CHRIB SEEK’S JUSTIFY DQ FROM SANTA ANITA DERBY; NO SANCTION FOR BAFFERT

by T.D. Thornton

The win by scopolamine-positive Justify in the 2018 running of the GI Santa Anita Derby is now going to come under official administrative scrutiny by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB). But Bob Baffert, the trainer of the eventual undefeated Triple Crown winner, will not have a CHRB complaint lodged against him "due to substantial evidence that the scopolamine resulted from environmental contamination from jimson weed," the CHRB stated in a Wednesday press release.

As part of a negotiated settlement stemming from a lawsuit filed against the CHRB by the owner/trainer of Bolt d'Oro, the runner-up horse in the 2018 Santa Anita Derby, the CHRB voted during a closed session Aug. 20 to reverse its previous course of no action and to proceed with a complaint seeking the disqualification of Justify and the redistribution of the purse from that stakes.

The CHRB has set a Sep. 20 stewards' hearing date at Santa Anita Park to begin the complaint adjudication process. Left unanswered at this point--and possibly unanswerable at all--is what might happen to Justify's subsequent Triple Crown race victories if Justify gets DQ'd from the Santa Anita Derby.

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TAKING STOCK: NOT THIS TIME LEADS FRESHMAN SIRES

by Sid Fernando

The year 2020 will have an asterisk next to it in racing history, but there will nevertheless be a leading first-crop sire at year's end, and Taylor Made's Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) might be the stallion atop it. As we head into September, Not This Time leads all N. American-based first-crop sires by number of winners, with nine, and he's a close third behind Ashford's Air Force Blue (War Front) and WinStar's Speightster (Speightstown) on the progeny earnings list. The major 2-year-old graded events the next few months leading up to and including the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile races will determine the championship. So far, only two North American-based first-crop sires, Crestwood's Texas Red (Afleet Alex), winner of the 2014 Breeders' Cup Juvenile; and Spendthrift's Hit It A Bomb (War Front), first in the 2015 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, are represented by graded winners. Cont. p5

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Art Collector (Bernardini) exits the track at Churchill Downs after a gallop on Thursday morning. | Coady
CHRB Seeks Justify DQ from SA Derby cont. from p1

Had Justify not finished among the top two finishers in that GI Kentucky Derby points-qualifying race at Santa Anita Apr. 7, 2018, he would not have made the cutoff for entry into the Kentucky Derby. And if he doesn't get to enter and win the Derby, he certainly wouldn't have been in the running for the Triple Crown. With regard to that question of eligibility, CHRB spokesperson Mike Marten wrote in an email: “In California, eligibility is determined at the time of the race. In this case, however, the [Kentucky Horse Racing Commission] would be in the best position to make [any Kentucky Derby eligibility] determination. The CHRB is not seeking any disqualification beyond the Santa Anita Derby.”

Darrell Vienna, the attorney for plaintiff Mick Ruis (Ruis Racing LLC), told TDN that he is pleased with the CHRB’s executive session vote to move ahead with a hearing. He added that seeking punishment for Baffert or having Justify stripped of his status as a Triple Crown winner was never the intent of his client’s litigation. “This is what we’ve been fighting for,” Vienna said. "We had never sought to have [the CHRB] file a complaint against Mr. Baffert for anything. We just weren’t privy to those facts. What we were privy to is the fact that the horse tested positive for a Class 3/Penalty B substance, which requires automatic disqualification."

Vienna has consistently cited CHRB rule 1859.5, which requires forfeiture of the purse and disqualification of a horse that tests positive for a class 1-3 prohibited substance regardless of the trainer’s responsibility. "The key terms [of the settlement agreement] were simply that there would be a complaint filed and a hearing with regard to the potential forfeiture and disqualification of the winner," Vienna said. "All we were ever asking for was a hearing. We weren't asking for an outcome. We were asking for a process."

TDN reached Baffert on his mobile phone Wednesday, but he didn't want to speak about the CHRB's decision, deferring to his attorney for comment. W. Craig Robertson III, the lawyer who represents Baffert, said "We're very disappointed and surprised at the action that the CHRB is taking. We don't think that it has any legal basis whatsoever, and we intend on fully fighting it. We're contemplating those options right now. There are a number of different avenues that could be pursued, including the courts. But we haven't made a final decision in terms of which avenue we're going to pursue."

Although Justify has been the focal point of the case since the story of his post-race positive test (and the CHRB’s alleged dragging-out over how to handle the results) belatedly broke in September 2019, another Baffert trainee, Hoppertunity, is also going to be the subject of a CHRB hearing over his own scopolamine positive.
"The CHRB is seeking the disqualification of Hoppertunity, winner of the [GIII] Tokyo City Cup S. at Santa Anita on April 8, 2018, and the redistribution of that purse based on laboratory findings that his post-race sample for that race tested positive for scopolamine," the CHRB release stated. "While not the subject of current litigation, this medication positive was similar to the one involving Justify."

Baffert has consistently denied that he has ever intentionally administered scopolamine to any of his horses. A CHRB supporting document emailed to TDN by Marten stated: "The decision to file a complaint against a trainer for a medication positive is discretionary for the CHRB...In certain instances, where environmental contamination occurred, the CHRB has chosen not to file such complaints. Examples of medications often associated with environmental contamination where the CHRB has elected not to file trainer complaints are scopolamine and zilpatero."

"We determined that the cause of the positives in the Justify and Hoppertunity matters were environmental contamination," the release continued. "In the last few months, the CHRB did file several trainer complaints alleging scopolamine positives in post-race samples, but recommended, and the stewards issued, warnings based on those violations. Given that the Justify and Hoppertunity positives occurred over two years ago and at most

the CHRB would only seek a warning, the CHRB chooses not to file complaints against Mr. Baffert in these matters."

TDN asked Marten to clarify whether the CHRB’s executive-session votes on these matters were unanimous. He replied via email that "Any action by the Board in closed session requires at least four approvals. As for the breakdown of the voting among the six commissioners, we will need to check with counsel to determine whether that is public information."

TDN also wanted to know if the CHRB would have undertaken a review of the Justify case had it not been for the pending litigation. Marten wrote back that "The CHRB cannot speculate on a hypothetical question about what the commissioners might have done."

On July 24, when news broke that Ruis reached an agreement in principle with the CHRB regarding a settlement of his pending litigation in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Vienna told TDN that the agreement would be "in exchange for the dismissal of the entire litigation," including any possible damages. Court records indicate that Aug. 4, both parties jointly petitioned the court to have an upcoming Sep. 4 hearing continued to a future date "because the parties are currently engaged in settlement negotiations." That request was granted, and the judge in the case set the next court date for Feb. 5, 2021.
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The former is the sire of My Girl Red, who won the GrII Sorrento S. at Del Mar Aug. 7, while the latter's gelded son Weston won the GrII Best Pal S. at the same track a day later. Not This Time, however, has several promising maiden winners that look like they’re going to have a say in upcoming black-type races, headed by the filly Princess Noor, who won an Aug. 22 Del Mar maiden special for Bob Baffert so impressively that it’s difficult to adequately describe in words alone. I suggest you watch the race yourself by clicking here.

The runner-up, Flash Magic (Pioneerof the Nile), a stablemate of Princess Noor and a half-sister to 2017 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner and champion 2-year-old colt Good Magic, was impressive herself, with almost five lengths on the third-place finisher, but she was no match under a strong drive for Princess Noor, who won haughtily without being asked. The race favorite, Princess Noor had been a talking horse from the time she’d worked a quarter-mile in :20 1/5 at the Ocala Breeders’ Sale Spring Sale of 2-year-olds in training and sold to Gary Young for $1.35 million on behalf of Zedan Racing Stables, Inc. Bred in Kentucky by International Equities Holding, Inc., she’d sold to Mark Marino for $135,000 at the 2019 Keeneland yearling sale and was pinhooked at OBS by Top Line Sales. She’s expected to start next in a Grade I race, and so far there doesn’t appear to be a dirt filly on the landscape that’s in her league. When Princess Noor sold at OBS, Not This Time had already been represented by two winners, and word was out that he was one to watch. This, in fact, was evident from the time his first weanlings sold, and by last year his best yearlings were very much in demand.
Those yearlings have trained on to be early 2-year-olds, and those in sales sold off the charts this spring, too. Take a look at this progression of sales averages from weanlings to 2-year-olds, and keep in mind that the stallion’s first year fee was $15,000: weanlings, 18 sold for an average price of $76,833 with seven making $100,000 or more; yearlings, 70 sold for a $63,410 average with 16 bringing six figures, including individuals for $375,000, $250,000, and $240,000; 2-year-olds, 37 sold for an average of $175,216, with 15 individuals bringing prices of $100,000 or more, including lots for $700,000, $650,000, and $575,000 in addition to the seven-figure price that Princess Noor made.

Sales prices for unproven horses are nothing more than opinions of horsemen and horsewomen based on what they see in front of them and what’s on the catalog pages, but a consensus can indicate either promise or indifference, especially once the juvenile sales arrive and a degree of performance enters the picture. Compare Not This Time’s sales results with GI Kentucky Derby winner and Horse of the Year California Chrome, who entered stud at Taylor Made at the same time and stood for $40,000, and a picture certainly emerges. California Chrome’s auction prices decreased each year, with seven weanlings averaging $116,714; 45 yearlings averaging $85,756; and 25 2-year-olds averaging $75,180, suggesting buyers weren’t overwhelmed by what they saw developmentally. When Taylor Made got a lucrative offer from Japan to sell California Chrome at the end of last year, that was probably an easy decision. To date, California Chrome is represented by two winners, the first of which came in Russia--something stud managers dread.

**Not This Time**

Bred and raced by Albaugh Family Stable and trained by Dale Romans, Not This Time was himself a talking horse. Tall, handsome, correct, and well put together, he was produced from the Trippi Grade III winner Miss Macy Sue, who’d earned $880,915 for family patriarch Dennis Albaugh and has turned into an outstanding producer for the family, getting the Grade I winner and young stallion Liam’s Map (Unbridled’s Song), who the Albaughs had sold as a yearling for $800,000 at Keeneland September.

