PATIENCE THE ESSENCE AS QUALITY COMES THROUGH

by Chris McGrath

None of us, after 2020, will ever again take even our simplest indulgences for granted. How much more culpable, then, was any complacency the industry may have permitted itself, over the years, in the patronage of the greatest investor in its history?

His absence from the September Sale, a year after once again heading the buyers' table at $16 million, sharpened a sense of the incalculable collective debt owed to Sheikh Mohammed. His team did resurface, to much relief locally, for Book 1 of the October Sale at Tattersalls last week. But however he chooses to exercise his prerogatives in future, the one consolation--both for the Sheikh himself, and those horsemen he has so long rewarded for their skills--is that he has long been assured of a lasting imprint on the modern breed.

His legacy will continue to evolve, even if he never spends another cent at Keeneland. As he has always understood, breeding is all about the long game. Sure enough, for the second year running, a few days ago his Godolphin stable won the GI Claiborne Futurity S. with a homebred colt whose emergence represented a slow-burning yield on two similarly expensive grand-dams, respectively recruited to the broodmare band 15 and 20 years ago.

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HALL OF FAME TRAINER GARY JONES PASSES AWAY AT 76

by Bill Finley

Trainer Gary Jones, who was inducted into the United States Racing Hall of Fame in 2014, passed away Sunday at his home in Del Mar, California. His son, trainer Marty Jones, said his father had been in hospice care and died of natural causes. He was 76.

“He was an amazing person, first and foremost,” his son said. “For me, that’s the most important thing. On top of that, he was a great horse trainer.”

Gary Jones was the son of longtime California-based trainer Farrell Jones and took over his father's stable upon his retirement in 1975. He picked right up where his father left off, winning with the first horse he ever saddled, King Wako, on Dec. 26, 1975 at Santa Anita, and quickly established himself as one of the leading trainers in Southern California. Cont. p7
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NASHVILLE POSSIBLE FOR BREEDERS’ CUP SPRINT

WinStar Farm and China Horse Club’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ Nashville (Speightstown), who ran his record to two-for-two with a dominant allowance victory Saturday at Keeneland, is being considered for a start in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint Alan Carasso has the details.

GULFSTREAM TO ALLOW FANS AT CHAMP MEET

Bill Finley talks to Bill Badgett, executive director for The Stronach Group, about Gulfstream’s plans to allow fans at 50% capacity for the track’s signature championship meet.
McGrath on Essential Quality cont. from p1

The misfortunes since of Maxfield (Street Sense) will certainly ensure that the Sheikh resists any complacency of his own about the future of ‘TDN Rising Star’ Essential Quality (Tapit), who won with comparable authority, if in rather different style. It is heartening to hear that Maxfield is now back in light training, his absence from the revamped Classic schedule having seemed all the more grievous after Ny Traffic (Cross Traffic)—the hard-knocking animal he beat on his single sophomore appearance, in the Gill Matt Winn S. in May—went on to run none other than Authentic (Into Mischief) to a nose on his next start in the GI TVG.com Haskell S.

Maxfield's dramatic last-to-first move at Keeneland this time last year certainly promised a proportionate dividend on the $3.1 million required from John Ferguson to buy Caress (Storm Cat) at the Keeneland November Sale in 2000 (consigned by the peerless John Williams, on behalf of his faithful patrons at Harbor View Farm).

The aristocratic genes that warranted that outlay on Caress—soon to be enhanced by her weanling of that year, who would become Sky Mesa (Pulpit)—made little show in her daughter Velvety (Bernardini), who won on debut in England before entering a rapid decline. But it remains early days for Velvety, as a broodmare, and Maxfield could yet prove as gifted as any in his crop.

Five years after signing the docket for Caress, Ferguson gave virtually the same sum for another young Storm Cat mare at Fasig-Tipton November. Unlike Caress, who won 13 of 29 starts including three graded stakes, the $3-million, 7-year-old Contrive was unraced and had changed hands a year previously for just $140,000.

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She dominated the GI AMERICAN OAKS at Santa Anita... I remember how impressive she was winning that day.

Speightstown is quickly becoming a success as a broodmare sire with GI winners like Vekoma and Mia Mischief. That's a plus for the future. In addition, he has sired 3 new GI winners in 3 countries in 2020.

She's a standout physical and her family is loaded... She has a 2YO sibling by War Front, a weanling sibling by Curlin, and her dam is in foal to Justify. The page is just going to keep getting better.
The big difference, in the meantime, was her first foal Folklore (Tiznow), who had just sealed the juvenile fillies’ championship with a second Grade I success at the Breeders’ Cup.

Though unable to produce another Folklore for her new owners, Contrive did at least muster two fillies that managed a Grade III podium apiece. One of these, Delightful Quality (Elusive Quality), started out with three duds when herself sent to the paddocks: foals by Bernardini and Tiznow that never made the track, and a son of Tapit who may as well not have bothered, 10th of 11 on his only start as a sophomore at Gulfstream earlier this year. But that gelding’s full brother is none other than Essential Quality, who is now stoking up the embers for Contrive much as Maxfield did for Caress.

Like Maxfield, Essential Quality won a Churchill maiden in September on debut; but whereas Brendan Walsh started Maxfield at a mile, Brad Cox launched Essential Quality over just six furlongs on the postponed “Derby” undercard. The colt’s alacrity was anticipated at the betting windows, and he duly won by four lengths. Cont. p5
Stretching out at Keeneland, Essential Quality held a handy position comfortably before betraying palpable inexperience when sent into the lead in the stretch; nonetheless using a fairly extravagant reach with real energy in drawing away by 3 1/4 lengths.

Cox, who supervised the campaign of champion juvenile filly British Idiom (Flashback) last year, saluted Essential Quality as the best young colt he has trained to date; while a proven aptitude on the track will obviously make the Gl TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, a real "home game." He has every right, moreover, to continue flourishing on the Classic trail next spring.

For the quality of Contrive's family is evident in the $825,000 she cost Robert and Beverly Lewis as a yearling at the Keeneland July Sale of 1999. Her dam Jeano (Fappiano), a dual graded stakes winner, was out of Gl Delaware H. winner Basie (In Reality) from the line tracing to fabled La Troienne via Striking (War Admiral), 1961 Broodmare of the Year and full sister to wartime champion and Hall of Famer Busher.

Mineshaft, Private Account and Woodman are among the many distinguished animals who share ancestry through Striking; while the Basie branch gave us Smarty Jones. The granddams of Smarty Jones and Contrive, in fact, were half-sisters. As such, it seems a safe bet that the then-recent example of Smarty Jones, as a son of Elusive Quality, inspired the selection of that stallion for a couple of trysts with Contrive--one of which produced the dam of Essential Quality.

But what most obviously holds the pedigree of Essential Quality together are the sires of his third and fourth dams, Jeano and Basie. Because both Fappiano and In Reality are also inlaid behind Tapit's dam Tap Your Heels: she is by Fappiano's son Unbridled; and the granddams of both Tap Your Heels and Unbridled are by In Reality.

Two or three other genetic "knots" are worth untying. One is that Striking and Busher between them foaled two of the four grandparents of Seattle Slew's dam My Charmer; and Seattle Slew, of course, perches along Essential Quality's top line as Tapit's great-grand sire.

Another is that Secretariat, as a titan among broodmare sires, unites three of the four stallions in Essential Quality's third generation: Weekend Surprise's son A.P. Indy, as Tapit's grandsire; Terlingua's son Storm Cat, as sire of Contrive; and Secrettame's son Gone West, as sire of Elusive Quality. (Gone West, of course, is by Fappiano's sire Mr Prospector; who gets an additional foothold as the sire of Preach, dam of Tapit's sire Pulpit).

There are quite a few rabbit holes to explore here, then, albeit suggesting no more of a magic formula than usual.

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Undefeated Jackie’s Warrior’s victory in Saturday’s Champagne Stakes (G1) at Belmont not only put him on a path to a potential Eclipse Award, it also solidified the status of his sire as an important young stallion in the making. In fact, Maclean’s Music is the only stallion in North America to have sired a Multiple Grade I winning two year old this year.

What separates ‘useful’ sires from those likely to have a lasting legacy, is their ability to get Elite runners.

To understand this argument, consider that the Champagne Stakes (G1), first run in 1867, is the oldest race of its kind in the United States. The winners of two of the last three runnings of the race, Jackie’s Warrior and Complexity, are both by Maclean’s Music. Complexity, reconfirmed his two year old form recently in the Kelso (G2), running the mile in 1:33 and change and posting a 110 Beyer, the fastest of the year at a mile or better. Coincidentally, Jackie’s Warrior owns the fastest 2YO Beyer of the year which he earned in the Hopeful Stakes (G1) while setting a stakes record.

One of the earliest and most reliable indicators of a stallion’s long term influence is exemplified by the following important sires:

Unbridled, Curlin, Medaglia d’Oro, Uncle Mo, Distorted Humor, Maclean’s Music and most recently, Constitution. Each sired a Classic winner in their first crop.

Cloud Computing, from Maclean’s Music’s first crop, is his first son to retire to stud. With Cloud Computing’s victory came an influx of quality mares, whose superior production and sales history has cast the die of his future success. With yearlings selling for up to $400,000 in September, the right mating can get you a sales horse, a stallion prospect, or your name can be etched into the annals of racing history and engraved on the most valuable trophy in American sports.
As already noted, this very good family has missed its mark as often as not since Contrive's acquisition. As it happens, its only recent distinction prior to the emergence of Essential Quality is the work of Folklore’s daughter Rhodochrosite (Unbridled’s Song), who was bred by the Bob and Beverly Lewis Trust and sold as a yearling to Japanese interests. Though unable to win herself, her third foal is the top-class Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), winner of two Classics in Japan this year.

More peripherally, Contrive’s unraced half-sister by Kris S. has also strengthened the page: initially as dam of GII Demoiselle S. winner Tizahit (like Folklore, by Tiznow) and now through Tizahit’s daughter Come Dancing (Malibu Moon), who recently supplemented her Grade I success at the Spa last year in the GII Honorable Miss H.

Tapit himself, of course, sets too familiar a gold standard to require much in the way of a revisit. Gainesway’s three-time champion sire looks booked to complete a decade in the top five of the general sires’ list, and registered this 26th Grade I scorer just a day before his 27th, Valiance in the Juddmonte Spinster S. There are some strong echoes between the pair, the damsire of Valiance being Fappiano’s grandson Empire Maker, who in turn brings In Reality doubly into play: we’ve already noted that Empire Maker’s sire Unbridled owes his grand-dam to In Reality, while his famous dam Toussaud (El Gran Senor) is out of In Reality’s daughter Image Of Reality. As sire also of Tap Your Heels, Unbridled gets a 3x3 mirror in Valiance. (Seattle Slew also recurs top and bottom, 4x4: all quite reminiscent of Tapit’s son Tapwrit, whose third dam is by Seattle Slew; and whose damsire Successful Appeal is a grandson of In Reality).

A lot of these strands are also entwined in Tacitus, whose damsire First Defence is not only a grandson of Unbridled but out of Honest Lady, Toussaud’s daughter by Seattle Slew. His odds-on failure in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup on Saturday sealed his status as one of the more exasperating animals around, and it would be characteristic if he were now to outrun contrasting odds at the Breeders’ Cup—by no means an outlandish scenario, perhaps with a reversion to the kind of stalking tactics that worked well when he last flattered to deceive in the GII Suburban S.

While Tacitus quailed before the prospect of giving his sire three Grade Is in eight days, Tapit did at least celebrate a fourth elite success as a broodmare sire on Saturday when Harvey’s Lil Goil (American Pharoah) won the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup (presented by Dixiana) at Keeneland. He must share the credit here, obviously, not least as the unraced daughter who produced this filly is a half-sister to I’ll Have Another, whose Derby success could not prevent the sale of his sire Flower Alley to South Africa.

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Given that their dam Arch’s Girl Edith (Arch) is also responsible for dual graded stakes scorer Golden Award (Medaglia d’Oro), she has certainly contributed to the excellent record of her own sire in this sphere. (Arch is most notably broodmare sire of Uncle Mo).

One favorite who did match his billing in the expected style over the weekend was Jackie’s Warrior (Maclean’s Magic), whose background we’ve considered before. But while the GI Champagne S. winner obviously has momentum, heading to the Breeders’ Cup, his stylish cutting edge—if it is not to be blunted—will certainly have to be whetted further against the gray, Classic-grained granite of Essential Quality.

In either event, sparks should fly. And, whisper it, we may yet be able to start thinking about Sheikh Mohammed finally getting the reward he has always craved, for his lavish investment in American bloodstock, with a Kentucky Derby winner in the Godolphin blue.

“Gary was family,” McCarron said. “He was the first major trainer in Southern California to give me a real shot. I developed a relationship more quickly with Gary than any other trainer out there and I will be forever grateful for his support. I was tickled to death when he got inducted into the Hall of Fame years ago. I am so glad it happened before he passed away. As the years went on, we became incredibly close and our families got very close. I am very saddened by this loss.”

Though Jones won stakes with numerous horses, he will be best remembered for two—Turkoman and Best Pal.

Turkoman enjoyed his best season in 1986, when he was named Champion Older Male. He won the GI Widener H., the GII Oaklawn H., the GI Marlboro Cup H. and was second in both the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.

“Turkoman did not care about running,” Jones told the Del Mar Times in 2014. “I had to breeze him an eighth of a mile the morning of a race to let him know he was going to run.”

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After starting his career for Ian Jory, Best Pal was turned over to Jones in 1991, midway through his 3-year-old season. After a win in the GII Swaps S., Best Pal, owned by John C. Mabee, won the inaugural running of the Pacific Classic.

“It was a big deal at the time,” Jones said in 2014. “The race was Mr. Mabee’s dream. There was quite a bit of pressure.”

“Best Pal had a limited amount of ability, but he was all desire. He never wanted to lose—a classy son of a gun. And he was a character,” Jones added. Cont. p8
Nashville was in a race of his own Oct. 10 at Keeneland | Coady

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NASHVILLE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR BREEDERS’ CUP SPRINT

by Alan Carasso

WinStar Farm and China Horse Club’s ‘TDN Rising Star’

Nashville (Speightstown), who took his record to two-for-two with a towering 9 3/4-length allowance success at Keeneland Oct. 10, could make his next start in the Nov. 7 GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint over the same track and distance, WinStar General Manager David Hanley said Monday.

