MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS RISING AMID PANDEMIC

By Kelsey Riley

As the COVID-19 pandemic rages on, the subject of mental health seems to be working its way closer to the forefront of the news media and the public's attention. Data released by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention earlier this month revealed that as many as one in four people between 18 and 24 years of age surveyed between June 24 and 30 had had suicidal thoughts in the past 30 days. The study showed that 11% of adults in the general population had considered suicide during the same time period, with those numbers higher among minorities: 19% of Hispanics had experienced such thoughts, and 15% of Blacks. And it's not like the numbers were positive pre-pandemic: the CDC reported in 2017 that the suicide rate among working-age Americans had risen 40% in less than two decades.

There is hardly a human on the planet that isn't contending with the primary and secondary fears and fallouts of the pandemic, and the horse racing industry is unlikely to escape its mental health effects: not only do we employ large numbers from the minority groups that are being disproportionately affected by both COVID-19 and mental health struggles, but we also have many similar features to the agriculture sector, which tends to yield high rates of mental health concerns among its participants. Cont. p3

THE PROGRAM THAT MADE VEKOMA AN ALPHA MALE by Chris McGrath

"To be in the horseracing business, I think you need a lot of patience," says Jon Clay. "With horses that don't sell, even horses that get injured, I've learned to be patient; learned not to get too emotional."

Easier said than done, naturally. But here's a guy who absolutely gets it; who understands that the reckoning is not rendered in consistent, cogent cycles of dollars and cents, but in a longer, wider register of satisfaction. Yes, Clay is a commercial breeder and strives to make his program pay. He has invested plenty of money, time and effort in Alpha Delta Stables since 2006. But the story of its most accomplished graduate—a horse potentially on the threshold of a championship—shows that even the most spectacular vindication of your strategy can test resilience. Cont. p7

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Karl Broberg, perenially among the leading trainers by number of winners, says he is being denied stall space at Remington Park and has not yet received a satisfactory reason as to why. “I really wish I knew the answer,” Broberg said. “It was what I deem a very bizarre decision on their part and I have had multiple meetings now trying to get a straight answer as to why.”

For the first time, the GI Preakness S., the final leg of this year’s reconstituted Triple Crown series, has been added to the Breeders’ Cup Challenge series as a ‘Win and You’re In’ qualifier for the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic at Keeneland Nov. 7.
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According to data released by the CDC in January, agriculture was one of five major industry groups with suicide rates significantly higher than the total study population. On the other hand, we are a sport combined with a high-stakes business, each of which bring significant pressures of their own even in the best of times.

Dr. Tyler Bradstreet is the director of clinical and sports psychology at Texas Tech Athletics. He explained that the onset of mental health concerns as a result of the pandemic has come on later than anticipated by experts.

“I think at first there was a lot of conversation about needing to flatten the curve with coronavirus, but that we should be thinking about the upcoming mental health curve that was going to come from all this,” he said. “So I think we were really preparing during March, April and May to see a really big spike in our athletes reaching out for mental health services. We were caught off guard because we really didn’t see that; it stayed pretty consistent with what we’d typically see. So we didn’t really know what to make of that; were people just more resilient than we thought?

“I think as we’re getting further along the reason for that was that everybody had to pause on their life and their sport. When you think about athletes, when it comes to mental health a lot of what they do is captured in that athletic realm. But because they weren’t in that athletic realm I think they were just hitting pause on everything they were doing related to that. And I think people in general were doing that.”

Racing Welfare is a charity in the UK that provides an array of help and guidance to the Thoroughbred industry’s workforce in that country, and the organization’s director of welfare Simone Sear echoed Bradstreet’s observation that the mental health aspect of the pandemic has taken longer to surface than initially expected.

“In the last four weeks [in July] we’ve started to see a rise in people coming to us needing help with mental health and well being issues,” Sear said. “We didn’t at first; I think for a lot of people that adrenaline kind of kicked in and I think to some extent people were responding to crisis, but as time has gone on we’ve seen a bit of a rise.”

Bradstreet said that the pandemic is adding further layers of stress to athletes and people who work in high-pressure jobs.

“Even though we don’t talk about it the same way, we have a mental health immune system too,” he said. “The way I frame it is thinking about what our threshold is for stress. For an athlete, or anybody in a high-performing dynamic environment, whether that’s sport or business, to be successful you’re already pushing
really close to your threshold; that’s what’s allowing you to thrive; you’re really maximizing all that you have. But energy is finite; there is only so much time and effort you can give. You’re juggling all these things that put you above the threshold and these stressors start popping up. If you get above that threshold that’s when your mental health immune system is more suppressed and you’re more likely to experience different types of psychological distress, whether that’s depression or anxiety."

Few who work in the Thoroughbred industry would deny that managing and protecting their own or others’ substantial investments can bring along with it intense levels of stress. Eric Hamelback is now the chief executive officer of the National Horsemens Benevolent and Protective Association, but in a former life he was the manager for several high-powered Thoroughbred owner/breeders. Hamelback has become candid about his battle with anxiety and depression during that time in hopes that sharing his experiences may help others.

“I distinctly remember leaving the November sales one year, which was always a big pressure cooker, and driving myself to the hospital because I thought I was having a heart attack,” he recalled. “That sort of thing towards the end [of that job] got worse and worse. The physical part of it was the night sweats; [wife] Deborah would wake me up and I’m having these conversations with myself; it was bad. She was out of town one weekend and I went through an anxiety episode and essentially had to take myself to the hospital. My wife had been away at a family function and I was at home by myself, which is another part of the side that doesn’t lean to support. A lot of these people isolate themselves; I know I did. You kind of wall things off and you don’t want to talk about it and that really just makes it worse.”
Mental Health Issues cont.
Hamelback was not alone in being reluctant at the time to share his struggle with others. While no formal studies have been conducted on mental health in the racing industry in the U.S., a study released last year by Liverpool John Moores University and Racing Welfare among all sectors of racing professionals and staff in the UK revealed that a social stigma of being viewed negatively and the need to appear strong for colleagues or peers were the main reasons why respondents had not sought help with mental health concerns. Some sectors, like trainers, cited a fear of losing business if owners found out they were seeing a psychologist, and therefore projecting a perceived weakness. Hamelback said he thinks being able to recognize one’s limitations makes for better leadership that will ultimately contribute to greater levels of success in business.

“There’s no way you can get around the fact that you have to be tough, you have to be thick-skinned [in the Thoroughbred industry], but I don’t necessarily think that’s any different to any other major industry,” he said. “I also think that if you don’t recognize [mental health red flags] you may end up hindering yourself as a leader. If you have the tools and recognition to understand what you’re going through, to either get help or get support from internal means, that in itself is a sign of good leadership.

“If you’re not going backwards, and I think that’s what most people think. But if you fall into that category that you’re just going to keep accepting the pressure, you’re leaving qualities on the table that might not ever shine through. I think that’s the part of the stigma that should be broken. You’re not going to go backwards by recognizing the problem.
Mental Health cont.

He continued, “You’re not going to lose your job, at least I should hope, from some high-powered wealthy owner if you recognize the fact that it’s a lot of pressure and you need to get through it, but you need a little bit of help.”

Bradstreet said that such stigmas are slowly waning in the sports world. Indeed, this month HBO released the documentary Weight Of Gold, in which 12 Olympic athletes led by narrator Michael Phelps spoke openly about their mental health struggles. Bradstreet said he hopes the sports world can serve as a model for wider society and other industries when it comes to breaking down stigmas.

“I’ve been working in sports for about 10 years and it’s certainly gotten better in terms of the stigma being reduced,” he said. “I think that’s one of the great things about sports being a microcosm of the larger society, is that a lot of things play out because of the platform that athletes have, and mental health awareness has been something that you see athletes speak out on. We’re in a place now here at Texas Tech where I think at any given time about 20% of our athletes are engaged in mental health treatment and really prioritize that. Last year around 85% of our athletic population met with us at least once for a mental health appointment.”

Another of Bradstreet’s areas of focus is on men’s health and the psychology of masculinity. He said that while progress is happening, it will take plenty of hard work yet to break down the perceived norms that have been ingrained in humans for generations.

“There are definitely some positive strides but there is certainly still that stigma, because it’s hard to change course in terms of the norms or expectations that are built into certain cultures or environments. When you think about masculinity, there is a lot that men learn at a very early age in terms of what they can and cannot do to demonstrate their manhood. Even if we’re in a place where it’s more accepted, there is a longstanding history of those things being reinforced and even if it’s more accepted it’s hard to break free from those habits.”

Bradstreet concurred with Hamelback that it is a positive step to be able to identify areas where one may need help and to seek it.

“For me when I think mental toughness I think of an athlete who is resilient and psychologically flexible; when there are things going wrong for them they’re able to utilize their resources, acknowledge it and focus on those growth areas,” he said. “I think traditionally the athletic culture would say someone that is mentally tough, there is only one way to be: you have to have a certain mindset that is unwavering and there is never anything wrong with you. I think that’s still hanging on in places and that lends itself to people saying, ‘maybe I can’t address this, maybe my status with the team or maybe my ability to work for this owner will be in jeopardy if they know I’m depressed. Maybe they’ll view that differently than they should.’ We still see that from time to time.”

Christopher Wilby, a stud farm worker in the Newmarket area, is a prime example of the good that can come from summoning the bravery to speak up and get help. In early 2018, Wilby was dealing with the fallouts of a gambling addiction when, in the space of a week, both his parents were diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. Wilby lost both his mother and father within the space of six months.

“I was not in a very good place,” Wilby admitted. “I went in to see Racing Welfare after I’d had various chats with human resources at work and they said, ‘why don’t you go see those guys and see if they could help you and what’s out there?’ Racing Welfare listened to my story, were very understanding and found me the right type of counseling. I was lucky enough to have 12 sessions with a lady who really, really did help me massively. I’m very, very grateful for what Racing Welfare did for me. I can honestly say I don’t know where I’d be today if I hadn’t gone there. I was in a bad way but I feel like I’ve come out the other side a stronger person.”

Keen to acknowledge the impact that Racing Welfare had on his life and to help the organization help others, Wilby undertook a 111-mile charity relay run with two of his coworkers. They raised £2,035 for Racing Welfare.