Instead of selling Not This Time, who could have realized seven figures in the sales ring, the Albaugh family committed to racing the colt because their goal is to win the Kentucky Derby and he had Classic potential written all over him, both by physique and pedigree. Unfortunately, he made only four starts, all as the favorite and all at age two.
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After losing his debut in a maiden special sprint at Churchill at the end of June, Not This Time won his next two starts impressively to justify the promise: he won a maiden special over a mile at Ellis Park by 10 lengths in mid-August and then took the 1 1/16-mile GII Iroquois S. at Churchill a month later by almost nine lengths from Lookin At Lee (Lookin At Lucky), who would finish second in the Kentucky Derby the following spring. Not This time made his final start in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, in which he finished a neck second to champion and subsequent GI Preakness runner-up Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile). Grade I winner Practical Joke was seven-plus lengths back in third. In hindsight, Not This Time's performance was outstanding, because he'd suffered a career-ending soft-tissue injury to his right front leg during the running of the Breeders' Cup. The company he'd kept and the horses he'd defeated in his brief career strongly suggested he would have been a Classic threat had he'd stayed sound.

Taylor Made, though already committed to standing a bonafide Classic winner in California Chrome, jumped at the opportunity to purchase 50% of Not This Time, even with only a lone Grade III win on his resume, because they saw the potential, and they are on the verge of reaping some rewards over the next few months.

Pedigree

His sheer physicality aside, Not This Time's pedigree has plenty of heft and interesting components. Last year, his half-brother Liam's Map sired two Grade I winners from his first crop, and Not This Time's sire Giant's Causeway had one of the best stallions in Europe in Shamardal, who died earlier this spring after enjoying a banner season in 2019. Moreover, deep within his female family, Not This Time has some pedigree constructs that were heavily influenced by the legendary John Nerud at Tartan, who in turn was influenced by pedigree authority Leon Rasmussen—an advocate of inbreeding to superior females.

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The aforementioned Miss Macy Sue, Not This Time’s dam, was bred by Bryan J. Howlett in Florida. Howlett was the former general manager at Tartan, which bred and raced Horse of the Year Dr. Fager and his sprinting champion half-sister Ta Wee, Not This Time’s fifth dam.

Nerud had solicited Rasmussen’s advice when he stood Fappiano at Tartan in the early 1980s, and Rasmussen had suggested that Nerud inbreed to the great females in Fappiano’s pedigree. This practice led to Nerud breeding Quiet American (Fappiano) in 1986 and Unbridled (Fappiano) in 1987, among others, for Tartan. The former was inbred 4x3 to Cequillo (as well as 3x2 to Dr. Fager), while the latter was 4x4 to Aspidistra, the dam of Dr. Fager and Ta Wee (and 4x5 to Rough’n Tumble, the sire of Dr. Fager).

Getting back to Miss Macy Sue and Howlett, her dam Yada Yada (Great Above) was co-bred by Howlett with H & R Stable, and Howlett used the pattern of inbreeding to superior females that Nerud had used with Quiet American and Unbridled to plan her mating in 1995, making Yada Yada intensely inbred 2x3 to the iconic sprinter Ta Wee.

There’s plenty of speed, therefore, in Not This Time’s female family, and combined with the stamina that his sire provides, Not This Time has what it takes to succeed as a sire. And so far, with limited opportunities in this oddball year, he’s showing it.

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CARACARO PREPARES FOR KENTUCKY DERBY by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – With a mix of optimism and respect, trainer Gustavo Delgado and his son and assistant, Gustavo Delgado Jr., have gone about their primary task of the summer: preparing 'TDN Rising Star' Caracaro (Uncle Mo) of the GI Kentucky Derby.

The Delgados are based in South Florida at Gulfstream Park West, but brought Caracaro to Saratoga Race Course in July with the goal of earning enough qualifying points to make the 20-horse Derby. Following second-place finishes in the GIII Peter Pan S. July 16 and the Aug. 8 GI Runhappy Travers S., a colt who was injured in the winter and away from the races for about six months, is 10th on the Derby leaderboard at 60 points.

With the mission accomplished of just getting a position in the Derby field, the Delgados face the challenge of tangling once again with Tiz the Law (Constitution), the GI Belmont S. winner and likely Derby favorite. At the very least, they know Tiz the Law rather well. Caracaro was second to him in the Travers--5 1/2 lengths behind the New York-bred who was throttled-down in the stretch--and they have seen him in training over Saratoga's main track. Without question, Tiz the Law's Travers left them realistic about the test facing them at Churchill Downs Sept. 5.

"The last race showed who the real horse was," said Delgado, Jr., who often serves as the barn's spokesman. "The races before he was just winning, but the last one was impressive."

Delgado said that jockey Manny Franco had Tiz the Law "cantering to the line" in the Travers, which turned out to be the fifth-fastest time in the history of the race.

"Before, we all thought he's a good horse," Delgado Jr. said. "Now we're talking about something else, like a real good one, in my opinion."

A moment later, he agreed with the suggestion that Tiz the Law might even be a great horse. Delgado Jr. said that Caracaro, co-owned by Global Thoroughbred and Top Racing, belongs in the Derby and that his connections see him as a contender.

The colt ran second in his debut at Gulfstream Park Dec. 8 then broke his maiden by six lengths Jan. 11. There were offers to buy him as a Derby prospect after the victory, but he had to be taken out of training when a vet exam revealed an issue in his rear end. The Peter Pan was his return to competition and he was quite game despite the lengthy layoff, battling with Country Grammar (Tonalist) in the stretch before finishing second by a neck. While never a threat to win the Travers, he finished well after a wide trip. Delgado Jr. said a top-four finish in the Derby with jockey Javier Castellano is realistic and that from what he and his father can see the colt is still developing.

"This is the third time off the layoff and they usually run well the third, the fourth time. If he keeps improving he's going to be tough," he said. "Obviously, Tiz the Law is the main guy. If he doesn't show up for any reason, we might be ready."

In Delgado Jr.'s assessment, Caracaro sits in a group of five or six capable Derby horses behind Tiz the Law.

Caracaro worked five furlongs in 1:01.02 Saturday over the wet main track at Saratoga and will have his final breeze this weekend before shipping to Kentucky.

"He is a good horse. Just the other one is better than him now," Delgado Jr. said. "You pull out Tiz the Law, I tell you, I am not afraid of any of the others. It's the Derby. Twenty horses. We've seen it before."

Caracaro has thrived with his training and racing in Saratoga, Delgado Jr. said, providing some perspective.

"He's getting fitter, lighter. He had too much weight that he is losing progressively in a good way. He's more fit. He's more tight. Before the Peter Pan, you could tell in the paddock he was like this," Delgado said, spreading his arms to illustrate width. "He looked way fatter than the other horses. He didn't look fit in the Peter Pan."

He continued, "You realize that once you are in the paddock and you can turn to the other horses. Sometimes when you see them train, you see them every day, you don't notice the difference. But once you are in the paddock and you look and compare them to the other ones, you are like, 'Oh, he's a little chubby.'"
Though Delgado Jr. was clear that Tiz the Law is the horse to beat in the Derby, he pointed to the reality that there are no guarantees in the sport.

"There is still a lot of time. They have a plane to catch," he said. "Trust me, the pressure is on them. They have the best horse in the race. The pressure is on them."

DELTA DOWNS SUFFERS SERIOUS DAMAGE IN HURRICANE, OPENING TO BE POSTPONED
by Bill Finley

While no horses or people suffered major injuries as a result of Hurricane Laura, the storm produced serious damage to Delta Downs in Vinton, Louisiana, leaving the facility in such bad shape that its director of racing operations Chris Warren said there was no chance the track would be able to begin its Thoroughbred meet on time.

"This meet is supposed to start Oct. 6. That isn’t going to happen," Warren said. "There's no way. When it will happen, I have no idea."

Warren was on the scene at Delta Thursday morning and reports that the damage was extensive.

"There's debris and sheet metal everywhere," he said. "The tote board got demolished. It collapsed and is completely gone. Our camera towers are gone, so is our holding barn. The starting gates got completely turned over and the light poles are torn up. The whole backside rail is pretty much ruined. There's just a lot of damage and it is everywhere."

Hurricane Laura made landfall at about 1 a.m. Thursday near Cameron, Louisiana about 30 miles south of Delta Downs, which is located in the town of Vinton. Winds were recorded at more than 150 miles per hour.

Delta Downs ended its Quarter Horse meet Saturday, but hundreds of horses and workers were still on the grounds when Laura hit. A mandatory evacuation order, which also covered horses, was issued for Vinton effective Tuesday. Warren said there were a number of workers who remained on the backstretch because they had nowhere else to go and that about 600 quarter horses were also on the grounds when the hurricane hit.

Management was prepared for the worst.

"Everyone was told to leave but they didn’t," he said. "There were people who had nowhere to go. It could have definitely been worse. We could have had 20 horses and two people get killed back there. We were amazed that it wasn’t worse."

Warren said a key to keeping the horses safe was that the barns held up relatively well and none of the barn roofs blew off.

Warren said that Evangeline Downs, which, like Delta, is owned by Boyd Gaming, did not suffer any serious damage. It is east of Delta in the town of Opelousas. Evangeline had canceled its Wednesday and Thursday cards before the hurricane hit. Evangeline is still scheduled to resume racing Friday night. Its meet ends Saturday.

ARLINGTON TO ALLOW LIMITED SPECTATORS

Arlington Park will allow limited spectators to attend live race days beginning Sept. 3 and for the remainder of the COVID-19 abbreviated race meeting, according to a post on the track’s website that appeared late Thursday afternoon.

Up to 300 patrons will be permitted to watch races on track from a variety of outdoor seating areas with strict safety protocols in place. All racegoers will be required to wear masks at all times, unless consuming food or beverages. No gatherings will be permitted indoors. The only interior areas with public access will be located on the first floor for restrooms and self-wagering terminals. Live mutuel clerks will be limited and restricted to cashing tickets only. No wagers will be accepted. No patrons under the age of 18 will be allowed admission.

The racing season at Arlington was scheduled to begin May 1, but for many weeks, there remained lingering doubt as to whether any sort of race meet would be staged in 2020. For a time, there was resistance to running a meet in the absence of spectators, but it was announced June 22 that the track would in fact open for 30 days of live racing beginning July 23.

The stakes program for 2020 was canceled in its entirety, with Chicago’s only three Grade I races—the Arlington Million, the Beverly D. S. and Secretariat S.—each put on hold for at least this year.
SWEET MELANIA HEADLINES LAKE GEORGE

Sweet Melania (American Pharoah) captured the GIII Wonder Again S. at Belmont June 20 and looks to pick up where she left off Friday in Saratoga’s GIII Lake George S. A close second in this venue’s P.G. Johnson S. last term, the $600,000 KEESEP buy romped in Keeneland GII Jessamine S. in October and was third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf Nov. 1. The Wonder Again is her only start so far this term.