“It’s a bit too early for a final decision, but I would say the nothing has been ruled out at this point,” Hanley said. “I haven’t discussed it with [WinStar President/CEO and Racing Manager] Elliott [Walden] or [trainer] Steve [Asmussen] and they will be the ones to decide.”

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OBS OCTOBER OPENS TUESDAY

Delayed a week after switching dates with the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Yearling Sale, the Ocala Breeders Sales Company’s October Sale begins its two-day run Tuesday.

The sale kicks off at noon Tuesday with a mix of 59 2-year-olds and horses of racing age, followed by 169 selected yearlings. Wednesday’s session begins at 10:30 a.m. with an open session of 420 yearlings. Supplements will immediately follow the regular catalogue each day.

The 2-year-olds and horses of racing age are a new addition to the OBS October Sale, which previously only offered yearlings.

“Well 2020 is a topsy-turvy year, so the thought was, we would give people an opportunity to sell horses they still needed to given how disjointed the 2-year-old sales season was,” said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. “I think there is a strong possibility that we will see some buyers here that in the past did not come for the yearling sale, but will come for the 2-year-olds and have a chance to shop yearlings as well.”

As for expectations heading into the sale, Wojciechowski said, “We see from the track record of the sales in Kentucky and the recently concluded Maryland sale that good horses are going to sell well. I think we will see a lot of the same here.”

During last year’s Select session, 121 yearlings changed hands for a total of $5,605,200. The average was $46,324 and the median was $35,000. The session was topped by a $230,000 colt by Liam’s Map, who was purchased by Nick de Meric and sold by Carrie Brogden’s Machmer Hall through Select Sales.

In the 2019 Open session, a total of 263 horses sold for $3,332,400 with an average of $12,671 and a median of $8,000. It was topped by a $75,000 Mosler filly bought by Patti Miller and sold by Sandi Dorr.

GULFSTREAM PLANNING ON ALLOWING FANS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

by Bill Finley

When Gulfstream kicks off its Championship Meet Dec. 2, fans will be welcomed back to the South Florida track. Bill Badgett, the executive director of Florida racing operations for The Stronach Group, said the current plan is to allow fans to attend, with a limit of 50% of the track’s capacity. He said that would allow as many as 6,000 or 7,000 fans to attend races like the GI Pegasus World Cup and the GI Florida Derby.

"It will be great to see people down on the rail watching the horses and having a good time," Badgett said. "It’s been depressing coming to work and nobody is in the stands."

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been among the most aggressive governors in the country when it comes to allowing businesses to reopen. Late last month, he announced that all COVID-19-related restrictions on businesses have been lifted and that bars and restaurants in the state can operate at full capacity. Prior to Sunday’s NFL games, DeSantis gave the Miami Dolphins clearance to have a full-capacity crowd for their games at Hard Rock Stadium. The Dolphins said they would continue to allow 13,000 fans to attend home games at a stadium that seats 65,326.

Since June, owners and invited guests have been allowed to attend the races at Gulfstream. The track was first closed to the public Mar. 13, but racing continued at Gulfstream uninterrupted through the worst months of the pandemic. Racing shifted to Gulfstream Park West, where there is no grandstand, Oct. 3.

Badgett acknowledged that it was hard to make plans because the COVID-19 situation in Florida remains so fluid. In mid-July there was a spike in the numbers with 15,300 Floridians testing positive on July 12. There were 2,582 positive tests in the state on Saturday.

"Trying to come up with a plan more than 60 days out before the meet starts is almost impossible because things change virtually hour to hour here," he said. "They opened up the bars and restaurants to full capacity but the numbers are starting to go back up. You still have kids getting sick at school and around the country the athletes are still coming up positive and football games are being canceled. We are going to try 50% capacity at the start of the meet and work from there. Hopefully, things will get better. There's a chance that as the meet goes on we can open up things even more."

Badgett said management is still working on protocols that will be in place when the fans return.

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He said that, at the very least, all fans will undergo a temperature check before entering the facility and will be required to wear masks once inside.

"This thing is not going away anytime soon and we will do everything we can to keep people protected," he said. "The box area will be open and some grandstand seating, with social distancing, will be available. That way we can delegate certain sections and areas that we can control."

In addition to keeping the fans safe, Gulfstream will also have to keep an eye on the hundreds of horsemen, backstretch workers and jockeys that come in each year for the Championship meet.

"We have to protect these people and keep them safe," Badgett said. "There is so much that goes into this, more than people realize. This will be difficult, but we will get it done."

FAIR GROUNDS RELEASES STAKES SCHEDULE

Fifty-one stakes worth a combined $7.055 million will be offered during Fair Grounds’s upcoming 76-day 2020-21 Thoroughbred racing season, which is set to begin Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, the track announced Monday.

“We are proud to once again continue our growth and support of the Thoroughbred racing industry with our purse allocations and this diverse and dynamic stakes schedule” said Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots president Doug Shipley. “We look forward to our 149th racing season and the continuation of bringing many of the best horsemen and jockeys from around the world to enjoy the high caliber racing at Fair Grounds in New Orleans.”

The Louisiana Derby Day card Mar. 20 will feature eight stakes worth a total of $2.425 million, including the 108th running of the $1-million GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby for 3-year-olds. The third and final local prep on the Road to the GI Kentucky Derby, the race is worth 100-40-20-10 points to the top four finishers. Run at 1 1/16 miles, the 53rd running of the $400,000 GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks for 3-year-old fillies offers the same number of points en route to the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks.

The other preps at the New Orleans oval for the Derby will take place Jan. 16 with the GII Lecomte S. and Feb. 13 with the GII Risen Star S. Louisiana Champions Day will be held Dec. 14, featuring 10 stakes restricted to Louisiana-breds. The purse for the opening day Thanksgiving Classic for older male sprinters has been increased $25,000 to $125,000.

The 2020-2021 Fair Grounds racing season runs through Sunday, Mar. 28. Regular post time will be 1 p.m. CT. The exceptions are Louisiana Derby Preview Day (Feb. 13 at noon CT) and Louisiana Derby Day (Mar. 20 at 11 a.m. CT).

PETEKR, KRONE TO AQUEDUCT FALL MEET

Ferrin Peterson, the second-leading rider at Monmouth this summer, plans to begin riding at the Aqueduct Fall Meeting when it opens Nov. 6, she said Monday, adding that she intended to ride through the winter at the track.

Jockeys joining the colony need to test negative for COVID in New York twice the week leading up to the meet, and to continue to follow strict protocols thereafter.

Peterson, 28, has made a splash this summer on the Jersey Shore, for both on and off-track reasons. She rode 42 winners at the summer meet, including two four-win days, and finished just off the pace of perennial leading jockey Paco Lopez. Her agent is former jockey Julie Krone, stepping into a new career after her Hall of Fame-worthy riding career. Additionally, Peterson graduated from U.C. Davis with a degree in veterinary medicine in 2019, making her arguably the best-educated jockey in history.

Peterson had originally considered going to Tampa for the winter, she said, but a strong showing after she lost her bug midway through the Monmouth meet led her to reconsider.

“Jockeys have to be where the top trainers and riders are,” said Peterson. “We had a really good meet at Monmouth and we feel the next step is to go to New York. Julie had success there, and good contacts for people, and there is a lot of respect for Julie Krone there.”

“Peterson was quick to point out that the decision was a little bit of reading the tea leaves.

“'When opportunities show themselves and you think you're going another direction, but every single thing points you a different way, you have to listen to that,' said Krone. Cont. p11
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“We came off an amazing, strong Monmouth meet riding for a lot of the Monmouth-based trainers, having two four-win days and winning a stakes race,” she added. “Ferrin is so strong and so focused and she has improved so much.”

Krone said she had caught the eye of no less a judge than Ramon Dominguez.

“I was talking to Ramon last night,” Krone said. “He watches races all the time, and he was saying he has been watching her and that she has improved so much over the summer and she looks so good on a horse. When you see her ride, you say, ‘wow, she is going to make it and it is going to be along the lines of a Julie Krone or Rosie Napravnik.’ Ramon said, ‘she is ready to go to Aqueduct for the fall and winter after a summer like that.’”

“Having ridden at Aqueduct, I think the track will suit her,” Krone concluded. “She’s good at saving ground, and at having a horse left for the stretch run.”

Said Peterson, “I’m really looking forward to being around top trainers and high-quality horses. We want to compete with the best.”

OwnerView announced Monday that MyRacehorse, an ownership group where individuals can purchase microshares in Thoroughbreds, has been named the 2020 New Owner of the Year. Presented by New York Thoroughbred Breeders, the award will be given during the seventh Thoroughbred Owner Conference, to be held virtually Nov. 3-4 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“MyRacehorse launched nationally in June 2019 with aspirations of making a real impact on the sport of horse racing,” said Michael Behrens, founder and chief executive officer of MyRacehorse. “We were confident it would happen, but never in our wildest dreams did we expect it to happen so quickly. Winning this award, especially considering the innovators that have won it previously, is truly the icing on the cake to a surreal and magical year for MyRacehorse.”

Included among the horses MyRacehorse has partnered in is G1 Kentucky Derby winner Authentic (Into Mischief). Previous winners of the New Owner of the Year Award have included Larry Best, Churchill Downs Racing Club, Charles and Susan Chu, Sol Kumin, and LNJ Foxwoods.

FIVE NEW DIRECTORS JOIN TCA BOARD

Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA), which raises funds and distributes those funds to Thoroughbred-related charities, announced Monday five new additions to its Board of Directors: Leah O’Meara, Andy Hils, Erik Johnson, Marshall Gramm, and Marette Farrell. They join current board members Mike McMahon (president), Nathan McCauley (vice president), Davant Latham (secretary), and Lesley Howard (treasurer), as well as Bob Beck, Bing Bush, Lesley Campion, Bob Edwards, Terry Finley, Brant Laue, Jaime Roth, and Anna Seitz. Gretchen Jackson, Ellen Moelis, Herb Moelis, and Dan Rosenberg are directors emeriti.

“We are delighted to welcome these wonderful people to the TCA board,” said McMahon. “Our board is committed to carrying on the good work started by our founders over 30 years ago. These new board members recognize that service for the common good is rewarding beyond measure. As a volunteer board, each of us works tirelessly for horses and horse people who need help. In 2020, we distributed over $1 million to successful grant applicants and through our Horses First emergency fund.”

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O’Meara is currently part of her family’s Stonehaven Steadings in Versailles, Ky.; Johnson is a veteran of the National Hockey League and races under the name of ERJ Racing; Hils is a senior vice president in the Lexington office of Limestone Bank and has been an owner in various Standardbred and Thoroughbred racing syndicates; Farrell is a well-known bloodstock agent; and Gramm is an Economics Ph.D. and professor at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., has qualified for the National Handicapping Championships six times, and co-founded Ten Strike Racing.

SERVICES SET FOR BARRY ABRAMS

Funeral arrangements have been scheduled for longtime horseman Barry Abrams, who passed away Friday, Oct. 9. Services will take place Monday, Oct. 19, at 3:00 p.m. PT at the Hollywood Hills location of Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Abrams, best known as a trainer but also a successful breeder and owner, succumbed to throat cancer at the age of 66 after a long battle.

MONMOUTH CANCELS MONDAY CARD

With heavy rain and wind from the remnants of Hurricane Delta, officials at Monmouth Park have cancelled its eight-race Columbus Day card scheduled for Monday, Oct. 12. Racing will resume Wednesday, Oct. 14, for the Meadowlands-at-Monmouth meet with eight races on the program. Wednesday’s first post is scheduled for 12:50 p.m. with the card headlined by the $100,000 Jersey Shore S.

OTBO MIXED SALE TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners (OTBO) Association will hold its annual Mixed Thoroughbred Sale this coming Thursday, Oct. 15., with 87 horses entered including weanlings, yearlings, juveniles, broodmares, and older horses. Eleven horses will be offered from the dispersal of the Estate of Gerald Silver, including Mobil Solution (Mobil), a current runner and dual black-type winner whose record stands at 30-9-9-6 with earnings of $523,070.

The OTBO sale will be held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio, at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Previews will be available from 9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale. Every yearling and horse of racing age has been scoped, with those results available, and a licensed veterinarian will be on site. The complete catalogue can be found online and phone bids will be accepted.
New York has the highest purses at over $182 million per year, giving New York owners more opportunity.

Recent NY-bred winners include SIMPLY RAVISHING (by first-crop NY sire LAOBAN) who dominated Keeneland’s Darley Alcibiades S. (GI) by 6 ¼ lengths, earning her spot in the $2 million Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI). She earned an 89 Beyer for that win which is currently the fastest 2-year-old Beyer of the meet.

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Harvey's Lil Goil became the first Grade I winner for Triple Crown hero American Pharoah in the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland (click photo for a replay) | Coady

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**CENTRAL KENTUCKY RIDING FOR HOPE TO HOST SADDLE UP FOR HOPE VIRTUAL GALA**

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH), a nonprofit organization that provides equine-assisted therapies and activities to more than 300 individuals with disabilities each year, is hosting a virtual gala Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. ET. The event will include both silent & live auctions, a raffle drawing, riding demonstrations by CKRH’s young equestrians and a simulated horse auction to sponsor eight equine therapy teams for the coming year.

More than 250 items are available for purchase from such auction categories as artwork, children’s, jewelry, home decor, collector’s specials, and more. Notable items include: 24 halters from leading Thoroughbred racehorses & stallions, such as American Pharoah, Justify, Curlin, California Chrome and Constitution, a raffle drawing for a 23-year old bottle of Pappy Van Winkle bourbon, a one-way equine transportation flight within the domestic U.S., a handmade dulcimer by int’l artist Warren May, a four-Day Guest Pass to the 2021 Land Rover Three-Day Event.

For more information, call Jeannie Brewer, CKRH Development Director, at (859) 231-7066 weekdays from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. EST.
SWEETONTHELADIES TO PLEASANT ACRES

Black-type winner and multiple graded stakes-placed Sweetontheladies (Twirling Candy--What a Classybroad, by Yankee Gentleman) will stand at Pleasant Acres Stallions in Florida for the 2021 breeding season with a $2,500 fee, the farm announced Monday. Sweetontheladies placed in five graded events and eight black-type races, finishing his career with earnings of $408,012 in 31 starts.

