) and multiple stakes winner Tacticus (A.P. Indy). War of Will is one of sire War Front's 21 Grade I/Group 1 winners.

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TAKING STOCK
by Sid Fernando 

SIRES AND RACING ENVIRONMENTS

The advent of Twitter over the last decade or so has made racing results quickly accessible to fans and observers anywhere in the world, so much so that it seems that a greater number of people in the U.S. are more familiar with European racing than ever before. Back when I was a kid, we'd have to wait for the *Blood-Horse* magazine to arrive in the mail to scan the 10-day old European results in the agate type in the back pages. Now, we get a video of a race on Twitter minutes after the finish, and

you've got quite a few people on the platform discussing those races with as much passion and knowledge as they do racing here. Moreover, these European visuals have exposed more Americans to the glaring differences in racing environments between here and there.



Legendary sire Northern Dancer | Tony Leonard

To begin with, the top European races are contested on turf instead of dirt. **Cont. p9**

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And more importantly, there's a greater variation in distances, courses, and racing styles over there, as the videos of the one-mile G1 Sussex S. on Wednesday from the U.K. and the two-mile G1 Goodwood Cup a day earlier from the same venue pointedly illustrated. There are no Grade I races in this country at two miles, and neither are there Grade I races at five furlongs here as there are in Europe, where 12 furlongs is considered a "middle distance" and the cadence of races is markedly slower earlier, no matter the distances--which are clearly delineated at sprints at five and six furlongs, mile events, 10-13 furlong races, and extreme staying events at a mile and three-quarters up to two-and-a-half miles.

In contrast, almost all top races here seem to hover within a narrow band of seven-to-nine furlongs over dirt ovals and are contested frenetically from the start. Also, 12-furlong horses here are considered "stayers" or "plodders," and though we do have a graded turf program that caters to horses over 10-12 furlongs, many of whom are ex-European imports, the winners of those races are rarely sought after as stallion prospects like our nine-furlong dirt runners and 10-furlong G1 Kentucky Derby winners.

Epsom Derbys



Nijinsky | *Horsephotos*

This disconnect between the racing environments of the U.S. and Europe has been particularly pronounced since 2000, though the trend was evident in the 1990s, and it's directly related to the types of stallions that find favor here versus there. Since North American-based Northern Dancer exploded in Europe with Nijinsky in 1970, Europeans, particularly Coolmore, have collected his sons, and Coolmore hit the mother lode with the 1984 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Sadler's Wells, whose sons Galileo (Ire), a G1 Epsom Derby and Irish Derby winner, and Montjeu (Ire), winner of the G1 Irish Derby and Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) back when it was still run over a mile and a

half, have dominated European Classics during the same time frame that N. American-bred influence was waning in Europe.

In fact, it may come as a surprise to some on Twitter who ardently follow European racing nowadays--many of whom I'd hazard a guess are younger than 50--that N. American-breds at one time ran roughshod over some of Europe's greatest races, including the Epsom Derby. During the 1970s, for example, Nijinsky (Northern Dancer), Mill Reef (Never Bend), Roberto (Hail to Reason), Empery (Vaguely Noble {Ire}), and The Minstrel (Northern Dancer) won the prestigious mile-and-a-half Classic, followed in the 1980s by Henbit (Hawaii {SAf}), Golden Fleece (Nijinsky), Teenoso (Youth), Secreto (Northern Dancer), Shahrastani (Nijinsky), and Nashwan (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Things slowed a bit in the 1990s, with Erhaab (Chief's Crown), Lammtarra (Nijinsky), and Benny the Dip (Silver Hawk), and by the aughts the Americans were limited to just Kris Kin (Kris S.), who won the Blue Riband in 2003. Since then, Galileo and Montjeu have between them accounted for nine European-bred winners of the race, while their sons New Approach (Ire) (Galileo) and Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu) have sired two others.



Danzig | *Patricia McQueen*

Northern Dancer's son Danzig also established a foothold in Europe that remains strong through today. North Light (Ire), the winner of the Epsom Derby the year after Kris Kin, was by Danehill, an outstanding and influential son of Danzig; and two other winners since then, Sea the Stars (Ire) and Golden Horn (GB), were by Cape Cross (Ire), a son of the Danzig sprinter Green Desert; and Sea the Stars sired Harzand (Ire), giving the Danzig line four winners of the Classic since 2003. Though Danzig's European presence is primarily based around milers and sprinters to Sadler's Wells's main influence in the mile-and-a-half races, you'll note that Cape Cross and Sea the Stars have made this branch of Danzig into players at European middle distances, and Sea the Stars has even ventured farther into extreme-stamina territory. **Cont. p10**



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In total since the last U.S.-bred winner of the Epsom Derby in 2003, the Northern Dancer line through Sadler's Wells and Danzig has accounted for 15 of the 17 winners, with only Sir Percy (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}, who traces to Mill Reef) and Workforce (GB) (King's Best, a son of the Mr. Prospector horse Kingmambo) breaking up the monopoly.

Of course, there are many other branches of Northern Dancer that have had success through the decades and are still successful in Europe, but Sadler's Wells and Danzig are the stars, and they've combined successfully in pedigrees, back and forth, to keep the Northern Dancer locomotive hurtling forwards. Frankel (GB) (Galileo), the top young sire in Europe and his 22-year-old sire's heir apparent, is from a Danehill mare and is a product of the Sadler's Wells/Danzig cross.



Frankel | Juddmonte Photo

The pedigree of this year's Irish Derby winner Santiago (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), who was third in the Goodwood Cup on Tuesday, employs this same cross, but with even more doses of Northern Dancer: his sire is by Montjeu and his dam's sire is Cape Cross, which is Sadler's Wells/Danzig, but in between and around them in his first five generations are the top Northern Dancer sires Lyphard and Nureyev, along with another dose of Danzig, making Santiago 4x5x5x5x5 to Northern Dancer and 4x4 to Danzig. There's no question European pedigrees are getting saturated with Northern Dancer blood, but so far with little ill effect.

Stradivarius (Ire), who won the Goodwood Cup for the fourth consecutive year and is the premier stayer in Europe in races up to two-and-a-half miles, is by Sea the Stars, who happens to be a half-brother to Galileo, and is inbred 5x4x5 to Northern Dancer through Danzig, Sadler's Wells, and Lyphard. Stradivarius's pedigree illustrates how a branch of the Danzig line evolved gradually from speed to stamina through the generations in the sequence of Green Desert to Cape Cross to Sea the Stars, and it did so only because the racing environment in Europe allowed it

the opportunity. This isn't an option in America, where to succeed as a sire requires consistent high-class speed in the seven-to-nine-furlong Grade I dirt races, with occasional strikes in the Classics at up to a mile and three-sixteenths, a mile and a quarter, and a mile and a half.

Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), the winner of the one-mile Sussex S. on Wednesday, is also a member of the Green Desert branch of Danzig as Stradivarius is, but his sire is by Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert), who tends to get more sprinter-milers and stays truer to the ethos of Danzig.

The Sussex was notable for another reason, too. In the beaten field were two American-bred Classic winners this year. Third-place finisher Siskin (First Defence), undefeated in five starts entering the race, won the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, and Kameko (Kitten's Joy), fourth, had won the G1 2000 Guineas. The duo were the first American-bred European Classic winners since Senga (Blame) won the G1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) in 2017--and she was, I believe, the first since Arctic Cosmos (North Light) won the G1 St. Leger in 2010--and are harbingers that American-breds might once again start to have an impact on the European Classics, particularly as a newer generation of American owners are getting more smitten with the idea of racing in Europe.

American Sires



American Pharoah | Sarah Andrew

Kitten's Joy is that rare American-based turf sire who's succeeded against the odds, but he came up through the all-weather era and benefitted from a subsequent increase in turf racing to lead the N. American general sire list in 2013. Since then, he's attracted some European patronage and has had a string of European successes, led by the late European champion and Group 1 winner Roaring Lion and including others such as champion and Group 1 winner Hawkbill, French Group 2 winner Taareef, and current Irish Group 3 winner Crossfirehurricane in addition to Kameko. **Cont. p11**

War Front, one of Danzig's last sons, is another with a sparkling track record in Europe, where he's been particularly effective with his juveniles and at sprint and mile distances. He's been bred to quite a few Galileo mares by Coolmore and is probably sitting on a Guineas winner down the line.

Aside from them, however, there aren't too many other American-based sires that are sought after in Europe, but that might change.

Siskin's pedigree offers the first clue. First Defence (Unbridled's Song), a Grade I winner at seven furlongs on dirt, is now at stud in Saudi Arabia, but Siskin's breakthrough in a European Classic was the first for the Unbridled line, which has been so effective on American dirt but nowhere near so on European turf. Siskin's success now suggests new hope for the line, and that bodes well for Coolmore's Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), who's from the same line by way of Empire Maker (Unbridled) instead of Unbridled's Song (Unbridled).

So far, American Pharoah is showing a distinct penchant for the turf. From his first crop of 3-year-olds he's represented by nine black-type winners and six group/graded winners, most of them on turf. He didn't come up with a first-crop European Classic winner this spring and summer--neither did Northern Dancer; Nijinsky was in his second crop--but American Pharoah does have a dirt colt in Japan who's eligible for the Kentucky Derby in the fall.

Coolmore stands American Pharoah in Kentucky. The Irish-based farm has actually bet heavily on two American Triple Crown winners, the other being Justify (Scat Daddy)--the two best American 3-year-old champions since Sunday Silence.

Sunday Silence, based in Japan, and Northern Dancer were two Derby/Preakness winners who changed the face of racing in Japan and Europe, respectively, and left sons to continue their work. American Pharoah and Justify, both of whom were even more accomplished in the grueling Triple Crown than them, will be given their own chances to succeed in Europe. Perhaps the European climate will be just right for them, especially with Montjeu gone, Galileo aging, and voids opening for another infusion of American blood.

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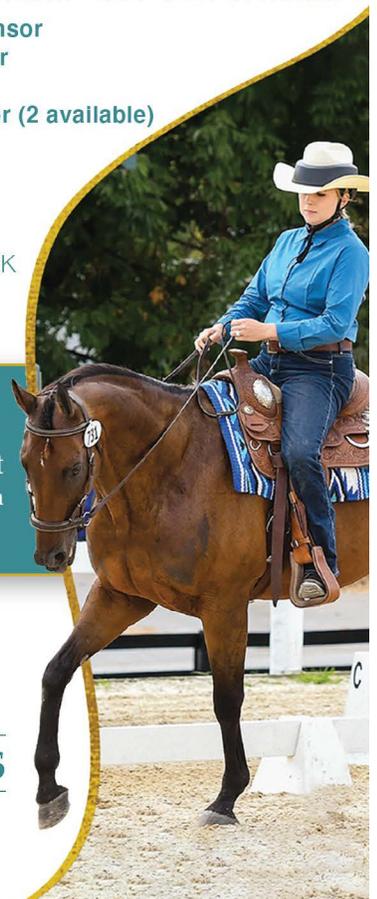
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10% PURSE INCREASE AT DEL MAR



Benoit

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club has instituted a 10% purse increase, which will be retroactive back to the track’s opening day, July 10. Del Mar has also added a stakes race to its 2020 calendar--the \$75,000 Del Mar Juvenile Filly Turf--a one-mile grass test for 2-year-old fillies Sept. 6. The race, which had been a regular feature at the seaside oval in the previous eight seasons, had been omitted from the original stakes schedule due to belt tightening measures. From July 10 through July 27, Del Mar conducted seven days of racing, without spectators due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, accounted for \$133,841,412 in online wagering, an increase of over 5% over corresponding dates last year.

“Our horsemen have been terrific and our customers have responded very positively to what we’re presenting,” said Tom Robbins, Del Mar’s executive vice president for racing. “We’ve been running either 11- or 10-race cards and our field size is up to 8.6 in the early going. We’re very pleased to offer this purse boost in conjunction with how the meet has unfolded so far.”

Last summer the track’s average field size finished at 8.0 per race.

Del Mar’s summer season is scheduled through Labor Day Sept. 7 with racing Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. However, in response to the cancellation of racing during its second week, the track added Monday racing (July 27) with a 10-race card that drew \$11.6 million in wagers. Del Mar indicated the plan is to make up their second and third missing days from week two with an added race day and additional races on scheduled cards. The track returns to action Friday with six stakes races planned over the three-day weekend, including the GI Bing Crosby S. and GI Kentucky Derby point-earning race, the Shared Belief S. Saturday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON DIVERSITY: JACQUELINE DURVIN



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Thank you for your series Diversity in Racing; I appreciate that you and other voices in racing are thinking about how to cultivate a more diverse and inclusive environment throughout the horse racing industry.

For full disclosure I am a recent graduate of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, but I am also an autistic person with ADHD— in a word, neurodiverse. What that means is that my brain is quite literally “wired” differently at its most basic level. Neurodiversity currently describes the Autistic, ADHDers, the Epileptic, and people with Tourette Syndrome. The extent to which this affects a person ranges widely and uniquely. As with most other neurodivergent people, my strengths are often exceptional and my weaknesses require some form of accommodation in order for me to reach parity with an abled person; fortunately, many such accommodations are now recognized as an unanticipated positive for the abled workforce as well, e.g. sound dampeners, and work-from-home capabilities.