"She's a quality filly and I was pleased with her effort off the layoff," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "She breezed super on Friday [half-mile in :48 3/5 on the Oklahoma grass course], so hopefully she's ready to run well again."

Godolphin’s Micheline (Bernardini) was second in the GII Sweetest Chant S. in February and was off the board in Tampa’s GIII Florida Oaks in March. She returned to winning ways in Gulfstream’s Honey Ryder S. May 2 and was last seen closing to be sixth in Churchill’s GII Regret S. June 27.

Cat’s Pajamas (Street Sense) graduated at third asking in her first try on turf at Churchill May 17, which was also her first start for Graham Motion. Capturing a Belmont allowance June 14, the bay was fifth last time in this venue’s GII Lake Placid S. July 19.

TONALIST’S SHAPE FOREGOES THE LILIES FOR CT OAKS

Dual graded winner Tonalist’s Shape (Tonalist) will bypass the Sept. 4 GI Kentucky Oaks in favor of running in Friday’s GIII Charles Town Oaks. Victorious in the GIII Forward Gal S. and GII Davona Dale S. in February at Gulfstream, the chestnut was off the board as the favorite behind leading Oaks contender Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) in the GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 28. Returning to winning ways in the Hollywood Wildcat S. in Hallandale May 15, she was fourth last time in the nine-panel GI CCA Oaks in Saratoga July 18. Tonalist’s Shape sheds her blinkers for this cut back to seven panels.

‘TDN Rising Star’ Wicked Whisper (Liam’s Map) captured Belmont’s GI Frizette S. in October and was fifth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies a month later. The chestnut was last seen finishing fourth in the July 10 GII Beaumont S. at Keeneland.

Hopeful Growth (Tapiture) also has enough points for the Kentucky Oaks and was entered in this race as a back-up plan, according to her trainer Anthony Margotta, so it is unclear if she will run. The dark bay scored a dominant victory in the GIII Monmouth Oaks last out Aug. 1.
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MIDLANTIC YEARLING SALE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 553 yearlings for its 2020 Midlantic Fall Yearlings Sale to be held Oct. 5-6. The auction, which will be held immediately following the rescheduled GI Preakness S. Oct. 3, will be conducted at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

Hips 1-200 will be offered in the Monday session, which will begin at 1 p.m. The sale will begin with a large group of New York-breds, which are catalogued together as hips 1-154. Hips 201-553 will be offered in the Tuesday session, which will begin at 10 a.m.

“This is a strong catalogue, with our entries up 27% over last year,” commented Midlantic Director of Sales Paget Bennett. “Consignors have a lot of confidence in the Midlantic marketplace and have supported the sale with increased sire power and quality. We are also pleased to welcome major Kentucky and New York-based consignors to Midlantic this year.”

Bennett continued: “Conducting the sale on the Monday and Tuesday after the Preakness adds another exciting element to this year’s auction, as it provides those participating in Preakness weekend racing a nearby venue to shop for quality yearlings. With 10 different state-bred programs represented in the catalogue, the sale provides great opportunities for both national and regional racing stables.”

The catalogue may now be viewed online, and will also be available via the equineline sales catalogue app. Print catalogues will be available beginning Sept. 8. Phone bidding and online bidding services will also be available.

KEENELAND DRIVE-THRU BETTING WINDOWS TO BE OPEN DERBY WEEKEND

Keeneland’s drive-thru betting will be open Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5 to accept wagers on the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Kentucky Derby, as well as the rest of the races on those two days from Churchill Downs. Drive-thru betting will be located behind the Keeneland Entertainment Center, which can be accessed via Gate 1 at Man o’ War Boulevard. All patrons will complete a health screening and temperature check at Gate 1.

The drive-thru betting will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with six windows available on Oaks day. It will open at 7 a.m. Saturday until Derby post time of 7:01 p.m. with eight open windows.

NYRA TEAMS WITH WOODBINE & MONMOUTH FOR CROSS COUNTRY PICK 5

NYRA will host a Cross Country Pick 5 that will offer three graded stakes, featuring action from Saratoga as well as Monmouth Park and Woodbine Racetrack Saturday. Live coverage will be available with Saratoga Live on FOX Sports and MSG Networks. The first leg is a juvenile maiden special weight at Saratoga, carded as Race 6. Action will shift to Monmouth in Race 9 with a 4:14 p.m. post for the 1 1/2-mile turf route for older horses. Woodbine will commence the stakes portion of the Cross Country Pick 5 in the third leg with the GIII Ontario Colleen S., slated as Race 7. Saratoga will close the sequence with a pair of Grade Is, the Forego S. (Race 8) and the Sword Dancer S. (Race 9).
OLD FRIENDS LAUNCHES MEMORABILIA AUCTION

Old Friends is launching an online auction series that will feature pieces from a private collection of racing memorabilia. The auction series is a collaboration between Old Friends and the estate of Julie Albright, a longtime racing supporter and collector, and will be highlighted by original saddle cloths, collectible stallion halters, horse shoes, tickets, programs and much more from some of America’s most accomplished equine athletes. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the non-profit organization.

The first in the series of online auctions will launch Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. and sales will be offered weekly throughout the fall via the Old Friends eBay store.

“...We have been working tirelessly with all of the stakeholders to sustain steeplechase racing during these unprecedented and incredibly challenging times,” said NSA President Al Griffin. “Our number one goal is to keep our sport viable while ensuring the health and safety of our fans, owners, trainers, and riders. Our race meets are going to great lengths to host these events for our constituents, and we pledge our full support to make them a success.”

NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION RELEASES FALL SCHEDULE

The National Steeplechase Association has released its fall calendar consisting of an abbreviated schedule of seven sanctioned race meets to be contested between Sept. 26 and Nov. 15. The modified schedule is due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The schedule kicks off at Shawan Downs Sept. 26, followed by Foxfield Fall Races Oct. 4, Virginia Fall Races Oct. 10, the International Gold Cup Oct. 24, the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Nov. 1, the Steeplechase at Callaway Nov. 7 and the Steeplechase of Charleston Nov. 15. Each race meet will continue to follow guidelines recommended by the CDC and Prevention. Participation will be limited to essential personnel only, all of whom will be required to wear face masks and practice social distancing. As of this date, racing will be conducted with limited attendance or no fans at all. Five meets have decided to postpone until 2021. Those are High Hope in Lexington, Ky., Gennessee Valley in Geneseo, N.Y., the Far Hills Race Meeting in Far Hills, N.J., Aiken Fall Steeplechase in Aiken, S.C., and Montpelier Hunt Races in Montpelier Station, Va. The Lonesome Glory and William Entenmann stakes races at Belmont Park in September have also been cancelled for 2020. No hurdle stakes races have been carded for the fall. The emphasis will be on conditions that give timber and hurdle horse owners maximum opportunity to secure purse earnings, such as maiden and claiming races, ratings handicaps, and open timber events. There are also a number of races to give apprentice riders a chance to gain experience.

POUNDBET BECOMES OFFICIAL BETTING PARTNER WITH NBC SPORTS IN MULTI-YEAR DEAL

NBCUniversal and PointsBet announced a multi-year partnership by which PointsBet becomes the official sports betting partner of NBC Sports. As part of the agreement, NBC Sports will provide PointsBet with year-round, multi-platform media and marketing opportunities across its unmatched portfolio of events. Included among the new agreement:

• PointsBet will be incorporated in exclusive multiplatform gameday integrations across the eight NBC Sports Regional Networks, which are the exclusive regional homes to MLB, NBA and NHL teams, and deliver more than 2,200 live sporting events.
• Exclusive PointsBet odds integrations will be incorporated into Rotoworld, NBC Sports’ fantasy and sports betting digital property which has been a market leader for two decades.
• PointsBet features full Spanish-language functionality, and will reach Hispanic sports fans via Telemundo Deportes and Telemundo broadcast stations.
• PointsBet will be the exclusive provider of odds, props and trends for NBCSN and GOLF Channel and their digital properties.

Additional terms of the agreement are available here.
### Friday, Charles Town, post time: 10:18 p.m. EDT

**CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC S.-GII, $600,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

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### Friday, Charles Town, post time: 9:43 p.m. EDT

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**Sword Dancer S.-GI, $500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

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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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**Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 4:32 p.m. EDT**

**AMSTERDAM S.-GII**, $150,000, 3yo, 6f

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**Saturday, Monmouth, post time: 2:29 p.m. EDT**

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### Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:17 p.m. EDT

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### Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 2:18 p.m. EDT

**SARANAC S.-GIII**, $100,000, 3yo, 1mT

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### Sunday, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

**SHUVEE S.-GIII**, $125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

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**The Sign of Success**

Look for the throughout the TDN graded stakes entries denoting Keeneland Sales Graduates.
2020 Leading Dirt Sires of 2YOS
for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, August 26

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

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FRIDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS: BABIES TAKE TO TURF AT DEL MAR by Alan Carasso

Sponsored by Alex Nichols Agency
7th-DMR, $55K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, post time: 8:09 p.m ET

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She’ll need a scratch to draw in, but Freedom Flyer (Constitution) is a threat if she does. The March foal was her sire’s second most-expensive of 29 2-year-olds in training sold this year, hammering for $450K after drilling a quarter-mile in :20 4/5 at the OBS Spring sale. TJCIS PPs

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
SMART N FANCY S., $82,450, Saratoga, 8-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.06, my.
1--INTRODUCED, 118, f, 4, El Padrino--Stuttgart, by Cherokee Run. ($30,000 Ylg ’17 EASOCT; $310,000 2yo ’18 OBSMAR). O-Colts Neck Stables LLC; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC (MD); T-Jorge Duarte Jr; J-Manuel Franco. $46,750. Lifetime Record: 13-6-3-1, $271,551.

2--Peaceful, 118, f, 4, Declaration of War--Stellabymoonlight, by Malibu Moon. ($62,000 Ylg ’17 FTKTUR). O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables LLC; B-Carolyn R Vogel (KY); T-Michael Stidham. $17,000.

3--Saratoga Treasure, 122, m, 5, Treasure Beach (GB)--Sky Gazer, by Sky Mesa. O/B-Patricia A Generazio (NY); T-David G Donk. $10,200.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 3/4, 7. Odds: 0.65, 3.75, 9.70.