“I’m very, very grateful for what Racing Welfare did for me,” said Wilby, noting that he has put his gambling troubles behind him. “I still have some pretty tough days—sometimes you’ll hear a song or someone will say something and it’ll bring back
memories [of your family]. It can be a bit tough but I try to deal with it the best way I can and look forward—that’s what my parents would have liked me to do."

"I think it’s getting better. People are willing to look for help and talk to people," he added. "I think sometimes when you’ve been down that avenue yourself you notice things with people, if they’re not in the best of places, especially when you’re working with people day in and day out, you get to know their characters. I’ve been there for quite a few people in the past where I’ve had a chat with them on the side."

Hamelback said he has also reached the point where he wants to be a pillar for people who are struggling.

"I’m happy that I’m in a place in my life where I can be somewhat of a case study. I think the more people that are cognizant of this situation and the more people that are willing to help and or get help, the better."

"I do feel as if it’s made me more aware of peoples’ demeanors," he added. "Everybody has good days and bad days but that’s obviously not what we’re talking about. When you have some added pressure of, at least in our world now, the social media criticism, that sort of thing really gets to people. I think you have to be cognizant, at least in my position, of reaching out to someone and saying, ‘hey, this is not as big of a deal as you see it now. You will get through this.’ That part for me is a growth and understanding and I’m certainly cognizant of reaching out to people that in my view be under some pressure and give them some support.”

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Chris McGrath cont. from p1

Having earned a crack at the GI Kentucky Derby by winning the GII Blue Grass S. last year, **Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}) has this time around found his true metier round a single turn. After coruscating displays of speed in the GI Carter H. and Metropolitan H. (both under the Runhappy sponsorship umbrella), he is apparently only borderline to seek a third consecutive Grade I success in the Forego S. (presented by America’s Best Racing) on Saturday, having been held up with an abscess in a coronet band. Failing that, however, Vekoma will remain fancied to confirm his elite standing among the current herd at the Breeders’ Cup, with trainer George Weaver eyeing the GII Vosburgh S. at Belmont Sept. 26 en route.

On the face of it, the flowering of Vekoma represents the ultimate dividend on the $1.55 million Clay paid for his dam Mona de Momma (Speightstown) at Fasig-Tipton in November 2011. Earlier that year she had won the GI Humana Distaff in the Churchill slop, and she brought with her a deep pedigree to fortify the developing Alpha Delta program: she was out of a half-sister to Mr. Greeley, and also to the second dam of Street Sense.

But though she was still only 10, Mona de Momma died soon after delivering Vekoma.

"She had problems with arthritis and it was very painful for her to carry a foal to term," Clay recalls. "We were very lucky to get that last foal out of her. It’s always sad when you lose a horse.

But, as I say, you’re going to have ups and downs in this business. I’ve seen a lot of people get into it, dreaming about all the great things they’re going to achieve. And when it doesn’t turn out quite the way they pictured, they get out. If you want to last the course, you have to take the bad with the good."

Nor was there even a particularly useful dividend when Vekoma was sold at the 2017 September Sale, raising $135,000 from R.A. Hill Stable (since partnering with Gatsas Stable).

"We didn’t set a very strong reserve because, as everyone can see from his races, he has that funny front end, the way his leg flails out," Clay explains. "That was a conformation issue he always had, as he went through the ranks. But I remember him as being very precocious, despite the foaling date [May 22]. As a lot of people know by now, Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) was another late foal and they were playmates in the same paddock at Lane’s End. So it’s been a lot of fun to see these two horses that literally grew up together, racing against each other so many times."

Instead of dwelling on the Mona de Momma tragedy, Clay is just relieved that he set a more aggressive reserve on the first of what proved to be just three surviving foals, a War Front filly, who returned from the 2015 September Sale as a $275,000 RNA (Mona de Momma’s only other daughter, by Medaglia d’Oro, was unraced after being sold to Courtlandt Farm for $500,000 as a yearling).
Clay named the War Front filly Bloody Point, for a headland on St. Kitts, and she won three of six starts.

"We were pointing to a Listed race with her," Clay recalls. "And then Vekoma wins the Blue Grass, and it's April, and I said: 'You know what? I think it would be better to breed her right now.'

Because, with Vekoma heading to the Derby, and having lost the dam, it would have been terrible for something to happen on the racecourse. She really had the potential to be a stakes horse, she was very multi-dimensional, excelled on grass and on dirt. But I just feel very fortunate to still be in that family. She's obviously very well bred, and I'm hoping that she can carry on the legacy of her mother. She's had a very nice Quality Road colt, and hopefully he'll go through the ring next year."

Bloody Point is now in foal to Street Sense, which will double up Mr. Greeley's dam Long Legend (Reviewer) 4x4 in the resulting foal's pedigree. This is the kind of long view that stimulates Clay, unsurprisingly in view of his own family tree: he is a cousin of Catesby W. Clay of Runnymede Farm, and owes some of his breeding philosophy to that branch of the family. Catesby took Clay to his first Kentucky Derby, the year of Genuine Risk (Exclusive Native), and assisted his evolution from intrigued novice to an impassioned breeder in his own right.

"I learned a lot from Catesby finding successful nicks deep in the pedigree," says Clay. "It's a lot of fun, trying to figure out what makes a good racehorse. You don't just look at the first generation to see where the success comes, you look in the second, third, and fourth generation. If you find something that works back there, it may work again. [Bloodstock advisor] Reynolds [Bell] does the same thing: we're both looking deep in the family for something that can still work today."

He has been an invaluable resource in helping me develop my program. Cont. p9
Jon Clay cont.

"So I have really delved into various important female families in the breed. As I started to expand, I was really focused on trying to acquire mares from very strong families. That's really what attracted me to Mona de Momma: a really strong, deep family as well as the speed and brilliance to have won a Grade I. I thought she might breed horses for both distance and speed.

"Certain families you can't get into. So I was very intrigued when William T. Young had his dispersal, and Ned Evans had his, because you really don’t have access to those kinds of families in the commercial market, just by buying yearlings or weanlings."

By the same token, Clay likes to adhere to old-fashioned principles even in striving for commercial yield. The first premise of a mating, as it always should be, is a balance of physical types; and Clay much prefers a proven sire to the rookie with his fleeting, flimsy appeal. And while he will make occasional exceptions, he will do so only according to his own instincts. He was prepared to pass up a virtually guaranteed market vogue for American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), for instance, but couldn't resist breeding several mares to Justify (Scat Daddy).

Clay also believes in the invigoration available in blending blood from different racing environments. Last fall he bought G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Villa Marina (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}) out of a French stable to join Chad Brown. (Unfortunately she bowed a tendon, but she's now in foal to Medaglia d'Oro; and is next being sent back to Europe, where the market should obviously be receptive to her pedigree, for a mating with Frankel {GB}).

Earlier in his program, moreover, Clay made a seven-figure play for Love To Dance (Ire), a Sadler's Wells half-sister to two turf champions in Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill) and Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge).

"It was fascinating to get into that family," he says. "I think it's important to keep that kind of mix in the pedigrees, American and European. Because among the North American sire lines, we are really becoming very weak on Northern Dancer. That line is so strong in Europe, yet it's dwindling here." Cont. p10
Jon Clay cont.

After all, you never know which way the coin will fall unless you spin it. As Clay says: "I mean, I was always interested in War Front more for the dirt. I was breeding to him when he was $40,000, and then he just exploded as a great turf sire."

In much the same way, he was early to spot another perceived (if, again, unfairly so) grass specialist in Chad Brown. Dividing the horses he retains between Brown and Linda Rice, Clay feels he has two of the best trainers in the land.

"Great trainers, both," he says. "I've been with Chad since before he got famous! He hadn't won any training titles at Saratoga or Belmont. But what I like about both of them is their honesty. They're both incredibly straightforward, and I appreciate that in the business. I also like the fact that they treat horses well. They don't use a lot of drugs to keep their horses sound. That's very important to me. One of the first things I always ask a trainer is to see their vet bills. Because if they're very expensive, then things are probably being done that are not in the best interest of the horse."

Clay's personal antipathy to abuse of medication is informed by professional judgement: his business is sports marketing, primarily focused on golf, and he has a corresponding sense of how best to engage a wider public.

"We're never going to attract new people if they continue to drug the horses like they do," he says firmly. "That's the biggest problem we have, and I am all for Lasix-free racing. But I also think we need to do a better job of marketing, across all racing jurisdictions. Each one seems to have their own target market. There's no unified message."

BROBERG SAYS REMINGTON WON'T GIVE HIM STALLS AND HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY by Bill Finley

Karl Broberg got off to a quick start at Remington Park, winning the opening-night feature, the $75,000 Governor's Cup S., with Hunka Burning Love (Into Mischief). But Broberg is resigned to the fact that there won't be many more winners for his stable at the Oklahoma track. A mainstay at Remington throughout his career, Broberg was denied stalls at the meet which opened Friday, and he says he's yet to get a reasonable explanation as to why.

"I really wish I knew the answer," Broberg said. "It was what I deem a very bizarre decision on their part and I have had multiple meetings now trying to get a straight answer as to why."

Clay is not one of those horsemen who sees the world through blinkers. He studied art history and government at Harvard--Alpha Delta Stables is named for his fraternity there--and lived for a long time in New York before moving to Palm Beach five years ago. But for all his cosmopolitan interests, he finds palpable fulfilment in the obsession that began with three mares at the November Sale 14 years ago.

"When I started out, my plan was just to sell everything," he says. "But my philosophy evolved, and now I tend to keep good fillies from good families. I kept Lewis Bay (Bernardini) as a $170,000 RNA as a yearling: she was out of a mare I bought from the Young dispersal, and became a multiple graded stakes winner and ran third in the [GI] Kentucky Oaks. So with Lewis Bay, I'm going to keep every single filly because of the great depth of her family. Same with the half-sister to Constitution I have [Grade III winner Jacaranda (Congrats)], with him turning out to be such a promising young stallion.

"I just love trying to figure out how to breed a good racehorse. That's what keeps me in the game. My primary goal, going into it, was to breed a horse good enough to run in the Kentucky Derby, and the Kentucky Oaks. I've done both, so that box is checked. I have a great team around me, with [bloodstock advisor] Reynolds [Bell] and two of the great farms in Lane's End and Mill Ridge. I am fortunate to have their wisdom and knowledge.

