EQUINE FATALITIES ON THE DECLINE IN CALIFORNIA

by Dan Ross

Last week, a Santa Anita press release had the misfortune of arriving amid the squall of a busy news cycle.

In a nutshell, the release shared this not insignificant titbit: The track had wrapped a 16-day race meet, and a one month and 20-day training period, with zero fatalities. Since the beginning of the winter/spring meet last December, there have been five racing fatalities--zero on the main dirt track--from 5,069 individual starts.

The resulting ratio for the year of an average of 0.98 fatalities per 1,000 starters made Santa Anita currently the safest racetrack in the nation, according to the release. The national fatality rate is 1.53 per 1000 starts.

This is quite the reversal from 18 months prior, when Santa Anita was dubbed a “death trap.” Last year at the facility, the fatality rate was 3.01 per 1000 starters.

As it was, the news disappeared somewhat into the ether--but not by those at the front line. “It is great to see what we’re doing, and what’s being done, that there are positive results,” said racetrack veterinarian Jeff Blea, past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

The news also followed on the heels of another successful Del Mar summer meet where the facility saw only one racing fatality for a ratio of 0.42 per 1000 starts, and two training fatalities. Cont. p3

DOES SWISS SKYDIVER HAVE A PATH TO HORSE OF YEAR? TEN QUESTIONS THE BREEDERS’ CUP WILL ANSWER

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

Thoughts I had while perusing the pre-entries for what promises to be a terrific Breeders’ Cup?

1. What are the chances that Swiss Skydiver is named Horse of the Year?

It now appears almost certain that Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) will go in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff instead of the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.

“At this point we are going in the Distaff unless there is a late defection from the Classic,” trainer Ken McPeek told reporters Saturday morning. The Classic field is loaded, so running Swiss Skydiver in the Distaff, where she will likely be second choice behind Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), is the logical choice. But will it cost Swiss Skydiver her best chance of being named Horse of the Year? It may and it may not. Cont. p8

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Monomoy Girl trains at Churchill Downs this week toward what may be her last start in this Saturday’s Breeders’ Cup Distaff; she is entered in the Fasig-Tipton Sale November Sale on Sunday. We talked to her co-owner, Sol Kumin, about the race, and what it might be like without her in the barn. Click the photo above to watch the video.

BREEDERS’ CUP WORK TAB

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SPUN TO RUN TO GAINESWAY

Last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile winner Spun to Run (Hard Spun) will enter stud at Gainesway in 2021.
Equine Fatalities Decline in California
(cont. from p1)

Stepping back to look at the year thus far through Oct. 28, California as a whole is operating at a rate of 1.64 fatalities per 1000 starts (including Quarter Horse starts). Over the 2019-2020 fiscal year—the basis of the California Horse Racing Board’s (CHRB) annual reports—the state-wide fatality rate was 1.4 fatalities per 1000 starts (including QH starts). It should be noted that Quarter Horse deaths constitute a disproportionate percentage of overall fatalities in the state.

Zeroing in on Los Alamitos—the subject of an emergency CHRB meeting in July due to a spike in catastrophic injuries—the facility concluded its two-week day-time summer meet with zero Thoroughbred racing and training fatalities.

“It would be an understatement for me to say that Los Alamitos has doubled its efforts because it’s done more than that,” said Jack Liebau, vice president of the Los Alamitos Racing Association, of the safety reforms the track has instituted since July. Indeed, since that emergency meeting, there has been one Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse racing fatalities, and zero training fatalities, according to the CHRB.

Of course, none of this is playing out in a vacuum, with trainers, breeders and owners in California operating under what California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) medical director Rick Arthur says is the most stringent regulatory environment in the country—in some regards, globally. Economic constraints are an obvious tradeoff.

Earlier in the year, the TDN reported how reduced horse inventory at Santa Anita had a knock-on effect over field size and handle, while some backstretch workers had even turned to Uber-driving to supplement their income—and all this before the pandemic hit.

“Everybody is glad that the heat is off us,” said Eoin Harty, president of the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT). “Whatever protocols have been implemented are obviously working.”