Also Ran: Victory Kingdom (Aus), Miss Gossip (Ire). Scratched: A Great Time, Getmotherarose, Rose Flower (Ger).

A three-time winner from 10 previous starts on the turf, Introduced took her record on the main track to a perfect three-from-three with a comfortable victory in Thursday’s Smart N Fancy S., rained off the grass and onto a muddy Saratoga strip.

Ridden for speed by Manny Franco, the odds-on pop disputed the pace inside of Peaceful and held her spot at the fence while traveling nicely on the bridle. Asked to sprint nearing the lane, the Maryland-bred dueled briefly with Peaceful before putting her away en route to a facile success. Cont. p2
Smart N Fancy S. cont.

"When I ran her at Laurel and she broke her maiden [September 2018] the track was really wet; it was actually off the turf," said winning trainer Jorge Duarte, Jr. "She handled it fine. She trains good over the slop at the farm. A change of surface is a concern, but we were confident. She's sharp."

Introduced was winning for the third time in four starts this season, having annexed turf sprints at Laurel in June and at Delaware the following month ahead of a fourth in the Aug. 1 Caress S. on the local lawn. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Saratoga, $72,540, Aw (NW3$X), Opt. Clm ($80,000), 8, 27, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:48.98, sy.

EMPIRE OF WAR (c, 4, Declaration of War–Shehadmefromhello, by Empire Maker), winner of the Awad S. while under the care of Todd Pletcher at two, failed to land a serious blow in four starts once switched to this barn last December, but put pay to that streak with a half-length defeat of next-out winner and stablemate Morocco (Pioneerof the Nile) in Keeneland allowance company July 12. Allowed to take his chance in the slop as a 9-4 chance, the half-brother to Separationofpowers (Candy Ride {Arg}), MGISW, $964,000, chased pacesetting Monarchs Glen (GB) (Frankel {GB}) from second, tackled that one in earnest approaching the stretch and splashed home a 6 3/4-length winner. Even-money Seismic Wave (Tapit) completed the exacta. Shehadmefromhello, a daughter of seven-time stakes winner Lasting Code (Lost Code), missed to Candy Ride for 2020 and was returned to that sire for her most recent covering. Sales history: $110,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEE NOV; $170,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKTUR. Lifetime Record: SW, 14-4-1-2, $242,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Kirk Wycoff (KY); T-Michael J Maker.

Friday, Saratoga, post time: 1:10 p.m ET
NEW YORK STALLON S., $100,000, (R), 3yo, 6 1/2f

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 Allowance Results cont.

2nd-Indiana Grand, $36,400, Alw, 8-27, (NW2L), 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.34, ft.

**VULCAN** (c, 2, Munnings--Bert's Altarcation, by Bertrando) never got into it as the 2-5 favorite on debut July 8, but jumped much more alertly and graduated by 1 3/4 lengths when last spotted Aug. 12. The 4-5 choice to put them back-to-back, Vulcan wasn’t the quickest out, but made up ground to sit just off pacesetting Mischievousbud (Lotsa Mischief). Asked to come after the front-runner 2 1/2 furlongs out, he ‘pinched’ a winning break in upper stretch and ran up the score to the tune of 6 1/4 ‘Spock’-tacular lengths. Vulcan has a yearling half-sister named Lavendar Lane (Quality Road) and his dam was most recently bred to Catalina Cruiser. Sales history: $120,000 Ylg ‘19 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $38,410. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-Emily & Oliver Bushnell (KY); T-Brad H Cox.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Saratoga, $66,960, Msw, 8-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:50.90, sy.

**PRAIRIE WINGS** (f, 3, Tapit--Love Me Only {Ire}, by Sadler’s Wells), an $800,000 Keeneland September graduate, finished runner-up in a single appearance for Kiaran McLaughlin sprinting at Gulfstream Feb. 9 and filled the same spot in one-mile maidens Apr. 12 and in the slop May 25 for this barn. The chestnut just missed in an 11-furlong turf test July 31, but was the 7-10 chalk in this rained-off affair. Sent along to track pacesetting Forty Zip (City Zip) from close up, the regally bred filly claimed that one readily in upper stretch and had 2 3/4 lengths on Fashion Mo (Uncle Mo) at the wire.

Summer Wind Farm purchased Love Me Only, a half-sister to Giant’s Causeway (Storm Cat), for $2.1 million at KEENOV in 2011 carrying the colt that would become Storm the Stars (Sea The Stars {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Ire, MGSP-Aus, $907,231. Love Me Only, whose other half-siblings include MGSW You're So Thrilling (Storm Cat)--dam of champion Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); MG1SW Happily (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); G1SW Marvellous (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); GSW/GISP Coolmore (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); and this year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas third Vatican City (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})--Freud (Storm Cat), Roar of the Tiger (Storm Cat) and Tumblebrutus (Storm Cat), is the dam of the 2-year-old colt Fight Song (War Front), a $390,000 KEESEP RNA, a yearling War Front filly and a filly foal by Quality Road already named Roadway. Sales history:
$800,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-4-0, $79,430. 
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O-Shadwell Stable; B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher.

4th-Laurel, $48,920, Msw, 8-27, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.98, gd.
ARREST ME RED (c, 2, Pioneerof the Nile--Maraschino Red, by Medaglia d’Oro) capped his worktab with a bullet four furlongs in :47 3/5 over the all-weather track at Fair Hill and was duly dispatched at 7-5 to get the job done at first asking. Displaying good gate speed to track the leading duo from three wide in third, the bay rolled up menacingly into the stretch and wanted to idle a bit while green entering the final furlong. But he regained focus and pulled away to take it by 4 1/4 lengths. A homebred half-brother to Hidden Treat (Lemon Drop Kid), SW, $118,515, Arrest Me Red is out of a daughter of MGISW Spun Sugar (Awesome Again) and her GISW full-brother Daaher. Dam of a yearling colt by Quality Road, Maraschino Red produced a City of Light colt this year and was bred back to the same stallion. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $22,800. 
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O-Lael Stables; B-M Roy Jackson (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

3rd-Woodbine, C$63,745, Moc ($30,425), 8-27, 2yo, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :58.19, ft.
SOUPER CLASSY (g, 2, Souper Speedy--Silver Adventure, by Silver Deputy) was bet into 13-5 favoritism off an 8-1 morning line and ran to the money. Quickly into stride, the dark bay dueled for the early lead, began to inch clear around the turn and sprinted away in the final furlong to score by 5 1/2 lengths. A half-brother to Shaft of Light (Smart Strike), GSP, $382,543, the winner is also a half to a colt by Reload catalogued as hip 122 to next week’s CTHS Canadian Premier Yearling Sale. The winner’s dam, a full-sister to MGWS Silver Ticket, foaled a Midnight Lute colt this year. Sales history: C$57,000 Ylg ’19 CANSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $29,345. 
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O-Mickey Demers; B-Jennifer S Leuty (ON); T-Michael P De Paulo.

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are a pair of American-bred horses each making its career in separate races Sunday at Kokura Racecourse:

Sunday, August 30, 2020
4th-KOK, ¥9,680,000 ($91k), Maiden, 3yo, 1200mT
SEIUN MORI (c, 3, Speightstown--Bryan’s Jewel, by Rockport Harbor) is the second foal to make the races from his dam, odds-on winner of the 2013 GIII Obeah S. and later sold for $580K with this foal in utero at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale in 2016. Seiun Mori fetched $225K as a KEESEP yearling in 2018, while his year-younger half-brother—now named Aviano (Medaglia d’Oro) and up to three furlongs at Belmont Park—was purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners for $775K at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga last summer. Timber Town consigns Seiun Mori’s yearling full-brother as hip 518 next month at Keeneland. B-Timber Town Stable & Jane Winegardner (KY)

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Bryan’s Jewel, dam of Seiun Mori, at Timber Town
Michelle Pitts/Timber Town Stable

5th-KOK, ¥13,400,000 ($126k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1200mT
KOEI BRAVE (c, 2, Run Away and Hide--Officer Allie, by Officer), a $40,000 acquisition out of the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Santa Anita fall yearling sale, was one of just 10 horses to breeze an eighth of a mile in :9 4/5 and was hammered down for $170K at this year’s OBS March Sale. The California-bred is the most expensive juvenile for his now-expatriated sire since Kaleem Shah paid $325K for future GSW & GISP juvenile Run Away at Barretts in 2017. B-Jack & Barbara Owens (CA)

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, $15,000
107 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, BLUE SAGE, 10-1
$130,000 KEE NOV wnL; $200,000 FTS AUG yrl
1-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, CALL SIGN FIFI, 12-1
$95,000 RNA KEE NOV wnL; $45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten’s Joy), Calumet Farm, $10,000
44 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Laurel, Msw 1mT, MY GIRL AM I, 30-1
$62,000 KEE SEP yrl

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, $20,000
124 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, ALEXANDRA AM I, 30-1
$62,000 KEE SEP yrl

5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2fT, HERALD ANGEL, 9-5
$50,000 SAR AUG yrl; $85,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
1-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, HUNKY DUNN, 3-1
$45,000 KEE NOV wnL; $110,000 KEE SEP yrl

Hit It a Bomb (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
33 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, MISS COSTA RICA, 6-1
$95,000 KEE SEP yrl; $200,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Home of the Brave (Tiznow), Caines Stallion Station, $1,000
26 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, SWEET LUCY LU, 8-1

Jess’s Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, $5,000
65 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, RESTOFTHESTORY, 8-5
$95,000 OBS APR 2yo

Not This Time (Giant’s Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, $12,500
111 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Ellis, Msw 1 1/16mT, TAMANRASSETT, 6-1

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, $40,000
94 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Ellis, Msw 5f, ASSERTIVE STYLE, 10-1
$130,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Prayer for Relief (Jump Start), R Star Stallions, $3,000
8 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Ellis, Msw 5f, SEVEN THOUGHTS, 15-1
$13,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $10,000
122 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, NAJWA, 8-1
$95,000 KEE NOV wnL; $125,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, $7,500
97 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, RESOLVE NOW, 20-1

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro), Coolmore Australia, $30,250
95 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2ft, B C BELLE, 8-1
$45,000 FTN MIX wnL; $40,000 SAR AUG yrl; $37,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
6-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, CANADA CANDY, 5-1
$20,000 OKC YRL yrl