I think racing would benefit from fostering outreach with the neurodiversity movement because an effectively placed neurodivergent person with an opportunity to participate in his or her special interest has the potential to create some extraordinary results, e.g. Michael Phelps (ADHD), Anthony Hopkins (Autism) and Greta Thunberg (Autism). The special interest is the capacity of the neurodiverse brain to form a powerful fixation on something and the relentless motivation to learn all which is known about a subject.

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As most people with a stake in the well-being of horse racing already know, racing is facing existential threats from without and catastrophic weaknesses from within. It will need people with a natural dedication and passion for racing, a knack for unorthodox problem solving, the capacity to lay bare the ugly problems facing horse racing and the unflinching determination to change the conditions which brought such ignominy to such a marvelous sport.

Racing needs the neurodiverse.

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FRIESAN FIRE SOPHOMORE COMMANDS \$400K AT WANAMAKER'S JULY



Fiya

Fiya (Friesan Fire), a progressive 3-year-old gelding who posted a 98 Beyer and 9 Ragozin last time out, was purchased by Robert Masiello for \$400,000 at the Wanamaker's July online sale.

"I'm very happy to be able to sign the ticket for Fiya," said Masiello. "He's been really impressive this year and his last race certainly hinted that he might have some star quality. I was a bit nervous about participating in an online auction, but the experience was very seamless and intuitive. I'm really looking forward to getting Fiya into Tom Albertrani's program and hopefully we can have some fun."

Fiya was bred and owned by Ann Merryman and trained by her son, Michael Merryman, with Thursday's sale marking a massive success for the mother and son duo.

"I loved the transparency of putting Fiya for sale for everyone to see," Ann Merryman said about participating in the online auction. "This enabled me to get market value for a horse without taking it out of training and shipping it to a sale. The team at Wanamaker's was exceptional and I really believe they are moving the industry in a great direction with their platform; the monthly sales will enable so many more owners to capitalize throughout the year."

Wanamaker's second-ever auction was rounded out by the sales of **Gymnastic** (Pioneer of the Nile) for \$25,000, **Pupetta** (Giant's Causeway) for \$5,000, and **Mixology** (Old Fashioned) for \$4,000.

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GRAYSON-JC, INDIANA UNITE FOR THE 'GRAYSON GRASS CHALLENGE'

The "Grayson Grass Challenge," a five-week handicapping contest benefitting the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and sponsored by Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, kicks off the week of Aug. 10. Participants will submit selections on two specified turf races each week at Indiana Grand through the week of Sept. 7. Each contestant will be given a \$500 bankroll provided by Indiana Grand, of which \$100 can be wagered each week. The bankroll can be used for win, place, show, exacta, trifecta, and superfecta wagers. At the end of the five weeks, all remaining bankroll plus winnings from the contestants will go to Grayson.

"Our sport is not possible without healthy horses, and Grayson funds research projects that facilitate wellness among all horses, including racehorses," said Eric Halstrom, vice president and general manager of racing for Indiana Grand. "I wish our expert handicappers the best of luck in their efforts to raise money for such an important cause."

The field for the Grayson Grass Challenge will consist of four individuals: Nick Luck, international racing broadcaster; Gabe Prewitt, analyst for Scioto Downs and Pompano Park; Ellis Starr, national racing analyst for *Equibase*; and Daniel Tordjman, America's Best Racing handicapper and manager of Partnerships & Sponsorships.

Indiana Grand will also participate with an entry of rotating picks from Nancy Holthus, paddock analyst; Rachel McLaughlin, racing analyst and production manager; and track announcer Bill Downes.

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BCCA'S 'RACING FOR CHILDREN' VIRTUAL PARTY WEEK BEGINS AUG. 3

The Belmont Child Care Association, Inc. will host its annual online fundraiser--the week-long "Racing for the Children" virtual party--beginning Monday, Aug. 3 at 12 p.m. through Sunday, Aug. 9. The virtual format, which serves as a temporary substitute for the BCCA's annual dinner, will be hosted online at www.BelmontChildCare.org. Through the week, the website will host a series of features, including video messages from well-known racing personalities, a premium auction and recipes from Saratoga Springs restaurants. All proceeds will support the BCCA's mission to care for the children and families of the backstretch, including the operation of the Anna House at Belmont Park as well as the forthcoming Saratoga Child Care Center, which is set to debut in 2021.

"We invite you to join us and think big for BCCA," said BCCA President Libby Imperio. "A gift of any size makes a difference in a child's life and when we come together, we can make a great impact."

The event's auction will include: a Clubhouse box for the 2021 GI Runhappy Travers S. at Saratoga Race Course; a Clubhouse box for the 2021 GI Belmont S. at Belmont Park; a customized jockey statue and quarter mile post; equine care from Rood and Riddle; and services from Brook Ledge Horse Transportation.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Old Forester <i>(2001) by Forestry Crops: 11</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	54	10	114,007	595,690
				<i>Stands: T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm ON Fee: 4,000</i>						<i>Pink Lloyd</i>	
2	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	62	18	58,400	368,571
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Crossfirehurricane</i>	
3	Paynter <i>(2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 4</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	26	9	87,420	345,231
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Queen of God</i>	
4	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	31	12	64,852	335,452
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Halo Again</i>	
5	Silent Name (Jpn) <i>(2002) by Sunday Silence Crops: 10</i>	--	3	--	2	--	--	48	6	65,162	317,315
				<i>Stands: Adena Springs North ON Fee: 7,500</i>						<i>Not So Quiet</i>	
6	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 13</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	21	7	129,735	273,871
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>						<i>Nun the Less</i>	
7	Souper Speedy <i>(2009) by Indian Charlie Crops: 3</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	29	6	31,316	271,543
				<i>Stands: T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm ON Fee: 5,000</i>						<i>Sterling Speed</i>	
8	Congrats <i>(2000) by A.P. Indy Crops: 11</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	30	6	45,105	252,104
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Bango</i>	
9	City Zip <i>(1998) by Carson City Crops: 15</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	12	40,770	246,041
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Jive Talkin</i>	
10	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 11</i>	1	1	--	1	--	--	27	6	107,640	226,397
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Invader</i>	
11	First Samurai <i>(2003) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 11</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	7	80,229	216,643
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Avie's Samurai</i>	
12	Society's Chairman <i>(2003) by Not Impossible (Ire) Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	3	64,347	208,530
				<i>Stands: Shannondoe Farm ON Fee: 7,500</i>						<i>Last American Exit</i>	
13	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	22	5	72,991	205,851
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Curlin's Voyage</i>	
14	Court Vision <i>(2005) by Gulch Crops: 6</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	31	7	28,774	194,215
				<i>Stands: Acadiana Equine LA Fee: \$3,500</i>						<i>Red Queen's Court</i>	
15	Frac Daddy <i>(2010) by Scat Daddy Crops: 2</i>	1	1	--	1	--	--	18	4	65,302	191,669
				<i>Stands: Park Stud ON Fee: 5,000</i>						<i>Owlette</i>	

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2	Improbable 🌿	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, CHC INC. and Starlight Racing	Baffert	Ortiz, Jr.	124
3	Code of Honor 🌿	Noble Mission (GB)	W.S. Farish	McGaughey III	Velazquez	124
4	Mr. Buff	Friend Or Foe	Broman, Sr., Chester and Broman, Mary	Kimmel	Alvarado	118
5	Tom's d'Etat 🌿	Smart Strike	G M B Racing	Stall, Jr.	Rosario	124

Breeders: 1-Don Ladd, 2-St. George Farm LLC & G. WattsHumphrey Jr., 3-W. S. Farish, 4-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 5-SF Bloodstock LLC

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 3:28 p.m. EDT

PERSONAL ENSIGN S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Abounding Joy 🌿	Quality Road	WinStar Stablemates Racing LLC	Brisset	Ortiz	118
2	Motion Emotion 🌿	Take Charge Indy	DeDomenico, Mark, Abbondanza Racing, LLC and Medallion Racing	Baltas	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	Midnight Bisou 🌿	Midnight Lute	Bloom Racing Stable, LLC, Madaket Stables LLC & Allen Racing LLC.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	124
4	Vexatious 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Lezcano	118
5	Bossy Bride 🌿	Malibu Moon	Lawrence P. Roman	Atras	Alvarado	118
6	Point of Honor 🌿	Curlin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Stetson Racing	Weaver	Castellano	118

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 4-James C. Weigel & Giant's CausewaySyndicate, LLC., 5-T/C Stable, LLC & Spendthrift Farm LLC, 6-Siena Farms LLC

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 6:18 p.m. EDT

H. ALLEN JERKENS S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hopeful Treasure	Oxbow	Just In Time Racing LLC	Pino	Franco	118
2	Eight Rings 🌿	Empire Maker	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D., Golconda Stables and Coolmore Stud	Baffert	Rosario	122
3	Sonneman 🌿	Curlin	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Lezcano	118
4	Echo Town 🌿	Speightstown	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
5	Mischievous Alex 🌿	Into Mischief	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	No Parole 🌿	Violence	Moss, Maggi and Tramontin, Greg	Amoss	Saez	124
7	Shoplifted 🌿	Into Mischief	Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables, LLC and LNJ Foxwoods	Asmussen	Gaffalione	118
8	Three Technique 🌿	Mr Speaker	August Dawn Farm	Englehart	Ortiz	118
9	Liam's Pride 🌿	Liam's Map	Mansor, Tom, Pushor, Richard J., Roy, Robert G., Calvert, D. Chadwick and Caroom, Jerry	O'Neill	Davis	118
10	Captain Bombastic	Forty Tales	Team Hanley	Englehart	Castellano	118
11	Tap It to Win	Tapit	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Arnold Zetcher LLC, 4-Betz, J. Betz, Burns, CHNNHKThoroughbreds, Magers, et al., 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Coteau Grove Farms, 7-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden, 8-Omega Farm LLC & Bally Breeders, 9-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 10-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 11-Live Oak Stud

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT

BING CROSBY S.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 6f



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lexitonian	Speightstown	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Van Dyke	122
2	Anyportinastorm 🌿	City Zip	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Hernandez	122
3	Desert Law	Desert Code	Harris Farms, Inc.	Gaines	Espinoza	122
4	McKinzie 🌿	Street Sense	Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Smith	124
5	P R Radio Star 🌿	Warrior's Reward	Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Gutierrez	122
6	Fashionably Fast	Lucky Pulpit	Harris Farms, Inc., Antonsen, Per & Nicoletti, John A.	Pederson	Pereira	122
7	Law Abidin Citizen 🌿	Twirling Candy	Agnew, Dan J., Schneider, Gerry and Xitco, John V.	Glatt	Cedillo	122
8	Wildman Jack	Goldcents	W.C. Racing Inc.	O'Neill	Rispoli	122
9	Collusion Illusion 🌿	Twirling Candy	Agnew, Dan J., Orr, Rodney E., Schneider, Jerry and Xitco, John V.	Glatt	Prat	118
10	Heartwood 🌿	Tapit	Tsujimoto, Stuart and David A. Bernsen, LLC	Chapman	Maldonado	122

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Sally J. Andersen, 3-Harris Farms, 4-Summer Wind Farm, 5-Tonya Jurgens & Mark Toothakre, 6-Harris Farms, 7-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 8-W C Racing, 9-Donald R. Dizney, LLC, 10-Blue Heaven Farm, LLC

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 6:50 p.m. EDT

BOWLING GREEN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Marzo 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz	118
3	Highland Sky	Sky Mesa	Young, Joyce B., McManis, Gerald and McManis, Jerrie Stewart	Tagg	Alvarado	118
4	Dot Matrix	Freud	Ten Strike Racing	Cox	Rosario	122
5	Channel Maker 🌿	English Channel	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, R. A. Hill Stable and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Mott	Franco	120
6	Sadler's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Castellano	122
7	Pillar Mountain (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Team Valor International	Pletcher	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 3-Bonner Young, 4-Truxton Stables, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 7-Bernard Cooke

Saturday, Monmouth, post time: 5:31 p.m. EDT

MONMOUTH OAKS-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Bravo	115
2	Princess Cadey 🌿	Dialed In	Magic Stable, LLC	Gonzalez	Torres	119
3	Market Rumor	Afleet Alex	Bloch, Randall L. and Six Column Stables, LLC, et al	Wilkes	Hernandez	115
4	Hopeful Growth 🌿	Tapiture	St. Elias Stable	Margotta, Jr.	Gallardo	115
5	Piece of My Heart 🌿	Flat Out	Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.	Robertson	Juarez	119
6	Lucrezia	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Delacour	Lopez	119
7	Comical 🌿	Into Mischief	WinStar Farm, Lindy Farms and Madaket Stables LLC	Asmussen	Diaz, Jr.	115
8	Project Whiskey	Tapizar	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing	Reid, Jr.	Vargas, Jr.	121
9	Eve of War	Declaration of War	Treadway Racing Stable	Pletcher	DeCarlo	115

Breeders: 1-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC, 2-Martin Keogh and Tanya Johnson, 3-Randy Bloch, et al, 4-Phillips Racing Partnership, 5-Hidden Point Farm Inc., 6-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer, 7-Susan Casner, 8-Dark Hollow Farm, 9-Jeff Treadway