But the COVID crisis has only heightened economic pressures on trainers, he added.

“The biggest concern going forward is the purse funds, how we generate them, how we elevate them,” Harty said. “It’s hard enough to win a race in California as it is,” he added. “And when you can potentially go somewhere a little easier for a lot more money, it becomes very inviting.”

Nor should the industry rest on its laurels when it comes to the downward trend in fatalities, cautioned Blea.

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“They’re racehorses and they’re athletes, and because they’re athletes, they’re always at risk of getting hurt," he said, emphasizing the element of unpredictability that working with horses brings. “Anything can happen. It can happen out in the field, in a stall. It can happen out on the racetrack.”

“Fractures Just Don’t Happen Overnight”

The arc of regulatory change in California these past 18 months has been broadly encompassing: tougher scrutiny during both training and race-day, more rigorous pre-race examinations, stricter medication policies, whip use reform, and greater public transparency of even low-level medication violations.

Consequently, many struggle to identify solitary reasons behind the decline in fatalities—a multifactorial issue as it is. Rather, they look at the gestalt of a wholesale cultural shift.

“You can have the greatest procedures and protocols, but if you don’t get stakeholder buy-in, it’s not worth a whole lot,” said Josh Rubinstein, president at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, where the track’s high fatality rate during the summer of 2016 precipitated a comprehensive set of successful safety reforms.

“There’s been a change in culture, in a good way,” Rubinstein added. “For us, it’s been four years of continued improvement in safety.”

That said, some noted individual factors peculiar to the California experiment. Tom Robbins, Del Mar’s executive vice president of racing and industry relations, is quick to sing the praises of track superintendent Dennis Moore, whose expertise is shared among various Southern California tracks.

“Dennis came on board early 2017," said Robbins, “and was given the green light to do anything that he felt was important to do.”

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Santa Anita management emphasize a fairly new position: That of the “vet monitor” working alongside the “secondary vet” who scrutinizes the horses--typically from the finish line--on raceday.

The secondary veterinarian’s view of the horses on raceday is fairly limited, explained Amy Zimmerman, senior vice president and executive producer at Santa Anita. “As the horse goes around the backside, they lose sight of them. The only place they’re able to watch them is on the big screen monitor which is just showing one horse at a time.”

The new vet monitor, however, has access to feeds from the various cameras around the track, all of which are hooked up to a series of monitors in one room.

“What we did is mirror what they have in a TV truck,” Zimmerman said.

If the vet monitor spots a potential problem, they can request an isolated--and non-public--camera feed on a specific horse, and then if necessary, ask the on-track veterinarian to conduct an evaluation of that horse, Zimmerman added.

“Every person has only two sets of eyes, and they can only look at one thing at a time,” said Zimmerman, the brainchild of the additional monitor. “This allows more eyes on safety from people who are qualified to do that.”

Indeed, the vet monitor has a basis of comparison for many of the horses having also been involved in the pre-race examination program.

“It also is giving them the ability to watch the horses on the gallop out,” Zimmerman added. “If they don’t like the way a horse finishes, they can go back and look at [the horse] the next day or two days later and see how it really came back.”

According to G.D. Hieronymus, Keeneland’s director of broadcast services, the track will have a similar position in place “hopefully” by the spring. “This is something that all tracks need,” he said.

Many experts will say, however, that a problem has gone too far if a state vet scratches a horse the day of a race. Which is where Santa Anita’s two new imaging technologies--the Longmile Positron Emission Tomography (MILE-PET) Scan machine and standing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit--appear to have played no small part.

“Disease is a process--fractures just don’t happen overnight,” said SoCal-based private veterinarian Ryan Carpenter, who earlier this year said that these modalities have “100% saved lives.”

“When you can understand bone remodeling and you can understand the disease taking place over time, then you have the ability to intervene before the fracture occurs. That’s where our ultimate goal is as veterinarians,” Carpenter said. “And that’s what the PET scan and MRI has helped us to do.”

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“We’re doing more of them than we ever imagined,” he said.