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, $7,500
73 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2fT, DANCE HALL QUEEN, 12-1
SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/56 winners/10 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, $100K GIII Lake George S., 1m, SWEET MELANIA, 8-5
$600,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Bayern** (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, $15,000
157 foals of racing age/53 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, $100K GIII Lake George S., 1m, MISS PEPPINA, 5-2
$15,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $80,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, $15,000
231 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, CARPE FORTUNA, 6-1
$72,000 KEE JAN wnl; $155,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Ellis, Msw 5f, SCRIBBLE IT, 8-1

**Commissioner** (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, $7,500
164 foals of racing age/36 winners/3 black-type winners
12-Charles Town, $50K Sylvia Bishop Memorial S., 7f, CAMPANIA, 20-1
$21,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $40,000
233 foals of racing age/57 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, FREEDOM FLYER, 3-1
$450,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Danza** (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, $2,500
141 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, GEE GEE, 10-1
8-Charles Town, $100K Robert Hilton Memorial S., 7f, PITCHING ARI, 15-1

**Honor Code** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, $30,000
213 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, $100K Robert Hilton Memorial S., 7f, CODE RUNNER, 5-1
$375,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, $35,000
232 foals of racing age/45 winners/4 black-type winners
1-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, KATE BOSS, 5-1
$75,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
7-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, MAP TO MY HEART, 8-1
$130,000 KEE SEP yrl
10-Charles Town, $200K GIII Charles Town Oaks, 7f, WICKED WHISPER, 7-2
$500,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Majestic City** (City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, $3,500
63 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Saratoga, Msw 5 1/2fT, SHE'S A MAJESTIC, 5-1
$5,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl

**Palace** (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
153 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, PRETTY PRINCESS, 30-1
$45,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Palace Malice** (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, $25,000
211 foals of racing age/40 winners/4 black-type winners
10-Charles Town, $200K GIII Charles Town Oaks, 7f, FLY ON ANGEL, 12-1
$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; $20,000 KEE SEP yrl; $23,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Summer Front** (War Front), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
181 foals of racing age/38 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, $100K GIII Lake George S., 1m, MY SASSY SARAH, 12-1

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
247 foals of racing age/61 winners/5 black-type winners
10-Charles Town, $200K GIII Charles Town Oaks, 7f, HOPEFUL GROWTH, 4-1
$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
179 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners
10-Charles Town, $200K GIII Charles Town Oaks, 7f, TONALIST'S SHAPE, 3-1
$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Saratoga, $71,780, 8-27, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.74, my.
DANNY CALIFORNIA (g, 5, Afleet Alex--Cinco de Mayo Mio {SP, $128,326}, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: 28-6-3-4, $280,719. O-Noda Brothers LLC; B-West Point Thoroughbreds & 3C Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Orlando Noda.

7th-Laurel, $51,660, 8-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.15, gd.
CLEAR VISION (c, 4, Artie Schiller--Refreshing {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-0-1, $63,668. O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Jeremiah O’Dwyer.

8th-Laurel, $48,972, 8-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.76, ft.
UNIVERSAL PAYDAY (g, 4, To Honor and Serve--Our Candy Stripper, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-3, $99,890. O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J Trombetta.

4th-Delaware, $44,350, 8-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.67, ft.
DECO STRONG (f, 3, Strong Mandate--Deco Rocks {SP, $168,338}, by Rockport Harbor) Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-2-3-2, $81,050. O/B-Dr Stephen G & Debbie Jackson (KY); T-Flint W Stites.

5th-Canterbury, $25,000, Opt. Clm ($12,500), 8-26, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:27.67, fm.
KID FROSTIE (g, 6, Frost Giant--Sashay Away, by Farma Way) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, $51,560. O-Tom D Pojar; B-Sunrise Stables & Golden Goose Ent (NY); T-Bernell B Rhone. *$17,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. *1/2 to Shamaal Nibras (First Samurai), GSW-UAE, $580,478; Red Sashay (Big Brown), MSW, $136,145; and New Edition (Stormy Atlantic), SW & GSP, $269,029.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Palmgirl, f, 2, Commissioner--Fu Peggi Sue, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Gulfstream, 8-27, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.68. B-Seth Gregory (NY). *$25,000 Wlg '18 FTNMIX; $37,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $20,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.
Peekachica, f, 3, Danza--Pioneering Cat (SW-PR, $234,488), by Pioneering. Indiana Grand, 8-26, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:47.49. B-Ledgelands LLC & Andrew C Ritter (IN). *1/2 to Peekacho (Hold Me Back), SW, $241,413.
Cielo Azul, g, 3, Misremembered--Hawaiian Sky, by Parker’s Storm Cat. Indiana Grand, 8-27, (S), 1m, 1:40.50.
Good One, g, 3, Street Sense--Good Deed (MSW & GSP, $385,353), by Broken Vow. Indiana Grand, 8-27, 5fT, :57.40. B-Bert Klein & Richard Klein (KY).

Appella, f, 4, Silent Name (Jpn)--Thats Our Princess, by Curlin. Woodbine, 8-27, (C), 7f (AWT) (off turf), 1:23.74. B-Gustav Schickedanz (ON).
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Additional Maiden Winners cont.

Flushed, g, 5, Cape Blanco (Ire)--Warm Glow (SP, $134,820), by Sky Classic. Presque Isle Downs, 8-27, (S), 1m (AWT), 1:40.07. B-Jonathan Sheppard (PA).

AFLEET ALEX, Danny California, g, 5, o/o Cinco de Mayo Mio, by El Corredor. ALW, 8-27, Saratoga
ARTIE SCHILLER, Clear Vision, c, 4, o/o Refreshing (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). ALW, 8-27, Laurel
BLAME, Juluca, f, 4, o/o Lovely Stay, by Flower Alley. ALW, 8-26, Penn National
CAPE BLANCO (IRE), Flushed, g, 5, o/o Warm Glow, by Sky Classic. MSW, 8-27, Presque Isle Downs
CARNACKS CHOICE, Carly's Flight, f, 4, o/o Carly On Tour, by Tour d'Or. MSW, 8-27, Gulfstream
COMMISSIONER, Palmgirl, f, 2, o/o Fu Peggi Sue, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MCL, 8-27, Gulfstream
DANZA, Peekachica, f, 3, o/o Pioneering Cat, by Pioneering. MSW, 8-26, Indiana Grand
DECLARATION OF WAR, Empire of War, c, 4, o/o Shehadmefromhello, by Empire Maker. AOC, 8-27, Saratoga
EL PADRINO, Introduced, f, 4, o/o Stuttgart, by Cherokee Run. Smart N Fancy S., 8-27, Saratoga
ENCAUSTIC, It's Your Call, c, 3, o/o Correct Call, by Consolidator. ALW, 8-27, Thistledown
FROST GIANT, Kid Frostie, g, 6, o/o Sashay Away, by Farma Way. AOC, 8-26, Canterbury
GOLDEN LAD, Occhi d’Oro, c, 3, o/o Leagleyeser, by Eagle Eyed. ALW, 8-26, Penn National
KHOZAN, Poppy’s Pride, g, 2, o/o Lovely Lexi, by With Distinction. MSW, 8-27, Gulfstream
MISREMEMBERED, Cielo Azul, g, 3, o/o Hawaiian Sky, by Parker’s Storm Cat. MSW, 8-27, Indiana Grand
MUNNINGS, Vulcan, c, 2, o/o Bert’s Altarcation, by Bertrando. ALW, 8-27, Indiana Grand
PIONEEROF THE NILE, Arrest Me Red, c, 2, o/o Maraschino Red, by Medaglia d’Oro. MSW, 8-27, Laurel
SILENT NAME (JPN), Appella, f, 4, o/o Thats Our Princess, by Curlin. MOC, 8-27, Woodbine
SOUPER SPEEDY, Souper Classy, g, 2, o/o Silver Adventure, by Silver Deputy. MOC, 8-27, Woodbine
STREET SENSE, Good One, g, 3, o/o Good Deed, by Broken Vow. MSW, 8-27, Indiana Grand
STRONG MANDATE, Deco Strong, f, 3, o/o Deco Rocks, by Rockport Harbor. ALW, 8-27, Delaware
TAPIT, Prairie Wings, f, 3, o/o Love Me Only (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. MSW, 8-27, Saratoga
TIDAL VOLUME, Mustang Willie, g, 3, o/o Our Little Lucy, by Valid Wager. ALW, 8-27, Thistledown
TO HONOR AND SERVE, Universal Payday, g, 4, o/o Our Candy Stripper, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 8-27, Laurel
VERTIFORMER, Verissimo, g, 4, o/o Blue as the Nile, by Spunky Rascal. ALW, 8-27, Belterra

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

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Introduced splashes home in the Smart N Fancy S.
Sarah Andrew
SANDS OF MALI TO BALLYHANE STUD

By Kelsey Riley

Sands Of Mali (Fr) (Panis–Kadiania {Fr}, by Indian Rocket {GB}) has been purchased by Joe Foley's Ballyhane Stud, where he will join the stallion roster for 2021 alongside the likes of Dandy Man (Ire) and Prince Of Lir (Ire). The news was first reported by Racing Post. Owners Cool Silk Partnership announced earlier this week that the Group 1-winning sprinter had been retired from racing.

Sands Of Mali won the G2 Gimcrack S. at two for trainer Richard Fahey and built on that promise at three. He won the G3 Prix Sigy on seasonal debut before besting Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G2 Sandy Lane S., and finished the best of his stands' side group when a fast-finishing second in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot. Sands Of Mali would return to that course and distance four months later to best Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})--as well as the prior year's and next year's race winners Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) (Dream Ahead) and Librisa Breeze (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB})--in the G1 British Champions Sprint S., with the likes of Brando (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), The Tin Man (GB) (Equiano {Fr}), Limato (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) and Speak In Colours (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) down the field.

Foley admitted he has been a fan of Sands Of Mali since seeing him win the Gimcrack. Cont. p2

GOFFS SPORTSMAN’S CATALOGUE REVEALED

The catalogue for the Goffs Sportsman’s Sale, which features a Camelot (GB) filly (lot 618) who is closely related to G1 Irish Derby hero Frozen Fire (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}) from Camas Park Stud, was released on Thursday. A total of 386 yearlings will go under the hammer on Sept. 24-25 at the Goffs Sales Complex in Doncaster. River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), who won the G1 Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. at Santa Anita Park in the U.S. on Mar. 7, is a Sportsman’s Sale graduate and is just one of many graduates to have success at the black-type level. His half-sister (lot 560) by Divine Prophet (Aus) sells from the draft of Tara Stud.