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

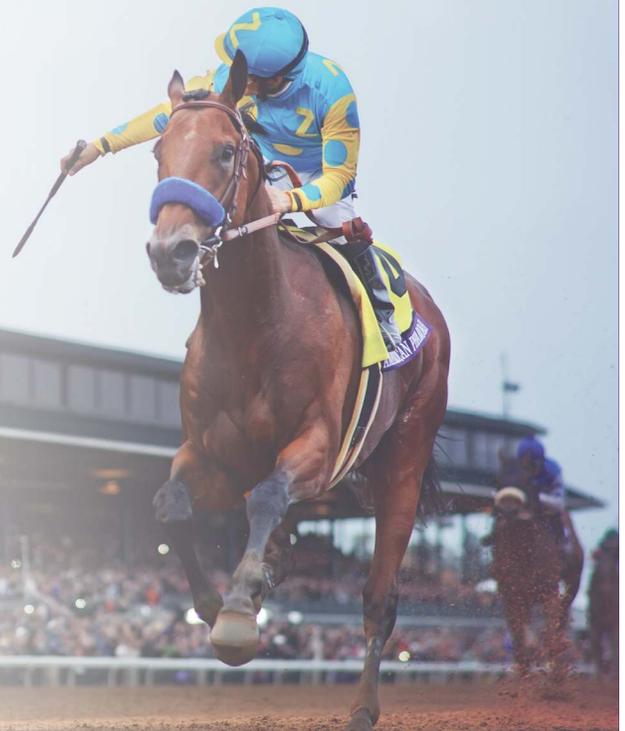
SHARED BELIEF S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Uncle Chuck	Uncle Mo	Pegram, Watson or Weitman	Baffert	Van Dyke	124
2	Thousand Words	Pioneerof the Nile	Albaugh Family Stables LLC or Spendthrift Farm	Baffert	Cedillo	124
3	Anneau d'Or	Medaglia d'Oro	Peter Redekop B C Ltd	Wright	Espinoza	118
4	Kiss Today Goodbye	Cairo Prince	John Sondereker	Kruljac	Rispoli	118
5	Honor A. P.	Honor Code	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Smith	124
6	Cezanne	Curlin	Magnier, Tabor or Smith et al	Baffert	Prat	118

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 2-Hardacre Farm; 3-Highland Yard LLC; 4-Debmar Stables; 5-George Krikorian; 6--Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & St. Elias Stables, LLC



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SON OF INTERRUPTED DEBUTS AT ELLIS

7th-ELP, \$37K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 4:40p.m.

COMMITTED (More Than Ready), a \$325,000 KEESEP purchase by Tracy Farmer, makes his career bow at Ellis Friday for Mark Casse. The dark bay is the first foal out of MSW & GSP Interrupted (Broken Vow), who is a daughter of MSW & MGSP Alternate (Seattle Slew). Interrupted, who was purchased by Jane Lyon for \$575,000 in foal to Distorted Humor at the 2018 KEENOV sale, is a half-sister to GISW Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro) and MGSW Alternation (Distorted Humor). This is also the family of Canadian Horse of the Year Peaks and Valleys (Mt. Livermore). **TJCIS PPs**

BAFFERT UNVEILS PRICEY STREET SENSE

5th-DMR, \$50K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 7:00p.m.

Bob Baffert unveils the next in a long line of pricey juveniles in **HAPPIER (Street Sense)**, who was purchased by Susan and Charlie Chu's Baoma Corp for \$800,000 at KEESEP. The bay is a half-sister to Grade III winner King Zachary (Curlin). The Hall of Famer also saddles third timer **Himiko (American Pharoah)**, a \$1-million FTKNOV buy, who was most recently second when switched from turf to dirt at Santa Anita June 21. **TJCIS PPs**

WELL-BRED MEDAGLIA FILLY MAKES

CAREER BOW IN SOCAL

8th-DMR, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 1mT, 8:30p.m.

LNJ Foxwoods' blue-blooded homebred **IVY LEAGUE (Medaglia**

d'Oro) heads to the post for the first time here for Hall of Famer Richard Mandella. She is the first foal out of SW & GISP With Honors (War Front), who is a half-sister to GSW Dreamologist (Tapit) and GISP stallion Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro). Ivy League's third dam is champion Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), who is a full-sister to MGSW Lewis Michael and a half to MGSW Justenuffhumor (Distorted Humor). **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

JOHN MORRISSEY H., \$85,000, Saratoga, 7-30, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.08, ft.

1--**FUNNY GUY, 122, c, 4, Big Brown--Heavenly Humor (MSW, \$260,595), by Distorted Humor.** (\$10,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT; \$45,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable; B-Hibiscus Stables (NY); T-John P. Terranova II; J-Joel Rosario. \$46,750. Lifetime Record: 12-5-4-0, \$505,145. *1/2 to Super Humor (Super Saver), SW, \$169,288.

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2--**T Loves a Fight, 120, g, 6, Girolamo--Worth Fighting For, by Broken Vow.** O-Noda Brothers, LLC; B-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC. (NY); T-Orlando Noda. \$17,000.

3--**My Boy Tate, 120, g, 6, Boys At Tosconova--Backslash, by Sharp Humor.** O-Little Red Feather Racing and Nevin, Michelle; B/T-Michelle Nevin (NY). \$10,200.

Margins: 2, HF, 4. Odds: 2.20, 25.00, 13.60.

Also Ran: Bankit, Celtic Chaos, Pat On the Back, Amundson. Scratched: Freaky Styley, Kazmania.



Funny Guy | *Chelsea Durand*

Funny Guy makes is two in a row with another stakes victory against fellow Empire-breds at Saratoga Thursday. The bay stalked heavily favored Amundson (Curlin) from second through a half-mile in :46.29. Three-wide turning for home, he did away with Amundson in early stretch and charged clear to win as he pleased.

Runner-up to Rinaldi (Posse), who won earlier on the card, in a pair of NYSS turf events last summer, Funny Guy scored a narrow victory in the nine-panel Albany S. for NY-breds on the Saratoga main track last August. Sixth when trying open company in the GIII Oklahoma Derby in September, he defeated GI Whitney S. contender Mr Buff (Friend or Foe) last time in the state-bred Commentator S. at Belmont June 12.

Funny Guy is a half-sibling to SW Super Humor and SP Three Jokers. Their dam Heavenly Humor produced an Overanalyze filly in 2019 and was barren for 2020, but was bred back to Hard Spun earlier this term. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

EDWARD P. EVANS S., \$57,000, Colonial Downs, 7-29, (C), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.14, fm.

1--**LARGENT, 123, g, 4, Into Mischief--Life in Seattle, by Unbridled.** (\$460,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Tyler Conner. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-2-0, \$134,670. *1/2 to Edgewater (Lion Heart), MSP, \$250,142; and to Kona Blend (Dixieland Band), MSW & GSP, \$174,960.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

2--**Embolden**, 121, c, 3, The Factor--Silver Heart, by Lion Hearted. (\$27,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-Nancy Terhune

& Ernest Frohboese (VA); T-Michael Stidham. \$12,000.

Broke & Trained at Lynwood Consigned by Gene Recio

WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE

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3--**Carbon Data**, 121, g, 7, Birdstone--Penny Marie, by Sky Classic. (\$55,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; \$275,000 2yo '15 OBSMAR). O-Flying Pheasant Farm, LLC; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Mary E. Eppler. \$6,000.

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Margins: 1, 2 1/4, 5 3/4. Odds: 0.20, 2.10, 21.00.

Also Ran: River Deep. Scratched: Black Prong, Fionnbharr, Ismusbemyluckyday.



Largent | *Coady*

Largent ran to the money Wednesday evening, scoring his first black-type victory at Colonial Downs. Favored in a field scratched down to four, the bay caboosed the field early, but was in close range through a :24.15 opening quarter. Inching up a bit more through a half in :48.16, he split rivals in the lane and out-finished Embolden to score.

"I wanted to be a little closer than I was [early in the race]," winning rider Tyler Conner said. "I let him settle where he's happy. My man Trevor [McCarthy] had me in a little tight. I didn't want to take back and go around. So I just went with the momentum and hoping he's split somewhere and I could get through."

Never worse than second in his career, Largent romped in a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 19 and missed by a head next out there Feb. 22. He returned to the winner's circle last time in Hallandale Mar. 28.

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Edward Evans S. cont.

The winner's dam is a daughter of MGISW Life at the Top (Seattle Slew), who is also the dam of GSW & G1SP Elizabeth Bay (Mr. Prospector). This is also the family of Group 1 winner Cutlass Bay (UAE) (Halling) and Grade I scorer Grace Hall (Empire Maker). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

Friday, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

CORONATION CUP S., \$100,000, 3yo, F, 5 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Always Inthe Munny	Munnings	Carmouche	Amoss	12-1
2	Karak	Karakontie (Jpn)	Gaffalione	Ward	6-1
3	Fly So Pretty	Sky Mesa	Velazquez	Casse	8-1
4	Miss J McKay	Hangover Kid	J. Ortiz	Lynch	5-1
5	Shippy	Midshipman	Franco	Weaver	12-1
6	Bredenburg (Ire)	Night of Thunder	Saez	Motion	9-2
7	Lexi On the Move	Fast Anna	Cohen	Diodoro	15-1
8	Artie's Princess	We Miss Artie	I. Ortiz	Ward	7-2
9	She's My Type (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Rosario	Clement	3-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Woodbine, C\$69,785, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$56,242), 7-30, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.46, ft.

BOARDROOM (f, 3, Commissioner--Money Madness, by Rahy) captured her debut over this strip June 27 and was hammered down to 3-5 favoritism to repeat here. Keeping a watchful eye on the top two from third through a :22.92 first quarter, the bay maintained her position through a :45.45 half-mile. Tipped out two wide in early stretch, the \$475,000 OBSAPR buy powered clear in the lane to win for fun by 6 1/2 lengths. Money Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}) completed the exacta. The winner has a once-raced juvenile half-brother named Money Miles (Outwork) and a Bolt d'Oro half-brother born this year. Money Madness was bred back to Vino Rosso. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$475,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$61,054. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-Polo Green Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Josie Carroll.

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5th-Saratoga, \$67,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-30, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.37, fm.

RINALDI (g, 4, Posse--Dynamite Cocktail, by Dynaformer) broke his maiden at second asking in a NYSS event at Belmont last June and romped in another NYSS event at Saratoga a month later. Fourth when trying open company in this venue's GIII Saranac S. last August, he was second to Worth a Shot (English Channel)--full-brother to GISW Voodoo Song--in a state-bred event downstate June 26. Seizing the early advantage, the 8-5 chalk clicked off an opening half-mile in :48.04. Showing the way into the lane, the bay continued to pour it on for a never-in-doubt 2 1/2-length victory. Graded on a Curve (Noble Mission {GB}) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Hollinger (Black Minnaloushe), Ch. 2-year-old Colt-Can, MSW & GSP-Can, GISP-USA, \$712,211. He is also a half to the dams of MSWs Deviant (Daredevil) and Lake Sebago (Munnings). Rinaldi is the most recent produce for Dynamite Cocktail. Sales history: \$5,000 Wlg '16 FTNMIX. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$234,490. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Bond Racing Stable; B-Barry R. Ostrager (NY); T-H. James Bond

CRESTWOOD FARM

8th-Saratoga, \$67,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.15, fm.

MYHARTBLONGSTODADY (m, 5, Scat Daddy--Elusive Rumour {MSP, \$140,050}, by Elusive Quality) closed 2018 with a third in an off-the-turfer at Belmont and was not seen again until 14 months later when she won a turf event at Aqueduct Nov. 23 for previous trainer Chad Brown. Transferred to Jorge Abreu, she was given a 7-2 chance to make another successful comeback here. Hustling straight to the front, the bay was pressed through a soft first quarter in :25 flat. Dueling through a :50.61 half-mile, Myhartblongstodady shot clear in the lane and kept on going to register a four-length victory over Blue Atlas (English Channel). Elusive Rumour is also responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Runaway Rumour (Flintshire {GB}); a yearling colt by More Than Ready; and a 2020 colt by Oscar Performance. She was bred back to that Mill Ridge stallion this term. Sales history: \$245,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTSAUG; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$152,716. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O/B-Lawrence Goichman (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

NBS SUCCESS

6th-Laurel, \$46,620, Alw, 7-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.12, fm.

HOLLYWOOD HOOPLA (f, 3, Will Take Charge--Sapucaí, by Indian Charlie) captured her unveiling on the Presque Isle synthetic last September for previous trainer Christophe Clement. Dismissed at 38-1 for this first start in 11 months for a new conditioner, the bay wove her way through horses to be second as the first quarter went in :23.31. Ranging up alongside Flyingontheground (Mizzen Mast) turning for home, the two battled to the wire with Hollywood Hoopla getting the victory by a nose. Sapucaí--a half-sister to Canadian champion Moonlit Promise (Malibu Moon)--is also responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Shared Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), a yearling colt by Pioneerof the Nile and a 2020 colt by Gun Runner. This is also the family of Horse of the Year and game-changing sire A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew); and MGISWs Court Vision (Gulch) and Summer Squall (Storm Bird). Sales history: \$190,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$41,940. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert G. Schaedle, III; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Ann W. Merryman.