“Helen and I are excited to have the black-type winning and graded stakes-placed sprinter, Sweetontheladies, join our roster at Pleasant Acres Stallions,” said Joe Barbazon, owner of Pleasant Acres Stallions. “He has retired sound and brings stamina and consistency as a tenacious sprinter on dirt to our stables. Sweetontheladies is the only Twirling Candy stallion in Florida, which gives breeders the opportunity to expand the Candy Ride (Arg) bloodline in our state.”

Originally bought for $25,000 at OBS April, the gray captured the Juvenile Sprint S. at Gulfstream West as a 2-year-old and added Gulfstream’s Crystal River H. the following year. He was third in the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga in 2018, one of four graded placings he earned that year.

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### Thursday, Keeneland, post time: 4:57 p.m. EDT

**SYCAMORE S.-GIII, $150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

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### Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

**PIN OAK VALLEY VIEW S.-GIII, $150,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

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Leading 2020 Sires of Yearlings

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FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

FITZ DIXON, JR. MEMORIAL JUVENILE S., $74,625, Presque Isle Downs, 10-12, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.10, ft.

1--LIKE A SALTSHAKER, 118, g, 2, Peace and Justice--With Sprinkles, by Harlan’s Holiday. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Magic Oaks; B-Glenn E. Brok LLC (PA); T-Adam Rice; J-Harry Hernandez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $75,030. *First stakes winner for freshman sire (by War Front).

2--Nice Ace, 117, g, 2, Noble Mission (GB)--A Lady With an Ace, by First Samurai. ($30,000 Ylg ’19 FTKJUL; $47,000 RNA Ylg ’19 FTKOCT). O-Robert D. Bone; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Tim Girten. $15,000.

3--Sky’s Not Falling, 117, g, 2, Seville (Ger)--Sky Copper, by Sky Mesa. ($9,000 RNA Wlg ’18 EASDEC). O-R Larry Johnson & R. D. M. Racing Stable; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. $7,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 5.50, 7.70, 1.50.

 Also Ran: Claw, Smokin’ Jay, Imperial King, Baytown Bear. Scratched: Beat Navy, Diamond General, Surly Furious.

Like a Saltshaker became Peace and Justice’s first winner when he graduated by a front-running 3 1/4 lengths going six furlongs over this all-weather surface Sept. 29. The 5-1 shot was away alertly and was in front in early strides before settling into a stalking position along the rail. Waiting for racing room behind a wall of horses at the top of the lane, the bay gelding found a seam to run through in deep stretch and surged to the lead in the final strides to give Peace and Justice his first stakes winner. With Sprinkles produced a filly by Uptowncharlybrown last year and a colt by that sire this year. She was bred back to Boisterous. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Belmont, $63,050, Alw, 10-12, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.72, sy, 4 lengths.

CLENCH (c, 4, The Factor--Tight Lipped, by Kissin Kris), claimed for $20,000 out of a third-place effort at Saratoga Aug. 14 was claimed again a start later, this time for $25,000 out of a Sept. 7 victory at the Spa. The 2-1 second choice had the lead in the early strides, but allowed longshot Ink Splotz (Overanazlyze) to take over as he settled into a stalking trip. The bay colt fell further off the pace on the turn, but kicked in again in upper stretch to overtake at midstretch and forge clear to win by four lengths over Morning Breez (Morning Line). The winner is a half-brother to Friendswith K Mill (Flashy Bull), GSP, $193,237. Sales history: $40,000 Ylg ’17 KESESEP; $145,000 RNA 2yo ’18 OBSAPR. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: SP, 19-5-2-6, $214,568. O/Michael Dubb; B-Heather Herbener-Ford, Kathy & Matt Herbener (KY); T-Rob Atras.

8th-Gulfstream West, $42,300, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 10-12, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.20, ft, head.

CAJUN BROTHER (g, 3, Cajun Breeze--Bella Capri Z, by Strong Hope) opened his career with back-to-back wins at this track and trip this past spring. He tired to sixth when stretched to one mile in a May 16 optional claimer and was most recently a well-beaten fourth in the seven-furlong Carry Back S. July 4. Shedding blinkers for this effort, the 2-1 favorite broke sharply and grabbed the early advantage, but was outfought and forced to chase the pacesetters while three wide. He put a head in front in upper stretch and outbattled a game Vinnie Van Go (J P’s Gusto) to the wire to win by a head. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $86,440. O/B-Shadybrook Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Michael Yates.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th- Santa Anita, $56,500, Msw, 10-12, 2yo, f, S 1/2ft, 1:03.36, fm, neck.

ASTUTE (f, 2, Speightstown--Discerning, by Langfuhr), the 3-5 favorite in this unveiling, broke well from her outside gate and assumed the early lead. Well in control through fractions of :22.44 and :45.35, the chestnut filly was still clear with a furlong to run before just holding off the late-rushing Evoo (Big Blue Kitten) to win by a neck. Astute, a $425,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, is a half-sister to Classic Point (Flatter), MGSW, $685,794. Discerning, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Any Limit (Limit Out), died in 2019. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000.
O-LNJ Foxwoods; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella.

1st- Santa Anita, $56,000, Msw, 10-12, 2yo, f, S 1/2ft, 1:03.51, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

PLUM SEXY (f, 2, Munnings--Purple Trillium, by Seeking the Gold) let go at 20-1, rated well off the early pace. Tipped to the center of the course in upper stretch, the bay filly closed with a furious late rush to collar pacesetting favorite Freedom Flyer (Constitution) inside the final furlong and stormed clear to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half-sister to Seeking Albert (Einstein {Brz}), GSP, $128,160. A $15,000 KEESEP yearling, Plum Sexy RNA’d for $57,000 at this year’s OBS July sale following a furlong work in :10 2/5. Purple Trillium, who RNA’d for $25,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale and produced a filly by that sire this year. She was bred back to Audible. Frost Me’s third dam is multiple Grade I winner Goldent Ballet (Moscow Ballet), dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $28,600.
O-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; B-Gallagher’s Stud (NY); T-John C. Kimmel.

1st- Gulfstream West, $36,000, Msw, 10-12, 2yo, 5ft, :57.64, gd, nose.

WASON (c, 2, Morning Line--Alessandra, by Notional) was a well-beaten sixth while debuting over the main track at Gulfstream Park Sept. 19. Let go at 8-1, the bay colt sat just off the battling leaders through an opening quarter in :21.41. He rallied four wide at the top of the lane and ran down pacesetting S. Muffin (Into Mischief) late to win by a nose. Wason, who RNA’d for $100,000 as an FTKOCT yearling, sold for $70,000 following a quarter-mile work in :21 3/5 at this year’s OBS Spring sale. Alessandra’s yearling colt by Shackleford sold for $80,000 at last month’s Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase. The mare produced a colt by Goldencents this year and was bred back to Practical Joke. She is a daughter of graded stakes winner Swearingen (Deposit Ticket) and a half-sister to multiple graded placed Triple Cream (Tapit). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $22,000.
O-Alvidal Racing Stable Corp; B-Pippa’s Hurricane (KY); T-Amador Merei Sanchez.

1st- Belmont, $52,000, (S), Msw, 10-12, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.64, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.

FROST ME (f, 2, Frosted--Kirov, by Distorted Humor), sent off at 7-2 in this off-turf unveiling, attended the pace three wide down the backstretch through a quarter-mile in :23 flat. The gray filly stuck a head in front after a half in :46.80 and opened up on the field approaching the home stretch. She raced greenly, drifting in and out through the puddles down the stretch, but maintained a 2 3/4-length advantage to the wire to become the seventh winner for her freshman sire (by Tapit). Cara’s Dreamer (The Factor) was second. Frost Me was a $175,000 graduate of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-Bred Yearlings sale. Kirov produced a colt by Medaglia d’Or last year. The yearling RNA’d for $145,000 at last month’s Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase. In foal to Medaglia d’Oro, Kirov sold for $250,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale and produced a filly by that sire this year. She was bred back to Audible. Frost Me’s third dam is multiple Grade I winner Goldent Ballet (Moscow Ballet), dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000.
O-CT R Stables LLC (Calvert), Wonderland Racing Stables, Bob & Sheila Bambauer, and Steve Rothblum; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Doug F. O’Neill.
5th-Finger Lakes, $22,650, Msw, 10-12, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.87, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

IT CAN (f, 2, Goldencents--Bertha Jo (SP, $112,555), by Banker’s Gold), dismissed at 12-1, battled even-money favorite Throwing Stones (Bustin STones) through fractions of :22.76 and :47.55. She got the best of that foe in deep stretch and pulled away to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Bertha Jo, a half-sister to Grade I winner Emma’s Encore (Congrats), produced a colt by Race Day this year. Sales history: $17,000 Ylg ’19 KEEJAN; $4,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT; $14,000 RNA 2yo ’20 OBSOPN. Click for the Equibase.com chart. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $12,600. O-Edwin Mundo; B-Susan M. Forrester (KY); T-Rafael Jose Rohena.

2nd-Thistledown, $20,000, Msw, 10-12, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.62, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

EMPRESS ALEXANDRA (f, 2, Jess’s Dream--Grey Empress, by Imperialism) was fourth over this track and trip in her Sept. 30 bow. The 2-1 shot rated just off the pace early. Niggled at approaching the far turn, the gray filly rushed up four wide into the stretch, strode to the lead and drew clear inside the final furlong to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Ceviche (Brethren) was second. Empress Alexandra is the third winner for her freshman sire (by Curlin). After selling for $7,000 at last year’s OBS Winter sale, the winner RNA’d for $14,000 as an OBSOCT yearling. She sold for $12,000 at the OBS July sale following a :10 4/5 furlong work. Grey Empress was exported to Jamaica after selling for $3,000 at last year’s OBS Winter Mixed Sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $13,000. O-Ivan Morell & Jason DaCosta; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (FL); T-Jason DaCosta.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Dowsing (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Holden Farm, $25,000 15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, BOOK OF ROMEO, 30-1

Effinex (Mineshaft), Questroyal North 57 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, FORCINEX, 20-1

Majestic Harbor (Rockport Harbor), Harris Farms, $2,500 15 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, ALIAS REX, 20-1 2-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, MANUELIETO, 4-1 $3,800 IND MIX yrl

Taprize (Tapit), R Star Stallions, $2,500 11 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, SHA KON O HEY, 6-1 2-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, UNRAVELED, 50-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, $40,000 233 foals of racing age/64 winners/6 black-type winners 3-Finger Lakes, Msw 6f, TIME TRAVEL, 8-1

IN PERU:

Ecuadorian Boy, c, 3, Karakontie (Jpn)--Unspoken Fur, by Empire Maker. Monterrico, 10-6, Cond., 1300m. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). *$23,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP; $14,000 2yo ’19 OBSJUN. VIDEO

Sissy Chanel, f, 3, Tapizar--Passing By (GB), by Raven’s Pass. Monterrico, 10-10, Cond., 2000mT. B-Azienda Agricola Valle Falcone (KY). *$1,300 Ylg ‘18 KEEJAN. VIDEO

IN PANAMA:

Majestic Code, c, 2, Honor Code--Precious Princess (SP), by Horse Chestnut (SAf). Presidente Remon, 10-10, Clasico Familia Fernandez, 1200m. B-Watts Humphrey Jr & Sally S Humphrey (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **1ST STAKES WIN. ***1/2 to Zipessa (City Zip), GISW, $783,550. ****$20,000 Ylg ‘19 KEESEP. VIDEO
Sorpresa de Campo, c, 4, Flashstorm--Camp Surprise, by Forest Camp. Presidente Remon, 10-8, Cond., 1100m. B-Northwest Stud (FL). VIDEO

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Santa Anita, $60,000, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 10-11, 3yo, up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.93, fm, 1/2 length.

I WILL NOT (c, 3, Square Eddie--Chanel My Belle, by General Meeting) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, $77,462. O/B-Reddam Racing LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O’Neill. *Full to Found Money, MSW, $292,100.

6th-Santa Anita, $57,820, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 10-12, 3yo, up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.24, fm, 1/2 length.

LITTLE JUANITO (g, 6, Exchange Rate--More Than Proud, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-5, $185,770. O-Juan J. Garcia; B-D. J. Stable (KY); T-Victor L. Garcia. *$70,000 Ylg ’15 KEENOV. **1/2 to Steph Being Steph (Majestic Warrior), SW & MGSP, $168,440.

9th-Parx Racing, $50,350, 10-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.64, sy, 8 1/2 lengths.

KOAN (g, 6, Zensational--Tease {SP, $367,826}, by Crowd Pleaser) Lifetime Record: 41-5-3-6, $175,738. O-FF Racing Stables; B-EQB, INC. (PA); T-Felix L. Flores-Coba. *$30,000 Ylg ’15 EASOCT.

2nd-Indiana Grand, $39,000, (S), 10-12, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.70, ft, 9 1/2 lengths.

THATSWHATITHOUGHT (g, 4, Deputy Storm--Thats Whatshesaid {SW}, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, $102,719. O-Janice & August Picinich; B-Richard L. Batz & R Star Stallions (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr. *$8,700 Ylg ’17 PEDIND. **1/2 to R Luckey Charlie (Adios Charlie), SW, $217,564.

4th-Indiana Grand, $37,000, (S), 10-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.65, fm, head.

PRESCIENCE (f, 4, Silver Mountain--Jacobina, by Irgun) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $50,200. O-Simon Manning & Charlie White; B-Charles White (IN); T-Eric R. Reed.

4th-Golden Gate Fields, $33,496, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 10-12, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.42, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

JAMMERS JUSTICE (c, 3, Atreides--Nasty Noozie {SP, $188,893}, by Partner’s Hero) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, $52,470. O-Cheryl Doyle, Reina Gonzalez, and Matthew Gutierrez; B-Theta Holding 1, Inc. (KY); T-Reina E. Gonzalez. *$5,000 RNA Wlg ’17 KEENOV; $20,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, $33,310, 10-12, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.81, fm, nose.