Other lots of note include Castlefarm Stud's colt (lot 482) by Buratino (Ire) and a half-brother to MGSW Conquest (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}); and Kodiak (GB)'s son of French listed winner Andry Brussel (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) (lot 496) from the Lynn Lodge Stud draft. Cont. p4

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CHRB TO SEEK TO DQ JUSTIFY FROM 2018 SA DERBY

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Sands of Mali Cont. from p1

“I had seen Sands Of Mali win his maiden on TV and was impressed by him,” Foley recalled. “I was in York for the Gimcrack as I am every year because the Gimcrack is one of my favourite races. Sands Of Mali was very, very impressive that day. I watched him closely in the parade ring and after the race I thought, ‘well, this is a good horse.’ I followed his career from then, saw him in the Sandy Lane; I was at Ascot when he was unlucky to not win the Commonwealth Cup. And then he won the British Champions Sprint S.

“I was impressed with him physically in the parade ring at York and I’d seen him a few times in parade rings since, and at Richard Fahey’s yard on a couple of occasions because we have horses in training with Richard. Being close to Richard Fahey I do know how highly Richard rated him. I remember we had a good 2-year-old at Richard’s two years ago, and he did turn out to be good, but I said early on, ‘is he as good as Sands Of Mali?’ And Richard said, ‘I’m afraid he’s not quite that good.’

“He was a talented racehorse and he’s a big, fine, good-looking horse. I followed him all the way through and tried to buy him on a number of occasions and I’m glad we have finally bought him. Beating Harry Angel in the British Champions Sprint, that’s high-class Group 1 form, and there were seven or eight Group 1 winners behind him that day. It wasn’t a fluke, he’d done it before, winning the Sandy Lane very impressively and I thought he was very unlucky in the Commonwealth Cup; he’s unlucky to not be a multiple Group 1 winner. Those sorts of horses are difficult to come by.

He was one of the best horses of his generation.”

At first glance Sands Of Mali’s pedigree may not be the flashiest, being by the little-known Panis out of an Indian Rocket mare, but Foley said he thinks there is plenty of underlying quality. Cont. p3
Sands of Mali Cont.

“He’s by Panis, and everyone says, ‘who is Panis?’” Foley said. “Panis is by Miswaki and I’m a huge Miswaki fan, always have been. I had Rossini here, who was by Miswaki, who was a very talented first-season sire before I sold him to America. And Sands Of Mali is out of a very good mare; she’s bred three good racehorses from three attempts. She’s an Indian Rocket mare, the same as Goken who has started so well in France this year. There are lovely elements to his pedigree that I’m a big fan of as well.”

Already a master in many aspect of the bloodstock business, Foley notched another new accomplishment last weekend with the inaugural running of the Irish EBF Ballyhane S. at Naas. Restricted to 2-year-olds whose sires averaged no more than €75,000 at the sales last year, the Ballyhane S. proved so popular that it drew an Irish record of 563 initial entries. It later received a purse boost to €320,000 from €200,000 and a consolation race, the Silver Irish EBF Ballyhane S. worth €80,000, was added. The main race was won by Ballydoyle’s Chief Little Hawk (Air Force Blue), while the John Joseph Murphy-trained Sweet Gardenia (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) took the consolation prize.

While the early signs for the Ballyhane S. are very positive, the coronavirus pandemic made it so that the process wasn’t without its hiccups; the race had to be moved from Aug. 3 to Aug. 23, and quarantine restrictions made it more complicated for foreign-trained horses to participate.

“I think we had to cope this year because of the coronavirus impact on the racing programme,” Foley said. “Unfortunately we had to switch our date; we had originally planned to have it on Aug. 3 and we had to switch it to Aug. 23, which had a negative impact on the race in my opinion.” Cont. p4
**Sands of Mali Cont.**

Foley added, “It moved it onto what became soft ground but it also moved it into competition with other races such as the Doncaster sales race in York, the Roses S. and a couple other stakes races for 2-year-olds. On its original date on Aug. 3 it stood out on its own.

“Given that, we were delighted with the response to the race initially with the entries and the way people left their horses in at the forfeit stages. The goodwill around the race is very strong. I think due to the soft ground we encountered in Naas, the opposition from other races and the whole COVID protocol that British trainers have to undergo to get a horse to Ireland currently, I think it tempered the final field, but it did stand up and was a very solid race as was the consolation race. So I’m very pleased with that but I’d like to get it back into its original date. I think it has a lot of scope to improve. I’m very pleased with the reaction the race got and the goodwill it seemed to have.”

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**ALBIGNA RETURNS IN THE SNOW FAIRY**

Friday’s card at The Curragh sees the Niarchos family’s G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Albigna (Ire) (Zoffany (Ire)) getting back down to business in the G3 Snow Fairy Fillies S. Last seen finishing sixth in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas here June 13, the homebred who was also successful in the G2 Airlie Stud S. and finishing sixth in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas here June 13, the Down to business in the G3 Snow Fairy Fillies S. Last seen Marcel Boussac heroine was very pleased with that but I

Aidan O’Brien tackles the nine-furlong contest with the Irish 1000 third So Wonderful (War Front), who is on a roll after winning Friday’s Listed Vincent O’Brien Ruby S. at Killarney. He also saddles another Killarney listed scorer in Lovelier (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), who took the July 13 Cairn Rouge S. and was subsequently second in the G2 Kilboy Estate S. over this course and distance six days later.

Coolmore are also strongly represented in the G3 Kilcarn Stud Flame of Tara Irish EBF S. with the Donnacha O’Brien-trained Nicest (Ire) (American Pharoah), a daughter of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu (Ire)) who won on debut over this mile trip at Leopardstown July 23. Donnacha has an idea as to the merit of two of her rivals in The Aga Khan’s Emaniya (Ire) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) and Ballydoyle’s Divinely (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), who were first and fourth in a mile maiden in which one of his juveniles April Showers (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) was second at Cork Aug. 8.

Making a quick turnaround from winning Sunday’s valuable Irish EBF Ballyhane S. at Naas, Ballydoyle’s Chief Little Hawk (Air Force Blue) takes in the card’s G3 Heider Family Stables Round Tower S. over six furlongs. In opposition is the winner of Sunday’s consolation race, the Silver Irish EBF Ballyhane S., in Sweet Gardenia (GB) (Showcasing (GB)), while Ken Condon saddles the exciting prospect Teresa Mendoza (Ire) (Territories (Ire)) who had the Ballyhane runner-up Monaasib (GB) (Bobby’s Kitten) back in second when winning her sole start over this course and distance July 10.

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**Goffs Sportsman’s Sale Cont. from p1**

Quality is not in short supply in the catalogue and lot 504, a Lope de Vega (Ire) colt who is a half-brother to Grade III winner Guilty Twelve (Giant’s Causeway) is consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment. Also from Castlebridge is an El Kabeir son of SP Bee Eater (Ire) (Green Desert) (lot 519) who is a half-brother to Group 3 winner Minaun (Ire) (Zoffany (Ire)); Kildallan Farm’s lot 604, a daughter of Dark Angel (Ire) and the MSP Diktat (GB) mare Elshabakiya (Ire); a half-sister to GSW & G1SP Sixties Groove (Ire) (Sixties Icon (GB)) (lot 634) by Highland Reel (Ire) from Castletown Stud; Tally-Ho Stud’s lot 641 by Mehmas Chief Little Hawk (Ire) and a half-sister to MG & GISP Beau Recall (Ire) (Sir Prancealot (Ire)); and German Group 1 winner Temida (Ire) (Oratorio (Ire))’s Mastercraftsman (Ire) half-sister (lot 661) from The Castlebridge Consignment. Cont. p5
Goffs Sportsman’s Sale Cont.

In 2019, the Sportman’s Sale grossed €4,854,900 for 283 yearlings sold. The average was €17,155 and the median was €13,000. The top lot was a colt by Exceed And Excel (Aus) who made €125,000 on the bid of Ballyhane Stud's Joe Foley.

“Buyers can look forward to another quality collection of commercial yearlings at this year’s Sportman’s Sale,” said Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby. “Our focus during selection has remained on the individual and there are some outstanding physicals on offer that look set to follow the path of the ever-increasing number of Sportman’s winners.

“This year’s sale moves to Doncaster, followed a week later by the Goffs Orby Sale, as a one-off solution to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. We look forward to welcoming a wide range of buyers both in person and online and wish to thank our vendors once again for their ongoing trust in the Goffs service and for supporting the sale with this fine collection of yearlings.”

MAX VEGA LEGER BID GROUND DEPENDENT

Last year’s G3 Zetland S. winner Max Vega (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) is pointing towards the Sept. 12 G1 St Leger, but will only take up that engagement if ground conditions are suitable, according to trainer Ralph Beckett. Max Vega beat just two home in the G1 Investec Derby, but looked a stayer in the making when second to Hukum (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the G3 Geoffrey Freer S. on Aug. 15 despite rider Harry Bentley dropping his whip late on.

“Max Vega will go to Doncaster, but the ground has to be soft and that is the short of it,” Beckett said. “If it comes up soft at Doncaster he will be okay and we know that the trip will be fine. He will have entries elsewhere in places like France and we will pick the one where the ground is most suitable.”

Of the colt’s Geoffrey Freer effort, Beckett added, “It was a great effort and I was delighted with him. Harry dropped his stick two out and though I don’t think he would have beaten Hukum, he would have finished a lot closer. The only good thing about that is it means he didn’t have as hard a race.”

Beckett also provided an update on two 4-year-old daughters of Lope De Vega in his yard, Waverley Racing’s Manuela De Vega (Ire) and Antonia De Vega (Ire). The former, the winner of the G3 Pinnacle S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks this summer before finishing fourth in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks, has the G1 Prix Vermeille or the G1 Irish St Leger as possible targets ahead of the G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Antonia De Vega, last seen winning the Listed Pontefract Castle Fillies’ S. in June, is back on track after a slight setback. Cont. p6

ALPINE STAR POSSIBLE FOR IRISH CHAMPION

Group 1 winner Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), who won the G1 Coronation S. for the Niarchos Family and trainer Jessica Harrington in June, is under consideration for the Sept. 12 G1 Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown. A winner of the G2 Debutante S. at two, the chestnut kicked off her season in the Coronation, before runner-up performances in the G1 Prix de Diane Longines at Chantilly and the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville, on July 5 and Aug. 16, respectively.