Challenging Year

What isn’t imagined for many trainers and owners in California--especially those operating at the lower end of the economic ladder--is the weight of the additional constraints, financial and otherwise, that the past 18 months have introduced to operating a barn in California.

“This has been a very challenging year for everybody,” said Arthur, admitting that some of the measures--such as the medication restrictions during training--constitute a "paradigm" shift across the backstretch community.

“I don’t know any other state that’s currently regulating medications during training," said Arthur. As such, “There is a transition period from the way they used to do things to the way they have to do things today,” he added.

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, 0.2% of work bloods--required for removal from the vet’s list--resulted in a Class 1, 2 or 3 medication positive, and 2.6% resulted in a lesser Class 4 or 5 finding. During Out-of-Competition testing, 1.4% of the samples had a Class 4 or 5 positive.

“A large number of our findings would not be a violation in other states," Arthur explained. “And those finds are not a reflection of drug or medication abuse, but really how tightly California regulates drugs and medications.”

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Have some of the reforms gone too far?

“I think it is potentially unfair,” he said, of a statutory change to come into effect Jan. 1 whereby drug positives confirmed through split sampling—or even earlier if the licensee declines to request split-sample testing—will be posted on the CHRB website before complaints are issued. “Horseracing is a very competitive business for trainers and owners. I think a lot of people jump to conclusions.”

While the reforms had already loosened the soils around the state industry’s economic roots, the pandemic has taken a hacksaw to the trunks, with a marked shift towards ADW platforms that, when compared to wagering at brick and mortar facilities, funnels fewer funds into the state’s purse account.

As the TDN reported earlier in October, compared to a comparable eight-month period in 2018, the number of races this year has declined 30%, and while the overall handle has declined 18.8%, purse revenues have dropped more than 26%.

“The cost of doing business is going up and the purses available to make sense of the economic model are not commensurate with the rate of inflation of horse ownership,” said Eclipse Thoroughbred Partnerships president Aron Wellman.

And while Wellman said that he “applauds the powers that be for putting out the fires,” given the harsh economics of running a solvent operation in California at the moment, some of the measures, he added, are a “little too extreme.”

Between the reforms and the cost of doing business, “It’s a balancing act,” said Wellman.

For a number of other stakeholders interviewed for this story, the fix is simple: Uniform standards across all states so that trainers and their owners are operating on a level playing field.

In that regard, “what you’re seeing with federal legislation, and other states such as New York and Kentucky—they’re going to be implementing the same things as we have here,” said Rubinstein, pointing towards the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, and the proposed whip reforms in New York.

“As challenging as it has been in California,” Rubinstein added, “we feel like, as a group we’re doing the heavy lifting early on here, and we’re ecstatic that others are attempting to catch up.”
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Obviously, had she gone in the Classic and won the race she would have been an overwhelming pick for Horse of the Year. But what if she wins the Distaff? If all the top contenders fail to win the Classic, it will probably be enough. The better question is what will happen if Swiss Skydiver wins the Distaff and the Classic is won by one of the top choices and Horse-of-the-Year candidates like Improbable (City Zip), Authentic (Into Mischief) or Tiz the Law (Constitution)? A strong case could still be made for Swiss Skydiver.

Her overall body of work, in an era where most top horses are babied, is remarkable. Her year began in January at Tampa Bay Downs and she hasn’t missed a beat since. The Breeders’ Cup will be her 10th start on the year and she has competed in every month on the calendar but April while running at nine different racetracks. Her accomplishments include a win over males in a Triple Crown race, the GI Preakness S. She may not be the best horse in training, but has any horse had a better, more complete year? That’s something voters will have to consider.

There is a precedent. In 2010, Blame (Arch) defeated Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) in the Breeders’ Cup Classic and also won the GI Whitney H. and the GI Stephen Foster H. But Horse of the Year went to Zenyatta, her overall body of work on the year swaying enough voters. It could happen again.