4th-Delaware, \$40,500, Msw, 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.14, ft. SHE ANSWERED (f, 3, Fed Biz--You Asked {MGSP, \$245,934}, by Yes It's True) ran fifth when in for a \$50,000 tag at Gulfstream Feb. 27 and was let go at 8-1 in this step up to maiden special weight company. Pressing from second through snappy early splits, the homebred took control on the far turn and kept on finding in the lane to hold off a late-rallying Dare to Try (Daredevil) by a length. The winner is a half to Do Share (Candy Ride (ARG)), GSW, \$740,682. You Asked produced a Maclean's Music colt in 2020 and was bred back to Mastery. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,340. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Jorge Duarte, Jr.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Niigata and Sapporo Racecourses, including the racecourse debut of a well-related son of Tapit:



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Delaware, \$47,100, Msw, 7-30, 2yo, 6f, 1:12.91, ft. KENNY HAD A NOTION (g, 2, Great Notion--Darting, by During), favored at 6-5 in this unveiling, sat back off the pace in third through a :22.62 opening quarter. Winding up on the outside in the lane, the bay closed resolutely, getting up in the final jump to deny Don't Dare Me (Daredevil) by a head. Darting's most recent offspring is a yearling colt by Divining Rod. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$20,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Ulman, Louis J. and Glasser, H. Neil; B-Althea Richards (VA); T-Dale Capuano.

Kip Elser's KIRKWOOD STABLES

Saturday, August 2, 2020

7th-NII, ¥14,360,000 (\$137k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1800m

NILE RIVER (c, 3, American Pharoah--Jeweliana, by Smart Strike), a \$235K Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling turned \$775K Fasig-Tipton Florida juvenile, got his career off on the right foot, scoring by a half-length over Tokyo's one-turn dirt mile last November. He was last seen in the Listed Hyacinth S. at headquarters Feb. 22, finishing well down the field behind future G3 Unicorn S. hero Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah). Nile River's dam is a daughter of Roshani (Fantastic Light), who did her best running on turf, winning a trio of graded stakes and nearly a half-million dollars. *B-Rosedown Racing Stable LLC (KY)*

Sunday, August 3, 2020

5th-SAP, ¥13,400,000 (\$127k), Newcomers, 2yo, 2000mT

VANISHING POINT (c, 2, Tapit--Unrivaled Belle, by Unbridled's Song) is the full-brother to two-time Eclipse Award winner Unique Bella, a treble Grade I winner for Don Alberto Stable, who acquired GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic heroine

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Funny Guy (Big Brown) takes the John Morrissey S.

Unrivaled Belle for \$2.8 million at Keeneland November in 2011. Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm bid \$3.8 million to purchase Unrivaled Belle at KEENOV in 2016 carrying a full-sibling to Unique Bella and sold this offspring for \$1.5 million at KEESEP last fall. Second dam Queenie Belle (Bertrando) was herself a two-time Grade II winner. Christophe Lemaire takes the call. *B-Whisper Hill Farm LLC (KY)*



Vanishing Point selling at KEESEP last year | Keeneland photo



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 31

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
103 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, MAMMA RAMA, 6-1
\$90,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Ellis, Msw 5 1/2ft, PAYSTER, 10-1

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
66 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, BASILIA, 7-2
\$22,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500
111 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Evangeline Downs, Alw 5f, MY KIKI, 4-1
\$30,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
118 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Del Mar, Msw 5ft, MANDRAGORA SEEKER, 8-1
\$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000
94 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Del Mar, Msw 5ft, BONUS FEVER, 15-1
\$11,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Ellis, Msw 5f, MR SIPPI, 5-2
\$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
97 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Ellis, Msw 5 1/2ft, TOUR THE WORLD, 7-2

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Ellis, Msw 5f, TRAPICHE, 5-2
\$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Ashford Stud
95 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Ellis, Msw 5 1/2ft, EL CASADORA, 20-1
\$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$1,200 KEE SEP yrl
8-Del Mar, Msw 1mT, MADONE, 4-1
\$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$125,000 OBS MAR 2yo
7-Ellis, Msw 5 1/2ft, PETIT VERDOT, 4-1
\$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 31

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
164 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Ellis, Msw 5f, ULTIMATE BADGER, 3-1
\$12,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
142 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, \$100K Coronation Cup S., 5 1/2ft, LEXI ON THE MOVE, 15-1
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$160,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Hangover Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), Murmur Farm, \$2,500
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
9-Saratoga, \$100K Coronation Cup S., 5 1/2ft, MISSJ MCKAY, 5-1
\$1,500 EAS DEC wnl; \$55,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$85,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 130 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, \$100K Coronation Cup S., 5 1/2ft, KARAK, 6-1
 \$22,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$365,000 OBS
 MAR 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners
 2-Del Mar, Msw 5ft, QUEENS MAP, 12-1
 \$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$47,000 WAS SEP yrl

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000
 81 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Belterra, Msw 6f, BROADWAY MEDLEY, 6-1

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud, \$25,000
 180 foals of racing age/53 winners/12 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, \$100K Coronation Cup S., 5 1/2ft, BREDENBURY
 (Ire), 9-2
 11,000gns TAO CT yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, MISS MIKAELA, 6-1
 \$15,000 KEE SEP yrl

We Miss Artie (Artie Schiller), Ramsey Farm, \$5,000
 40 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, \$100K Coronation Cup S., 5 1/2ft, ARTIE'S PRINCESS,
 7-2

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 233 foals of racing age/42 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Ellis, Msw 5 1/2ft, CURL REINER, 8-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Woodbine, C\$98,625, 7-30, 3yo/up, 6ft, 1:08.24, fm.
ESKIMINZIN (h, 5, Cold Harbor--Ms. Forum, by Open Forum)
 Lifetime Record: 27-6-2-1, \$404,732. O-Jecara Farms Corp.;
 B-Jecara Farms (ON); T-Carlos Grant. *\$11,000 RNA Ylg '16
 CANSEP. **/2 to Atlas Shrugs (Compadre), MSW, \$327,906.

5th-Woodbine, C\$50,078, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$29,996), 7-30, 3yo/up,
 f/m, 5ft, :55.46, fm.
**SPANISH BALLERINA (f, 4, Victor's Cry--Spanish Decree {MSW &
 MGSP, \$825,460}, by War Deputy)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2,
 \$101,655. O-Ruvee Stables; B-Frank Huarte (ON); T-Frank
 Huarte. *1/2 to Spanish Express (Senor), SP, \$272,938.

3rd-Indiana Grand, \$39,000, (S), 7-30, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m
 (off turf), 1:48.25, sy.
UNBRIDLED BEAST (g, 3, Unbridled Express--Delil, by Dehere)
 Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$70,030. O-Matthews, Randy and
 Neafus, Michael B.; B-Randy & Karen Matthews (IN); T-Randy
 Matthews.

8th-Laurel, \$38,850, (C), 7-30, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT,
 1:42.59, fm.
**ONE LAST TRIAL (f, 3, Tonalist--Thisdaneistaken {SP,
 \$258,910}, by Gators N Bears)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0,
 \$60,349. O/B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Kelly Rubley.

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3rd-Arlington, \$37,400, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$18,000), 7-30,
 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.39, ft.
**HAMMERED (m, 6, Road Ruler--Bar Hoppin, by Animo de
 Valeroso)** Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-1, \$81,116. O/B-Shellye
 Essenpreis (IL); T-Eddie M. Essenpreis.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000),
 7-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.37, sy.
SNOWBALL (f, 4, Apriority--Inner Peace, by Value Plus) Lifetime
 Record: MSW, 21-4-6-2, \$196,100. O-Tin Roof Farms LLC; B-4M
 Ranch (LA); T-Samuel Breau. *\$1,700 Ylg '17 ESLMIX.

7th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, 7-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:46.17, sy.

AWESOME ONE (f, 4, Speightstown--Liam's Dream {GSW, \$194,760}, by Saint Liam) Lifetime Record: 18-2-3-2, \$111,799. O-Mehran Motamedi; B-Three Chimneys Farm (KY); T-William B. Bradley. *\$150,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR. **1/2 to Local Hero (Hard Spun), MGSP, \$333,469.

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4th-Evangeline Downs, \$32,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 7-29, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.69, sy.

MOCITO ROJO (h, 6, Mutadda--Blushing Royale, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 31-18-3-2, \$837,263. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Paul & Andrena Van Doren (KY); T-Shane Wilson.

7th-Canterbury, \$26,800, 7-29, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.69, ft.

SLEWS HYMN (g, 5, Slew's Tiznow--Wild Note, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$29,400. O-Watson, Larry and Rarick, Wade; B-Ed Delaney (CA); T-Wade Rarick. *\$3,700 4yo '19 ARZNOV.

7th-Thistledown, \$23,500, 7-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.66, ft.

JOHNNY U (h, 8, Congrats--High Proposal, by High Yield) Lifetime Record: 57-12-11-6, \$234,586. O-Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-Gary L. Johnson. *\$90,000 Ylg '13 KEESEP.

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3rd-Belterra, \$23,000, (S), 7-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), 1:00.55, sy.

WINDY LU WHO (f, 3, Justin Phillip--Windsail, by Grand Appointment) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,942. O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC and Susan Anderson Racing, LLC; B-Susan Anderson Racing LLC (OH); T-Susan L. Anderson. *\$0 RNA Ylg '18 OHIOCT.

5th-Thistledown, \$21,500, 7-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.82, ft.

URBANITE (c, 3, Bodemeister--Urbanini, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, \$37,250. O-Edwards, Tia and Forster, Grant; B-Tolo Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Grant T. Forster. *\$230,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Latin Spice, c, 2, **Buffum**--Spanish Dream, by Sharp Humor. Thistledown, 7-30, 5 1/2f, 1:07.46. B-Sergio Gomez (MD). *\$10,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

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Happy as You Go, f, 2, **Mobil**--Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band. Thistledown, 7-30, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.28. B-Mapleton

Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *\$5,000 RNA Ylg '19 OTBOMX.

Rozey Cheeks, f, 2, **The Hunk**--Call for Rozes, by Chitoz. Canterbury, 7-30, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.97. B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (MN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Sweet Talking Girl, f, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Smooth Talking, by Dixie Union. Laurel, 7-30, (WC), 1mT, 1:35.38. B-Skeedattle Associates (MD). *1/2 to Look Who's Talking (Cape Blanco {Ire}), SW, \$101,966.

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Unrelenting Force, g, 3, **Carpe Diem**--Hello Charlie, by Indian Charlie. Saratoga, 7-30, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17.99. B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY). *\$80,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$65,000 2yo '19 EASMAV.

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More Mango, f, 3, **More Than Ready**--Mango Diva (GB) (MGSW-Ire, SW-Eng, GSP-USA, \$254,417), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Saratoga, 7-30, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.75. B-George Strawbridge, Jr (KY).

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Sweet Medicine, g, 3, **Munnings**--Pure Blue Sky (GSP, \$212,353), by Purim. Canterbury, 7-29, 1mT, 1:34.78. B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK).

Custers Last Stand, g, 3, **Unbridled Express**--Miss Blossom, by Munnings. Indiana Grand, 7-30, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.58. B-L.T.B. Inc, Ed Wright Cattle Company & Miles Childers (IN).

Jingle, g, 3, **Wilburn**--Ring Ring Ring (SP), by Petionville. Indiana Grand, 7-30, (S), 1m 70y, 1:45.92. B-Michael & Penny Lauer (IN). *1/2 to Badabing Badaboom (Spring At Last), SW, \$228,425.

Adios Amigos, g, 4, **Adios Charlie**--Pretty Squall (MSW, \$187,835), by River Squall. Saratoga, 7-30, (S), (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.13. B-Mary Ellen Coenen & Bobby Dood (NY). *\$10,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

Tolaga Bay, g, 4, **Fierce Wind**--Fearless Bay, by Pleasant Tap. Colonial Downs, 7-29, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.05. B-Susan Minor (VA).