“At the moment, Mrs. Harrington is leaning towards the Irish Champion S.,” said the Niarchos Family Racing Manager Alan Cooper. “We’ve got another two weeks to go--the filly has come out of Deauville very well. She's had a very good season. She’s one of the leading [lights] of her own generation. She raced against the older colts at Deauville, and was beaten by a 3-year-old.”
Max Vega Cont.

“She was supposed to run in the Princess of Wales’s S. at Newmarket, but she has had a problem with a splint which just held us back,” said Beckett. “She is back in training again now and she should be back next month. She is entered in plenty of races and we will see what fits best.”

RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE TO STAND AT NORMAN COURT STUD

GSW & G1SP Rumble Inthejungle (IRE) (Bungle Inthejungle (GB)–Guaña (IRE), by Dark Angel (IRE)) has been secured by Norman Court Stud for stallion duty and will stand the 4-year-old at its Salisbury nursery in 2021. Bred by Patrick Gleeson in Ireland and a €52,000 Goffs November Foal Sale RNA, the chestnut blossomed into a £70,000 Goffs UK Premier yearling on the bid of Bobby O’Ryan on behalf of Rebel Racing. Trained by Richard Spencer, Rumble Inthejungle got off the mark at first asking at Salisbury in May of his juvenile year and captured the G3 Molecomb S. two starts later. Cheveley Park Stud bought into the colt and later, in his final start at two, he placed third in the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. Cheveley Park Stud bought into the colt and later, in his final start at two, he placed third in the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. He retires with a mark of 92-0-1 and $128,538 in earnings. The half-brother to GSP Great Prospector (IRE) (Elzaam (AUS)) will stand for £3,500, due Oct. 1. Breeding rights are available at £5,000.

“Rumble Inthejungle has the perfect combination of looks, sire line, dam line and race performance to make him a successful sire and we feel he will fit in perfectly with our existing stallion Sixties Icon (GB) (Galileo (IRE)),” said Norman Court Stud Manager Keith Evans.

Added Bobby O’Ryan, “Rumble Inthejungle is an imposing individual with a lot of presence.”

This is the extended family of Irish highweight Milliyant (GB) (Primo Dominie (GB)), a MGSW in France, as well as MGSW & G1 Prix Robert Papin third Prince Sabo (GB) (Young Generation (IRE)).

LEGENDS OF WAR HEADS LM ROSTER

Qatar Racing’s Legends Of War (Scat Daddy–Madera Dancer, by Rahy), a 900,000gns Tattersalls Craven 2-year-old who was second in the 2018 G2 Gimcrack S. and won Kentucky Downs’s Gill Franklin-Simpson S. last summer, will anchor a five-strong stallion roster at Luke Gedge-Gibson and Matt Huntington’s LM Stallions at March Hare Stud in Dorset next year. Legends Of War will stand for £6,000.

Joining him will be listed-winning 2-year-old and 2018 G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Tip Two Win (GB) (Dark Angel (IRE)) at a fee of £5,000. Last year’s Listed Windsor Castle S. winner Southern Hills (IRE) (Gleneagles (IRE)) will make his stud debut at £4,000, while Group 3-winning 3-year-old and seven-time winner Master Carpenter (IRE) (Mastercraftsman (IRE)) relocates having stood in Newmarket under the GG Bloodstock and Racing banner the past two seasons and will stand for £1,500. German and Italian Group 2 winner Diplomat (Ger) (Teofilo (IRE)) is introduced as a dual purpose prospect at a price of £2,500.

SUSANNAH GILL APPOINTED NEW CHAIR OF THE DIVERSITY IN RACING STEERING GROUP

Susannah Gill has been appointed the new Chairwoman of the Diversity in Racing Steering Group, replacing British Horseracing Authority CEO Nick Rust who is leaving his BHA role at the end of the year, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Thursday. Cont. p7
Susannah Gill Cont.

Gill, a member of the DiRSG since it began in 2017, was previously the director of external affairs and board member for Arena Racing Company. Prior to that, she was the Betfair Head of Public Affairs. Currently, Gill is a Trustee of the Racing Foundation and National Horseracing College and an Ambassador for Racing to School and SportsAid.

“British racing currently faces numerous challenges which can only effectively be addressed if we work together to ensure the sport is as open and accessible to as many people as possible,” said Gill. “Only by doing this will we grow overall interest in British racing from which every metric is based from racegoer and owner numbers, betting turnover and media rights revenues, through to media engagement and coverage. Being diverse and inclusive in how we think and operate is not a choice, it is an absolute necessity to ensure the future success of British racing.

“As Chair of the Diversity in Racing Steering Group I will work hard to play my part in ensuring we take a coordinated approach, galvanising the many brilliant people we have across racing’s organisations to progress the diversity and inclusion agenda.

“I would like to thank Nick for his excellent leadership of the Diversity in Racing Steering Group over the last two years, along with fellow members for their dedication and for electing me as Chair. We look forward to welcoming two new members to the Group in the near future.”

Following Gill’s appointment two positions are now open on British racing’s Diversity in Racing Steering Group (DiRSG). Both positions will require the appropriate candidates to be advocates and influencers for diversity and inclusion across the sport and have a passion and ability to challenge and support change across British racing. They will be required to attend three to four DiRSG meetings a year either virtually or in person, as well as field monthly calls, with potentially additional responsibilities as part of sub-groups focused on specific areas. To apply, click here. Applications will no longer be accepted after Sept. 23.

NEW INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL PANEL
MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

A total of 15 new independent judicial panel members were announced by His Honour Brian Barker CBE QC, the independent Judicial Panel Chairman to the British Horseracing Authority on Thursday. The previous judicial panel members’ term expires at the end of the month and the new members will begin their duties on Sept. 1 for a term of three years.

The role of the new members will be responsible for holding enquiries under the Rules of Racing, hearing appeals against the BHA’s racecourse stewards’ decisions and, where appropriate, imposing penalties in accordance with the rules. The new panel was selected by Barker with the help of Deputy Judicial Panel Chairman, Bruce Blair QC, Philip Freedman, formerly Chairman of the Horsemen’s Group, Lydia Hislop, journalist and analyst and Jeremy Lane, a BHA People and Culture Department advisor. The new chairmen and members are as follows:

**Chairmen:**
- Timothy Charlton QC
- His Honour Philip Curl
- David Fish QC
- William Norris QC
- James O’Mahony

**Members:**
- Austin Allison
- Anthony Connell
- Tim Etherington
- Chloe Fairley
- Dr. Lyn Griffiths
- Jodie Mogford
- Alison Royston
- Rachel Spearing
- Ian Stark OBE
- Steve Winfield

Judicial Panel Secretary Shirley Cowan will continue to act as the sole conduit between the BHA and the independent Judicial Panel. For more information on the panelists, go to www.britishhorseracing.com.

“The appointment process for these important positions has been an extensive one,” said Barker. “I’d like to thank everyone for taking the time and effort to apply and we were very fortunate again to have such a high number of quality applications. I’m pleased that we have been able to put in place a panel which combines greater diversity of skills and experience, combining significant legal expertise with in-depth horse racing knowledge.

“I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the departing Panel members for all of their time, expertise and assistance in the last three years.”
FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, Aug. 28, 2020:

UNITED KINGDOM

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud
107 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
15:45-NEWMARKET, 7f, DIAMONDS ARE KING
$350,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2019

Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross (Ire)), Derrinstown Stud
94 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:00-HAMILTON PARK, 8.25f, WEE DRACULA (Ire)
£12,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
15:05-NEWMARKET, 7f, BELLAZADA (Ire)
£40,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

Coulsty (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)), Rathasker Stud
44 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
15:45-NEWMARKET, 7f, BODROY (Ire)
£3,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; £5,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; 50,000gns RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020

Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire)), Gilltown Stud
70 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
13:55-GOODWOOD, 8f, IN THE BREEZE (Ire)
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
15:45-NEWMARKET, 7f, MIRAMICHI (Ire)
£50,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners
18:45-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, SAMARA BAY (Ire)
£14,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Yearling Sale 2019

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry (Ire)), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
15:45-NEWMARKET, 7f, DUBAI HONOUR (Ire)
110,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
18:45-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, WOBWOBWOB (Ire)
€7,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2; £70,000 Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze Up Sale (Doncaster)

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
15:05-NEWMARKET, 7f, MA CHERIE AMOUR (Fr)
€40,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018 - English Version; £46,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-PORNICHET, 1600m, MELANDROS (Fr)
€10,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
68 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-PORNICHET, 1600m, RUE JONAS (Fr)
€4,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019; €8,500 Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2020

WUHEIDA’S SISTER STARTS AT NEWMARKET

3.05 Newmarket, Novice, £5,400, 2yo, f, 7fT
A’SHAARI (GB) (Dubawí (Ire)) is a full-sister to the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Wuheida (GB) out of the dual top-level scorer Hibaayeb (GB) (Singspiel (Ire)). Charlie Appleby’s newcomer meets another unraced filly of note in Lordship Stud’s Sweet Enough (GB) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), a John Gosden trainee whose dam is a full-sister to the Grade I winner Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and cost 500,000gns at the 2018 Tattersalls December Foal Sale.
3.45 Newmarket, Novice, £6,400, 2yo, c/g, 7fT
MEGALLAN (GB) (Kingman (GB)) races under a seven-pound penalty following his impressive debut success over this course and distance earlier this month, with John Gosden intent on adding extra experience before he enters black-type company. Anthony Oppenheimer’s homebred son of the listed-winning and multiple graded-stakes-placed Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees (GB)), a half-sister to Golden Horn (GB), has to give that weight to Godolphin’s newcomer Visionary Ruler (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)), a Charlie Appleby-trained half-brother to the classy trio of Saint Baudolino (Ire) (Pivotal (GB)), Avilius (GB) (Pivotal (GB)) and Well of Wisdom (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)).

Dakota Gold is the last known foal out of the dam, whose half-sister Aoife Alainn (Ire) (Dr Fong) was successful in the G1 Premio Lydia Tesio. Click for the Racing Post result.