2. Are the figure-makers right about Princess Noor?

Princess Noor (Not This Time) was a seven-figure purchase at the 2-year-old sales, is undefeated and is trained by Bob Baffert. Those are the type of credentials that would normally make a horse a solid favorite in a Breeders’ Cup race for 2-year-olds. But her speed figures tell a different story. Her best Beyer number is a 79. If the Beyer numbers are right, she is considerably slower than several other horses she will face in the Gl Breeder’s Cup Juvenile Fillies.
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3. Does Wesley Ward have a lock on the Juvenile Turf Sprint?
Trainer Wesley Ward pre-entered 10 horses for the Juvenile Sprint, an unprecedented show of depth. With some horses pre-entered for other races and some others not selected into the field, Ward won't run all 10. But his plan of attack, dominating the entry box, may well pay off. He won the Juvenile Turf Sprint last year with Four Wheel Drive (American Pharoah), one of three starters he had in the race.

4. How good is Jackie’s Warrior?
Jackie’s Warrior (Maclean’s Music) hasn’t got much hype, which is a bit surprising. No one has come close to him in his four career starts and another blowout victory in the Juvenile would certainly stamp him as an exciting prospect for next year’s GI Kentucky Derby. The Breeders’ Cup should also provide him with an opportunity to prove he can win when facing pace pressure, something that didn’t happen in his wins in the GI Hopeful S. and the GI Champagne S.

5. Is Nashville special?
Perhaps the most intriguing horse pre-entered for the Breeders’ Cup is Nashville (Speightstown), who is likely to go in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint. He has raced just twice and in nothing tougher than a first level allowance, but many are giving him a chance after a sensational start to his career. He’s won his two starts by a combined 21 1/4 lengths. His Beyer figure of 101 puts him right in the mix when compared to some of the more seasoned horses he will face.

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The question is whether or not any horse with so little experience and seasoning can win a Breeders’ Cup race. If Nashville overcomes those obstacles and wins we will be talking about a superstar.

6. Will the Starship Jubilee Cinderella story continue?
One of the best claims in decades, **Starship Jubilee** (Indy Wind) will look to pick up a Breeders’ Cup win to add to her remarkable career. She was pre-entered in both the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf and the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile. The first preference is the Filly & Mare Turf.

Way back in 2017, she was claimed for $16,000 off of Jorge Navarro, who had her for just one start. Fast forward to the present and she has earned over $2 million and has beaten males in the GI Woodbine Mile, one of 12 stakes wins for the Canadian-based mare. This will be the toughest assignment of her career, but she has the credentials to win whatever Breeders’ Cup race trainer Kevin Attard puts her in.

7. How will the many layoff horses do?
The idea of training a horse up to the Breeders’ Cup without any recent preps has become more and more popular each year. But does it work? A handful of top horses who haven’t raced in a while will help answer that question.

Among the pre-entries, there were 26 horses who will come into the Breeders’ Cup with a rest of at least two months. One of the most extreme examples is **Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), who has not started since winning the GI Metropolitan H. July 4 in what was just his third start on the year. Then there’s **Oleksandra (Aus)** (Animal Kingdom), who was pre-entered in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint and hasn’t started since winning the GI Jaipur S. June 20.
When Negatives Are Positive...

Midnight Bisou has run 7 negative Thoro-Graph numbers in her career.

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If the layoff horses thrive, look for even more trainers to skip important fall preps in the future so they can have a “fresh” horse for the Breeders’ Cup.

8. How many races will Brad Cox win?
With the possible exception of Bob Baffert, nobody is holding a stronger hand for the Breeders’ Cup than Brad Cox, who didn’t win his first Grade I race until 2018. Perhaps no trainer has ever come so far so fast. In a group led by Monomoy Girl and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile starter Essential Quality (Tapit), Cox has pre-entered nine horses, most of them serious contenders in their races.

9. Is Uni back?
Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) will attempt to win the Mile for the second straight year, but comes into this year’s edition with some puzzling form. She started off the year with a third-place finish in the GI Just A Game S. and then a seventh-place showing in the GI Fourstardave H. Both, for a mare of her quality, were rather lackluster efforts.
She looked much better in her most recent start, winning the GI First Lady S. But the Beyer numbers say she’s not the same horse this year. She came into the 2019 Mile off of successive Beyer numbers of 104 and 105. Her best number this year was the 99 she got in the First Lady.