ADIOS CHARLIE, Adios Amigos, g, 4, o/o Pretty Squall, by River Squall. MCL, 7-30, Saratoga

APRIORITY, Snowball, f, 4, o/o Inner Peace, by Value Plus. AOC, 7-29, Evangeline

BIG BROWN, Funny Guy, c, 4, o/o Heavenly Humor, by Distorted Humor. John Morrissey H., 7-30, Saratoga

BODEMEISTER, Urbanite, c, 3, o/o Urbanini, by Bernardini. ALW, 7-30, Thistledown

BRILLIANT SPEED, One Way Home, g, 5, o/o C K Given, by Point Given. ALW, 7-30, Arlington

BUFFUM, Latin Spice, g, 2, o/o Spanish Dream, by Sharp Humor. MSW, 7-30, Thistledown

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Sweet Talking Girl, f, 3, o/o Smooth Talking, by Dixie Union. WMC, 7-30, Laurel

CARPE DIEM, Unrelenting Force, g, 3, o/o Hello Charlie, by Indian Charlie. MCL, 7-30, Saratoga

COLD HARBOR, Eskiminzin, h, 5, o/o Ms. Forum, by Open Forum. ALW, 7-30, Woodbine

COMMISSIONER, Boardroom, f, 3, o/o Money Madness, by Rahy. AOC, 7-30, Woodbine

CONGRATS, Johnny U, h, 8, o/o High Proposal, by High Yield. ALW, 7-30, Thistledown

FED BIZ, She Answered, f, 3, o/o You Asked, by Yes It's True. MSW, 7-30, Delaware

FIERCE WIND, Tolaga Bay, g, 4, o/o Fearless Bay, by Pleasant Tap. MCL, 7-29, Colonial Downs

GREAT NOTION, Kenny Had a Notion, g, 2, o/o Darting, by During. MSW, 7-30, Delaware

INTO MISCHIEF, Largent, g, 4, o/o Life in Seattle, by Unbridled. Edward P. Evans S., 7-29, Colonial Downs

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Windy Lu Who, f, 3, o/o Windsail, by Grand Appointment. ALW, 7-30, Belterra

MOBIL, Happy as You Go, f, 2, o/o Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band. MSW, 7-30, Thistledown

MORE THAN READY, More Mango, f, 3, o/o Mango Diva (GB), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). MCL, 7-30, Saratoga

MUNNINGS, Sweet Medicine, g, 3, o/o Pure Blue Sky, by Purim. MSW, 7-29, Canterbury

MUTADDA, Mocito Rojo, h, 6, o/o Blushing Royale, by Orientate. AOC, 7-29, Evangeline

POSSE, Rinaldi, g, 4, o/o Dynamite Cocktail, by Dynaformer. AOC, 7-30, Saratoga

ROAD RULER, Hammered, m, 6, o/o Bar Hoppin, by Animo de Valeroso. AOC, 7-30, Arlington

SCAT DADDY, Myhartblongstodady, m, 5, o/o Elusive Rumour, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 7-30, Saratoga

SLEW'S TIZNOW, Slews Hymn, g, 5, o/o Wild Note, by Wild Again. ALW, 7-29, Canterbury

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Awesome One, f, 4, o/o Liam's Dream, by Saint Liam. ALW, 7-30, Indiana Grand

THE HUNK, Rozey Cheeks, f, 2, o/o Call for Rozes, by Chitoz. MSW, 7-30, Canterbury

TONALIST, One Last Trial, f, 3, o/o Thisdanseistaken, by Gators N Bears. ALW, 7-30, Laurel



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UNBRIDLED EXPRESS, Custers Last Stand, g, 3, o/o Miss Blossom, by Munnings. MSW, 7-30, Indiana Grand

UNBRIDLED EXPRESS, Unbridled Beast, g, 3, o/o Delil, by Dehere. ALW, 7-30, Indiana Grand

VICTOR'S CRY, Spanish Ballerina, f, 4, o/o Spanish Decree, by War Deputy. OCL, 7-30, Woodbine

WILBURN, Jingle, g, 3, o/o Ring Ring Ring, by Petionville. MSW, 7-30, Indiana Grand

WILL TAKE CHARGE, Hollywood Hoopla, f, 3, o/o Sapucaí, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-30, Laurel

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Fancy Blue | *Racing Post*

Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), fresh from a thrilling victory in Chantilly's G1 Prix de Diane earlier this month, doubled up in battling fashion and continued to lead the way for the freshman stable of Donnacha O'Brien with a second Group 1 success in Thursday's G1 Qatar Nassau S. at Goodwood. Accepting a tow from Aidan O'Brien trainee and G1 Mackinnon S. victress **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) into the straight, the 11-4 chance inched closer to launch her challenge at the quarter-mile marker and was driven out once taking control soon after to withstand the late charge of last month's G3 Blue Wind S. victress **One Voice (Ire)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) by a neck, providing Ryan Moore with a 50th Goodwood festival success. **Nazeef (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) finished a further 2 3/4 lengths adrift in third.

"That was a lovely performance from Fancy Blue, she is unbelievable and it is massive as you never believe you will get one like her in your first year of training," said conditioner Donnacha O'Brien. "When you have the pedigrees that Coolmore have, you always have a chance and I am very lucky. I was given Fancy Blue as a yearling and you don't really expect these kind of things, but when they come along it is more unlikely that the majority will be up to this sort of Group 1 class. You do right by them so that they will fulfil their full potential and thankfully she has reached that class. It is unbelievable that I get a filly like her in my first year. People go a lifetime without getting a filly like her and I am no under no illusions as to how lucky I am, and I just need to do the best I can with her." [Cont. p2](#)

SNITZEL EARNS FOURTH STRAIGHT SIRE TITLE

Arrowfield Stud's **Snitzel (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}-Snippets' Lass {Aus}, by Snippets {Aus}) has become just the sixth sire in the 137-year history of the Australian Sires' Premiership to earn four or more consecutive champion sire titles. With the current season Down Under wrapping up on Friday, Snitzel joins his grandsire Danehill (who won nine titles, six consecutively, in the 2000s), Star Kingdom (1960s), Delville Wood (1950s) and Valais and his son Heroic (1920s and 30s) as sires to earn a quartet of premierships titles.

Snitzel's achievement is made all the more impressive by the fact that he is a Danehill-line sire among a Danehill-saturated broodmare population. Competition on the racecourse and in the stallion ranks in Australia have also been at their highest during Snitzel's era; the region has been the subject of heavy global interest and investment. During the 2019/20 season, a record 11 sires in addition to Snitzel on the sires' table earned in excess of A\$10-million.

Snitzel's A\$17.7-million is more than A\$2-million clear of I Am Invincible (Aus) and Pierro (Aus). Snitzel is also the leader by stakes winners (18) and stakes wins (25).

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Away Game was Snitzel's leading earner this season | *Bronwen Healy*

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He added, "I was looking after her as a yearling and I was responsible for her, but I didn't have my licence so she was not under my name."

The homebred bay was unbeaten in two juvenile outings for Aidan O'Brien, backing up a Naas debut success with victory in The Curragh's Listed Staffordstown Stud S., and her first official start for O'Brien junior was a runner-up finish to Peaceful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas on seasonal debut before turning the tables on that former stablemate at Chantilly last time.

"I was hopeful of a good performance due to the weight she was getting [from the older fillies], and this race fitted in well after her win in the French Oaks," O'Brien commented. "Every race she has won she has had to battle for and work for it. Jessie [Harrington]'s filly [One Voice] came at her today and if she had got into a proper battle with her, I think she would have found more. She is a very tough, high-class filly who has shown how good she is today. We came here today unsure as to what she would think of the ground. I was speaking to Dad during the race that she was swapping and changing her lead leg coming down the hill. She didn't look particularly comfortable and I think a little bit of juice in the ground won't be any harm for her in the future."

Looking ahead to targets over a variety of distances, the rookie trainer revealed an extensive agenda.

"We will give her a little break now as she has had a busy start to the year," he announced. "We might look at Irish Champions Weekend to bring her back and that could be in the [G1] Matron



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[over one mile at Leopardstown], which I know is back down in trip, or in the [G1] Irish Champion [over 10 furlongs]. She'll then go to Arc weekend where she has the option of the [G1] Prix de l'Opera [over 10 furlongs] or the Arc itself. After that, it will probably be the Breeders' Cup or a trip to Japan for the Queen Elizabeth, where there is big money on offer over a mile-and-three and a bonus for winning the Prix de Diane. We're not really sure what is going on with America at the minute, but they are the options. All the people in Japan are massive supporters of racing and I know myself from riding Saxon Warrior, and him being by Deep Impact, that we got a good following from the Japanese fans. It is always somewhere I have wanted to go and, whilst it is not set in stone, she could go there. Arc weekend fits nicely so whether it is the Opera or the Arc, we will sit down and speak with the owners. Taking in the [G1 Prix] Vermeille [over 12 furlongs] could maybe be a possibility, but we will have to see. There are a lot of good races around and I think she would be competitive anywhere from a mile to a mile-and-a-half. With her allowance in the Arc, I wouldn't be writing her off either so we'll have to see how strong the Opera is. Coolmore could have Love for the Arc too so nothing is set in stone."

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Pedigree Notes

Fancy Blue is one of six winners produced by Chenchikova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself a winning full-sister to MG1SW sire High Chaparral (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G2 Dante S. victor and GI Secretariat S. runner-up Black Bear Island (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). She is a kin to stakes-winning G1 Dewhurst S. third Smuggler's Cove (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and stakes-winning G3 Prix de Lutece placegetter Casterton (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Fancy Blue is also a half-sister to the placed 2-year-old filly Miss Chess (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), a yearling filly by Caravaggio and a 2020 filly by Saxon Warrior (Jpn). Chenchikova, kin to the dam of MGSW GI Belmont Derby Invitational third Hunting Horn (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) and MGSW G1 Dewhurst S. placegetter David Livingston (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), is also a granddaughter of MGSW French champion and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Prix du Moulin placegetter Kozana (GB) (Kris {GB}). The latter produced a quartet of stakes performers which includes G1 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) and GI Oak Tree Turf Championship runner-up Khoraz (The Minstrel).

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Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

QATAR NASSAU S.-G1, £250,000, Goodwood, 7-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 197yT, 2:04.99, gd.

1--**FANCY BLUE (IRE)**, 124, f, 3, by **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Chenchikova (Ire), by **Sadler's Wells**

2nd Dam: Kasora (Ire), by **Darshaan (GB)**

3rd Dam: Kozana (GB), by **Kris (GB)**

O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Donnacha O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £141,775. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Ire, 5-4-1-0, \$666,724. *1/2 to Smuggler's Cove (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), SW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$137,682; and Casterton (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$163,024. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**One Voice (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, **Poet's Voice (GB)**

1st Dam: Zaaqya (GB), by **Nayef**

2nd Dam: Classical Dancer (GB), by **Dr Fong**

3rd Dam: Gorgeous Dancer (Ire), by **Nordico**

(€55,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP). O-Craig Bernick; B-J Lenihan (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington. £53,750.

3--**Nazeef (GB)**, 133, f, 4, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

1st Dam: Handassa (GB), by **Dubawi (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Starstone (GB), by **Diktat (GB)**

3rd Dam: Star (GB), by **Most Welcome (GB)**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden. £26,900.

Margins: NK, 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.75, 20.00, 3.30.

Also Ran: Queen Power (Ire), Magic Wand (Ire), Lavender's Blue (Ire), Deirdre (Jpn). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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ZOUSTAR COLT STARS ON THE GOLD COAST

A colt by Zoustar (Aus) topped the first day of the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

EARLY SUPREMACY FOR MEHMAS

With an impressive listed winner already in the bag in Method (Ire), Tally Ho Stud's Mehmas (Ire) put more distance between himself and his fellow first-season sires on Thursday as the aptly-named **Supremacy (Ire)** registered a similarly commanding four-length success in Goodwood's G2 Qatar Richmond S. Off the mark in dynamic fashion in a six-furlong Windsor maiden July 6, the 11-2 shot was placed quickly at the head of affairs by Adam Kirby and found generously in the final furlong to draw away from the 13-8 favourite **Yazaman (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), with **Lauded (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}) a neck away in third.

"He's quite tall and scopey with a long stride and he can quicken," Kirby commented. "He ran through the line, so it was a very smart performance. Coming into the race, I really liked him and his maiden win was very good. He is all speed, very, very quick. It almost feels as though you have it easy on him--he has an exceptional cruising speed. I didn't go out there with all guns blazing and the intention of grabbing the rail, it has just kind of happened at that way and as most people would know on a baby if you have got the rail, it can just help."



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This looked a decent renewal, with two TDN Rising Stars **Qaader (Ire)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) and **Admiral Nelson (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) in attendance as well as the G2 July S. runner-up Yazaman, but Supremacy had matters in hand passing the furlong pole. Clive Cox, who took this race 12 months ago with Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}) and also has the G2 Coventry S. winner Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}), said, "It's fabulous we have two top-class horses and you pinch yourself when things go as well as they have done. He was impressive and one of the comments that Adam made coming back down the chute was he is one for next year too. He's got a wonderful mind and he won in a very fast time at Windsor, so this was soon enough. In a perfect world, I would have liked another week or two but he has done that so well and has taken a big step forward."

Another inspired purchase by Clive Cox at £65,000 at the 2019 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale, Supremacy looked a long way from being this type of animal when a well-beaten sixth on his racecourse bow at Windsor June 16. That was four days before Nando Parrado took his own leap forward from an unplaced effort on debut at the Royal meeting and it is clear that the Cox juveniles are needing their first outings badly in 2020. He had made a huge jump to Windsor and another here to promise more sprinting heydays for this trainer-jockey combination.

Pedigree Notes

The dam Triggers Broom (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}) is a half-sister to Xtension (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), who brought Cox and Kirby to prominence at this meeting in 2009 when taking the G2 Vintage S. Also third in the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Prix Jean Prat before joining John Moore, he went on to win two renewals of the G1 Champions Mile in Hong Kong. Xtension's half-sister Beatrix Potter (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) went on to produce Cox's best yet in the G1 July Cup and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and also last year's G2 Mill Reef S. winner Pierre Lapin (Ire) (Cappella Sansevero {GB}). Another of his half-siblings A Huge Dream (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) was listed-placed and was later responsible for Mrs Gallagher (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who captured the Listed Polonia S. and Listed Lansdown S. The dam's yearling colt is by Cotai Glory (GB).