"But regardless of whether you get into the racing side or the breeding side, first and foremost it's all about that patience. If you want longevity in this business, and long-term enjoyment out of the sport, that's the number one thing. In the end, if you learn to take the ups and downs the same way, it all works out. I mean, I don't see any reason to leave this business for the rest of my life. I just love it."
Broberg Denied Stalls at Remington cont.

Broberg is allowed to race at Remington but said that without stalls, he has cut back drastically on his division in Oklahoma and has 16 horses there at a nearby training center when he normally has about 80 based at the track. He is planning on moving most of the horses that would have raced at Remington to Hawthorne.

Broberg made 289 starts last year at Remington and finished second in the standings behind Steve Asmussen with 57 winners. He had hoped to do as well, if not better, this year until he was told he would not be getting stalls. He said the decision was made by Remington Vice President of Operations Matt Vance. At deadline for this story, Vance had not returned a phone call seeking comment.

Broberg said Vance has said little about the decision to deny him stalls, which has left him to guess what the reasons might be. He said one issue is likely comments he has made on social media about Remington and Lone Star Park, tracks owned by the same company, Global Gaming Solutions. Broberg admits he hasn't mastered the art of political correctness and that his outspoken nature can get him into trouble.

On Aug. 19, he tweeted: "My best friend was wrong when he predicted Twitter would end my career quickly because I lack a filter. So far it has only resulted in losing stalls at a track near and dear to my heart while allowing me to share wisdom, humor, nonsense, and disgustingly self promote."

On Twitter, he has complained a number of times about Remington's decision to do away with main track-only entries in turf races, calling it the "Steve Asmussen rule."

"I confirmed this morning that the no MTO entry rule change is still in place," he tweeted. "However, I would prefer to reference it as the Steve Asmussen rule since I am focused on being positive about every venue I have the privilege of partaking in."

He said he will try to be careful when it comes to what he posts on social media platforms.

"I will just worry about running my own barn in the future instead of trying to make the world a better place," he said of his social media posts.

Another factor, Broberg said, could be his criticism of the local horsemen's group, the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma.

"They have created a culture there at Remington Park where they constantly cave to the horsemen's organization," he said. "It's just strange the way that track is run. They've created a culture where the inmates are running the asylum. They have tendency to bow down to the trainers that have an Oklahoma driver's license."

Broberg, who led the nation in wins every year from 2014 through 2019, has had his problems at Remington in the past. In 2013 he was banned outright for an entire meet after The Jockey Club denied him the privileges of the American Stud Book, the result of having three or more medication violations over the course of a 365-day period. In 2017, he was fined $20,000 after his stable mixed up the identity of two horses, both of whom raced under the wrong name.

"I've made more than my fair share of mistakes in racing," he said.

After being fined in 2017, Broberg was allowed to stable and race at Remington in 2018 and 2019 and he said he has done nothing since then to warrant losing his stalls.

"I am in a spot where I am the villain and I don't get it," he said. "My help is respectful and quiet. We keep to ourselves and do everything right. There's always been this dark cloud that hangs over us in Oklahoma City and I don't have that anywhere else that I run."

Broberg said he is confident the Remington ruling has nothing to do with any medication violations.

"It's not like we're (Jorge) Navarro or (Jason) Servis and winning at some phenomenal rate and doing incredible things that you can't figure out when you look at the Racing Form to see how this horse is running in such a matter," he said.

While losing stalls at Remington has been a setback for his operation, losing them at Lone Star would hurt even more. Broberg lives in the Dallas area and stabling at Lone Star affords him more time with his children.

"I have been told there won't be a problem at Lone Star, but I know if I cry about what's going on at Remington too much, it will be uncertain where this could go," he said. "To not have stalls at Lone Star would really pain me because that is home to me. It's my chance to do what I love while being able to stay home with my kids." Cont. p12
Broberg cont.
Broberg, who is second in the nation in wins this year behind Asmussen, still has plenty of outlets for his horses. That's not a problem. He is also currently racing at Louisiana Downs, Canterbury Park, Evangeline Downs and Prairie Meadows. He said he is ready to move on and accept the Remington decision, even if he doesn’t understand it.

PREAKNESS ADDED TO BREEDERS’ CUP CHALLENGE SERIES
Officials at Breeders’ Cup Limited and The Stronach Group have announced that the Oct. 3 GI Preakness S., the final leg of this year’s reconstituted Triple Crown, has been added to the Breeders’ Cup Challenge series and will offer the winner an all-expenses-paid berth in the starting gate for the GI Longines Breeders’ Cup Classic at Keeneland Nov. 7. It will mark the first time that a Triple Crown races is part of the series.

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional first leg of the Triple Crown was postponed from its customary position on the first Saturday in May and was rescheduled for Sept. 5. The New York Racing Association staged the GI Belmont S. as the first of this year’s Triple Crown races June 20. Tiz the Law (Constitution) was the convincing winner of the Belmont, shortened to nine furlongs for this running.

The Preakness and Breeders’ Cup Classic will both air on NBC.

“We are delighted to join The Stronach Group and the Maryland Jockey Club in welcoming the Preakness to this year’s Breeders’ Cup Challenge Series, and that we will be able to provide the winning connections with an added incentive to run in the Longines Breeders’ Cup Classic,” said Drew Fleming, Breeders’ Cup President and CEO. “As a foundation race of the Triple Crown and the premier event in the proud history of Maryland racing, we look forward to working together with The Stronach Group, and our partners at NBC Sports, to promote an exciting fall season for Thoroughbred racing.”

Max Player works Monday | Coady

Max Player (Honor Code), third in both the GI Belmont S. and GI Runhappy Travers S. behind expected GI Kentucky Derby favorite Tiz the Law (Constitution), worked in company Monday morning at Churchill Downs as he continued his preparations for the Sept. 5 Derby. Under jockey Florent Geroux, Max Player completed a five-eighths work in :59.60 during the 15-minute window set aside exclusively for Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks contenders.

Off at approximately 7:30 a.m., Max Player began the move two lengths behind his stablemate, Allege (Uncle Mo), and finished on even terms at the wire. He recorded splits of :23.80 for the quarter and :35.80 for three furlongs, galloping out six furlongs in 1:12.60.

“He worked really well behind his workmate,” said Geroux, who was deputizing for rider Ricardo Santana, Jr., who is scheduled to have the mount for the Derby. “I think he will like the 1 1/4-mile distance in the Derby. I was working the horse this morning because Ricardo is still at Saratoga. Steve [Asmussen] has given me many great opportunities in my career so I always try to help when he needs me. I will be on [trainer] Bob Baffert’s horse Thousand Words [Pioneerof the Nile] in the Derby.”

Cont. p13
Max Player Breezes Towards Derby cont.

Sporting the colors of George Hall and SportBLX Thoroughbreds Corp., Max Player was trained by New York-based Linda Rice through the Aug. 8 Travers before being transferred to Asmussen. Never off the board in five career starts, he opened his sophomore campaign with a win in the GIII Withers S. Feb. 1 prior to his placings in the Belmont and Travers.

KLIMT COLT TOPS TTA YEARLING & HORA SALE by Alan Carasso

Yearling-to-juvenile reseller Al Pike had a busy day Monday, acquiring the three highest-priced offerings at the single-session Texas Thoroughbred Association’s Yearling and Horses of All Ages Sale at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie.

Pike went to $120,000 for the day’s most expensive lot, the Eaton Sales-consigned hip 218. From the first crop of former ‘TDN Rising Star’ and current Darby Dan stallion Klimt (Quality Road), the Jan. 30 foal was bred in Louisiana by Keith and Ginger Myers’s Coteau Grove Farms LLC and is out of the unraced Ms. Character (Ghostzapper), a half-sister to Coteau Grove’s seven-time stakes winner and Grade III-placed Little Ms Protocol (El Corredor); as well as SW Union Builder (Yankee Gentleman) and SP Coteau Rouge (Tale of the Cat). This is also the female family of top GI Kentucky Derby hopeful Art Collector (Bernardini).

Pike also acquired the afternoon’s other six-figure younger, going to an even $100,000 for hip 203, a first-crop daughter of champion Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile). The Mar. 1-foaled bay filly is out of the unraced Just Like Pop (Unbridled’s Song), who was acquired by breeder H & E Ranch for $55,000 in foal to Creative Cause at the 2018 OBS Winter Mixed Sale. That produce, a filly now named Best Cause, fetched $150,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale. Just Like Pop is out of four-time black-type winner Amazing Buy (High Yield), a half-sister to MGSW and Sovereign Award winner Alpha Bettor (Alphabet Soup). Hip 203 was consigned by Roger Daly.

Pike’s also struck for hip 243, parting with $70,000 for a colt by Lemon Drop Kid out of Sallie’s Memory (Holy Bull). Also consigned by Daly on behalf of H & E Ranch, the Feb. 6 foal is a full-brother to the stakes-placed juvenile filly Shaken Memories and a half to SW Jamaican Memories (Slew City Slew).

Conducted with COVID-19 safety protocols in place and offering an online bidding component, the sale was patronized by the likes Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt, Set-Hut LLC of former NFL quarterback Jake Delhomme and Wayne Sanders and Larry Hirsch. A total of 106 horses were reported as sold from 137 through the ring for an average of $12,714, up by 5.5% over last year’s $12,048. The median was up 2% at $5,100. Eaton Sales, agent, participating in the Texas sale for the first time, topped the list of consignors with gross sales of $454,800 from 28 sold. Roger Daly, agent, had the top average with eight sold for an average of $31,800.

“The results of this sale were strong on their own, and especially against the backdrop of a health pandemic,” said Tim Boyce, sales director. “With twice as many yearlings as last year, the fact that our average and median still went up shows that there’s a lot of demand in this region for quality stock. We were pleased with the response to online bidding as well.”

For full results and statistics, click here.

IN OTHER NEWS...