10. Did Bill Mott make the right call with Frank’s Rockette?
Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott is going against conventional wisdom and is ready to run Frank’s Rockette (Into Mischief) against the boys in the Sprint rather than against fillies in the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. That’s a bold move from a Hall of Fame trainer who is convinced that his horse prefers the Sprint distance of six furlongs to the Filly & Mare Sprint distance of seven furlongs. Another factor is the competition in the Filly & Mare Sprint. With Gamine (Into Mischief), Serengeti Empress (Alternation), Speech (Mr Speaker) and Venetian Harbor (Munnings), it’s no easy spot.

JACKIE’S WARRIOR ON TRACK FOR JUVENILE
J Kirk and Judy Robison’s Jackie’s Warrior (Maclean’s Music), likely favorite for Friday’s GI TVG Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, was among nine Steve Asmussen trainees aiming for championship weekend to work at Keeneland Sunday morning. The undefeated 2-year-old went four furlongs in :48.80 (9/25).
“He had a nice, easy half-mile,” Asmussen said. “I thought he moved well over the race track. The circumstances were excellent today. We’re very excited about running him on Friday.”

Sunday’s work was Jackie’s Warrior second over the Keeneland surface. He also went five furlongs in 1:00.20 (3/41) Oct. 25. The bay colt is now four for four following wins in the Aug. 7 GI Saratoga Special S., Sept. 7 GI Hopeful S. and Oct. 10 GI Champagne S.
“I think what gave us the most confidence was his Champagne, two brilliant races at Saratoga and for him to carry that over to another surface [at Belmont Park]--and he looked brilliant doing it,” Asmussen said. “This will be his first two-turn race. He is very speed-influenced in his pedigree, but physically and mentally he is doing exceptional.”

Asmussen has three horses pre-entered for the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint and, while Nashville (Speightstown) wore his Sprint towel while working three furlongs in :36.40 (2/10), the lightly raced colt is also pre-entered in the GI Big Ass Fans Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile and is nominated to Saturday’s Perryville S. on the Breeders’ Cup undercard.
“Everything’s on the table.” WinStar Farm President and CEO Elliott Walden said of options for Nashville. “He’s an extreme talent. He’s only three. He’s only run twice. It seems like a big ask to run against the accomplished sprinters that he would have to run against. Not that he wouldn’t be capable.”
Walden continued, “I think he’ll go a mile. I think he’ll use his speed to stretch out as well naturally. We’ll see how it goes. Great problem to have. Blessed to have him.”

Nashville was tabbed a ‘TDN Rising Star’ following an 11 1/2-length debut romp going 6 1/2 furlongs at Saratoga Sept. 22 and added a 9 1/4-length victory in a six-furlong allowance at Keeneland Oct. 10.

OLEKSKANDRA WORKS INTO CUP

Team Valor’s Oleksandra (Aus) (Animal Kingdom), who will be making her first start since winning the June 20 GI Jaipur S. when she goes postward in Saturday’s GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint, worked six furlongs in 1:14.04 (1/3) Sunday at Belmont Park.

“She’s doing very well,” said trainer Neil Drysdale. “She doesn’t need speed because she’s very fast. She worked in company behind another horse and started a half dozen lengths back and finished well.”

Oleksandra has worked six times on the Belmont main track this month, including a trio of half-mile breezes in close succession, ahead of a strong five-furlong effort in 1:01.58 last week.

“That was because of the layoff to get her fit,” Drysdale explained of the work pattern. “We gave her some small easy works and then we’ve only done two serious works--this one and the last one.”

Oleksandra won the GII Buffalo Trace Franklin County S. over the Turf Sprint’s 5 1/2-furlong distance at Keeneland last October. The 6-year-old mare has made just two starts this term, finishing second in the May 25 GII Monrovia S. at Santa Anita before rallying from last to win the Jaipur last time out.