CLOCKSTRIKESTWELVE (f, 4, New Year’s Day--Timezone, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 17-4-0-1, $74,236. O-Michael Rosenmayer; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. *$82,000 Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

7th-Indiana Grand, $32,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 10-12, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.52, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

QUALITY STEP (g, 4, Elusive Quality--My Lucky Shoes, by Unbridled’s Song) Lifetime Record: 26-4-7-3, $95,317. O-Nation’s Racing Stable LLC; B-K & G Stables (KY); T-Keith Nations. *$32,000 RNA Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

7th-Hawthorne, $24,656, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 10-11, 3yo, up, 1 1/4f, 1:18.20, ft, 1/2 length.

FRONTANA (g, 3, War Front--Keertana {MGSW & MGISP, $1,031,938}, by Johar) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, $32,623. O-Antonio Donato, Frank Calabrese & Michael Reavis; B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY); T-Michael L. Reavis. *$875,000 RNA Wlg ’17 KEENOV. **1/2 to Ticonderoga (Tapit), GSW, $431,470.

7th-Finger Lakes, $21,650, 10-12, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.46, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

TAX ME NAUGHT (f, 4, Cosmonaut--Freud Ian Girl, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-2, $61,386. O/B-Elizabeth Hendy (NY); T-Linda K. Dixon.

4th-Finger Lakes, $20,700, 10-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.07, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

STEAL MY HEART (f, 3, Big Brown--Reine des Coeurs, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, $49,483. O-Windborne Farm; B-Bonita Ann Alpander (NY); T-Jacqueline Falk.
9th—Zia, $20,000, (S), 10-12, (NW2L), $20,000, (S), 10-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.95, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

COURAGE N ORDER (g, 4, Western Gambler--Colors of Pompeii (SP, $122,875), by Tricky Creek) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, $35,147. O/T-Luis A. Rojero; B-Terry Bill Adams (NM).

1st—Fort Erie, C$19,112, 10-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.03, ft, head.

HARD N’SWEET (g, 3, Hard Spun--Sally Ride, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $17,776. O-Triple K Stables; B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY); T-Harold Ladouceur.

8th—Fort Erie, C$18,597, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($9,139-$9,519), 10-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:44.00, yl, 1 length.

MAKE NO MISTAKE (f, 4, Raison d'Etat--Hard to Copy, by Mr. Prospector) Lifetime Record: 21-6-4-2, $91,385. O-Mary T. Self; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Zeljko Krcmar. *$5,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR; $14,000 3yo '19 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Andover Lady (Kris S.), GSP, $130,729.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Striking Chrome, f, 2, California Chrome--Island Striker, by Smart Strike. Delaware, 10-12, (C), 1m, 1:43.76. B-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson (KY). *$60,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $30,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Irish Freedom (Pioneerof the Nile), GSP, $163,819. ***1ST-TIME STARTER. ****Eighth winner for freshman sire (by Lucky Pulpit).

Good First, c, 2, Carpe Diem--Abraqat, by Smart Strike. Indiana Grand, 10-12, 1 1/16m, 1:48.28. B-E. H. Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J. B. Lane & Michael Orem (KY). *$65,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Halcyon Digest, c, 2, First Samurai--Corinthian Wind, by Corinthian. Gulfstream West, 10-12, (C), 1mT, 1:38.87. B-Millennium Farms (KY). *$23,000 Wlg '18 KEESEP; $52,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Count On It, f, 2, Gayego--Count the Change, by Exchange Rate. Century Mile, 10-11, 6f, 1:11.83. B-Bar None Ranches Ltd. (AB). *$25,000 Ylg '19 ALBMIX.

Wedding Groom, c, 2, Hard Spun--Wedding Dress, by Medaglia d'Oro. Santa Anita, 10-11, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.58. B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA). *$8,000 Ylg '19 FTCAVR.


Pearl Tiara, f, 2, Majestic Harbor--Pearl Pendant, by Mineshaft. Indiana Grand, 10-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.72. B-David W Osborne, Loren C Hebel-Osborne & Carol W Hebel (IN). *Third winner for freshman sire (by Rockport Harbor).

Sam and Sy, c, 2, Speightster--Jaish (MSP-Eng), by Seeking the Gold. Belmont, 10-12, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.83. B-B.D. Gibbs Farm LLC & Fleetwood Bloodstock, LLC (NY). *$62,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT; $75,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***Eighth winner for freshman sire (by Speightstown). ****Won by 13 3/4 lengths.

Consigned by SALLY THOMAS, agent

Fleetwood Bloodstock Mating Recommendation

Red Cloud Express, f, 3, Indy Express--Snowdrop (MSW, $302,290), by Beau Genius. Zia, 10-12, (S), 6f, 1:11.01. B-Double Eagle Ranch (NM). *$6,000 Ylg '18 RUJAUG.

Gypsy Wife, f, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Thecushmaker (SP, $222,014), by Repent. Parx Racing, 10-12, (C), 1m, 1:40.07. B-Richard Perkins (KY). *$22,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

Imprsstheprofessor, f, 3, Tapiture--Raffie’s Treasure (SW, $179,409), by Raffie’s Majesty. Belmont, 10-12, (S), (C), 6f (off turf), 1:12.44. B-Wellspring Stables, LLC (NY). *$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG.

Classic Volume, g, 3, Tidal Volume--Pahlmuhere, by Gone West. Thistledown, 10-12, (S), 6f, 1:15.42. B-Robin L. Murphy (OH).

Mutafaany, c, 4, Divine Park--Manaal, by Bahri. Presque Isle Downs, 10-12, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.79. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY). *$1,000 4yo '20 KEEJAN.

It’s In The Water

Spin Your Partner, f, 4, Hard Spun--Dade Babe (GSW, $164,866), by Cimarron Secret. Gulfstream West, 10-12, 1mT, 1:37.39. B-The New Hill Farm, LLC (NY). *$170,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Conquest Hardcandy (Candy Ride {Arg}), SW & GSP, $360,473.

Dougie D Oro, g, 4, Mio d’Oro--Do the Tiger, by Hold That Tiger. Thistledown, 10-12, (S), 6f, 1:12.86. B-Douglass Shanyfelt (OH).

Baringer Spring, g, 4, Street Boss--Tash Dash, by Coronado’s Quest. Parx Racing, 10-12, 1m 70y, 1:43.44. B-New Phoenix Racing, LLC (KY).

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CAJUN BREEZE, Cajun Brother, g, 3, o/o Bella Capri Z, by Strong Hope. AOC, 10-12, Gulfstream West
CALIFORNIA CHROME, Striking Chrome, f, 2, o/o Island Striker, by Smart Strike. MCL, 10-12, Delaware
CARPE DIEM, Good First, c, 2, o/o Abraqat, by Smart Strike. MSW, 10-12, Indiana Grand
COSMONAUT, Tax Me Naught, f, 4, o/o Freud Ian Girl, by Freud. ALW, 10-12, Finger Lakes
DEPUTY STORM, Thatswhatithought, g, 4, o/o Thats Whatshesaid, by Lion Heart. ALW, 10-12, Indiana Grand
DIVINE PARK, Mutafaany, c, 4, o/o Manaal, by Bahri. MSW, 10-12, Presque Isle Downs
ELUSIVE QUALITY, Quality Step, g, 4, o/o My Lucky Shoes, by Unbridled’s Song. AOC, 10-12, Indiana Grand
EXCHANGE RATE, Little Juanito, g, 6, o/o More Than Proud, by More Than Ready. AOC, 10-12, Santa Anita
FIRST SAMURAI, Halcyon Digest, c, 2, o/o Corinthian Wind, by Corinthian. MCL, 10-12, Gulfstream West
FROSTED, Frost Me, f, 2, o/o Kirow, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 10-12, Belmont
GAYEGO, Count On It, f, 2, o/o Count the Change, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 10-11, Century Mile
GOLDENCENTS, It Can, f, 2, o/o Bertha Jo, by Banker’s Gold. MSW, 10-12, Finger Lakes
HARD SPUN, Hard n’Sweet, g, 3, o/o Sally Ride, by Tapit. ALW, 10-12, Fort Erie
HARD SPUN, Spin Your Partner, f, 4, o/o Dade Babe, by CIMarron Secret. MSW, 10-12, Gulfstream West
HARD SPUN, Wedding Groom, c, 2, o/o Wedding Dress, by Medaglia d’Oro. MCL, 10-11, Santa Anita
INDY EXPRESS, Red Cloud Express, f, 3, o/o Snowdrop, by Beau Genius. MSW, 10-12, Zia
JESS’S DREAM, Empress Alexandra, f, 2, o/o Grey Empress, by Imperialism. MSW, 10-12, Thistledown
JUMP START, Fire’s Finale, c, 2, o/o Exchanging Fire, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 10-12, Parx Racing
LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Gypsy Wife, f, 3, o/o Thecushmaker, by Repent. MCL, 10-12, Parx Racing

MAJESTIC HARBOR, Pearl Tiara, f, 2, o/o Pearl Pendant, by Mineshaft. MSW, 10-12, Indiana Grand
MIO D’ORO, Dougie D Oro, g, 4, o/o Do the Tiger, by Hold That Tiger. MSW, 10-12, Thistledown
MORNING LINE, Wason, c, 2, o/o Alessandra, by Notional. MSW, 10-12, Gulfstream West
MUNNINGS, Plum Sexy, f, 2, o/o Purple Trillium, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 10-12, Santa Anita
NEW YEAR’S DAY, Clockstrikestwelve, f, 4, o/o Timezone, by Pulpit. ALW, 10-12, Golden Gate
PEACE AND JUSTICE, Like a Saltshaker, g, 2, o/o With Sprinkles, by Harlan’s Holiday. Fitz Dixon, Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., 10-12, Presque Isle Downs
RAISON D’ETAT, Make No Mistake, f, 4, o/o Hard to Copy, by Mr. Prospector. AOC, 10-12, Fort Erie
SILVER MOUNTAIN, Prescience, f, 4, o/o Jacobina, by Irgun. ALW, 10-12, Indiana Grand
SPEIGHTSTER, Sam and Sy, c, 2, o/o Jaish, by Seeking the Gold. MCL, 10-12, Belmont
SPEIGHTSTOWN, Astute, f, 2, o/o Discerning, by Langfuhr. MSW, 10-12, Santa Anita
SQUARE EDDIE, I Will Not, c, 3, o/o Chanel My Belle, by General Meeting. AOC, 10-11, Santa Anita
STREET BOSS, Baringer Spring, g, 4, o/o Tash Dash, by Coronado’s Quest. MSW, 10-12, Parx Racing
TAPITURE, Imprsstheprofessor, f, 3, o/o Raffie’s Treasure, by Raffie’s Majesty. MCL, 10-12, Belmont
THE FACTOR, Clench, c, 4, o/o Tight Lipped, by Kissin Kris. ALW, 10-12, Belmont
TIDAL VOLUME, Classic Volume, g, 3, o/o Pahlmuhree, by Gone West. MSW, 10-12, Thistledown
WAR FRONT, Frontana, g, 3, o/o Keertana, by Johar. AOC, 10-11, Hawthorne
WESTERN GAMBLER, Courage N Order, g, 4, o/o Colors of Pompeii, by Tricky Creek. ALW, 10-12, Zia
ZENSATIONAL, Koan, g, 6, o/o Tease, by Crowd Pleaser. ALW, 10-12, Parx Racing
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CAMILLERI’S KINGMAN COLT LEADS THE WAY

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK—On a day when Kingman (GB) was given the ultimate boost by being announced as the first suitor of Enable (GB), one of his sons played a leading role in the first session of Tattersalls October Book 2, following on from some notable returns during last week’s Book 1.

Godolphin has already had its share of success with the progeny of Kingman, notably through Group 1-winning colts Persian King (Ire) and Palace Pier (GB), and Anthony Stroud added another by the sire to Sheikh Mohammed’s string for next year when outbidding Joseph O’Brien at 400,000gns for lot 576.

The son of the 8-year-old Rip Van Winkle (Ire) mare Allez Y (Ire) was bred by Australian John Camilleri, best known in the racing world as the breeder of superstar Winx (Aus), and was offered on his behalf by Harry McCalmont’s Norelands Stud.

“He is a well-balanced horse, he moves well and we have had a lot of luck with Kingman,” said Stroud. “He is from Norelands, who do such a good job, and he will go to France to be trained by Andre Fabre.”

McCalmont added that Allez Y has been covered by Lope De Vega (Ire) to Southern Hemisphere time and will soon be joining Camilleri’s broodmare band in Australia.

“I am delighted I have sold a good horse for him, very happy,” said McCalmont. Cont. p2

CURRAGH LEGEND JOHN OXX TO RETIRE

By John Berry

This year we have become accustomed to things becoming very different. On Monday it was announced that we shall have to get used to something else: next year there will be no John Oxx training at Curragbeg on the edge of The Curragh, with the legendary Irish trainer having revealed his intention to retire at the end of November.

Few readers of this publication will be able to recall such a situation, but even for those whose racing memories are restricted to some or all of the 42 seasons in which the current John Oxx has been at the helm of this most dependable of vessels, this truly is the end of an era.

John Oxx Sr began training in 1943 at the age of 33. Seven years later he bought Curragbeg, and 70 years of sustained excellence in that iconic stable began. Oxx remained among the leaders of his profession for decades, most obviously being champion trainer in 1958. In those days Ireland was still very much the poor relation, few trainers regularly handling horses good enough to establish an international profile. Cont. p10

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Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2 Cont. from p1

Allez Y is a daughter of the champion race filly L’Ancresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and a half-sister to the Lloyd Williams-owned Master Of Reality (Ire), one of four Joseph O’Brien-trained horses to have arrived in Australia recently to contest the Melbourne Cup in November.

The trade in Book 1, though reduced, was highly encouraging in the current circumstances and the same can certainly be said for the first of three Book 2 sessions. The clearance rate rose three points to 85% as 216 of the 255 yearlings offered found a buyer. The average dipped by 10% to 70,539gns and the median by 5% to 52,000gns. The day’s aggregate of 15,236,500gns was down by just 5%.

D-Day For Churchill Filly

The first book of dual Classic winner Churchill (Ire) included a mare of rare appeal. Date With Destiny (Ire), the sole offspring of the ill-fated George Washington (Ire), earned some small black-type herself when third in the Lingfield Oaks Trial and her subsequent mating with Galileo (Ire) produced the G3 Royal Whip S. winner Beautiful Morning (GB).

Newsells Park Stud sent the 12-year-old mare back to Coolmore to visit Galileo’s son Churchill and were rewarded with 350,000gns for the resultant yearling (lot 718). The filly was signed for by Anthony Stroud.