PPATH’s Leon Nichols On the Can Do Podcast

Last month, Leon Nichols, the founder of the Project to Preserve African American Turf History, spoke to the TDN’s Katie Ritz about the effort to increase African American participation in horse racing. He appeared on the Bet The World Entertainment podcast to discuss the project.
Harvest Moon (pictured) kicked off a Del Mar graded double for Uncle Mo in Saturday’s GIII Torrey Pines S. On Sunday, Mo Forza made it nine graded winners in 2020 for Uncle Mo in the GII Del Mar Mile H., most of any sire in North America | Benoit photo

FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2020
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TOBA AWARDS TO BE ANNOUNCED VIRTUALLY
The 35th annual Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) National Awards will be held Sept. 26 in a virtual ceremony hosted by Gabby Gaudet at Hill ‘n’ Dale at Xalapa. The TOBA National Awards recognize breeders from 20 states and Canada. Also recognized are the National Owner of the Year and National Owner Finalists, National Breeder of the Year, Small Breeder of the Year, National Broodmare of the Year, Racing Partnership of the Year, Rood & Riddle Sport Horse of the Year, Claiming Crown Horse of the Year, Industry Service Award and recipient of the Robert N. Clay Award.

“The TOBA National Awards presentation is a very important event to our industry, as it recognizes outstanding achievements by owners and breeders in 2019,” said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. “With the health pandemic upsetting our everyday lives, we are committed to honoring the best in our sport with a virtual broadcast of the TOBA National Awards. We are very grateful to John Sikura for his support and welcoming us to historic Hill ‘n’ Dale at Xalapa. The support of our sponsors and advertisers has been overwhelming and we look forward to a unique and special evening on Sept. 26.” Cont. p15
TOBA National Awards cont.
The TOBA National Awards are sponsored by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Angeon Group, Limestone Bank, Stonestreet Farm, National Horsemens’ Benevolent and Protective Association, The Jockey Club Information Systems, John Deere and National Thoroughbred Racing Association. For sponsorship opportunities email Meredith Downey at mdowney@toba.org.

UOFL’S EQUINE INDUSTRY PROGRAM ANNOUNCES FALL SPEAKER SERIES

A free speaker series addressing current topics in the racing industry has been scheduled for the fall, it was announced Monday by the University of Louisville’s Equine Industry Program (EIP). Prominent industry figures are scheduled to be part of the panel discussions, which begin Sept. 22.

“Our previous panels have focused mainly on the racetrack, however this year we have added a panel exploring the new dynamic occurring in Kentucky horse sales,” said Sean Beirne, director of the EIP. “The sales companies have shifted the way horse sales are conducted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, completely changing the way horses are purchased and sold. We have a number of students who want to work as bloodstock agents upon graduation and this will give them insight as to how the business landscape is changing.”

The Sept. 22 event is titled “Racing’s Now Reality: Is it Sustainable?” Mike Penna, the owner of Horse Racing Radio Network, will moderate. Speakers include Fonner Park’s CEO, Chris Kotulak; Canterbury Park’s vice president of racing operations, Andrew Offerman; West Point Thoroughbred’s Terry Finley; and Jack Jeziorski, who is with Monarch Content Management, a subsidiary of The Stronach Group.

Next up is “Waiting for the Gavel to Fall: Kentucky Horse Sales Go High Tech,” scheduled for Oct. 13. On-air personality Megan Devine will moderate and guests will include Fasig-Tipton’s president and CEO Boyd Browning; either Duncan or Mark Taylor from Taylor Made Sales Agency; and bloodstock agent David Ingordo.

The series will conclude Nov. 10 with “An Evening with Hall of Fame Jockey Pat Day.” Interviewed by Beirne, Day will discuss his life both on and off the track.

All events are slated for 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on their respective dates and will be broadcast live on the Horse Racing Nation Facebook page.
### Friday, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

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

**PAT O’BRIEN S.-GII**, $150,000, 3yo/up, 7f

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LADY ERIE S., $74,250, Presque Isle Downs, 8-24, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.08, ft.

1—CARAVEL, 117, f, 3, Mizzen Mast—Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B/T-Elizabeth M. Merryman (PA); J-Pablo Morales. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, $83,472.

2—Owlette, 124, f, 3, Frac Daddy—Itstartswithadream, by American Chance. ($7,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Ten Broeck Farm, Inc.; B-Michael C. Byrne (ON); T-Wesley A. Ward. $15,000.

3—Bucky's Drama, 117, f, 3, Big Drama—Bucky's Prayer, by Meadow Prayer. O-Winning Stables, Inc.; B-Gerald & Mary Bennett (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett. $7,500.

Margins: 3 1/4, 8, 1. Odds: 4.20, 0.80, 16.20.


Caravel, owned, bred and trained by Elizabeth Merryman, survived a hot pace and remained undefeated in Monday's Lady Erie S. at Presque Isle.

Unleashing a furious stretch rally from last to get up debuting at five furlongs on the Penn National turf June 24, the gray showed a new dimension when setting the pace and running away to a 5 1/4-length Pennsylvania-bred allowance tally July 29. Breaking sharply as the clear third choice here, Caravel once again showed speed and stalked a longshot frontrunner from close range through a quick :21.78 quarter. Poking her head in front at the top of the lane, she looked to have stalking odds-on favorite Owlette to deal with in the lane, but was always going better of the two and bounded home unchallenged through the final furlong.

Caravel is the first foal out of a dam whose subsequent produce is juvenile filly by Bourbon Courage and a yearling Great Notion colt. She was bred back to the latter side this spring. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

10th-Del Mar, $62,894, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 8-23, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.65, ft.

EXPRESS TRAIN (c, 3, Union Rags—'I'm a Flake, by Mineshaft), runner-up to 'TDN Rising Star' Eight Rings (Empire Maker) debuting at a furlong shorter here last August, romped by 14 1/4 lengths stretching out to a local mile before proving no match for Eight Rings once more when fourth in the Gl American Pharoah S. Off since then, the $500,000 Keeneland September buy returned as a 7-2 second favorite in this spot and broke awkwardly. Traveling in eighth as favored Julius (Tapit) rattled off a sharp :21.78 quarter, the bay started to pick it up going by the three-eighths pole, surged past the pacesetter outside the sixteenth marker and edged clear to a two-length success. Julius held for second money. The winner's second dam is MGISW November Snow (Storm Cat). 'I'm a Flake, bought for $290,000 by Dixiana Farm at Keeneland November in 2011, produced a colt by Accelerate this season before returning to Union Rags. Sales History: $500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $101,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs.

3rd-Delaware, $42,125, Alw, 8-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58.12, ft.

ZYRAMID (c, 3, City Zip—Ravi's Song (MSW & MGSP, $386,180), by Unbridled's Song), a $275,000 Keeneland September purchase and second-out graduate last July at Saratoga for Zayat Stables, hit the board just once in his next five tries and was sold for $20,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Horses of Racing Age Sale. Co-favored at 9-5 for new connections while adding blinkers in this off-the-turfer, the gray established command early and showed the way through a swift :21.73 quarter. Edging clear into the final furlong, he held sway from co-favorite Steadytillready (Curlin) to score by a comfortable length.

ZYRAMID’s dam was a three-time stakes winner and placed in three graded events, while second dam Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy) was a five-time graded stakes winner and three-time Grade I-placed runner. Third dam At The Half (Seeking the Gold) won at the graded level as well and produced the dam of champion Halfbridled (Unbridled). Cont. p2
Ravi’s Song is responsible for a juvenile Air Force Blue filly named Blue Sky Lady who worked three furlongs in :39 3/5 (6/7) Sunday at Churchill, and foaled a filly by Unified Feb. 13. Sales History: $275,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $20,000 3yo ’20 FTKHRA. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, $103,544. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Pewter Stable & Spedale Family Racing, LLC; B-Nagako Fujita (KY); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Delaware, $46,725, Msw, 8-24, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.18, ft.

HICKORY DICKORY DOC (f, 2, El Padrino--Miss Jazzmin, by Jazz Club) showed a modest local worktab for this unveiling and was dismissed at over 32-1 in a field of just six. Hopping at the start, the chestnut was hustled through at the fence to stalk odds-on favorite Takingtimeoff (Curlin) from second through a :48.12 half. After taking the lead at the top of the stretch, she was gamely driven late to stave off second choice Celestial Cheetah (Social Inclusion) by a head. Takingtimeoff faded to fourth. The winner’s dam foaled a colt by Social Inclusion this term before being bred to Peace and Justice. Sales History: $27,000 Ylg ’19 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $30,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/T-D. Scott Peck; B-William E. Riddle (PA).

5th-Indiana Grand, $31,000, Msw, 8-24, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.60, fm.

CECILE’S CHAPTER (f, 2, Cairo Prince--Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again) compiled a steady worktab going back to early June for this career bow, capped by a half-mile in :49 4/5 (4/21) Aug. 19 at Ellis. Backed down to 12-5 favoritism off a 5-1 morning-line quote, the $65,000 Keeneland September grad broke well from her rail draw before settling in fifth off of a :24.73 quarter. Moving up a spot past a :50.05 half, the bay drew alongside the leaders three wide approaching the lane and, after racing greenly in early stretch, skipped clear once getting her mind to business en route to a seven-length victory. Incessant (Oxbow) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Send It In (Big Brown), GSW, $501,914. Sharp Instinct, bought by Twin Creeks Farm with the winner in utero for $175,000 at Keeneland January in 2018, has a yearling colt by Constitution and foaled a Frosted filly Mar. 29 before returning to Constitution. Sales History: $65,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Ike & Dawn Thrash; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.
FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

**Ironicus** (Distorted Humor), Claiborne Farm, $5,000
33 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Indiana Grand, Msw 5T, PERSEVERING, 10-1
$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yr! 

**Itsthesameoldsong** (Unbridled's Song), Twin Lakes Equestrian Center, private
3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Belterra, Msw 6f, FIRST SONG, 4-1

**Quick Change** (Awesome Again), Raimonde Farms
6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Belterra, Msw 6f, IS SHE QUICK, 8-1

**Sahara Sky** (Pleasant Tap), Indy Dancers Training Center, $2,000
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, CAN'T SAY ELLY MAE, 10-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

**Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, $5,000
93 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, UNSTOPPABLE HEART, 15-1

**Normandy Invasion** (Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm, $2,500
82 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, DOUBLE D DAY, 10-1

**Palace** (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
153 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, BENTLEY'S PALACE, 12-1

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, $6,000
233 foals of racing age/49 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Indiana Grand, Msw 5T, SOVEREIGN POWER, 12-1

IN JAPAN:

**Ascanlon**, c, 2, Speightstown. See ‘US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan’

IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Uncle Bell**, g, 3, Constitution--Cherry Sherry, by Awesome Again. Seoul, 8-22, Hcp. ($51k), 1300m. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (NY). *Won by five lengths.** $47,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOVI; $37,000 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $35,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

**Blue Macaron**, f, 3, Imagining--She's Scary, by Congrats. Seoul, 8-22, Hcp. ($63k), 1200m. B-Cary Frommer & Rebecca Davis (MD). *$40,000 2yo '19 FTMMAY.