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Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

QATAR RICHMOND S.-G2, £50,000, Goodwood, 7-30, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:10.13, gd.

1--**SUPREMACY (IRE)**, 126, c, 2, by Mehmas (Ire)

1st Dam: Triggers Broom (Ire), by Arcano (Ire)

2nd Dam: Great Joy (Ire), by Grand Lodge

3rd Dam: Cheese Soup, by Spectacular Bid

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (£65,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR). O-J Goddard; B-Kangyu International Racing (IRE); T-Clive Cox; J-Adam Kirby. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$42,012. *2nd SW for his sire (by Acclamation {GB}). **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Yazaman (Ire)**, 126, c, 2, Kodiac (GB)--Online Alexander (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (185,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Mountarmstrong Stud. (IRE); T-William Haggas. £10,750.

3--**Lauded (GB)**, 126, c, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Thatsallimsaying (Ire), by Dandy Man (Ire). (24,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; €46,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP). O-Al Shaqab Racing & Manor House Racing; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Tom Dascombe. £5,380.

Margins: 4, NK, 1HF. Odds: 5.50, 1.63, 10.00.

Also Ran: Admiral Nelson (GB), Qaader (Ire), Gussy Mac (Ire), Talbot (Ire).

[Click for the Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

MOGUL SWOOPS FOR GORDON GLORY

Off the board in three starts since claiming last term's G2 Champions Juvenile S. at Leopardstown, Coolmore's **Mogul (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) was one of the main closers when sixth in last month's G1 Epsom Derby and stepped back up to the plate to gain compensation in Thursday's G3 John Pearce Racing Gordon S. at Goodwood. Steadied off the clear leader in fourth after an alert getaway, the 9-2 chance was coaxed forward once leaving the three-furlong marker behind and swooped late under a power drive to provide a third success for Aidan O'Brien in this renowned stepping stone to elite-level glory. The April-foaled

bay's late surge carried him 3/4-of-a-length beyond

Highland Chief (Ire)

(Gleneagles {Ire}) with the same margin back to the game pacesetter **Subjectivity (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in third.

"These horses are in good form, he was tough there and Aidan always said he'd be just right for his third run," said winning rider Ryan Moore, whose win left Frankie Dettori behind on four as he moved to within

one of Sir Gordon Richards and Willie Carson's joint-record haul of six in the contest. "We've always thought a lot of him and I'm very happy with what he's done today. He's still a bit babyish and can only progress further," the rider added.

"We always thought that Mogul was going to take two runs and we were hoping to get that into him before the Derby, but obviously the Derby was only his second run and this was his third today," explained Aidan O'Brien, who saddled Yellowstone (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) to win this in 2007 and Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in 2015. "We said this race would suit him, we're delighted with him and think there is more to come. We were thinking of going to the [Sept. 13 G1] Grand Prix de Paris [at ParisLongchamp] with him next, maybe, and that was the plan if everything went well today. We always thought he was a lovely horse and a horse that was going to suit the Derby, but we thought it would take a couple of runs to get him there. When you look at him he's built like a miler. He's a big, strong,

powerful horse and carries a lot of muscle and weight so he was always going to take racing to get him tuned up. We weren't really sure about this horse at a mile-and-a-half, but he toughed it out and it looks like he got it today."

Fitri Hay's homebred Golden Gates H. winner Highland Chief (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}) was a never-threatening 10th in the G1 Epsom Derby and bounced back from that disappointment with a career-best effort here. "We are very, very pleased with the horse," said trainer Oliver Cole. "I would have to see the race again, but [rider] David Probert thought Mogul came up and he went again. Ryan has obviously ridden a peach and we are very happy to know that we have a very good horse. The advantage we had today was that there weren't many runners so there wasn't much hustle and bustle. He could relax and enjoy it without being cramped, which played to his advantage. Maybe the [G2 Great] Voltigeur [at York] next, although it might come a little bit quick."



Mogul (blue & orange) | *Racing Post*

Bjorn Nielsen's G1 Epsom Derby fifth English King (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) went off for this retrieval mission as the 5-4 favourite, but was the first to come under pressure in the straight before staying on without troubling the leaders to finish fourth. "He came off the bridle too early and he was staying on at the end," said Frankie Dettori. "We are toying with the idea of the [G1] St Leger [at Doncaster]."

Pedigree Notes

Mogul, who was the second-highest priced transaction at the Tattersalls 2018 October Book 1 yearling sale when knocked down to M V Magnier for 3.4-million guineas, is one of six winners out of Listed Pontefract Castle S. second Shastye (Ire) (Danehill), herself half to G1SW sires Sagamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and Sagacity (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}). He is thus a full-brother to G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Juddmonte International hero Japan (GB), GSW G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 German Oaks runner-up Secret Gesture (GB), G3 International S. victor Sir Isaac Newton (GB) and a yearling filly. From a family also featuring G1 Prix d'Isphahan-winning sire Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg), Mogul is also a half to MGSP Listed Ipswich Cup winner Maurus (GB) (Medicean {GB}) and to the unraced dam of Listed Height of Fashion S. runner-up Shaherezada (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}).

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Thursday, Goodwood, Britain

JOHN PEARCE RACING GORDON S.-G3, £75,000, Goodwood, 7-30, 3yo, 11f 218yT, 2:34.89, gd.

1--**MOGUL (GB)**, 127, c, 3, by **Galileo (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Shastye (Ire) (SP-Eng)**, by **Danehill**

2nd Dam: **Saganeca**, by **Sagace (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Haglette**, by **Hagley**

'**TDN Rising Star**'. (3,400,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £42,533. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 7-3-1-0, \$198,290. *Full to Japan (GB), Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 11-14f, Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 9 1/2-11f, Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 11-14f, Hwt. 3yo-Eur at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Fr, G1SW-Eng, GSW-Ire, \$2,021,465; Full to Secret Gesture (GB), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Ger, GISP-US, \$746,427; Full to Sir Isaac Newton (GB), GSW-Ire, SW-Eng, GSP-Aus, \$405,120; 1/2 to Maurus (GB) (Medicean {GB}), SW & MGSP-Aus, \$472,335. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**

Triple Plus. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Highland Chief (Ire)**, 127, c, 3, **Gleneagles (Ire)**--Pink Symphony (GB), by Montjeu (Ire). O/B-Fitri Hay (IRE); T-Paul & Oliver Cole. £16,125.

3--**Subjectivist (GB)**, 127, c, 3, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Reckoning (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (62,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Dr Jim Walker; B-Mascalls Stud (GB); T-Mark Johnston. £8,070.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.50, 22.00, 8.50.

Also Ran: English King (Fr), Khalifa Sat (Ire), Al Aasy (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

BATTAASH GRACES GOODWOOD FRIDAY

Friday of the Qatar Goodwood Festival means Shadwell's **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) once again and these cherished days of the history-makers fortunately seem to go on and on. Where Tuesday's legend Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) led with a fourth renewal of one of the meeting's prestige events over two miles, so Charlie Hills's fireball goes to post for the same tally in the G2 King George Qatar S. over the minimum five furlongs. As strong as ever last time when taking Royal Ascot's G1 King's Stand S., the 6-year-old is at home on these Downs and is reported in fine order by his trainer. "Battaash came out of the King's Stand really well. He has been fresh since then and he goes into Goodwood in similar form to last year," he said.

"At Ascot, I thought he always looked in command. He travelled sweetly through the race, picked up and won pretty comfortably," Hills added. "He's very straightforward these days. We have got a good routine with him now--we have got a good team of people that ride him and look after him. Goodwood is a

speed track--you go down a hill and that really plays into his favour. He is so quick mid-race that he tends to get his rivals uncomfortable with the pace he's going and that is really where it plays into his advantage. For me, he is a horse of a lifetime. He has not been the most straightforward through his career and there have been times earlier on when he was very tricky to manage, but it's great credit to all the team to have turned him into the superstar he is."

Third in the King's Stand, last year's G3 Molecomb S. winner **Liberty Beach (GB)** (Cable Bay {Ire}) comes at Battaash again having finished runner-up to A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) in Sandown's G3 Coral Charge July 5. She at least gets an extra three pounds from the favourite due to his group 1 penalty and this track will play more to her strengths than Ascot. "I don't think there was too much wrong with her last run at Sandown. The horse that gave her a lead dropped away and she probably hit the front a bit too soon on a day there was a strong headwind," trainer John Quinn explained. "It looked like she would go away and win, but the other horse had a bit of cover and was the best horse on the day. The winner has won a group race at the Curragh since, so it looks good form. Our filly is in good order and we know she likes the track. Battaash will be very hard to beat, but we'll give it a go."



Battaash | *Racing Post*

Last year's G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner **Glass Slippers (GB)** (Dream Ahead) also tries again to beat Battaash, having been fifth in the King's Stand, and she is one of two Arc day winners on this card alongside **One Master (GB)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Lael Stable's dual G1 Prix de la Foret heroine takes a class drop in the G3 Saint Clair Oak Tree S. over the seven-furlong trip that she excels at. Fourth in this from a wide draw in 2018 before she proved herself a top-class performer, the homebred was beaten around a length when fourth in Newmarket's G1 Falmouth S. July 10 and drawn in one this time should make her class tell.

Qatar Goodwood Festival Previews Cont.

Trainer William Haggas is concerned about potentially fast conditions, however. “I just don’t want the ground to dry out too much for her, but she’s in great form,” he said. “It is a bit of a drop in class, but there are so few seven-furlong races for her. You’ve got the [G2] Hungerford and the [G2] City of York S. coming up, so she’ll go for one or both of those next.”

If One Master has one to worry about, it could be Marc Chan’s 3-year-old **Valeria Messalina (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who took the G3 Brownstown S. over this trip at Cork last time July 12. Judging by how well the fellow Jessie Harrington-trained One Voice (Ire) (Poet’s Voice {GB}) performed in the G1 Nassau S. on Thursday, she is worthy of respect with Frankie Dettori on board.



One Master | Scoop Dyga

In the G3 Bonhams Thoroughbred S., there could be more cheer for Shadwell as the highly impressive Britannia H. winner **Khaloosy (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) steps into pattern company on the back of his 4 1/2-length success in that seemingly-competitive June 18 Royal Ascot contest. He is met by Khalid Abdullah’s 19-length June 27 Newcastle novice winner **Tilsit** (First Defence) and Sunderland Holding’s six-length July 18 novice scorer **My Oberon (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in an intriguing encounter between potential class acts.

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PRIZEMONEY TO RISE IN SEPTEMBER

The British Horseracing Authority has published its **fixture list** from Sept. 1 through the remainder of the year, with **minimum**

prizemoney levels set to rise.

From Sept. 1, minimum prizemoney at the middle and grassroots levels of British racing will be restored to their pre-COVID levels, while for Class 1 races and heritage handicaps minimum purses will be at 75% of their pre-COVID levels. In addition to levy funding, all racecourses will make executive contributions to prizemoney of every race. The appearance money scheme, which pays out to horses out of the money in middle and lower tier races, will be reintroduced.

A maximum of five fixtures will be staged each day from Sept. 1. Fixtures will generally consist of seven races with one race eligible to divide during daytime fixtures and two during evening fixtures. A programme of five floodlit fixtures has been added to the six days in November that was initially scheduled to be dark for the flat. The fixture list between Christmas and New Year, including the eight fixtures provisionally scheduled to take place on Boxing Day, will be reviewed nearer the time. All participants will continue to be restricted to attending one meeting per day.

“As we enter the autumn and racehorse owners begin to make their plans for 2021, this increase in minimum prizemoney levels across all levels from September is a critical part of the sport’s recovery plans,” said Richard Wayman, chief operating officer of the BHA. “Owners have displayed great patience in recent months and it is crucial that prizemoney grows at all levels as quickly as possible. Whilst there is a long way to go, the increase in minimum values together with the re-introduction of the appearance money scheme are clearly steps in the right direction.

“We have learnt a lot from a number of the fixture innovations that were put in place as part of the emergency fixture list, some of which will continue for the remainder of the year. Others may return in the future but it is evident that the return to a more familiar fixture list, at least for now, will provide a boost to industry revenues, particularly as we look forward to crowds returning to racecourses later in the year. This has only been possible due to the Levy Board significantly increasing its support of prizemoney compared with its original plans and we would like to express our gratitude for their approach as we seek to plot a long term course for our sport to recover from its current challenges.”

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JAPAN SORE AFTER KING GEORGE DISAPPOINTMENT

Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was a disappointing last of the three runners in Saturday’s G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., beaten 16 1/2 lengths by Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), but a potential excuse has come to light with the 4-year-old having exited the race with a “bad stone bruise.” **Cont. p8**



Japan and Peter Cleary at Ballydoyle in May | *Racing Post*

Japan Cont.

“Japan came back a little bit sore from the King George,” said trainer Aidan O’Brien on Thursday after he sent out Japan’s full-brother Mogul (GB) to win the G3 Gordon S. “He had a bad stone bruise the following day, so maybe he was feeling that on the fast ground. These things take a bit of time to show up, but the next day he was very sore. Maybe that was the reason for his disappointing run.”