Date With Destiny raced in the colours of Julie Wood and was bought as a 3-year-old for 185,000gns by Newsells Park Stud, who also owned her half-sister Flawly (GB) (Old Vic {GB}).

“We'd had some luck with the family before,” said stud manager Julian Dollar. Cont. p3

Remember, remember the 21 of September... last month, Golden Horn had more three-year-old winners than Galileo and Frankel put together. In fact, his 2017 crop outperformed that of every other stallion in the world.

They’re high class, too: the median Timeform of his rated three-year-olds is 90. Kingman is on 88, Sea The Stars 87 and Lope de Vega is on 86.
He added, “Flawly was one of the first mares we bought and she produced [Group 3 winner and Classic-placed] Best Name (GB). We were very fond of the family so when the opportunity came to buy a bit more of it, we came in with her.”

He added, “The Churchill was an interesting mating going back to something familiar but to put in a bit more speed and precocity. The mare was herself quite precocious.”

Churchill has 21 yearlings catalogued in Book 2 and the seven offered on Monday were all sold for an average of 80,571gns.

Model Start For Delevingne

Model Queen ((Kingmambo) has already heaped reflected glory on Highclere Stud, notably through her July Cup-winning son Regal Parade (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), and the baton passed to another of her offspring on Monday at Tattersalls. The 5-year-old mare Delevigne (GB) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) may have retired to the paddocks unraced but her first foal became one of the most expensive fillies of the day when bought by Alastair Donald for 350,000gns.

The Dark Angel (Ire) filly will join the King Power racing team, which enjoyed a stellar Saturday on the Rowley Mile with a hat-trick of group wins on Future Champions Day.

Donald said of lot 722, “I loved her. She was my favourite filly in the sale. We stretched bit to get her, everyone was on her. She walks for fun and it is a lovely family to be involved with.”

David Redvers had eyes for another daughter of Dark Angel and jumped in when the bidding reached 360,000gns for lot 767, the sister to German listed winner Dark Liberty (Ire). The agent was pushed to 390,000gns to secure her for Qatar Racing.

“She’s one for the long term, for our breeding plan. She looked all speed, a little cracker,” he said of the Yeomanstown Stud-bred filly whose half-sister Queen Of Love (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) won the Listed Prix Coronation at Saint-Cloud after the publication of the catalogue. Cont. p4
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**Mehmas Success Story Continues**

The popularity of Tally-Ho Stud’s young stallion Mehmas (Ire) has grown with each winner he has notched this season, and he now leads the first-crop sires of Europe with 35 individual winners to his credit, including the G1 Middle Park S. hero Supremacy (Ire).

Another milestone was passed on Monday when lot 600, a half-brother to the stakes-placed Ziarah (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), became his most expensive yearling at 320,000gns.

The colt, who is out of the unraced Ashtown Girl (Ire), an Exceed And Excel (Aus) half-sister to classy sprinter Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), was signed for by Tom Goff, who was standing between John Gosden and Kia Joorabchian of Amo Racing.

“I think we can say that Mehmas has been something of a revelation,” said Goff. “Some people wrote him off as cheap speed but he has defied that. My brief was to buy a colt who would make a sharp 2-year-old and this is a lovely colt out of an Exceed And Excel mare. He will go to John Gosden.”

The colt, bred by the Noonan family, was “the busiest of the sale” according to John Noonan of Cregg Stud, who consigned him.

He added, “I bred his dam and didn’t sell her as a yearling but she has been very good to us since then. She is now in foal to Ribchester (Ire).”

A Mehmas colt was also on the list of Charlie Gordon-Watson, who bought lot 731 on behalf of Al Shaqab Racing at 160,000gns. The Tally-Ho Stud-bred colt is out of Diaminda (Ire) (Diamond Green {Fr}), a half-sister to G1 Golden Jubilee S winner Fayr Jag (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}). **Cont. p5**
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2 Cont.

Al Shaqab has focused much of its buying on the French market of late but picked up two yearlings in Newmarket on Monday, the other being lot 655, Barton Stud’s Teofilo (Ire) colt out of the Italian listed winner Cape Magic (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), for 200,000gns.

Derby Dreams For Strawberry Fields

Gary Robinson of Strawberry Fields Stud brought just one yearling to Book 2 and the strapping son of Nathaniel (Ire) (lot 724) made the top 10 on Tuesday when selling for 280,000gns to Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock.

It has been quite a reversal of fortune for the Green Desert mare Desert Berry (GB), whose first four offspring are all by the late Archipenko. One of those was bought back by Robinson for 1,000gns at the December Foal Sale of 2016 but ever since his year-older brother Archie McKellar (GB) advertised the family’s prowess by becoming a Group 3 winner in Hong Kong under the name of Flying Thunder, the mare’s subsequent yearlings have not been overlooked. The Hong Kong Jockey Club bought Archie McKellar’s full-brother for 425,000gns at Book 2 last year, but the Nathaniel colt looks set to remain in Europe.

“He is an exceptional mover,” said Brown, who did not divulge the horse’s new owner. “He is going to need some time but he looks a real Classic type.”

Robinson, who raced the colt’s half-sister, six-time winner Rose Berry (GB) (Archipenko), said with a smile, “I bought the mare from Chris Dwyer and she’s been good to us. He looks a real Classic colt, I expect to see him win the Derby.”

Back at Strawberry Fields Stud in Fulbourn, just outside Newmarket, Desert Berry also has an Al Kazeem (GB) filly foal and is in foal to Study Of Man (Ire).

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Loughtown Filly In Fashion

A mid-May foaling date proved no barrier to the popularity of Loughtown Stud’s daughter of Invincible Spirit (Ire) out of the stakes-placed Cristal Fashion (Ire) (Jeremy) (lot 700), who was bought by Ross Doyle at 220,000gns and will go into training with Richard Hannon.

“The mare has a top back pedigree,” said Loughtown’s Paddy Burns, who bought Cristal Fashion, a granddaughter of the G3 May Hill S. winner Solar Crystal (Ire) (Alzao), for €25,000 at the Goffs November Sale.

He added, “The whole team at home have done a top job and I’d just like to thank my head man Tom Brinkley, my wife Helena and everyone. She has gone to a great stable and wish them all the best with her. She has been a cracker all the way through.”

Doyle said, “I told Richard Hannon that I thought she was the best filly I had seen for the three days, and he agreed and decided we had to have her.”

He added, “She is from a great nursery and is out of a black-type mare. The last time we bought an Invincible Spirit yearling out of a black-type mare was [G2 Flying Childers winner] Zebedee (GB).”

Holy Pinhook

Bloodstock agents Johnny and Susie McKeever have been absent from the European sales circuit this year as Susie continues medical treatment in Australia, and the couple received a great pick-me-up with a foal pinhook purchased last year in partnership with James Hanly of Ballyhimikin Stud.

The Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) relation to Anna Salai (Dubawi (Ire)) and National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), sold near the end of the session as lot 783, had been purchased from breeder Stuart McPhee as a foal last November for €30,000 and sold on Monday for 235,000gns to SackvilleDonald. Cont. p7
McPhee bought the colt’s dam, the unraced Pivotal (GB) mare Fire Heroine, for 6,000gns from Darley in 2015. “The McKeever and I picked him out together. Johnny and Susie are in Australia and they were watching on. They are thrilled,” Hanly said.

TATTERTSALLS OCTOBER YEARLING SALE
BOOK 2 DAY 1

Lot | Sire | Dam | Price (gns)
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576 | c, Kingman (GB)–Allez Y (Ire) | 400,000
Bred by Fairway Thoroughbreds
Consigned by Norelands Stud
Purchased by Godolphin

767 | f, Dark Angel (Ire)–Extricate (Ire) | 390,000
Bred by Yeomanstown Stud
Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud
Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock

718 | f, Churchill (Ire)–Date With Destiny (Ire) | 350,000
Bred by Newsells Park Stud
Consigned by Newsells Park Stud Ltd.
Purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock

722 | f, Dark Angel (Ire)–Delevigne (GB) | 350,000
Bred by Highclere Stud & HMH Management
Consigned by Highclere Stud
Purchased by SackvilleDonald

600 | c, Mehmas (Ire)–Ashtown Girl (Ire) | 320,000
Bred by Barry Noonan
Consigned by Cregg Stud
Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

724 | c, Nathaniel (Ire)–Desert Berry (GB) | 280,000
Bred by Strawberry Fields Stud
Consigned by Strawberry Fields Stud
Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

729 | f, Sea The Stars (Ire)–Dhuma (GB) | 260,000
(£90,000 Wlg ‘19 GOFNOV)
Bred by Swordlestown Little & Sunderland Holdings
Consigned by Barton Stud
Purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock

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Lot 951, a chestnut daughter of Decorated Knight (GB) out of Lost Icon (Ire) sells on Day 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2. Bred by Peter McCutcheon and consigned by Beechmore Bloodstock, the February foal is a half-sister to listed winner Elusive Beauty (Ire) (Elusive Pimpernel) who placed in the G3 Balanchine S. This is also the extended family of Grade II winner More Chocolate (Malibu Moon), who ran second in a brace of Grade Is in California. | Amy Lynam

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**Tattersalls Toppers Cont.**

783 c, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)–Fire Heroine

(€30,000 Wlg ‘19 GOFNOV)

Bred by Stuart McPhee Bloodstock Ltd.

Consigned by Ballyhimikin Stud

Purchased by Sackville Donald

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700 f, Invincible Spirit (Ire)–Cristal Fashion (Ire)

Bred by Loughtown Stud & Irish National Stud

Consigned by Loughtown Stud

Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle Bloodstock

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655 c, Teofilo (Ire)–Cape Magic (Ire)

Bred by Rabbah Bloodstock Limited

Consigned by Barton Stud

Purchased by C Gordon Watson Bloodstock/Al Shaqab

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565 c, New Bay (GB)–Alava (Ire)

Bred by Ballylinch Stud

Consigned by Ballylinch Stud

Purchased by Richard Ryan

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Alex Elliott purchased the winning 3-year-old filly Always A Dream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) for 16,000gns from the 2016 Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale. She was covered by Wootton Bassett (GB) for her first mating the following spring and that resulting colt provided a good return of 65,000gns at this sale, but more importantly he has gone on this season to become the exciting 2-year-old Chindit (Ire), winner of the G2 Champagne S. and Listed Pat Eddery S. It is no surprise, then, that the mare’s second foal was well received in the ring on Monday.

Mags O’Toole was able to steal this half-brother to the G2 May Hill S. winner and G1 Fillies’ Mile second Agnes Stewart (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) for 24,000gns out of last year’s Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

This second foal out of Bewitchment (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), a half-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Hooray (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), was bought by Church Farm Stud for 90,000gns at Tattersalls December.

John and Jake Warren picked up the winning Bonhomie (GB) (Shamardal) for 7,500gns out of the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2016 to support their young sire Cable Bay. They enjoyed a homerun with the mare’s first foal, a Cable Bay colt who Shadwell bought for £175,000 at Goffs UK’s Premier Yearling Sale last year. Named Laneqash (GB), he won at first asking at Ascot in August and was second to New Mandate (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) at second asking in the Listed Flying Scotsman S. on Sept. 11. The Highclere team enjoyed continued success with his full-brother on Monday.

Emerald Bloodstock spent 55,000gns on this first-crop son of Profitable at Tattersalls December last year.

Airlie Stud picked up the winning Enraptured (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) carrying this filly, her third foal, for 34,000gns from the 2018 Tattersalls December Mares Sale, and the Rogers family enjoyed a good return on Monday. Enraptured is a half-sister to Group 3 winners Pincheck (Ire) and Valeria Messalina (Ire) and produced a Zoffany (Ire) filly this year.

This second foal out of the unraced Fire Heroine (Pivotal {GB}) proved one of the pinhooks of the sale, making many multiples of his €30,000 foal pricetag from Goffs November, where he was bought by McKeever Bloodstock.

James Hanly of Ballyhimikin said, “We had a lot of interest in him and we’ve always liked Holy Roman and he has been a great sire to us. We have always bred to him and will continue to do so. The McKeever and I picked him out together, Johnny and Susie are in Australia and they were watching on. They are thrilled.”

At the end of 2019, Conall Meegan started his own bloodstock and consigning business, Beechmore Bloodstock. During the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Book 2, Conall spoke to TDN’s Alayna Cullen.
Curragh Legend John Oxx To Retire Cont. from p1

Even so, John Oxx Sr nearly succeeded in keeping the first edition of the hugely enriched Irish Sweeps Derby at home when Arctic Storm (Ire) (Nearco (Ity)) failed by only inches against the French-trained Tambourine II at The Curragh in 1962.

Arctic Storm’s wins that season included the Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh and the Champion S. at Newmarket, and the colt finished third to Match III (Fr) and Her Majesty’s Aurelius (GB) in the King George and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot.

From an early age, John Oxx Jr was destined to follow in his father’s footsteps. He prepared for the role by graduating from veterinary college and then assisting his father before taking over the license at Currabeg in advance of the 1979 season. He was aged 28 and his father was a year short of his 70th birthday. The time for transition was right.

John Oxx Sr’s final season was highlighted by the splendid campaign of the admirable filly Sorbus (Ire) (Busted (GB)), who was runner-up in all three legs of Ireland’s fillies’ Triple Crown, the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Irish St Leger. She actually passed the post first in the Irish Oaks but was controversially demoted in favour of the Oaks winner Fair Salinia (Ire) (Petingo (GB)). The latter then beat Sorbus on merit the following month in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks. Oxx had bought Sorbus as a yearling for 15,500gns for Gerald Jenkins as a dual-purpose (racing and breeding) prospect, and his selection could hardly have been better. After her distinguished racing career she became a stellar broodmare, albeit for Prince Khalid Abdullah rather than Mr. Jenkins, with her descendants including Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert) and Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)).

The handover from father to son was seamless. To emphasise the aspect of continuity, Gerald Jenkins owned John Oxx Jr’s first Classic winner: Eurobird (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou (GB)), successful in the G1 Irish St Leger in 1987. Two years later, Oxx doubled his Classic tally by taking the same race with another 3-year-old filly when Petite Ile (Ire) (Ile De Bourbon) scored under the veteran Australian rider Ron Quinton, who was the stable jockey at Currabeg at the time.