**Meeotjin Wangja**, c, 3, Temple City--Brilliant Future (MSP, $204,393), by Mingun. Seoul, 8-22, Hcp. ($63k), 1200m. B-Lawrence Marshall Opas MD, Frank Sinatra MD & John Jain MD (KY). *$126k 2yo '17 KEESW; $42,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

IN PERU:

**Esidio**, c, 4, Will Take Charge--Silver Reserve, by Silver Deputy. Monterrico, 8-22, Claudio Comercio-G3, 2300m. B-Sierra Farm (KY). *Won by 6 1/4 lengths.** $50,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. VIDEO

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IN RUSSIA:
Pioneer Girl, f, 2, Tonalist--Queen of Kings, by Pionerof the Nile. Central Moscow Hippodrome, 8-23, Maiden, 1400m. B-David Shimmon (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **Won by six lengths. **$25,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. VIDEO


Tapinur, c, 3, Tapiture--Meadowlke, by Meadowlake. Almaty, 8-21, Hcp., 1800m. B-James A & Jane E Fraser (OH). *Won by 10 lengths. **$4,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

IN JAPAN:
Perle d’Or (Jpn), f, 3, Will Take Charge--Purple (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Sapporo, 8-22, Allowance ($136k), 1700m, 1:46.8. Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, $195,755. O-Tosio Terada; B-Tobino Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi. *$90,000 in utero ‘16 KEENOY; ¥22,000,000 Fl ‘17 JRHAJUL.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-Delaware, $45,250, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 8-24, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.80, ft.
SEANY P (g, 4, Nicanor--The Great Tyler {SW, $157,420}, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 21-6-0-4, $151,467. O-No Guts No Glory Farm & Erica Upton; B-Timothy J. Rooney (MD); T-John J. Robb. *$1,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

3rd-Indiana Grand, $36,500, (S), 8-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1:04.38, ft.
SOUL STREIT (r, 5, Maclean’s Music--Yodeladytoo {SP, $258,672}, by Swiss Yodeler) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, $119,852. O-BCKH Stable & Natalie J. Baffert; B-Pat & Dennis Doran (IN); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *$85,000 Ylg ’16 FTKOCT.

7th-Indiana Grand, $34,500, (S), 8-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.39, fm.
TIMELESS ROSE (f, 3, Midshipman--Shezasmittenkitten, by Catienus) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, $57,980. O/B-Captain Jack Racing Stable (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz.

5th-Thistledown, $34,200, (S), 8-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.39, fm.
TOTAaLY OBSEsSED (f, 4, Tale of Ekati--Dark Obsession, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-8-2-1, $287,227. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Schleprock Racing LLC (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. *$50,000 2yo ‘18 OBSOPN. **Full to Dark Vader, MGSP, $276,145; 1/2 to Obsessionsoptimist (Fire Blitti), MSP, $275,385.
7th-Thistledown, $32,000, 8-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.04, ft.
I WANNA WIN (g, 4, I Want Revenge--Harlan Cat, by Harlan)
Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-5-6-5, $175,982. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks Inc. (OH); T-James R. Jackson.

6th-Thistledown, $31,700, (S), 8-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.62, ft.
OFTEN ENOUGH (g, 5, Offlee Wild--My Stray Cat, by Chimes Band)
Lifetime Record: 37-4-7-12, $141,040. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Eric Heyman (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

3rd-Presque Isle Downs, $30,890, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($32,000), 8-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.95, ft.
CLASSY HALO (f, 4, Snapy Halo {Arg}--Milago, by Danzig)
Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, $43,450. O/T-Kim M. Schneider; B-Calumet Farm (KY). *$1,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN.

2nd-Louisiana Downs, $23,400, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 8-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.19, fm.
ATCHATA (f, 4, Apriority--Sweet Jackie Jo, by Stormy Atlantic)
Lifetime Record: SW, 14-5-0-3, $146,480. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-4M Ranch (LA); T-Lee Thomas. *$16,000 Ylg '17 ESPLYRL; $85,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Actif Storm (Interactif), SW, $117,285; and Nurse Goodnight (Fire Slam), MSP, $193,400.

5th-Fort Erie, C$21,816, 8-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, :58.91, fm.
FASHION FLIRT (m, 5, Saffir--Fabric (SP, $156,424), by Elajjud)
Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, $23,441. O/T-Beverley Chubb; B-Spring Farm (ON). *C$10,000 RNA Ylg '16 CANSEP.

1st-Finger Lakes, $21,100, 8-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:48.55, ft.
RUN FOR BOSTON (g, 6, Include--Slacks, by High Brite) Lifetime Record: 33-3-7-8, $165,160. O-Stoneybrook Farm Trust & Frank Annetti, Jr.; B-Stoneybrook Farm Trust, Frank Annetti & James Turner (NY); T-James T. Ryerson. *1/2 to Undocumented (Distant View), MSP, $244,337; and Beijing House (Mutakddim), SP, $240,498.

6th-Louisiana Downs, $20,500, 8-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.00, fm.
SHALLOW RIVER (f, 4, Sidney's Candy--Like a River, by Danzig)
Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-3, $82,177. O/T-Tim Dixon; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (FL). *$25,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,392, (S), 8-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.95, ft.
POWER FORWARD (f, 3, Competitive Edge--Hard to Get, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $53,959. O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Slip the Cable (Midshipman), MSW, $379,114; and Weekend Liberty (Midshipman), MSP, $229,964.

2nd-Fort Erie, C$18,630, 8-24, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.41, ft.
PERFECT MINE (f, 4, Mineshaft--Perfect Forever, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, $23,799. O/B-Charles E. Fipke (KY); T-Michaela Neubauer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Twice Smitten, f, 2, Daredevil--Blue Valentine, by Silver Train. Canterbury, 8-24, 6f, 1:11.08. B-Windylea Farm-NY, LLC (NY).
Hungarian Princess, f, 2, Pataky Kid--Help the Children, by Stormy Atlantic. Indiana Grand, 8-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.32. B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Jack Sprout, c, 3, Jack Milton--My Kitty (SW, $177,665), by Catienus. Del Mar, 8-23, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.00. B-Chad Austin Reed (KY). *$10,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $21,000 2yo '19 FTSANA.
Mad for Fame, f, 3, Sir Whimsey--Crazy Catlady (MSP, $175,116), by Freud. Finger Lakes, 8-24, 1m 70y, 1:49.44. B-SKB Stables LLC (NY).

APRIORITY, Atchata, f, 4, o/o Sweet Jackie Jo, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 8-24, Louisiana Downs
CAIRO PRINCE, Cecile's Chapter, f, 2, o/o Sharp Instinct, by Awesome Again. MSW, 8-24, Indiana Grand
CENTRAL BANKER, Helene Jacqueline, f, 3, o/o Sheet Humor, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 8-24, Parx Racing
CITY ZIP, Zyramid, c, 3, o/o Ravi's Song, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 8-24, Delaware
DAREDEVIL, Twice Smitten, f, 2, o/o Blue Valentine, by Silver Train. MSW, 8-24, Canterbury
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THE WEEKLY WRAP: MULTI-TASKING TRAINERS

By Emma Berry

It has been a good week for trainers on the breeding front. Francois Doumen, who retired from the French ranks in 2017, popped up alongside the G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Audarya (Fr) (Wootton Bassett (GB)) in the winner’s enclosure at Deauville. Her trainer James Fanshawe was unable to travel under the new quarantine rules, and Doumen could at least take some of the credit as the filly’s breeder, with his wife Elisabeth, through their Haras d’Ecouves.

Audarya, who races in the colours of Alison Swinburn, was the third winner of the Jean Romanet in seven years for Fanshawe after Ribbons (GB) (Manduro (Ger)) and Speedy Boarding (GB) (Shamardal) but the 4-year-old represents a family which has been strongly associated with the Doumens for four generations.

Audarya's fourth dam Jimka (Fr) (Jim French) was bought as a yearling by the trainer in 1979. A hardy sort, she won seven of her 76 starts but greater success was to come in her second career as a broodmare. She clearly passed on her durability as her 10 winning offspring snared 56 races between them, the best of the bunch being the brilliant globetrotter Jim And Tonic (Fr) (Double Bed (Fr)), whose eight group victories included the G1 Hong Kong Cup. Cont. p2
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Audarya's dam Green Bananas (Fr) (Green Tune {Fr}) was another who had a lengthy racing career, and she displayed versatility, too, as her 59 runs and four wins were interspersed with a spell playing polo with the Doumen children. Audarya should then have a lengthy racing career to look forward to, though she has now made herself an extremely enticing broodmare prospect. Her only previous claim to black-type came when second in the Listed Prix Coronation at Saint-Cloud last season and she has been down the field in two listed races this year. On the face of it, her presence in Sunday's field looked a little over-ambitious following her previous handicap win at Newcastle, but Fanshawe has long proved himself to be an astute judge and his string has really been hitting form in recent weeks. Furthermore, it was a gamble he had landed previously with Elite Racing’s Ribbons, who went straight to the Prix Jean Romanet after finishing second in a Class 2 handicap three months earlier.

It’s rare for Jim Bolger to let one get away but he can enjoy some reflected glory as the breeder of Mark Johnston’s G3 Acomb S. winner Gear Up (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), and in fact Bolger has himself enjoyed success with this particular family, notably through the colt’s dual Group 3-winning brother Guaranteed (Ire).

Johnston bought Gear Up at last year’s Orby Sale for €52,000 from Bolger’s Redmondstown Stud and the colt is now unbeaten in his only two starts. His has been a light campaign compared to some of Johnston’s juveniles but we can expect to hear plenty more from him in the months to come.