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HAVLIN WINS APPEAL

Rab Havlin has won his appeal against a 10-day ban for careless riding after an incident at Yarmouth on July 22. Yarmouth stewards deemed that Havlin had failed to take sufficient action to prevent the John Gosden-trained **Swift Verdict (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) from shifting left and causing a chain reaction that affected **Dreaming Blue (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), ridden by Tom Marquand, and **My Vision (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) under Harry Bentley.



Rab Havlin | *Racing Post*

Swift Verdict, the €1.4-million first foal out of Classic winner Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), eventually finished third with Dreaming Blue in sixth and My Vision ninth.

Havlin reflected, “On the day it was bad. No one is taking away the interference was significant. The two lads [Marquand and Bentley] were lucky to stand up.

“From my point of view there was little I could do. They said it was under a right-hand drive. It actually took two seconds for the whole thing to happen. We looked at it for three hours at the inquiry this morning and obviously I’m glad at the outcome. When you slowed it down, I literally had half a second to get him off, so who can do that in half a second? I know the stewards on the day have got a tough job because they haven’t got time to go over it like they could in London.

“I don’t normally appeal. I think it’s the second appeal in my career, but I just felt I thought people looked at the interference and saw two horses nearly coming down and thinking somebody must have done something bad for that to happen. But as even Tom said himself, the riding offence that caused it was minimal.”

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HARAS D’ETREHAM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Haras d’Etreham, home of French and Irish champion Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) who has first yearlings this year, has launched a new website. Dedicated to the stud’s six stallions, Etreham’s sale consignments, and latest news, the site may be viewed at www.etreham.com.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, July 31, 2020:

UNITED KINGDOM

- Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, ARLECCHINO'S SHADE (GB)
£1,500 Tattersalls Ascot December Sale 2019
- 16:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, BILANDY (GB)
£35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
- 16:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, FOUR ADAAY (GB)
£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
- 17:55-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, TIME INTERVAL (GB)
35,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 34,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
- 16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, TINCHOO (GB)
14,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Ajaya (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Rathbarry Stud
31 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
12:55-PONTEFRACT, 6f, UMAFIKA (Ire)

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, CLASSY DAME (Ire)
€7,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
16:20-GOODWOOD, 6f, PORFIN (Ire)
€7,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 40,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, PUMP IT UP (GB)
14,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Eagle Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Strelce
17 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:55-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, PAIGE'S RAPTOR (GB)

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
16:20-GOODWOOD, 6f, RISQUE (Ire)
€7,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 5,000gns RNA
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 4

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
17:25-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, MANDARIN DUCK (GB)

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms
99 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:55-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, LARGO BAY
\$35,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale
2018; 30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
120 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, AYO PATSY (Ire)
€7,000 RNA Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Giltown Stud
69 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
12:55-PONTEFRACT, 6f, ZAHRISA (GB)

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud
83 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, IN IT AGAIN (GB)
£6,800 Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
17:25-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, FULL MARKS (Ire)
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, HEMMSA (Ire)
£5,250 Tattersalls Ascot Breeze Up Sale 2020
12:25-PONTEFRACT, 5f, KHABIB (Ire)
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, KIM WEXLER (Ire)
£7,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, MOONSHINER (Ire)
20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 17,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3
12:25-PONTEFRACT, 5f, VIRGINIA PLANE (GB)

New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Ballylinch Stud
77 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
12:55-PONTEFRACT, 6f, ARTORIOUS (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £55,000 Goffs UK
Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
16:20-GOODWOOD, 6f, PEROTTO (GB)
28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Parish Hall (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Redmondstown Stud
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:55-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, PARISH ACADEMY (Ire)

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud
43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, BELGIUM (GB)
€1,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019; 12,000gns
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020



Flintshire is aiming for a first winner at Lingfield. | Louise Reinagel

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, MISS FERNANDA (Ire)
12,000gns Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €1,000 Goffs
Autumn Yearling Sale 2019; £10,000 Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze
Up Sale (Doncaster)

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
12:25-PONTEFRACT, 5f, TWILIGHT LUCY (GB)
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud
127 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, MAP (Ire)
£9,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND

Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
94 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, ALQABEELA (Ire)
€40,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €160,000 Goffs Orby
Yearling Sale 2019

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HALF TO TEPIN STEPS OUT AT LEOPARDSTOWN

1.05 Leopardstown, Debutantes, €16,500, 2yo, 7fT

HARVARD (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) is introduced by Aidan O'Brien away from the Goodwood fayre and is a fascinating runner as a half-brother to the six-times top-level scorer and GI Breeders' Cup Mile and G1 Queen Anne S. heroine Tepin (Bernstein) and multiple graded-stakes scorer Vyjack (Into Mischief). He is joined by fellow Ballydoyle representative **High Definition (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, a May-foaled full-brother to last year's G2 Beresford S. winner and G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy runner-up Innisfree (Ire).

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

7th-Goodwood, £16,500, Mdn, 7-30, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.13, gd.

SPIRIT OF BERMUDA (IRE) (f, 2, Twilight Son {GB})--Laqataat {Ire}, by Alhaarth {Ire}), was steadied to race off the pace in seventh after an alert exit in this debut. Nudged along to close with three furlongs remaining, the 8-1 chance joined the front rank approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly under mainly whipless coaxing to deny Iconic Queen (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by a head on the line, becoming the third winner for her freshman sire (by Kyllachy {GB}).

"She came from the breeze-ups, which means she's a bit more streetwise than maybe some we've had since they were yearlings," said Maureen Haggas. "She's been nice and straightforward and we felt able to get her out quickly because she's worked nicely and done everything we've asked. She behaved immaculately today and ran a very nice race. She's a big filly and a classy filly and handled the track well. She needed to enjoy it and I think there's a fair bit of improvement to come. She'll get further, but will be more with it next time so we'll stick to seven [furlongs] for the time being."

Miss Chess (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a half-sister to G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. heroine Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), held every chance until fading late and finishing seventh. Spirit of Bermuda is the latest of nine foals and fifth winner from as many runners out of a half-sister to G2 Lowther S. runner-up Khulan (Bahri) and dual G3 Al Shindagha Sprint placegetter Thajja (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}). The March-foaled bay, whose third dam is G2 Prix d'Astarte-winning matriarch Elle Seule (Exclusive Native), is a half-sister to G3 Balanchine S. third Naseem Sea (Ire) (Bahri). Sales history: €68,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €62,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR; 210,000gns 2yo '20 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,512.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Bermuda Racing Ltd; B-Powerstown Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Broxi (Ire), c, 2, **Kodi Bear (Ire)**--Own Gift (GB), by Rahy. Musselburgh, 7-30, 7f 33yT, 1:30.72. B-Golden Vale Stud (IRE). *€8,500 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €8,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP. **5th winner for his freshman sire (by Kodiak {GB}).

Ready Freddie Go (Ire), g, 2, **Swiss Spirit (GB)**--Barbieri (Ire), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Musselburgh, 7-30, 5f 1yT, :59.64. B-Mr & Mrs Reddy Coffey (IRE). *€2,800 RNA Wlg '18 TATFBR; £3,000 RNA Ylg '19 TASAYG.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

4th-Deauville, €28,000, Cond, 7-30, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.85, st.

VADSENA (FR) (f, 3, Makfi {GB}--Vaderana {Fr}, by Monsun {Ger}), who was runner-up in the nine-furlong Listed Prix Finlande at Chantilly June 10 before finishing last in the G1 Prix de Diane over 10 1/2 furlongs back there July 5, was the generously-priced 3-5 favourite for this confidence-restoring mission and tracked the leading trio throughout the early stages. Breezing to Lettyt Fight (Fr) (Dunkerque {Fr}) approaching the furlong pole, the homebred cruised to a bloodless 1 3/4-length success. The dam is a daughter of the G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Vadawina (Ire) (Unfuwain), a half-sister to another Saint-Alary winner in Vazira (Fr) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) whose five black-type performers include the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris scorer Vadamar (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the G3 Tyros S. winner and G1 Racing Post Trophy third The Pentagon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). From the family of the top-level winners and sires Val

Royal (Fr), Valixir (Ire) and Vadamos (Fr), she has the unraced 2-year-old filly Vardana (Fr) (Awtaad {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Churchill (Ire). Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 5-3-1-0, €39,600. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

9th-Deauville, €22,000, Debutantes, 7-30, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:11.20, gd.

SAN ISIDRO (IRE) (g, 2, Power {GB}--Olanthia {Ire}, by Zamindar), sent off at 11-1, had the lead after the first furlong. Sent clear from the 300-metre mark, the chestnut hit the line with 3 1/2 lengths to spare over Adhamo (Ire) (Intello {GB}). The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the listed-placed Olvia (Ire) (Giant's Causeway). From the family of the G2 Falmouth S. scorer Ronda (GB) (Bluebird), her yearling filly is by Fast Company (Ire). Sales history: €8,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Pauline Duval, Gerard Augustin-Normand, Ecurie Monarchic Racing SARL, Marie-France Bertella & S Nigge; B-SARL Darpat France (IRE); T-Stephanie Nigge.



San Isidro, from the family of GSW Ronda, receives a pat from Theo Bachelot as he wins on debut at Deauville. | Scoop Dyga

8th-Deauville, €22,000, Debutantes, 7-30, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:12.85, gd.

UNVEIL (IRE) (f, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Soft Lips {GB}, by Rahy) was smartly away and raced against the rail with Not In Doubt (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) at the head of affairs racing away from her. In front of that daughter of Intercontinental (GB) (Danehill) by halfway, the 37-10 second favourite asserted to register a fluent 1 1/4-length success from Juddmonte's 11-10 market-leader. The dam, whose first foal was the listed-placed Argentic (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), is a daughter of Iron Lips (GB) (Iron Mask) who took the G3 Prix Eclipse and was third in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte. She in turn is a half to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Falco (Pivotal {GB}). A half-sister to the multiple Spanish champion Oriental (Jpn) (Smart Strike), Soft Lips' yearling filly by Mastercraftsman (Ire) is named Smoothy (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

1st-Saint-Malo, €13,000, Mdn, 7-30, 2yo, 8fT, 1:40.16, g/s.

TOKYO GOLD (FR) (c, 2, Kendargent {Fr}--Biancarosa {Ire} {SW-Ity}, by Dalakhani {Ire}), a July 3 first-up third going seven furlongs at Saint-Cloud last time, was sharply into stride and raced in the vanguard from flagfall here. Bustled along turning for home, the 31-10 second choice inched ahead approaching the final eighth and was pushed out to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Baker Chope (Fr) (Kheleyf). Full to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud third Notte Bianca (Fr), he is the latest of five foals and becomes the second scorer out of Listed Premio Repubblica Marinare victress Biancarosa (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}). The February-foaled grey's dam is herself a daughter of the G1 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Rosa di Brema (Ity) (Lomitas {GB}). She is kin to four black-type performers headed by G3 Premio Mario Incisa della Rocchetta victress Rosa Del Dubai (Ire) (Dubai Destination), who in turn is the dam of three stakes winners including G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine Folega (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €10,280.

O/B-Teruya Yoshida (FR); T-Satoshi Kobayashi.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nataline (Fr), f, 3, Martaline (GB)--Tanea (Fr), by Exit To Nowhere. Saint Malo, 7-30, 12 1/2fT, 2:45.73. B-Haras de Montaigu & B Camus-Denais (FR). *€11,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Snitzel Earns Fourth Straight Sire Title Cont. from p1

Snitzel's stakes winners in 2019/20 were headed on earnings by his Magic Millions 2YO Classic and G2 Percy Sykes S. winner and G1 Golden Slipper runner-up Away Game (Aus), while I Am Excited (Aus) took the G1 Galaxy H. to become his 14th winner at the highest level. Splintex (Aus) became his 100th stakes winner when winning the G2 Arrowfield 3YO Sprint. Snitzel's stakes winners this season came from six crops and 14 training yards and won black-type races from 1000 to 2400 metres. Six were homebreds, while others were sold from as little as A\$90,000 and up to A\$1.05-million.

Snitzel earns an additional accolade in becoming the only three-time winner of the Australian 2-year-old sires' premiership in the past two decades. His 2-year-olds this season earned A\$4.7-million and his 28 winners included four stakes winners.

In the sales realm, Snitzel was responsible for his fourth Inglis Easter top lot, this time the A\$1.8-million colt out of First Seal (Aus).

"Only the very best stallions can do what Snitzel does, he is absolutely amazing and we are all extremely proud of him," said Arrowfield's Chairman John Messara. "I'm grateful for the support he receives from his shareholders, breeders, buyers, owners and trainers and look forward to seeing them all enjoy more success with Snitzel's progeny, because there is plenty more to come."