1st-Beverley, £6,400, Novice, 8-27, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:33.66, sf. NORTHERN EXPRESS (IRE) (c, 2, Zoffany (Ire))–Hind of a Tint (Ire) {MGSP-Ire, $199,371}, by Danehill Dancer (Ire)), a 10-1 shot on this debut, was held up racing at the back of the main group throughout the early stages. Picking up in the straight, the chestnut reeled in Il Bandito (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)) inside the last half a furlong before asserting to score by 3/4 of a length. The dam, who was placed in the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial and G2 Ridgewood Pearl S., is connected to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Hernando (Fr) and fellow sire Johann Quatz (Fr) (Sadler’s Wells). Her yearling filly is by Caravaggio. Sales history: €47,000 Ylg ’19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,469. O-Sekura Group; B-Mrs Sue Ann Foley (IRE); T-Michael Dods.

2nd-Beverley, £6,400, Novice, 8-27, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:34.34, sf. QUIET ASSASSIN (IRE) (f, 2, Tamayuz (GB)–Dutch Rifle (GB), by Dutch Art (GB)), the 9-4 second favourite, was forced to race wide without cover early tracking the leading pair. Committed on the front end with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the chestnut was tackled and headed by Barney’s Bay (GB) (Cable Bay (Ire)) but battled gamely to regain the lead close home and score by a head. The dam, a half-sister to the stakes-placed It’s the Ice (GB) (Sakhee’s Secret (GB)), also has a yearling filly by Highland Reel (Ire). Sales history: €3,000 Wlg ’18 TATFBR; €12,000 Ylg ’19 TIRSEP; 35,000gns 2yo ’20 TATGBR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,469. O-Onotawinner and B Keatley; B-T Boylan (IRE); T-A Keatley.

1st-Chelmsford City, £5,400, Mdn, 8-27, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.45, st. ZEYAADAH (IRE) (f, 2, Tamayuz (GB)–Masaafat (GB), by Act One (GB)), sent off at 9-2 on this introduction, missed the break but was soon in touch on the inner. Getting a split on the rail in the straight, the homebred was in front approaching the furlong pole and was soon in command en route to a 1 1/2-length success from Classy Dame (Ire) (Belardo (Ire)). The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, a granddaughter of the famed Meon Valley mare Reproccolor (GB) (Jimmy Reppin (GB)). She is a half to the G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Suez (GB) (Green Desert), who was in turn responsible for the G1 Fillies’ Mile winner Lyric of Light (GB) (Street Cry (Ire)). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,614. O-Shiok Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

Thursday’s Results:
WILLIAM HILL BEVERLEY BULLET S.-Listed, £30,000, Beverley, 8-27, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:02.40, sf.
1--DAKOTA GOLD (GB), 128, g, 6, by Equiano (Fr)–Joyeaux (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). (26,000gns Ylg ’15 TAOTC). D-Ough Graham, I-Davison, A-Drysdale 1; B-Redgate Elysees (GB); T-Michael Dods; J-Conner Beasley. £17,013. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 34-10-5-4, $375,503.

2--Last Empire (GB), 123, f, 4, Pivotal (GB)–Final Dynasty (GB), by Komaite. (70,000gns Ylg ‘17 TAOTC). O-Clipper Logistics. £6,450.

3--Keep Busy (Ire), 121, f, 3, Night of Thunder (Ire)–Look Busy (Ire), by Danetime (Ire). (34,000gns Ylg ’18 TAOTC). O-Altitude Racing. £3,228.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 3/4. Odds: 5.50, 6.00, 3.00.

Also Ran: Makanah (GB), Tarboosh (GB), Queens Gift (Ire), Major Jumbo (GB), Fool For You (Ire), Alpha Delphini (GB). Scratched: Caspian Prince (Ire).

Successful in York’s Listed Garrowby S. and second in the G3 World Trophy at Newbury in September before getting back to winning ways in the Listed Rous S. at Ascot the following month, Dakota Gold had yet to regain that thread in 2020 but showed enough to suggest it was coming when a close seventh in the Great St Wilfrid H. he had won last year at Ripon Aug. 16. Always prominent here, the bay was marginally ahead at halfway and stayed on strongly in the closing stages.

“It was never going to be easy to cap last season--he did so well, stepping up from handicaps to listed, so this time it was always going to be difficult but it’s nice he’s got his head in front,” trainer Michael Dods said. “That’s the first time he’s had his conditions. He’s got a high cruising speed and on soft ground he seems as though he can go again, whereas on good ground he goes fast and that’s it, he doesn’t have anything more to give.”
Premier Power is now a two-time winner after taking a Lingfield novice by 3 3/4 lengths. | Racingfotos.com

2nd-Lingfield, £5,400, Novice, 8-27, 3yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.70, st/sl.
PREMIER POWER (GB) (c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Pelerin (Ire) {SW-Ire, SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Ity, $152,593}, by Shamardal), who had been absent since winning by five lengths over this trip at Kempton in October, was soon tanking himself to the head of affairs. Never troubled at any point, the 1-5 favourite had a comfortable 3 3/4-length verdict over Recall the Show (GB) (Showcasing (GB)). The dam was successful twice at listed level and was placed in the G3 Sceptre S. and G3 Premio Chiusura. Her 2-year-old filly Pelekai (GB) (Kodiac (GB)) was fourth in the Listed Marygate Fillies’ S., while she also has a yearling filly by Golden Horn (GB). Sales history: 80,000gns Wlg `17 TATFOA; 300,000gns Ylg `18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $11,221. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
1st-Lingfield, £5,400, 8-27, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.67, st/sl.
TANFANTIC (GB) (g, 2, Gutaifan (Ire)--Tan Tan (GB), by King’s Best) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $10,158. O-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Brian Meehan. *£25,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFFPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Ropey Guest (GB), c, 3, Cable Bay (Ire)--Hadeeya (GB), by Oratorio (Ire). Chelmsford City, 8-27, 7f (AWT), 1:26.89. B-Mrs S. Hamilton & Kirtlington Stud Ltd (GB). *£31,000gns Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; £110,000 Ylg ‘18 GOUKPR; £55,000 2yo ‘19 TATABR. **MGSP-Eng.
King’s Knight (Ire), c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Oatcake (GB), by Selkirk. Beverley, 8-27, 7f 96yT, 1:34.26. B-Mount Coote Stud (IRE). *£75,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT. *1/2 to Coprah (GB) (Bertolini), GSW-Swe, SW & MGSP-Nor, SP-Den, $331,636.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Livingston Range (Ire), g, 2, Equiano (Fr)--Heavens Peak (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Bellewstown, 8-27, 5fT, 1:04.13. B-Newtown Stud and T J Pabst (IRE). *€5,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 TIRSEP.
Jim Paltridge & the Melbourne Cup

JIM PALTRIDGE LEAVES IRT

International Racehorse Transport (IRT) Head of Operations Jim Paltridge has stepped down to manage his outside business interests, including a family farm in South Australia, IRT announced on Thursday. Paltridge joined IRT in 1983 and established the company’s presence in the United States, first in Los Angeles and later on in Lexington and New York. He took over the UK office in 1992 and was also responsible for opening a branch in Germany. Paltridge managed the European end of the stallion shuttle to Australian/New Zealand every year, as well as assisting with the Australian Spring Racing Carnival’s growth into an international event.

Quentin Wallace, Founder of IRT said, “Jim has been a major contributor to IRT’s development as a strong, global agency, for the shipping of horses worldwide. He will be sorely missed.”

“We celebrate the significant role Jim played in the globalization of IRT and look forward to building on his many achievements,” added IRT Australia Managing Director Chris Burke.

Martin Coakes will be the new head of operations for IRT GB and IRT Europe, with its ownership and governance under IRT Global Holdings Group.

Barrington Court, m, 6, Mastercraftsman (Ire) Arabiann Hideway (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire). Bellewstown, 8-27, 11f 168yT, 2:47.91. B-Las Pampas Polo Team (IRE). *€32,000 Wlg 14 GOFNOV; €100,000 RNA HRA ‘18 GPUNCH.

Friday, Clairefontaine, post time: 3.30 p.m.

GRAND PRIX DE CLAIREFONTAINE-Listed, €38,000, 3yo, 12fT

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All carry 126 pounds bar Breaute, Directa & Tara, 122.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Deauville, €28,000, 8-27, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.86, g/s. SILENT WAVE (GB) (f, 3, War Front–Secret Gesture (GB) {GSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr & Ger, GISP-US, $746,427}, by Galileo (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, €25,388. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

1st-Le Lion d’Angers, €24,000, 8-27, 3yo, 10fT, 2:05.67, g/s. PORT ETIENNE (FR) (g, 3, Olympic Glory (Ire)–Green Shadow (Fr), by Green Tune) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €29,180. O-Ecurie Pandora Racing & Ahmed Mouknass; B-La Motteraye EARL & SCEA des Prairies (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. *€30,000 Ylg ‘18 OSLATE.

4th-Le Lion d’Angers, €22,000, 8-27, 2yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:26.77, g/s. BALLADE SONG (GB) (c, 2, Danon Ballade {Jpn}–Folle Blanche, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €21,630. O/B-Vehbi Hakan Keles; T-A & G Botti.

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**KILCARN STUD FLAME OF TARA IRISH EBF S.-G3**, €65,000, 2yo, f, 8fT

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KIA ORA PURCHASES TALENTED PRAGUE

By Bren O'Brien

Kia Ora Stud has doubled down on its investment in elite stallion prospects by purchasing multiple group winner Prague (Redoute's Choice) on the eve of the 3-year-old colt’s Spring campaign. The one-time $1.6-million Magic Millions Gold Coast yearling, a three-quarter brother to multiple Group 1 winner Stratum Star, had raced in the interests of Phoenix Thoroughbreds and Aquis Farm since debuting for trainer Ciaron Maher and David Eustace in January. He won his first two starts, including the G3 Canonbury S. and then won the G3 Pago Pago S. later that campaign. Having finished sixth in the G1 Golden Slipper, he was then runner-up to King’s Legacy (Redoute’s Choice) in the G1 Inglis Sires’ at Randwick at what is his most recent start.

Maher has made no secret of his strong opinion of the colt and off the back of a recent strong trial, did briefly consider kicking his spring off in the G1 Winx S. He was also nominated for Saturday’s G3 San Domenico S. but did not accept.

Kia Ora, which is owned by billionaire businessman Ananda Krishnan, purchased a share in G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Farnan (Not A Single Doubt) last month and the colt recently trialled in its royal blue and light blue colours.

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