Bolger unleashed one of his own star 2-year-olds on Saturday when winning the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh for the sixth time with Mac Swiney (Ire). The chestnut colt was following in the footsteps of both his sire New Approach (Ire) and damsire Teofilo (Ire) in winning this particular contest. Those two champions sailed unbeaten through their 2-year-old seasons and while Mac Swiney weakened in the closing stages in his previous run in the G3 Tyros S., there was something very likeable about his tenacious win at the weekend. We’ll see how he shapes when he steps up to Group 1 company, with the National S. seeming a likely next step. Cont. p3
Bolger’s key role in the early days of Galileo’s career has already been well noted and, as a breeder who doesn’t shy away from fairly close inbreeding, it’s no surprise to see him succeeding with a colt who is inbred 2x3 to Galileo.

Between 2006 and 2012, Bolger won the G1 Dewhurst S. on five occasions, with three of those winners featuring prominently in Mac Swiney’s pedigree. Along with New Approach and Teofilo, the latter’s son Parish Hall (Ire) is out of a Montjeu half-sister to Mac Swiney’s dam and is thus inbred 3x3 to Sadler’s Wells.

Ho Ho Ho

There has also been plenty to celebrate for Tally-Ho Stud this week, both as breeders and through success for various offspring of the stud’s stallions.

Kodiac (GB) needs little spruiking. Currently fourth in the sires’ table, he notched his sixth Group 1 winner in the Darley Prix Morny, when Campanelle (Ire), who was bred at the farm and sold at October Book 1 last year for 190,000gns, continued her unbeaten run for Stonestreet Stables and trainer Wesley Ward, who notched his third win in the race.

Campanelle was last seen out prior to Sunday at Royal Ascot, where she won the G2 Queen Mary S., while her Morny runner-up Nando Parrado (GB), another by Kodiac, won the G2 Coventry S. The pair has contributed to their sire being out in front on the table for leading sires of 2-year-olds with 29 winners to date this season. His nearest rival in that field is his own stud-mate, the leading freshman Mehmas (Ire).

In the five months that he raced, Mehmas did little wrong. The son of Acclamation (GB) bounced out with two smart wins in May, was runner-up in both the Listed National S. and G2 Coventry S. before landing back-to-back Group 2 wins in the July S. and Richmond S. before closing out his season with two Group 1-placed finishes in the Vincent O’Brien National S. and the Middle Park S. Cont. p4
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Bred on the same Acclamation-Machiavellian cross as the successful and popular Dark Angel (Ire), Mehmas also followed that Yeomanstown Stud sire in not racing beyond his 2-year-old season. His residency at Tally-Ho Stud gave him an excellent chance of gaining access to a wide range of fast mares to get his second career off to a flying start and, indeed, this is exactly what he has done so far. Admittedly, we are effectively only halfway through a delayed season, but the early signs of Mehmas playing a part in the burgeoning reputation of his speedy sireline can only be read as positive.

He is not short on ammunition but the precocity of his stock is apparent in the fact that a whopping 69 of the 108 foals from his first crop have already been seen on the racecourse. With 21 winners, his strike-rate stands at 30%, and among that tally are four stakes winners.

The Clive Cox-trained Supremacy (Ire) emulated his sire with a four-length victory in the G2 Qatar Richmond S. at Glorious Goodwood—his second win in three starts—while Method (Ire) is unbeaten for Martyn Meade in two starts, including the Listed Rose Bowl S.

On Friday at York, Mehmas had the first and third in the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Gimcrack S., when Minzaal (Ire) played his part in a four-timer on the day for Sheikh Hamdan and Jim Crowley at York. King Power Racing’s Mystery Smiles (Ire) was less than three lengths behind him in third, having won his first two races of the season.

Then a day later, Acklam Express (Ire) gilded the lily by landing the Listed Julia Graves Roses S. to win for the third time in a row for Nigel Tinkler.

Ringfort’s Favourite Meeting

Minzaal also contributed to an excellent Ebor Meeting for his breeders Derek and Gay Veitch of Ringfort Stud. Not only was he their second consecutive Gimcrack winner after Threat (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) but he was also their second Group 2 winner in 24 hours after Miss Amulet (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) won the Lowther S. for Ken Condon.

While they both ended up in black-type races during one of Britain’s most prestigious meetings, the sales histories of the two juveniles are markedly different. Minzaal, a colt by a first-crop sire, was bought as a foal from Ringfort’s Tattersalls December draft for 85,000gns and was then reoffered by Glenvale Stud at October Book 2, where he sold for 140,000gns. Miss Amulet, a filly by a stallion who this year was sold to California’s Rancho San Miguel from his former home alongside Mehmas at Tally-Ho, went to the Goffs November Sale when she sold for just €1,000 as a foal. Cont. p5
Derek Veitch, though clearly delighted, is keeping both feet on the ground regarding the stud's run of success. "Times like these are great when you're out at night changing the rugs on yearlings. It helps us remember why we do it in the first place," he said.

Veitch bred Minzaal's dam Pardoven (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) and later bought her back after the death of her racing owner. He sold her filly foal by Tamayuz (GB) for 11,000gns at last year's December Sale and she will be returning to Newmarket for the relocated Tattersalls Ireland yearling sale (lot 309).

"The mare has a colt foal by Belardo (Ire) and she's in foal to Footstepsinthesand (GB), who is a bit of an under-rated sire. Sir Prancealot has suffered from that a bit too, but that's the breeding game," he added.

Veitch has done well with both of those stallions, the former the sire of Threat and the latter the sire of not just Miss Amulet but also of listed winner Pepita (Ire), whom he bred in partnership with Roger O'Callaghan.

"I had a breeding right in Sir Prancealot so he owes me nothing," said Veitch, who keeps 25 mares at the family's farm in Co Offaly. "We've been very lucky just to have healthy horses going to good people. Sheikh Hamdan plays such a crucial role in the industry and I'm very pleased that Minzaal looks a really good colt for him."

He added of the disruption to the forthcoming sales season, "Generally we are foal sellers but it's hard to know what to do this year, or whether any foals will be sold in Ireland. I'm thinking this year it might be best to keep them until they are yearlings."

**Feel The Force**

The inaugural €320,000 Irish EBF Ballyhane S. on Sunday drew plenty of praise from trainers and, such was its popularity when launched in February, that an €80,000 consolation race, for those who missed the cut, was also staged on the same card at Naas. With a winner’s pot of €149,200, the main race is the most valuable juvenile contest in Ireland and it has given a boost in the rankings to Ashford Stud's freshman sire Air Force Blue, who has had just eight runners and two winners in Europe but is now in third place in the first-crop sires' table on earnings behind Mehmas (Ire) and Goken (Fr).

His winning son, Chief Little Hawk, trained by Aidan O'Brien, has had a busy campaign so far, winning on debut in June and finishing runner-up to the talented Frenetic (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) on Aug. 14 in the Listed Curragh S. among his seven starts. In fact, Air Force Blue was responsible for three of the 19-runner field, with the trio all trained at Ballydoyle.

Along with the generous prize-money on offer for the Ballyhane S., stud owner Joe Foley had also promised a €50,000 bonus if the winner happened to be by a Ballyhane stallion. His money is safe for this year, but the Jack Davison-trained Moniesta (Ire), by Dandy Man (Ire), gave it a good try when third at 50-1.

Dandy Man did take leading honours in another valuable juvenile contest last week, however, when his daughter Happy Romance (Ire) landed the Goffs UK Premier Yearling S. at York.
The Weekly Wrap Cont.

That win came on the heels of her victory in the Weatherbys Super Sprint, boosting her earnings, even in this depleted year, to £177,630. Not bad for a £25,000 yearling purchase by the Hannon and Doyle team which has excelled in that particular sales race over the years, including with the 2019 winner Mums Tipple (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}).

Tattersalls August Sale Cont. from p1

However, technology is playing an increasingly important role in bloodstock sales this year and the winning bid for the top-priced lot of the day came via Tattersalls' live internet bidding platform from Bahrain. Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa of Al Adiyat Racing is now the proud new owner of The Queen's homebred Cloud Drift (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), who will depart Michael Bell's Fitzroy House Stables to be aimed at an appearance on Bahrain's big race day.

"I am excited to have purchased the horse with the target of running in a valuable 0-100 handicap over a mile on Bahrain International Cup day, a meeting which also features the £500,000 Bahrain International," reported the sheikh after buying lot 188 for 75,000gns.

Bred by The Queen from the four-time winner Humdrum (GB) (Dr Fong), the 3-year-old Cloud Drift has won once in each of his two seasons of racing and was sold with a rating of 89.

Cloud Drift's former trainer Michael Bell is a fan of timing of the new sale. He said, "I hope it stays. The July Sale can come up quite quickly in the season. The timing in August allows us to run horses at the summer festivals--Royal Ascot, July meeting, Goodwood--and then sell ahead of the yearling sales, which helps owners know where their finances are if they wish to reinvest."

Another of the day's top lots to be heading to the Middle East is Soldierpoy (GB) (lot 96). The 2-year-old son of Sepoy (Aus) who was bought for 67,000gns by Will Douglass for Qatar-based Injaaz Stud.

"This horse has rock-solid form," said Douglass of the 79-rated gelding who has been in the first three in all three of his starts for in-form trainer Tom Clover, including winning a Thirsk novice race and finishing third to Happy Romance (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) in the valuable Weatherbys Super Sprint. "The trainer has done a good job with him. He's strong and sound, and should do a job for us."

He added, "We tried to buy him a month ago and Happy Romance has won again since then. This is a great time of year to have a sale of this type. It suits everyone buying for an overseas market. At present [in the Middle East] they are not racing because it is high summer, so we buy them, and then ship them over which gives them time to acclimatise before they restart racing in September. The July Sale which is a very good sale, but this suits us better and I hope they keep it."

One of a small number of mares in the sale, Mzyoon (Ire), an unraced Galileo (Ire) (lot 51) half-sister to crack sprinter Society Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), was sold with a colt foal at foot by Exceed And Excel (Aus) for 58,000gns.

Bidding on behalf of Sheikh Sabah Al Sabah of Kuwait, Peter Harper signed the ticket for the 7-year-old mare, who was offered by the Castlebridge Consignment.