“She’s won down there [at Keeneland] and if it comes up a bit soft, she doesn’t mind,” said Drysdale.
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SPUN TO RUN TO GAINESWAY

Spun to Run (Hard Spun–Yawkey Way, by Grand Slam), winner of last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, will enter stud at Gainesway next season, the farm announced Sunday. The 4-year-old was also third in last year’s GI TVG.com Haskell Invitational S. and he captured the GI Smarty Jones S. He ended his career with a runner-up effort behind champion 3-year-old Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) in the GI Cigar Mile H. On the board in 10 of 12 starts, Spun to Run won five times and earned $1,160,520.

“Great milers make great stallions,” said Gainesway’s Director of Stallion Sales and Recruitment Sean Tugel. “His speed figures at a mile were fantastic. To be able to run a 0 five times on the Thorographs as a 3-year-old takes a special talent. The Breeders’ Cup is the biggest stage and Spun to Run ran a very talented group of colts off their feet.”

Gainesway CEO Antony Beck added, “He possesses brilliant speed and he excelled as a miler. The Danzig sireline has provided top stallions worldwide and I am excited for Spun to Run’s future at Gainesway.”

Spun to Run will stand for $12,500 LFSN.

BROWN, ORTIZ WIN BELMONT TITLES

Chad Brown earned his ninth consecutive leading trainer title at the Belmont Park Fall Meet, which concluded Sunday. Brown won 22 races during the 27-day stand. Jose Ortiz won 40 races to take the leading rider title for the first time.

“I’m just happy I can go out there and do what I love the most and be successful. I work very hard for it and I’m happy to be getting good opportunities,” Ortiz said. “It means a lot. Belmont is a great place to race and I think it’s the best jockey colony in the United States right now. It’s very tough. We have Hall of Famers and future Hall of Famers and it’s hard to compete against them. They all can ride, they’re all talented and they all want to win, so to be in the position I’m in, I feel blessed I can go out there and compete at the highest level for those guys.”

Klaravich Stables was the meet’s leading owner with 13 winners. New York racing moves to Aqueduct where the 18-day fall meet will open Friday.
JOY VALLEY DIES

Joy Valley (Brz) (Ghadeer {Fr}–Belle Valley, by Mogambo {Uru}) died last Friday at Taylor Made Farm due to the infirmities of old age. She was 31.

Owned by Marie Jones, Joy Valley was the dam of four stakes winners, including 2000 Eclipse champion older mare Riboletta (Brz) (Roi Normand). Riboletta was a Group 1 winner in her native Brazil before relocating to the United States where she won the GI Beldame S., GI Santa Margarita, GI Milady Breeders’ Cup H., GI Vanity H., GI Clement L. Hirsch, and GI Ruffian H. She retired with over $1.5 million in earnings.

Joy Valley was also the dam of Super Power (Brz) (Roi Normand), a multiple Group 1 winner, Horse of the Year, and champion colt at two and three in Brazil.

“She was an incredible mare,” said Frank Taylor. “We were privileged to have her here for so many years at Taylor Made Farm for Aaron and Marie Jones. She produced an Eclipse champion in Riboletta and was just a great mare. Everything you could hope for.”

Joy Valley will be buried at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville.

Joy Valley and Marie Jones

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“'I attribute [Holbrook’s] behind-the-scenes work as the glue that has enabled our farm to withstand so many of the ups and downs we’ve experienced over the last 30 years she has worked for me,” said Johnson.

Click for the video feature on Holbrook done by TIEA.

Other finalists for the Administration Award are Lynnelle Fox Smith of Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (OTOBA) and Dionne Johnson of New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA), who will be recognized on these pages tomorrow.

The Administration Award is presented annually to an individual in an administrative role in the racing or breeding industry or to someone in a support service within the Thoroughbred industry.

A total of seven award categories will be honored by TIEA for 2020. Maria Cristina Silva of NYTHA has already been announced as the winner of the Community Award, while the winners in the other categories will be announced live in a virtual ceremony hosted by Jill Byrne and streamed at the TDN homepage Thursday, Nov. 5, at 12:00 p.m. ET. All finalists will be spotlighted in TDN in the days leading up to the ceremony.
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CORONATION FUTURITY, C$250,000, Woodbine, 11-1, (C), 2yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:52.46, ft.