Snitzel's three prior championship seasons have also included some remarkable accomplishments. Snitzel was three times runner up for the premiership, including in 2013/14 when he and Redoute's Choice achieved the first sire/son quinella on the table, and three years later he defeated former champion sires Street Cry (Ire) and Fastnet Rock (Aus) to take the honours for the first time with A\$16.2-million in the bank. That season he broke Danehill's national record of 26 stakes winners in a season and Without Fear's 40-year-old 2-year-old record of 32 wins in a season. He registered a 2-year-old Group 1 trifecta for the first time Down Under since 1982 in the G1 Sires' Produce S., and also earned the 2-year-old and 3-year-old premierships.

The following season saw records by Snitzel for prizemoney in a season (A\$29.2-million), winners (137), wins (307), stakes winners (26) and stakes wins (43). He also defended his titles in the 2-year-old and 3-year-old premierships. **Cont. p13**



Snitzel Earns Fourth Straight Sire Title Cont.

A significant slice of that prizemoney was earned by Redzel (Aus) in the inaugural running of The Everest, but so strong was Snitzel’s season that he didn’t need that, nor the money earned by his four Group 1 winners, to take the premiership.

In 2018/2019, Snitzel’s A\$24.2-million haul put him A\$6-million clear of I Am Invincible and earned him his third straight sire title. Redzel defended his Everest title, Exhilarates (Aus) won the Magic Millions 2YO Classic and a new mark was set for a Snitzel yearling when James Harron paid A\$2.8-million for Corumbene Stud’s colt out of Ichihara at Inglis Easter now named Mount Fuji (Aus).

Snitzel’s rates of 9.8% stakes winners to runners and 75% winners to runners, average earnings per runner of A\$142,000 and career average earnings index of 2.48 indicate he is the dominant sire of his era, but nonetheless Messara said he “truly believes the best is yet to come for him, with all that we have learned about him, his extraordinary vigour and the mares that have visited him in the past four seasons.”

Messara added, “Redoute’s Choice proved what was possible by leaving The Autumn Sun, Alabama Express and King’s Legacy

in his 15th, 16th and 17th crops. That’s well within Snitzel’s capability too.”

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2020/2021 New South Wales Group Races

Date	Race	Track
Aug. 8	G2 Missile S.	Rosehill
Aug. 22	G1 Winx S.	Randwick
	G2 Silver Shadow S.	Randwick
	G3 Show County Quality	Randwick
	G3 Toy Show Quality	Randwick
Aug. 29	G3 San Domenico S.	Rosehill
	G3 Ming Dynasty Quality	Rosehill
	G3 Premier’s Cup	Rosehill
Sept. 5	G2 Chelmsford S.	Randwick
	G2 Tramway S.	Randwick
	G2 Furious S.	Randwick
	G3 Concorde S.	Randwick
Sept. 12	G2 Theo Marks S.	Rosehill
	G2 Run To The Rose	Rosehill
	G2 Sheraco S.	Rosehill
Sept. 19	G1 George Main S.	Randwick



“Only the very best stallions can do what Snitzel does, he is absolutely amazing and we are all extremely proud of him,” Arrowfield’s John Messara reflects on Snitzel’s fourth consecutive Australian General Sires’ Premiership. | Joan Faras

Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3.15 p.m.

KING GEORGE QATAR S.-G2, £125,000, 3yo/up, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Battaash (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Crowley	Hills	133
2	7	Ken Colt (Ire)	Kendargent (Fr)	Pasquier	Chappet	128
3	1	Ornate (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Murphy	Griffiths	128
4	2	Glass Slippers (GB)	Dream Ahead	Eaves	K Ryan	125
5	5	Dubai Station (GB)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	Marquand	Burke	124
6	3	Al Raya (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Buick	S&E Crisford	121
7	6	Liberty Beach (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Hart	Quinn	121

Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 1.45 p.m.

SAINT CLAIR OAK TREE S.-G3, £50,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Agincourt (Ire)	Declaration of War	R Moore	O'Meara	129
2	4	Anna Nerium (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dobbs	Hannon	129
3	9	Breathtaking Look (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Crowley	S Williams	129
4	3	Invitational (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	129
5	1	One Master (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Marquand	Haggas	129
6	2	Wasmya (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	J Doyle	Graffard	129
7	12	Valeria Messalina (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Dettoni	Harrington	125
8	7	Althiqa (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	122
9	10	Boomer (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe	122
10	13	Final Song (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	J Watson	bin Suroor	122
11	5	Graceful Magic (GB)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Bishop	Johnson Houghton	122
12	8	Shadn (Ire)	No Nay Never	Murphy	Balding	122
13	6	Under the Stars (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	McDonald	Tate	122

Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 2.15 p.m.

BONHAMS THOROUGHBRED S.-G3, £50,000, 3yo, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Khaloosy (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Varian	127
2	2	My Oberon (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Marquand	Haggas	127
3	1	Mystery Power (Ire)	No Nay Never	de Sousa	Hannon	127
4	3	Repartee (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Atzeni	K Ryan	127
5	5	Tilsit	First Defence	R Moore	Hills	127

Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 3.45 p.m.

L'ORMARINS QUEEN'S PLATE GLORIOUS S.-G3, £50,000, 4yo/up, 11f 218yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Alounak (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	de Sousa	Balding	127
2	5	Communique (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Fanning	Johnston	127
3	2	Desert Encounter (Ire)	Halling	Crowley	Simcock	127
4	1	Le Don de Vie (GB)	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Murphy	Morrison	127
5	7	Pablo Escobarr (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Marquand	Haggas	127
6	3	Thundering Blue	Exchange Rate	J Watson	Menuisier	127
7	4	Spirit of Appin (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Dwyer	Meehan	124

*All posts displayed in local time.



ZOUSTAR COLT STARS ON THE GOLD COAST



Lot 879, a colt by Zoustar | Magic Millions

By Bren O'Brien

Premium product was in high demand on Day 1 of the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale on the Gold Coast, with Segenhoe Stud going to \$410,000 for colt by Widden Stud's Zoustar which was offered by Rothwell Park.

At A Glance:

- An extraordinary action attracted Segenhoe's Peter O'Brien to Lot 879, the Zoustar colt from Rothwell Park, who is set to be pinhooked through next year's yearling sales.
- James Bester combined with Lime Country to spend \$240,000 on a Written Tycoon filly (Lot 868) from the family of successful Coolmore and Rosemont stallion Starspangledbanner.
- The \$200,000 paid for a Dundee (NZ) colt by Newgate's Jim Carey was a strong result for Phoenix Broodmare Farm.
- The average was \$57,581 and median \$36,000, compared to \$59,926 and \$30,000 on Day 1 in 2019.
- The clearance rate was 71.2%, compared to 75% last year.
- In a short opening session, 62 weanlings were sold, and 26 passed in.

Zoustar Colt Lives up the Hype

The confidence of Rothwell Park's Scott Irwin in his Zoustar colt, catalogued as Lot 879, was well-placed as Segenhoe Stud won the day, paying \$410,000 for a horse Peter O'Brien feels might make a million-dollar yearling in 2021.

Irwin knew who the star of Rothwell Park's big draft was and given the interest pre-Sale believed he would make a considerable impression.

"I sent a text to Barry and Clint from Magics 10 days ago and said don't be surprised if he tops the sale, you heard it here first. It was a bit of tongue-in-cheek but it's nice to see that they are still earmarking quality and are prepared to pay in what looks a relatively soft market," he said.

The colt boasted a strong page, being out of stakes-placed mare Miss Husson (Husson {Arg}), who sold to Yulong for \$360,000 earlier in the week in foal to The Autumn Sun, from the extended family of Group 1-winning half-brothers Hotel Grand (Grand Lodge {USA}) and Outback Prince (Desert Prince {Ire}).

But it was his walk that had Segenhoe General Manager Peter O'Brien interested in him from a long way out.

"I saw him at Rothwell about six weeks ago when I did a tour around the farms. He was an absolute standout and when I saw him at the Sale, he had just gone on," O'Brien said, "He's a very mature horse, has a load of quality and great balance, but the main thing was, he has an extraordinary action.

"I love the stallion and the mare. Yulong have the Sebring foal and then bought the mare at the sale and so must have an opinion of that foal. The reality was that he was the absolute standout horse of the sale."

Irwin admitted that he knew that the good judges would be attracted to the colt by the way he moved.

"He is so fluent with his movement, as was the mare we presented a couple of days before. Those genetics come through. It was a lovely package, with the Zoustar influence in there and it's paid dividends," he said. "He was very, very busy and he never put a foot wrong. Considering we got up here on the 10th and he's been here 19 days and hasn't had the chance to go out and express himself in the yard, he's done a great job. The whole draft has handled it well and it's a credit to my staff the way the horses have been educated, it really is."

Rothwell Park ended the day's leading vendor on both average and aggregate, with nine foals sold for a total of \$984,500 and an average of \$109,389.



Peter O'Brien | TDN AusNZ

O'Brien, who paid over what he expected for the son of Zoustar, expects to be back on the Gold Coast with the colt in less than six months' time.

"He made more than we thought but he's the type of horse that could make seven figures as a yearling," he said. "We've had more luck pinhooking expensive weanlings than the cheaper ones and that's just common sense because they are nice horses. We'll take him home, and then we'll let him settle in and then make a decision as to what sale he goes to in another two months. It's likely he will be back here in January."

Bester and Lime Country Combine for Filly

James Bester would have loved to buy Lot 868, the filly by Written Tycoon from Matildare (Rothesay) a half-sister to Gold Anthem (Made Of Gold {USA}), the dam of Group 1-winning international sprinter Starspangledbanner, for his own interests, but was in the role of agent as Lime Country secured her from Aquis Farm for the day's second top price of \$230,000.

"She was an outstanding athletic filly with a very good action. She was one of the best movers in the Sale. She had good size and scope and strength and had a fabulous hindquarter, really strong and wide," he said. "That was the physical reason, but she is out of a half-sister to Starspangledbanner as well as the dam of Amicus, so the pedigree was very strong.

"She is one of those fillies that will hold her value, irrespective of what she does on the racetrack. She will also have that residual value."

Bester said the filly would likely be re-offered as a yearling, but there was considerable upside should that not eventuate for any reason.

"Lime Country will take her home and present her at the yearling sales. But she is one of those that you could keep and race and breed from in time," he said. "Written Tycoon is a major stallion and she's in-bred to Vain and she looks like a very

fast filly. Starspangledbanner was one of the fastest horses in the world. I think she is the real deal and I would have loved to have bought her as an end user myself. But she'll go back through, you always have to make the profit!"

It was a strong result for Aquis, who sold eight weanlings on the day, yielding a total of \$522,000, for an average of \$65,250.

A Great Dundee for Phoenix

Three lots earlier, it was a Dundee colt offered by Phoenix Thoroughbred Farm which had reached what was then the highest price for the day when Newgate's Jim Carey paid \$200,000. The colt is out of winning Testa Rossa mare Marquise Da Rossa, the three-quarter sister to stakes-placed Elmore (Testa Rossa) from the family of Group 1 winner Marauding (NZ) as well as stakes-winners Springsteen (Danehill {USA}) and Distant Melody (Distant Music {USA}).

While Phoenix Thoroughbred Farm's Damian Gleeson had an inkling of the level of interest in the colt, he was stunned by the price.

"We didn't expect him to make that, it was a great result. He was a lovely horse. All the good judges were on him, bought by Newgate with Coolmore the underbidder, the stars aligned," the Victorian-based vendor said. "He's been popular right from the start. There was a bit of a chat about him around the sale. He had plenty of X-ray hits and when you have got that, you are pretty confident something is going to happen. I didn't expect him to make the 200. It was a nice surprise for us."

Selective Buyers Target Top End

The feedback from buyers and vendors was pretty consistent in that the bench was selective, but that the demand for the top-quality foals was consistent.



Lot 868, a filly by Written Tycoon | Magic Millions



Barry Bowditch | *Magic Millions*

"I thought it was really strong at the top," Bester said. "The Zoustar colt made \$410,000 and that's a good price for any weanling at any weanling sale. Some of the better horses made a strong price, but it was patchy. It was hard for vendors with horses that weren't identified as stars."

O'Brien agreed that the weanling market was particularly susceptible to the current broader economic uncertainty.

"Like any weanling sale, everybody is on the same ones overall, and that's just a constant. I thought the really nice horses made really nice money. I thought the mares market was really strong, I thought it was extraordinary considering everything that is going on," he said. "Hats off to Barry Bowditch at Magic Millions. It must have been a nightmare, for the organisation to put the Sale on, but they have done an incredible job."

Bowditch said the market had held up well, albeit with a strong focus by buyers on the top end offering.

"There's plenty of money here for the right animal. There's obviously an incredible appetite for good quality weanlings and that was evident in the results of today," he said.

"The market is selective, but vendors that are very realistic and are putting their horses on the market are getting them sold. When they have got a good horse, they are getting plenty of bids on it.

"For some of those great supporters of the sale, whether it be Rothwell, Aquis, Phoenix or Sledmere, looking at their results, they bought quality lots and they have hit it out of the park with those horses."

The sale continues with over 200 weanlings catalogued to go through the ring on Friday, and Bowditch is confident that with clear indication is where the market sits, vendors are ready to meet the market.

"We have got a lot of nice horses going through. Given the results of today, I think there is plenty of money to be spent. And it won't take much to lift that clearance rate, as long as vendors continue to try and meet the market. I think we can have a solid day's trade," he said.

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