He said, "As a mare by Galileo she was hugely appealing. She will go to Derek Iceton at Tara Stud where all of the Sheikh's mares board. We think she was value at that price. We will decide on plans for this foal, who will likely be sold as a yearling."

The mare's new owner has been represented on the racecourse this season by juvenile filly The Flying Ginger (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}), who won on debut earlier this month for trainer Roger Fell.

Continuing the international theme of buyers for the day's more expensive offerings, Dr. Johnny Hon stepped in to buy lot 162, Sir Oliver (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), for 50,000gns. The brother to Group 1-winning sprinter Mecca's Angel (Ire) was bought for the owner from Richard Hughes's Weathercock Stables by Tim Hide.

"We will get him home and give him a bit of a break before getting him back in for an all-weather campaign," said Hide. "He looks a fast horse, he has a very fast sister, and he should be better in time as a 4-year-old."

Trade resumes at Park Paddocks at 10am on Tuesday.
A’ALI HEADED TO THE CURRAGH

MGSW A’Ali (Ire) (Society Rock (Ire)) is bound across the Irish Sea and will contest the G1 Flying Five S. at The Curragh on Sept. 13. The Shaikh Duaji Al Khalifa colourbearer a trio of Group 2s as a juvenile, added the G3 Coral Charge S. to his haul on July 5 and was also first past the post in the July 19 G2 Sapphire S. in Ireland. He could only manage fourth to Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) in the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York on Aug. 21.

“He ran a nice race,” said co-trainer Ed Crisford, who trains with his father Simon. “It’s a quick five at York and he was slightly outpaced early on, but he finished very well, which I was very pleased with— in another 50 yards he could have been third. With that tail wind, the leaders just don’t come back. He’s come out of it very well and I think we’ll go to The Curragh for the Flying Five in three weeks. A stiff five at The Curragh should suit him perfectly and he’s obviously won there before. There’ll be no Battaash in Ireland and I think he’ll be going there with every chance.”

Another also ran behind Battaash on Friday was Group 3 winner Art Power (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)), who reported home sixth. Representing King Power Racing, the 3-year-old colt ran sixth in the Nunthorpe, after winning the July 4 G3 Lacken S. at Naas. Trainer Tim Easterby had a positive update on his charge, who will target the G1 Sprint Cup at Haydock on Sept. 5.

“He’s absolutely fine. He just went to sleep in the stalls and by the time he woke up it was too late,” said Easterby. “We’ll look towards the Sprint Cup at Haydock and all the top sprints next year. We know six furlongs is fine for him and maybe he’ll even go seven [furlongs] at some stage.”

FEV ROVER CAMP MULLS GROUP 1 OPTIONS

Saturday’s G2 Prix du Calvados heroine Fev Rover (Ire) (Gutaifan (Ire)) emerged in good order following her Deauville triumph. The filly’s is a potential starter in either the G1 Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac Criterium des Pouliches at ParisLongchamp on Arc Day, Oct. 4, or the Oct. 9 G1 Bet365 Fillies’ Mile at Newmarket. Second in her first two starts, including the G2 Duchess fo Cambridge S. in July, the Nick Bradley Racing 43 and Partner flagbearer took the Listed Star S. on July 21 before her successful French foray. Cont. p8
Fev Rover Cont.

“She’ll have to go into a Group 1 now, either at Newmarket or back to France,” said Fahey. “She’s a talented filly. Everyone said she’s good on the soft, but I think she wants fast ground—it’s just that she’s very good. She’s a great moving filly and I’m actually surprised she’s running so well on the soft. She’s improving and is just very smart. She’s in the Boussac and we’ll keep an eye on the Fillies’ Mile as well.”

Fahey’s Rhythm Master (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), third in the G1 Darley Prix Morny to Campanelle (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), will be taking another crack at Group 1 level, the trainer revealed. Owned by John Dance of Laurens (Fr) (Siyouni {Ire}) fame, the bay won a maiden at Haydock in July, his only other start to date. He is under consideration for the Oct. 10 Darley Dewhurst S. at Newmarket.

“It was a huge ask going from a maiden to a Group 1 and he did show a little bit of inexperience,” said Fahey. “He half missed the start a beat and then had a think when he squared him up to get racing. I’m not saying I’d have beaten the winner, but I’d like to have been on her tail.

“Good horses go on any ground, but I would prefer to see him on better ground. He’s got plenty of options, but I’d just like to see how he comes out of this one first—maybe something like the Dewhurst—we do like him, he’s a smart horse.”

GRAND PRIX DE PARIS FOR MGSP

Highland Chief (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), a homebred for Mrs. Fitri Hay, is pointing toward the Sept. 13 G1 Prix de Paris, co-trainer Oliver Cole announced on Monday. Second in the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood on July 30 and second again–this time in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. at York on Aug. 19—the bay will be supplemented to the French Classic, rather than taking on Great Voltigeur winner Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch (GB)) again.

“The plan is to go to the Grand Prix de Paris with him,” said Cole, who trains with his father Paul. “You can never say not, but I doubt it [of a start in the St Leger]. If Pyledriver is probably going to the St Leger, it’s probably best for us to go to Paris. We’re going to have to supplement him—he’s not in at the moment. We’ll have to prepare him again to see if he’s on song for the day, but it’s a pencilled-in plan anyway.”

HER MAJESTY’S TACTICAL A MIDDLE PARK CANDIDATE

Her Majesty The Queen’s Tactical (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), a Group 2 winner, is a contender for the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket on Sept. 26. The Andrew Balding trainee was third in a Newmarket novice when unveiled on June 4 before breaking his maiden in the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot on June 17. Another win, this time in the G2 Tattersalls July S. on July 9, set him up for the Aug. 23 G1 Darley Prix Morny. Fifth in that affair after disliking the ground, the colt could also stretch out beyond six furlongs.

“We were disappointed with the result, but his jockey felt that he just struggled on the ground,” said Balding. “We will get him home and regroup, but I’ve not lost faith in the horse. We will get him back on a better surface and try to get him back on track. We didn’t consider pulling him out of the race as we thought he was equipped to deal with most types of ground, but he never looked comfortable on it.

“The Middle Park is a possibility, but there is also a chance we might look to step him up to seven furlongs as well.”

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ROCKFEL NEXT STEP FOR SANTOSHA

Group winner Santosha (Ire) (Cousky {Ire}), who won the July 26 G3 Princess Margaret S. at Ascot, is targeting the G2 Rockfel S. at Newmarket on Sept. 25. A winner at first asking at Lingfield, the David Loughnane trainee ran third in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. in early July, and was unplaced in the Aug. 20 G2 Lowther S. after a slow beginning.

“I think the whole experience of York just got to her and blew her brains a bit,” said Loughnane. “Just with the walk across the track from the stables, stuff like that can get to some horses and unfortunately she got worked up beforehand and blew the start.

“She actually did very well to finish where she did, but we’re going to freshen her up now for a couple of weeks before we bring her back in September for the Rockfel—it’s between that or the G1 Cheveley Park S. [on Sept. 26], but I think it will be the Rockfel. The Lowther looked right for her, but these things happen. She’s still the same filly she was, her form all stacks up.”

PERTEMPS TO SPONSOR 2020 ST LEGER

Pertemps Network Group is the new sponsor of the 2020 G1 St leger S. at Doncaster on Sept. 12, which will now be run with a purse of £350,000, the Arena Racing Company announced on Monday. Besides the final Classic of the UK racing calendar, the recruitment firm will sponsor the entire St Leger Festival for the term of one year, with the option of continuing in 2021. It was the sponsor of the race from 1995-1998. The four-day St Leger Festival begins on Sept. 9 and lasts through Sept. 12, and is broadcast on Sky Sports Racing and ITV Racing.

“We are absolutely delighted to welcome Pertemps Network Group back to Doncaster for the St Leger,” said ARC Racing Division Managing Director Mark Spencer. “Pertemps Network Group are well known for their previous association with the race as well across the sport as a whole. We very much look forward to working with them this year, and hopefully into the future also.”

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OISIN MURPHY BANNED FOR A WEEK

Champion jockey Oisin Murphy was suspended for a seven-day period after being found guilty of careless riding at Ayr aboard Tiritomba (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) on Monday. The winning filly appeared to drive across the runner-up Ricksen (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) with Paul Mulrennan in the irons at the finish on Aug. 24. The stewards determined that Murphy “allowed his mount to drift left for a considerable time without sufficient correction causing Mulrennan to take a significant check and clip heels.” Murphy leads in the jockeys’ championship by 18 winners over Tom Marquand.
**Pertemps Cont.**

“The St Leger S. brings back fond memories, especially from 1997 following the win of Silver Patriarch (Ire) (Saddler’s Hall (Ire)), whose portrait by David Dent proudly stands in our board room,” said Pertemps Network Group Lifetime President Tim Watts. “In these unprecedented and extremely challenging times, the hospitality and entertainment industry are facing an overwhelming difficult period and their future remains under threat. It gives us enormous pleasure that we are able to support Doncaster Racecourse and the St Leger in this way. We have been fortunate to be a part of some of the greatest races and everyone at Pertemps Network Group looks forward to more history being made.”

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**HEMINGS DISPERSAL PART OF GOFFS UK HIT SALE**

Three-time Grand National-winning owner Trevor Hemmings will offer 56 lots at the Goffs UK September HIT Sale, the sales company announced on Monday. Held at Doncaster on Sept. 15-16, Hemmings’s dispersal lots including Grade 3 hurdler **Stoney Mountain (Ire)** (Mountain High (Ire)), and Grade 2 hurdler **Mount Mews (Ire)** (Presenting (GB)), as well as several winning chasers, young hurdlers and unraced stock. The official catalogue will be released online on Sept. 1, with National Hunt stores and horses-in-training entries. For more information, go to [www.goffsuk.com](http://www.goffsuk.com).

“We are grateful that Mr. Hemmings has chosen Goffs UK to offer his dispersal and it will be a big boost to our September Sale,” said Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent. “His emerald green and yellow quartered silks have been carried to many famous victories over the years and this dispersal will give others the chance to continue that success with some high-class racing prospects to be offered.”