During the subsequent three decades, Ireland’s racing has prospered to the extent that it now often seems to put Great Britain in the shade, a situation unthinkable for most of turf history. For much of this period, John Oxx stood at the forefront of his country’s training ranks, including when he became champion trainer in 1995, a season which can be regarded as the Year of Ridgewood Pearl, the greatest filly he has ever trained. Cont. p11
Curragh Legend John Oxx To Retire Cont.

Bred by Sean Coughlan and raced by his wife Anne, Ridgewood Pearl (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) became the first of John Oxx’s true superstars. In a splendid season she proved herself an international champion with victories in the G1 Irish 000 Guineas, G1 Coronation S., G1 Prix du Moulin and G1 Breeders’ Cup Mile. She was ridden in the final three of those victories by Johnny Murtagh, who had served his apprenticeship with Oxx before becoming his stable jockey.

Five years later, Oxx and Murtagh combined to reach even greater heights when the Aga Khan’s homebred colt Sinndar (Ire) (Grand Lodge) won the greatest race in each of Europe’s three major racing nations: the G1 Derby at Epsom, the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh and the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp. To make that magical final day in Paris even more special, trainer and jockey also landed the sprint, the G1 Prix de l’Abbaye, with Lady Clague’s Namid (GB) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Two years previously, Oxx had provided Lady Clague with Classic success when Winona (Ire) (Alzao) had won the G1 Irish Oaks.

Sinndar was merely one of numerous stars who passed through John Oxx’s hands during his lengthy period as trainer of HH Aga Khan IV’s Irish string. Other major winners whom he prepared for His Highness included 1993 G1 National S. winner Manntari (Ire) (Doyoun {GB}); 1996 G1 Beverly D S. and G1 Irish Champion S. heroine Timarida (Ire) (Kalgow {GB}); 1996 G1 Irish St Leger winner Kastoria (Ire) (Selkirk); 1997 G1 Irish Oaks heroine Ebadiya (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells); 1998 G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Edabiya (Ire) (Rainbow Quest); 1999 G1 Ascot Gold Cup hero Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}); 2003 G1 Irish Derby and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Alamshar (Ire) (Key Of Luck); 2004 G1 St James’s Palace S. and G1 Irish Champion S. and 2005 G1 Prince of Wales’s S. and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift); 2006 G1 Irish St Leger winner Kastoria (Ire) (Selkirk) and 2009 G1 Irish St Leger winner Alandi (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

It is hard to believe that John Oxx’s torrent of big-race winners has dried up in recent years, particularly because it seems like only yesterday that he gave us a training masterclass with his faultless handling of the mighty Sea The Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), arguably the greatest racehorse to be trained in Ireland since Triple Crown hero Nijinsky II half a century ago. Bred and raced by the Tsui family, Sea The Stars rattled off a superb sequence of one Group 1 win a month from May to October through the spring, summer and autumn of 2009. By this time, Johnny Murtagh had moved on and Mick Kinane was bringing his splendid career to an end with a stint as stable jockey at Curragbeg. During one of the greatest Classic campaigns ever seen on the turf, Oxx and Kinane brought Sea The Stars through the season unbeaten with a splendid six-timer comprising the G1 2000 Guineas, G1 Derby, G1 Eclipse S., G1 Juddmonte International, G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe.

It is now 41 years since John Oxx Sr, approaching 70, decided that it was time to pass the baton to his son. Now the son, who turned 70 in July, has too decided that it is time to retire. The name John Oxx has been synonymous with racing excellence for longer than most of us can remember, encapsulating everything that is good about the sport, from professionalism and diligence to honesty and loyalty.

It has not just been the records of the horses at Curragbeg which attest to the trainer’s merit: Johnny Murtagh is merely one of many successful apprentices to have flourished under Oxx’s tuition. On Monday afternoon one of his proteges Cathy Gannon—who became Ireland’s first female champion apprentice in 2004 while working at Curragbeg—tweeted, “Happy retirement to my mentor, father-like John Oxx. Got my career off to a start. Made me champion apprentice. One of the best trainers in the world. Respect.”

That final word perfectly sums up the career of John Oxx. Few trainers have been more successful than he has; none has earned more respect.
ENABLE RETIRED; WILL VISIT KINGMAN

Prince Khalid Abdullah’s superstar mare Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}--Concentric {GB}, by Sadler’s Wells) has been retired from racing and will visit Kingman (GB) at Banstead Manor Stud next season.

“After consulting her trainer John Gosden and his racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe, Prince Khalid has decided that Enable will be retired from racing and will now join the Juddmonte broodmare band to be covered by Kingman in 2021,” said Juddmonte Chief Executive Officer Douglas Erskine Crum.

During an illustrious five-season career, Enable raced 19 times, winning 11 Group 1 races, including the Oaks, Irish Oaks, the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe twice and three victories in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. In her 19 starts she accrued record earnings for a European-trained horse of £10.7-million.

Teddy Grimthorpe said, “She has brought so much joy to everyone who has been involved with her. Her elegance and forceful personality have been nurtured by John and his team at Clarehaven, especially by Imran [Shahwani] who has looked after her with such calm and devotion. In her, Frankie found a willing partner to execute her ability on the racecourse. Her CV withstands the closest of inspections. Very few can match what she has given to racing.”

Enable: A Juddmonte Homegrown Great
By Kelsey Riley

A fourth generation homebred for Khalid Abdullah, Enable is the fifth foal out of the Andre Fabre-trained French stakes-placed Concentric and from the first crop of the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Coral-Eclipse winner Nathaniel. She made just one start at two, taking a mile Newcastle maiden by 3 3/4 lengths, and soon established her superiority among her generation at three. Re-bounding from a season-opening third in a Newbury conditions race, Enable took the Listed Cheshire Oaks and would not be beaten thereafter for more than two years. She pulverized her Oaks opposition by five lengths and was similarly impressive when taking the Irish Oaks by 5 1/2 lengths. She faced older males next out when taking the first of her three King Georges. Cont. p13
Enable Retired Cont.

The bay handled older mares next out when taking the G1 Yorkshire Oaks prior to her first Arc victory at Chantilly, where she had the likes of Cloth Of Stars (Ire), Ulysees (Ire), Order Of St George (Ire), Winter (Ire), Zarak (Fr) and Capri (Ire) in her wake. Connections soon revealed that Enable would stay in training at four with a tilt at an Arc defense the top priority, but fate did its best to intervene, with a minor injury sidelining Enable for much of the season. She got going only in September with a defeat of Crystal Ocean (Ire) off an 11-month layoff in Kempton’s G3 September S. -- a satisfactory but less than ideal preparation for Europe’s great race. No matter, though: with the Arc back at its traditional home at the revamped ParisLongchamp, Enable and Frankie Dettori put on a show to remember, hitting the line a short neck the better of the flying 3-year-old filly Sea Of Class (Ire). Having just gotten warmed up for the season, Enable jetted across the Atlantic to Churchill Downs for the GI Breeders Cup Turf, where she justified favouritism with a three-quarter length victory over that evergreen Group 1 winner Magical (Ire), with the following year’s Arc winner Waldgeist (GB) and the prior year’s Turf winner Talismanic further down the field.

Few would have blames Khalid Abdullah at this stage should he have chosen to send Enable to the paddocks in anticipation of racing her offspring, but to the delight of racing fans the Juddmonte team soon announced that the mare would remain in training at five and go for an unprecedented third Arc win. The stage looked set last fall, with Enable having extended her win streak to include scores in the Coral-Eclipse, King George and Yorkshire Oaks. The rainfall that appeared in Paris ahead of last year’s Arc did little to dissuade most that Enable would enter the history books -- she had already won Group 1s on soft going, of course -- and victory looked almost a foregone conclusion when the mare stormed to the lead with 300 metres to run. But at the same time as the very soft ground began to blight her brilliance, a true mile-and-a-half Group 1 horse in Waldgeist was flying down the middle of the course, and he snatched the lead with just 50 metres to go, with Enable settling for second in an excellent effort.

History had spoken and it was not to be for Enable, and the Arc would go on without a treble winner. Or would it? Weeks after the mare’s first defeat since the first race of her 3-year-old campaign, the team at Juddmonte once again stunned the racing world with the supremely sporting decision that Enable would give it another try in 2020.

Enable’s followers could be forgiven for being discouraged by a season-opening second to Ghaiyyath (Ire) in the Coral-Eclipse, but as the season wore on, the 6-year-old mare rounded into fitness and Ghaiyyath justified that victory with a career-best score in the Juddmonte International. Albeit against just two rivals, Enable recorded another historic treble when taking her third King George, but that accomplishment stayed largely in the shadows of what could come at ParisLongchamp 10 weeks later. Choosing to bypass a clash with the new 3-year-old filly wonder Love (Ire) in the Yorkshire Oaks, Team Enable opted for the warm up that had worked so well in 2018 and again went the route of the September S., which she won by seven lengths. This year’s Arc was framed as a clash between Enable and Love, but as the week leading into the race wore on far more drama unfolded than could have been anticipated. Biblical rainfall in Paris quickly deteriorated the course, and three days out Love with withdrawn. As Longchamp continued to dissolve into a quagmire, Love’s four stablemates set for the Arc joined her on the sidelines after becoming embroiled in a case of feed contamination. As the ground turned heavy, the most testing Enable had ever faced, the pace fell out of the race with that unfortunate withdrawal of Sovereign (Ire) and Serpentine (Ire).
Enable Retired Cont.

While Enable put in her typical valiant effort without ever looking like winning in trying conditions, her first and only off-the-board finish takes none of the shine off her illustrious record.

Dettori Hails ‘One of the Great Mares of Our Generation’

Speaking in an emotional interview on At The Races on Monday, Dettori paid tribute to “one of the great mares of our generation.”

“Lord Grimthorpe rang me last night,” he said. “Obviously I shed a tear as I was a bit emotional. I went to see her this morning. I accept the decision and she doesn’t owe anyone anything. It has been a great journey for 3 1/2 years. She has touched my heart and has been one of the great mares of our generation. She has won 11 Group 1s and has simply been amazing.”

Dettori described Enable’s 2017 Arc win as her best performance, while also giving note to her second King George win, in which she prevailed in a stirring stretch drive from Crystal Ocean, and the Oaks.

“The best performance was the first Arc,” Dettori said. “I knew we had the race won by the chateau in Chantilly, she was just in unbeatable form that day. The King George against Crystal Ocean stands out—she had every chance of throwing in the towel and she didn’t. The Oaks would be the other standout race as that is when she first really burst on to the scene.”

Dettori said he felt her Arc run was her last in the race’s immediate aftermath.

“After walking back in after the Arc I was trying to enjoy it, as I knew in my heart it was going to be her last race,” he said. “It is a tough task after finishing sixth in the Arc to have one more dance, so I half-expect this decision.

“It would have been unfair on her. Maybe she is now telling us something, but she has left the game in one piece and luckily for me she is still in Newmarket, so I can still see her. I will go feed her Polos at the stud. I’ve been begging John to put me on her one last time in a morning so I can give her my last goodbye.”

ENABLE: ONE FOR THE AGES

By Emma Berry

On most mornings there are more than 2,000 horses being exercised on Newmarket Heath, Britain’s epicentre of the Thoroughbred industry.

Plenty of them will end up as minor winners and a decent number of stakes winners will progress from the blustery East Anglian acres of turf to sun-drenched winner’s enclosures across England and beyond. Every now and then a champion will emerge.

It is perhaps a term used too liberally. Each year there is a champion 2-year-old, champion 3-year-old, champion stayer, champion sprinter. To call Enable (GB) a champion doesn’t really begin to do her justice.

Just months after Frankel (GB) strode up Warren Hill for the final time in October 2012, Juddmonte sent Concentric (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) on a 30-minute journey from Newmarket to Royston to be covered by his old rival Nathaniel (Ire). It would have been almost too indulgent to imagine that Newmarket could become home to another Thoroughbred of such alluring presence so soon after Frankel’s retirement, let alone one emerging from the same stud. But, by the summer of 2017, the foal resulting from that mating had started to write her own exciting chapter in the history of Juddmonte Farms.

Thunder and lightning announced Enable on the world stage when she stormed to the first of her 11 Group/Grade 1 victories as the rain lashed down on Epsom. To the Oaks, she added the Irish and Yorkshire versions and, in a stellar 3-year-old season, won her first of three King Georges and first of two Arcs. For many owner-breeders that would have been more than enough to ensure that she was hastened to stud to start work on the next generation.

Happily, for Enable’s growing legion of fans, this temptation was resisted for three years running. For keeping his great mare in training to the age of six, all who love racing owe Prince Khalid a huge debt of gratitude.

Enable more than upheld her side of the bargain. With each passing year she grew more statuesque, clearly thriving on her routine of emerging from John Gosden’s Clarehaven stable at the end of Newmarket’s Bury Road, either crossing the road for easy cantering days on Warren Hill, or heading away from town for more testing work mornings on the Al Bahathri or the Limekilns. Cont. p15
Enable: One For the Ages Cont.

It is too easy to anthropomorphise horses but in watching Enable make her casual saunters to and from the gallops of a morning, a fanciful mind could interpret the air of regal serenity as her knowing that she was simply better than every other horse she passed. In truth, it is more that physical exertion came much more easily to her than to most and, generally, a racehorse who finds work easy is one who is at ease with life.

As Enable’s reputation grew, so must the pressure have increased on those closest to her. With John Gosden as her trainer the mare had the perfect statesmanlike spokesman to deliver tantalising updates on her training along with insights to her character. “She’ll tell me,” he said often. A wise man taking his lead from a powerful female.

Enable’s competitive froideur was very much in contrast to that of the jockey who rode her in all bar her first two races. But every good double act needs a flamboyant showman and there is no-one better to assume that role than Frankie Dettori.

The one sad footnote to an extraordinary story is that its final act came in the year of a global pandemic. Coronavirus has taken a terrible toll on the world but within our own small racing hub, it was a cruel twist indeed that Enable’s final four runs took place in front of a handful of raceday officials, owners and trainers. If ever there was a horse who deserved to bow out—win or lose—with the roar of an adoring crowd ringing in her enormous ears it was Enable.