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Adaay (Ire)** (Kodiac (GB)), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
12:50-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 5f, TWICE ADAAY (GB)
£5,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Yearling Sale 2019; £21,000 Tattersalls Ascot Breeze Up Sale 2020

**Kodi Bear (Ire)** (Kodiac (GB)), Rathbarry Stud
83 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
16:25-YARMOUTH, 6f, COCO BEAR (Ire)
25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

**Markaz (Ire)** (Dark Angel (Ire)), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
15:55-YARMOUTH, 6f, COUSINS JOY (Ire)
62,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

**Mehmas (Ire)** (Acclamation (GB)), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners
16:25-YARMOUTH, 6f, KHABIB (Ire)
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

**Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place (GB)), Chapel Stud
43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
15:55-YARMOUTH, 6f, LITTLE SUNFLOWER (GB)
1,800gns Tattersalls February Sale 2020

**Twilight Son (GB)** (Kyllachy (GB)), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
15:55-YARMOUTH, 6f, FIRST LANDING (GB)
2,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 1,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

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**FRANCE**

**Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega (Ire)), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
4-VICHY, 1600m, SIMPLY MINDS (Fr)
€35,000 RNA Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

**Dariyan (Fr)** (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
68 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-VICHY, 1600m,

**The Great Spirit (Fr)** (Anabaal Blue (GB)),
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-VICHY, 1600m, FEEL THE FEVER (Fr)
Marcel (IRE) (Lawman {Fr}), Anngrove Stud
20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-VICHY, 1600m, MARCELLA MIA (GB)
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; €2,000 Goffs UK December Sale 2019

Scissor Kick (AUS) (Redoute’s Choice {Ausz}), Haras d’Etremah
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-VICHY, 1600m, KICK BOXING (Fr)
€5,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018 - English Version; €6,500 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019
5-VICHY, 1600m, PRINCESSE ELEANOR (Fr)
€10,000 Baden-Baden Sept. Yearling Sale 2019

Shalaa (IRE) (Invincible Spirit {IRE}), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1200m, FAVARITX (Fr)

IRELAND
Buratino (IRE) (Exceed And Excel {Ausz}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CORK, 7f, PERILOUS (IRE)

Mehmas (IRE) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners
3-CORK, 6f, MASSAMAN (IRE)
€26,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Pride Of Dubai (AUS) (Street Cry {IRE}), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
3-CORK, 6f, LORD DUDLEY (IRE)
€26,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €24,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; 16,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2019

Prince of Lir (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
3-CORK, 6f, ONE SMART COOKIE (IRE)
€15,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
1-CORK, 7f, WRITEWHENYOULAND (IRE)

Territories (IRE) (Invincible Spirit {IRE}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CORK, 6f, PRAIRIE DANCER (IRE)
€15,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €24,000 RNA Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2019

BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
5th-Bath & Somerset County, £4,300, Cond, 8-24, 3yo/up, 5f 160yT, 1:11.79, g/s.

CREEK HARBOUR (IRE) (g, 5, Kodiac {GB}–Allegheny Creek {IRE}, by Teofilo {IRE})
Lifetime Record: 29-4-2-2, $28,980.
O-Maldwyn Matthews; B-Keatingstown Bloodstock (IRE); T-Alan Wintle. *£25,000 Wlg 15 GOFNOV; 200,000gns Ylg 16 TAOCT; £4,000 3yo 18 TATIAS.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Bring The Money (IRE), g, 3, Anjaal (GB)–Princess Banu (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Bath & Somerset County, 8-24, 5f 10yT, 1:02.24. B-Rathaske Stud (IRE). *£15,000 Ylg 18 TASAYG.

Crystal Pegasus (GB), c, 3, Australia (GB)–Crystal Etoile (GB), by Dansili (GB). Bath & Somerset County, 8-24, 10f 37yT, 2:10.73. B-Southcourt Stud (GB). *1/2 to Crystal Hope (GB) (Nathaniel {IRE}), SP-Fr.

Tiritomba (IRE), f, 3, Exceed and Excel (AUS)–Starry Messenger (GB), by Galileo (IRE). Ayr, 8-24, 8fT, 1:44.55. B-Knockainey Stud (IRE). *£120,000gns Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; 100,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT; 57,000gns 2yo ‘19 TATBRE. **1/2 to Starbright (IRE) (Duke of Marmalade {IRE}), GSP-Ire.

Captain Claret (GB), g, 3, Medicean (GB)–Shirazz (GB), by Shirocco (Ger). Bath & Somerset County, 8-24, 8fT, 1:41.81. B-Mrs Sally Doyle (GB).

Soaring Star (IRE), g, 3, Starspangledbanner (AUS)–Peig (IRE), by Refuse To Bend (IRE). Ayr, 8-24, 6fT, 1:14.06. B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *£35,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT.

My Lady Claire (GB), f, 4, Cityscape (GB)–Lady Sylvia (GB), by Haafhd (GB). B-David J Keast (GB). Bath & Somerset County, 8-24, 8fT, 1:43.69.

One Last Hug (GB), g, 5, Orientor (GB)–Gargoyle Girl (GB), by Be My Chief. Ayr, 8-24, 10fT, 2:15.04. B-Jim Goldie (GB).
PONY RACING ACTIVITIES RECEIVE FUNDING BOOST

In an effort to create a pathway into racing through pony racing, a five-year funding boost of £180,000 was announced by the Racing Foundation and Pony Racing Authority on Monday. The Pony Racing Authority will collaborate to deliver on this new pathway strategy with Racing to School, the Pony Club, Careers in Racing, the British Racing School and the National Horseracing College. One of the specific areas the strategy will focus on is increasing diversity and inclusion among pony racing participants by engaging with youngsters from a wider range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

Activities that will be expanded thanks to the new funding are:

- Pony Racing Academies for youngsters with no link to racing and no pony of their own
- Pony Club camp visits, training days and pony racing days.
- Taster sessions and ‘Buzz’ days.
- Careers advice and further training.
- Training of pony racing instructors.
- School visits and recruitment fairs.
- Stand-alone pony racing days.
- Development of track and trace systems to follow the progression of youngsters into racing.

The Racing Foundation funding will last from 2021-2025, with an independent evaluation of progress and impact at the end of 2022. For more information, go to www.britishhorseracing.com.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Clairefontaine, €26,000, Cond, 8-24, 4yo/up, 13fT, 2:48.88, sf.

GOLDEN WOOD (FR) (g, 10, Gold Away {Ire}--Twisting {Fr}, by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSW-Fr, 45-15-8-4, €452,800. O-Mme Christian Wingtans & Nicolas Caullery; B-Jo Awouters (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bubble Smart (GB), f, 3, Intello (Ger)--Bubble Back (Fr) (Chichicastenango {Fr}), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 9.5-11f, GSW-Eng, MSW-HK & MG1SP-Fr, $1,499,465; and Queen Bubble (Ire) (Layman), SP-Fr, $117,434.

GERMANY

Monday's Results:

RACEBETS STUTENPREIS (EX HOPPEGARTENER STUTENPREIS)- Listed, €17,000, Mulheim, 8-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:05.71, gd.

1--PESSEMONA (GB), 120, f, 3, War Command--Persefona (Ire) (SW-Ger), by Montjeu (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Litex Commerce AD (GB); T-Miltcho Mintchev; J-Eduardo Pedroza. €10,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €14,200.

2.--Americana (Ger), 119, f, 3, Adlerflug (Ger)--Artica (Ger), by Pentire (GB). (€58,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGS). O/B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Sarah Steinberg. €4,000.

3.--Flamingo Girl (Ger), 122, f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Flamingo Sky, by Silver Hawk. (€36,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS). O-Stefan Hahne; B-Gestut Park Wiedingen (GER); T-Henk Grewe. €2,000.

Margins: 2HF, NO, 3 1/4. Odds: 3.60, 8.20, 6.30.

Also Ran: No Tinc Por (GB), Snow (Ger), Lips Queen (Ger), Sidona (GB), Perfect Pitch (Ger), Megan (Ger), Silken Mary (Ire), Freedom Rising (Ger), Sea of Love (Ger).

3rd-Mulheim, €8,000, Cond, 8-24, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.84, gd.

SHILA (GER) (f, 2, Lord of England (Ger)--Sharin (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Areion (Ger)), a one-length winner going seven furlongs in her July 11 debut at Hamburg last time, broke sharply from the outside gate and seized immediate control here. Holding sway throughout, the 7-10 favourite was nudge along passing the two pole and kept on strongly under mild coaxing in the closing stages to easily hold for Kaliyah (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) by 2 3/4 lengths. Cont. p13
3rd-Mulheim Cont.
One of three scorers from as many foals produced by Listed Kolner Zweijahrigener Trophy third Sharin (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), the homebred bay is a half-sister to Listed Winterkonigin-Trial and Listed Henkel-Stutenpreis placegetter Sharoka (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and the winning 3-year-old colt Sean (Ger) (Excelebration {Ire}). Her unraced second dam Sisika (Ger) (King Theatre {Ire}) is a half-sister to a trio of stakes performers headed by MG1SP G2 Grosser Hansa-Preis victor Simonas (Ire) (Sternkonig {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £7,000. O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
2nd-Mulheim, €6,000, Cond, 8-24, 3yo, 7fT, 1:23.37, gd.

LEOPOLDINA (GB) (f, 3, Sepoy {Aus}--Lady s Art {Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €4,950. O-Rennstall Darboven; B-Petches Farm Ltd (GB); T-Henk Grewe. *15,000gns Wlg >17 TATFOA. **1/2 to Yakima (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), SP-Ity.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Aribeau (Ger), c, 2, Areion (Ger)--Arabella (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Trempolino. Mulheim, 8-24, 6 1/2fT, 1:17.62. B-Marlene Haller (GER). *€11,000 RNA Ylg ’19 BBAGO.

MAIDEN WINNERS:
Zireael ( Ire), f, 2, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Fair Adelaide (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland), 8-22, 1000mT. B-Mrs Catherine Reed. *Won by 10 lengths. **€2,500 Ylg ’19 TISEP. VIDEO

Dragon Arrow (GB), c, 3, Sepoy (Aus)--Zubeida (GB), by Authorized (Ire). Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 8-23, 1600mT. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited. *4,500gns Ylg ’19 ARQNOV. VIDEO
## Leading Sires of 2-Year-Olds by Black-Type Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Aug. 23

*Earnings represent European figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.*

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