Over the last few weeks of sales, a growing number of yearlings have been signed up to join Clarehaven, not to mention the blue-blooded homebreds who will be added to Gosden’s books in the months to come. Boxes will be filled and new champions will emerge, but it is nigh on impossible to replace a horse for the ages.

GLOBAL GROUP OF TRAINERS, JOCKEYS REFLECT ON THE PANDEMIC

By Kelsey Riley

Racing has been fortunate to forge ahead in 2020 without crowds, but it is imperative that they return as soon as possible. That was one of the overriding themes of the third panel of the virtual International Conference of Horseracing Authorities released on Monday and entitled “Participating and working in racing during a global pandemic.” Moderator Rishi Persad spoke with trainers Charlie Appleby, Chris Waller and Ger Lyons as well as jockeys Hollie Doyle and Zac Purton about the experience of being a racing professional in 2020.

“When the country was in lockdown we’d probably be what you termed the lucky ones, because we were out carrying on as normal,” Lyons recalled of the early days of the pandemic. “You could feel it in the staff that they knew they were doing a normal day’s work while everyone else was in lockdown, so that actually became a positive. The initial fear was that we weren’t going to get back racing, but they worked wonders and got us back racing relatively early. I think they did a great job and rescued a season that looked like it was in turmoil.

Appleby described reacting to the crisis while part of his team was in Dubai.

“We were lucky with the industry we’re in that we’re outdoors. So that was a plus, but you still have to address it in the correct manner with the staff and make sure they’re comfortable in coming to work and also that their families are comfortable with them doing that as well.”

Waller described the experience of going racing in Australia without crowds.

“It was quite surreal, but it was good because everyone was watching racing,” he said. “We were lucky in Australia, we were the first sport up and running; we didn’t stop. Australia was locked down and for at least two months there was no sport whatsoever. So racing stood tall and for all the right reasons it was seen to be a responsible sport. Through that we got a lot of good recognition. We saw that responsibility and carried it through.”

Waller was quick to praise his country’s governing bodies, particularly those in New South Wales. Cont. p16
ICH Virtual Conference Cont.

“IT’S all about good administration, not just in dealing with global pandemics but in racing in general,” he said. “That’s where the world needs to come together and see the countries that are doing well and the ones that are struggling and figure out why. We’re all beneficiaries of those good administrators and it’s sad to see some countries lagging behind.”

Waller said Australia’s experience dealing with a shutdown of racing in 2008 due to the equine influenza outbreak likely helped lay the foundation for the path forward this time.

“Going back to Australia to 2008 we had the equine influenza, and that did shut racing down,” he said. “I think that made the government stand up and realize how important racing is to the economy and society. We stopped racing for about three months and there was a lesson there to make sure we support racing. I think just as much as having good administrators it is about having a good relationship with the government.”

Another district that has continued to race throughout the pandemic is Hong Kong. Leading local rider Zac Purton described how international punters latched onto the product.

“One of the byproducts of the commingling that the Jockey Club has brought in here in the last few seasons has been that when other countries were not able to go ahead with their sports and different products, they were all of a sudden locked into what we were doing here in Hong Kong and commingling went through the roof,” he said. “We benefitted quite a lot from it. Our prizemoney remained the same and it’s actually gone up this year.”

Doyle and Lyons have each experienced major career milestones this summer at spectator-less meetings, and they reflected on those experiences. Doyle, who has ridden her first Royal Ascot winner and group-race winner this year, noted that the quiet has been good for some horses but a hindrance to others.

“At Ascot, for example, I had a 2-year-old running that I thought, ‘this will be ideal with no crowd. He’s a bit hot-headed, this should suit him.’ And it did,” she said. “But on the other hand I had an old handicapper running and he’s like the yard hack at home, you wouldn’t even think he’s a racehorse. But he comes alive at the races with the crowd and atmosphere. I rode him at Ascot and he was just like the old hack at home; he never came alive. So I think it affects horses in different ways.”

Lyons won his first Classic in June with Siskin (First Defense) in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and his second with Even So (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) the next month in the G1 Irish Oaks.

“It’s just typical me to win the two Classics in a year where there’s no crowds and prizemoney is cut,” he said.

“First and foremost, racing is about the owners in my opinion and you need owners,” Lyons added. “Myself or Chris or Charlie as trainers will handle no crowds and it’s possible we can actually do our work better on a raceday with no crowds. But we’ll all agree that racing won’t survive without crowds and we need people to come racing. You need an atmosphere and we need crowds back for the whole game to survive.”

Appleby added, “The word Ger used there that summed it all up was atmosphere. If you’re lucky enough to have a winner, as much as you get the satisfaction of winning the event, you get an immense sense of achievement when people are applauding yourself, the horse, the jockey, the owner. That’s very missed on those big occasions. We’re racing, which is the main thing, but in a sporting industry crowds are very important.”

One of the rules imposed on jockeys by the British Horseracing Authority from racing’s resumption in June was that jockeys would be permitted to ride at just one meeting per day. That became an industry talking point over the summer with many riders touting the benefits—both for career advancement and mental health. Doyle reflected on the rule, saying, “I think it swings both ways. For me now I have a retainer so it’s a bit complicated. For example, if he has a runner somewhere and Archie [Watson], who is also my boss, has a runner somewhere else, it is a bit annoying that I can’t ride for both, but I think from a mental health side of things it’s a lot nicer on everyone. I’ve picked up better spare rides on Saturdays, for instance, because the top blokes can’t do two meetings.

“What I think would be great [in the future] is if they had a cap on how many double meetings you could do a week. Maybe you could do double meetings twice a week, and that would be great because it’s not completely stopping you from doing your job but it’s giving you that little bit of freedom.”
DUBAWI HALF TO SKITTER SCATTER ANCHORS TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOALS

The catalogue for the Tattersalls December Foal Sale, featuring a Dubawi (Ire) half-brother to champion Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy) (lot 939), is now online. Slated for Nov. 25-Nov. 28, the sale will see 934 lots go under the hammer at Park Paddocks in Newmarket. Recent G1 Betfair Sprint Cup hero Dream of Dreams (Ire) (Dream Ahead) is a graduate of the sale, as is this term’s G2 Coventry S. victor Nando Parrado (GB) (Kodiac {GB}).

Consigned by Airlie Stud, the half-brother to G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Skitter Scatter is one of 121 full- or half-siblings to group and listed winners. There are also 86 foals out of group and listed winning mares. Other weanlings of note include: a Frankel (GB) half-brother to Group 2 winner Alkumait (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) (lot 955) from Whitsbury Manor Stud; GSW Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire})’s half-brother by Belardo (Ire) as lot 919 offered by Ringfort Stud; lot 972, Whatton Manor Stud’s Showcasing (GB) half-sister to the aforementioned Nando Parrado; a Zoffany (Ire) colt (lot 976) from Norelands Stud who is an half-brother to this past weekend’s G1 bet365 Fillies’ Mile victress Pretty Gorgeous (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}); and a half-brother by Footstepsinthesand (GB) (lot 957) to the GSW & G1SP The Lir Jet (Ire) (Prince of Lir {Ire}) as part of The Castlebridge Consignment.

Reverse shuttle stallion Zoustar (Aus) has 23 Northern Hemisphere weanlings in the sale, among them a son of MG1SW La Collina (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}) (lot 892) from Kenilworth House Stud. There are another 25 first-crop stallions represented like Classic and Group 1 winners Cracksman (GB), Expert Eye (GB), Harry Angel (Ire), Havana Grey (GB), Hawkbill, Jungle Cat (Ire), Lightning Spear (GB), Poet’s Word (Ire), Roaring Lion, Saxon Warrior (Jpn), Sioux Nation, US Navy Flag, Unfortunately (Ire), Mekhtaaal (GB), Recoletos (Fr), and Oscar Performance.

Veteran Stallions, of course, are also prominent with foals by Camelot (GB), Dark Angel (Ire), Exceed and Excel (Aus), Fastnet Rock (Aus), Kingman (GB), Kodiak (GB), Invincible Spirit (Ire), Lope De Vega (Ire), Pivotal (GB), Sea the Stars (Ire), Teofilo (Ire), Kendargent (Fr), Le Havre (Ire), Siyouni (Fr) and the recently relocated Wootton Bassett (GB).

In 2019 pre-coronavirus, 663 weanlings grossed 29,338,300gns with an average of 44,251gns and a median of 22,000gns. The top price was 600,000gns for a son of Frankel (GB) out of MG1SW Simple Verse (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) from Tweenhills Farm & Stud.

“The Tattersalls December Foal Sale is the premier fixture of its kind in Europe, consistently attracting the cream of the British and Irish foal crop and this year’s catalogue has the quality and diversity to appeal to pinhookers and owners from throughout the world,” said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. “Graduates of the sale continue to fly the flag globally with Dream of Dreams, Barney Roy (GB) and Matterhorn (Ire) all successful at the highest level. The December Foal Sale has also been the source of many of this season’s most exciting juveniles with the G2 Mill Reef S. winner Alkumait, the G2 Coventry S. winner Nando Parrado, the G2 Gimcrack S. winner Minzaal and the exciting Group 3-winning Japanese 2-year-old Shock Action (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}) all graduates of the 2018 renewal.”

MG1SW RELIABLE MAN RETURNS TO GESTUT ROTTGEN

MG1SW and Group 1 sire Reliable Man (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}–On Fair Stage {Ire}, by Sadler’s Wells) will return to Gestut Rottgen for the 2021 covering season, the German stud announced on Monday. The grey spent his first four years there, before standing for three years in France—a year at Haras du Thenney and two at Haras d’Annebault. A fee for the 12-year-old, who also shuttles to Westbury Stud in New Zealand, will be announced later.

A winner of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. in 2011 and 2013, respectively, the N. P. Bloodstock-bred has sired 13 black-type winners, seven at the group level, to date, including G1 VRC Oaks winner Miami Bound (NZ), G1 New Zealand Oaks heroine Miss Sentimental (NZ), and German group winners Akribie (Ger), Narella (Ire), and Erasmus (Ger).

“We look forward to welcoming Reliable Man back to Röttgen,” stud manager Frank Dorff commented. “We shall certainly continue to support him with some of our best mares.”

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Reliable Man Cont.

He added “In his first three years here we bred three group winners and a listed winner from only 13 foals. He consistently produces good looking, correct horses and they are able to run at two and then compete in the best races from 2000m-2400m at three.”

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY VIRTUAL PREVIEW EVENING

A virtual preview evening to celebrate the 10th edition of QIPCO British Champions Day will be held live on the QIPCO British Champions Series Facebook page from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15. Sponsored by QIPCO and the Tote and hosted by ITV Racing’s Francesca Cumani, the preview evening will raise money for charity Racing Welfare. Other panelists will be Chris Dixon (Racing TV), Kevin Blake (Sky Sports Racing), Lee Mottershead (Racing Post), champion jockey Oisin Murphy, and Jamie Hart (Tote). All viewers are encouraged to make a £5 donation to the Racing Welfare COVID-19 emergency appeal.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020:

UNITED KINGDOM

Adaay (Ire) *(Kodiac (GB)), Whitsbury Manor Stud*
94 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
16:55-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, APACHE MIST (GB)
8,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £3,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
13:35-LEICESTER, 8.25f, ARLECCHINO’S SHADE (GB)

Belardo (Ire) *(Lope de Vega (Ire)), Kildangan Stud*
93 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
14:45-LEICESTER, 8.25f, CORBULO (Ire)
€52,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; 32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Buratino (Ire) *(Exceed AndExcel (Aus)), Kildangan Stud*
88 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-LEICESTER, 8.25f, UP BEFORE DAWN (Ire)
€9,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Coulsty (Ire) *(Kodiac (GB)), Rathasker Stud*
45 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
13:35-LEICESTER, 8.25f, STAY COUL (Ire)
€3,000 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018; 900gns RNA Tattersalls February Sale 2019

Fascinating Rock (Ire) *(Fastnet Rock (Aus)), Ballylinch Stud*
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, FORBIDDEN BEAUTY (Ire)
€6,500 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019

Flintshire (GB) *(Dansili (GB)), Hill 'n' Dale Farms*
99 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-LEICESTER, 8.25f, MAKE A SPARK (Ire)
25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Kodi Bear (Ire) *(Kodiac (GB)), Rathbarry Stud*
83 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, BODAK YELLOW (Ire)
€12,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €27,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
17:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, COTAI BEAR (Ire)
40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 58,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, MR TREvor (Ire)
€4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; 26,667gns Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2020

Ajaya (GB) *(Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Ire*
31 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, SPLIT ELEVENs (GB)
800gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; €11,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Awtaad (Ire) *(Cape Cross (Ire)), Derrinstown Stud*
94 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
14:45-LEICESTER, 8.25f, MARSELAN (Ire)
53,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

Fascinating Rock (Ire) *(Fastnet Rock (Aus)), Ballylinch Stud*
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, FORBIDDEN BEAUTY (Ire)
€6,500 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019

Flintshire (GB) *(Dansili (GB)), Hill 'n' Dale Farms*
99 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-LEICESTER, 8.25f, MAKE A SPARK (Ire)
25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Kodi Bear (Ire) *(Kodiac (GB)), Rathbarry Stud*
83 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, BODAK YELLOW (Ire)
€12,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €27,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
17:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, COTAI BEAR (Ire)
40,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 58,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, MR TREvor (Ire)
€4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; 26,667gns Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2020
**Mehmas (IRE)** (Acclamation (GB)), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/35 winners/4 black-type winners
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, FAYATHAAN (IRE)
£35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
13:35-LEICESTER, 8.25f, WESTERN BEAT (IRE)
12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 10,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, YORKSHIRE PIRLO (IRE)

**Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place (GB)), Chapel Stud
43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, FORBIDDEN SECRET (GB)
€12,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €15,000 Tattersalls
Ireland September Yearlings 2019
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, GAELIC SECRET (GB)
15,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018
17:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, SECRET EAGLE (GB)
800gns Tattersalls February Sale 2019
17:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, THORNABY PEARL (GB)
6,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £4,000
Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

**Proconsul (GB)** (Galileo (Ire)), Annshoon Stud
31 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-LEICESTER, 8.25f, PASTA LA VISTA (GB)
£10,000 Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

**Shalaa (IRE)** (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, POCKLEY (GB)
£82,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; £35,000
Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze Up Sale (Doncaster)

**Twilight Son (GB)** (Kyllachy (GB)), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
18:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, PENUMBRE (GB)
18,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 25,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3
16:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, SNAP OUT OF IT (IRE)
€4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019;
18,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020

**Vadamos (FR)** (Monsun (Ger)), Tally-Ho Stud
127 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
15:55-LEICESTER, 7f, PATRIOTIC (IRE)
55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

**FRANCE**
Goken (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1200m,
€6,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2019

**IRELAND**

**Pride Of Dubai (Aus)** (Street Cry (Ire)), Coolmore Australia
122 foals of racing age/9 winners/4 black-type winners
1-CORK, 8f, FLYING VISIT (IRE)

**Territories (IRE)** (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CORK, 8f, PRAIRIE DANCER (IRE)
€6,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €24,000 RNA Goffs
Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2019

Territories is aiming for a 15th winner on Tuesday | Amy Lynam

**BRITAIN**

Monday’s Results:
**3rd-Great Yarmouth, £7,900, Nov, 10-12, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:16.55, sf.**

**ALDAARY (GB)** (g, 2, Territories {Ire}—Broughtons Revival {GB},
by Pivotal {GB}) was well away to track the leaders in fourth from the outset of this debut. Making smooth headway soon after passing halfway, the 11-4 joint-favourite launched his bid at the quarter-mile marker and stretched clear under mild coaxing inside the final furlong to easily account for Media Guest (Fr) (Belardo (IRE)) by an impressive 3 3/4 lengths, becoming the 14th winner for his freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit (IRE)). “He jumped, he travelled well and was very professional through the race,” said winning rider Jim Crowley. “We didn’t expect it to be this soft and, being by Territories out of a Pivotal mare, he loved the ground and it was a very taking performance. He was very good today and, hopefully, he can come forward from that.”

Hailing from a family featuring GI Kentucky Derby-winning sire Giacomo (Holy Bull) and MGISW sire Tiago (Pleasant Tap), the March-foaled chestnut becomes the sixth scorer for his dam and is full to a weanling colt. Cont. p20
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He is also a half-brother to G3 Polar Cup-winning Scandinavian champion sprinter Easy Road (GB) (Compton Place (GB)) and a yearling filly by Havana Gold (Ire). Sales history: $5,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 150,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $6,658. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; T-William Haggas.

4th-Great Yarmouth, £5,900, Novice, 10-12, 2yo, 7f 3yT, 1:30.04, sf.

MARRAKECH MOON (GB) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Morocco Moon (GB), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)), fifth on debut over this trip at Kempton Sept. 23, was free early tracking the leader Aquaman (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)). Taking until the last 150 yards to subdue that long-time leader, the 5-2 favourite asserted to score by 3/4 of a length. The dam, whose filly foal is by Australia (GB), hails from the family of the G3 C L Weld Park S. winner and G3 Queen Mary S. and G3 Fred Darling S. third Rag Top (Ire) (Barathea). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $6,658.

Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Alice Bamford (GB); T-John Gosden.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Sedberghian (Ire), f, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Shirley Blake (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Wolverhampton, 10-12, 7f 3yT (AWT), 1:31.08. B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE). *£5,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR; £10,000 2yo '20 TTIGOR. *6th winner for her sire (by Kodiak (GB)).

Rita The Chestah (GB), f, 2, Prince of Lir (Ire)--Munaawashat (Ire), by Marju (Ire). Wolverhampton, 10-12, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.45. B-J A & Mrs Duffy (GB). *800gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. **13th winner for his sire (by Kodiak (GB)).

Skibo Castle (Fr), c, 2, Shalaa (Ire)--Noelani (Ire) (MGSW-Ire, $189,264), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Royal Windsor, 10-12, 6f 12yT, 1:16.53. B-Framont Ltd & David Redvers (FR); T-Andrew Balding. *£130,000 Ylg '19 AROYRG. **8th winner for his sire (by Invincible Spirit (Ire)).

Rome Imperial (Ire), f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Ascot Lady (Ire), by Spinning World. Royal Windsor, 10-12, 8f 31yT, 1:50.03. B-Pier House Stud (IRE). *€130,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

1st-Lyon-Parilly, €14,000, Mdn, 10-12, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:38.79, vsf.

GIRL ON THE MOON (FR) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Tempera Noire (Fr), by Miesque's Son), an Aug. 20 first-up fifth going 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville last time, settled off the pace towards the rear until inching closer on the home turn. Rowed along with 500 metres remaining, the 18-5 second choice made continued headway in the straight to challenge approaching the eighth pole and was ridden out in the latter stages to prevail by a length from Trevive (Fr) (Motivator (GB)). Kin to Listed Prix Delahante winner Mademoiselle Marie (Fr) (Evasive (GB)), she is the latest of four foals and becomes the second scorer produced by a half-sister to Listed Snowdrop Fillies’ S. victress Born Tobouggie (Ger) (Tobougg (Ire)). Sales history: €50,000 Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €135,000 Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €8,100. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Jean-Etienne Dubois, Hubert Guy, Haras d'Etreham & Haras de Beauvoir; B-B-Pierre Jobet & Haras d'Etreham (FR); T-F Chappet.

A Hubert Guy Bloodstock Yearling Purchase

2nd-Lyon-Parilly, €14,000, Mdn, 10-12, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:45.36, vsf.

EASTER (FR) (c, 2, Exosphere (Aus)--Excellent Girl (GB) (GSP-Fr), by Exceed and Excel (Aus)), who ran third behind subsequent G3 Prix Thomas Bryan winner Normandy Bridge (Fr) (Le Havre (Ire)) when tackling this trip in his Sept. 3 debut at ParisLongchamp last time, raced in a handy fourth after an alert exit here. Improving into second at halfway, the 19-10 second favourite was shaken up at the top of the straight and kept on strongly once gaining a slender advantage entering the final furlong to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from the progressing Shalali (Fr) (Bated Breath (GB)), becoming the third winner for his freshman sire (by Lonhro (Aus)). He is the seventh of eight foals and fifth scorer out of G3 Prix Cleopatre third Excellent Girl (GB) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)), herself a half-sister to G3 R A Lee S. victor Fastnet Tempest (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)). The March-foaled bay is kin to G3 Prix Miesque victress Sweety Dream (Fr) (Dream Ahead) and a yearling filly by Dream Ahead. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €10,300. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Mlle Samantha Amar & Mme Jean-Etienne Dubois; B-Aleyrion 8,100. 15 TATFOA; 150,000 Ylg i 10,300. O/B-Alexandre de Beauvoir, Hubert Guy, Haras d'Etreham & Haras de Beauvoir; B-B-Pierre Jobet & Haras d'Etreham (FR); T-F Chappet.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Lyon-Parilly, €22,000, Cond, 10-12, 2yo, 10fT, 2:19.85, vsf.

ADHAMO (IRE) (c, 2, Intello (Ger)--Foreign Tune (GB) (SW & GSP-Fr, $161,614), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €26,200. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-F Head.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Monaawara (GB), f, 2, Siyouni (Fr)--Alnajmah (GB), by Dansili (GB). Tarbes, 10-11, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.90. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Version Top (Fr), c, 2, Waldpark (Ger)--Version Officielle (Fr), by Air Chief Marshal (Ire). Hyeres, 10-11, 9 1/4fT, 2:02.51. B-Haras d'Haspel (Fr). *€5,500 RNA Ylg '19 ARQFEB.

Run Like Hell (Fr), f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Final Call (GB), by Rail Link (GB). Tarbes, 10-11, 7 1/2fT, 1:32.90. B-SC Ecurie de Meautry (Fr). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Version Top (Fr), c, 2, Waldpark (Ger)--Version Officielle (Fr), by Air Chief Marshal (Ire). Hyeres, 10-11, 9 1/4fT, 2:02.51. B-Haras d'Haspel (Fr). *€9,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.


Funnywell (Fr), f, 3, Willywell (Fr)--Lilly Well (Fr), by Ballingarry (Ire). Lyon-Parilly, 10-12, 11fT, 2:28.62. B-Jean-Pierre Gauvin, Jacques Rousset & Jean-Pierre Jeanneret (Fr). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

NON BLACK-TYPE STAKES RESULTS:
Power Barbarian (GB), c, 2, New Approach (Ire)--Twilight Mystery (GB), by Acclamation (GB). Sluzewiec (Poland), 10-11, Nagroda Ministra Rolnictwa i Rozwoju Wsi (Przychowku) (NBT), 1400mT. B-Whatton Manor Stud. *€62,000gs Wlg '18 TATDEF; €11,000 Ylg '19 GOFSPT.

Timemaster (Fr), c, 3, Mukhadram (GB)--Tierceville (Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland), 10-11, Nagroda Mosznej (NBT), 1600mT. B-EARL Haras de Cisai. *€3,500 Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

CONDITIONS WINNERS:
Lady Gabi (Ire), f, 2, Elzaam (Aus)--Lady Tyne (GB), by Halling. Sluzewiec (Poland), 1200mT. B-Ballyhane Stud. *€5,000 Ylg '19 GOFSPT.

MAIDEN WINNERS:
Paradise Hill (Ire), f, 2, Harzand (Ire)--Keepers Hill (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Danehill. Sluzewiec (Poland), 10-11, 1600mT. B-Selective Syndicate. *Third winner for first-crop sire (by Sea The Stars {Ire}).

**€9,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €15,500 Ylg '19 GOFSPT.

Zanzily Passion (Fr), f, 2, Zanzibari--Lydiane (Ire), by Dunkerque (Fr). Sluzewiec (Poland), 10-10, 1200mT. B-Jocelyne, Mark & Paul Richard & Ursula Toole. *€6,500 Ylg '19 ARQNOV.
Leading General Sires by G1SWs

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Oct. 11

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**MARE QUALITY ANDSTALLION PERFORMANCE**

*by John Boyce*

Discovering a top-class stallion is literally like striking gold. A successful stallion can sustain a stallion farm for decades and help generate so many other business opportunities along the way. The fortunes earned are even greater if the stallion in question is found among the bottom tier of new recruits. And that tends to happen more in big markets with strong regional breeding communities.

Australia is a case in point. The make and shape of the broodmare population in Australia—where there are very few dominant owner-breeders as in Europe—means that a good stallion can come from almost anywhere. And they often do.

Just look at the career of one of the nation’s current elite sires, I Am Invincible. He started out covering at an advertised fee of $11,000 (inc GST) for his first four seasons at Yarraman Park. He was leading first-season sire with 15 winners, a tally well above the norm for a freshman sire at the time. That first crop featured five juvenile stakes winners, including Brazen Beau. Six years later I Am Invincible’s fee had reached an all-time high of $247,500 (inc GST).

Nothing succeeds like success as they say and a stallion that can make a big impression with his first 2-year-olds is going to attract plenty of attention from mare owners.

**Queensland Success**

Two more recent examples of stallions that made the right first impression from humble beginnings are the 2017/18 leading first-crop sire **Spirit Of Boom** and **Better Than Ready**, the leading freshman a year later.

Spirit Of Boom sired three more first-crop juvenile winners than I Am Invincible and the same number of stakes winners, while Better Than Ready managed as many as 23 individual winners, the most in recent history and only seven shy of the record 30 sired by the great Without Fear (Fr).

What is different about these two stallions is that they are based in Queensland so don’t have the same access to quality mares as their counterparts in New South Wales or Victoria. The numbers bear this out with Spirit Of Boom and Better Than Ready respectively covering 39 and 37 elite mares in the first four years, compared to the 61 by I Am Invincible, this despite standing within the same fee range in their early years. As a reminder, elite mares are those that are among the top 15% of all mares in Australia.

Predictably, both Queensland stallions received a hike in mare quality in their fifth season, Spirit Of Boom attracting 63 elite mares—nearly double the number of his first four years put together—and Better Than Ready 27, his best-ever tally too.

Given the way the modern commercial market works, it’s inevitable that there is a fall off in mare quality in years two, three and four, so all things being equal we are entitled to expect quieter times from both in the next few years at least until their better-bred crops start competing.

**Emerging Stallions**

Of course, emerging stallions don’t always have to start on the bottom rung of the latter. In fact, they are statistically more likely to succeed if they can gain access to good mares from the start. There are a number of current horses that started out with much higher expectations and the breeders have liked what they have seen so far, so much so that they have bestowed even greater opportunities upon them.

**Zoustar** was always going to be a hot commodity when he retired to stud, as his $44,000 (inc GST) opening service fee indicated. And after a very bright start with his first 2-year-olds, his fee rose in 2018 and was up again in 2019 following the brilliant exploits of his first 3-year-olds, notably triple Group 1 heroine Sunlight. On the back of these successes, it is no surprise to learn that Zoustar’s current yearlings and foals are from his best-ever books of mares.
Arrowfield’s **Dundeel (NZ)** is another who commenced his stallion career with quality books as his $27,500 (inc GST) service fee suggests. He too has wowed breeders with his first set of 3-year-olds and was rewarded with his best-ever book in his sixth year at stud, covering more than twice as many elite mares as he did when he first went to stud; 91 in year six compared to 42 in year one.

And then we have Coolmore’s **Rubick** who hit the jackpot, siring G2 Todman S. hero Yes Yes Yes with his first juveniles. The net result was that his number of elite mares shot up later that year to double the number he served in year one.

But will better mares make a difference? Or is it the case that good sires will produce the goods whatever the standard of their mares? Well, the evidence is overwhelming. Even the best of stallions benefit from blue-blooded partners. I Am Invincible gets 11.6% stakes winners from his elite mares and only 7.4% from the rest. Even the great Snitzel relies on his better mares, siring 13.2% stakes winners from them and 8.1% from the rest. And his own sire Redoute’s Choice is similarly indebted to his elite partners, as they have produced 13.7% stakes winners versus 9.0% from the others.

Spirit Of Boom is now up to 12 stakes winners, produced at a rate (5.1%) well in advance of the expectations of his early mares. By my calculations, he’s only ever had eight starters out of what could be classed as elite mares, and one of them—Sugar Boom—is already a stakes winner. Better Than Ready, meanwhile, had a slightly quieter time with his 3-year-olds last season. The fact that Zoustar, Dundeel, and Rubick started out at higher fees perhaps puts them on a sounder footing, but then again they’ll be held to a higher standard.

What’s certain is that all five stallions have the ammunition to see them do well in the coming years.

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**YOUNG SIRES AND THEIR ELITE MARES**

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