1--STEPHEN, 122, c, 2, by Constitution

1st Dam: Naughty Holiday (SW, $130,357), by Harlan’s Holiday
2nd Dam: Mrs. Coolidge, by Quiet American
3rd Dam: Naughty Natisha, by Known Fact

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (C$25,000 RNA Wlg ’18 CANNOV; $75,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP; $170,000 2yo ’20 OBSAPR). O-Al & Bill Ulwelling; B-Trackwest Racing Inc. (ON); T-Kevin Attard; J-Justin Stein. C$150,000. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $129,964.

*Seventh SW for sophomore sire (by Tapit).

2--Tio Magico, 122, c, 2, Uncle Mo--Magic Broomstick, by More Than Ready. O/B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Gail Cox. C$50,000.

3--Giant Waters, 122, c, 2, Giant Gizmo--Green Waters, by Arch. (C$25,000 RNA Ylg ’19 CANSEP). O/B-Track West Racing Inc. (ON); T-Daniel J. Vella. C$25,000.


Also Ran: Master Spy, British Royalty, One Flint, Threefiftyseven, Flex.

One of three horses in the field who had yet to break his maiden, Stephen succeeded in start three in the restricted Coronation Futurity to become his sire’s 11th black-type winner.

Off the board when unveiled in the Aug. 30 Simcoe S. sprinting over the local synthetic, the colt improved dramatically to be second in an off-turf maiden special weight here on Oct. 4. Second choice in the wagering, the bay broke slowly and settled last bar one in the eight-horse field. The pace was not fast, with an opening quarter in :24.87 and a half in :49.20. Stephen made his bid on the far turn, cruising toward the vanguard, and, with only Tio Magico to pass inside the final eighth, angled off the fence for the drive. He collared that foe handily and drew away to win going away.

“He broke a little bit funny,” noted jockey Justin Stein, chalking the start up to the windy conditions or the colt’s inexperience, “But we recovered quick and I was happy with the trip we were getting and he just ran a good race. I had to make sure that he knew what was going on. I had to make him run a little more. He put his mind to the task when he got some daylight and took aim at the horse in front of him, he ran by him professionally.”

Since foaling Stephen, OBS Championship S. heroine Naughty Holiday has a weanling colt by Souper Speedy and she was covered by Frosted this spring. The second dam is a full-sister to Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), a Grade III winner who ran third in the GI Cigar Mile H., as well as SW & MGSP Pupil (Unbridled). Their Yes It’s True half-sister Thin Disguise has produced GII Distaff H. heroine Holiday Disguise (Harlan’s Holiday), listed winner Midnight Disguise (Midnight Lute) and GI Del Mar Debutante S. bridesmaid Forest Caraway (Bodemeister). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

LEIT IT RIDE S., $81,500, Del Mar, 11-1, (C), 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.09, fm.

1--STRONGCONSTITUTION, 120, c, 3, by Constitution

1st Dam: Earlybird Road, by Cherokee Run
2nd Dam: Kiss N Make Up, by Private Terms
3rd Dam: Wisla, by Danzig

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($57,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $220,000 2yo ’19 OBSAPR). O-Roadrunner Racing & Sayjay Racing LLC; B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY); T-Doug F. O’Neill; J-Abel Cedillo. $47,400. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, $135,500. *1/2 to Four Inch Heels (Afleet Alex), SP, $258,767. **Eighth SW for sophomore sire (by Tapit).

2--Heywoods Beach, 122, c, 3, Speightstown--Unfold the Rose, by Catienus. ($150,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $190,000 RNA 2yo ’19 FTFR; $180,000 2yo ’19 OBSOPN). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-John W. Sadler. $15,800.
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CHELSEY FLOWER S., $80,000, Belmont, 11-1, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:52.01, sf.
1--INGRASSIA, 120, f, 2, by Medaglia d’Oro
1st Dam: Infanta Branca, by Henrythenavigator
2nd Dam: Totemic, by Vanlandingham
3rd Dam: Strong Totem, by Fappiano

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Don Alberto Stable; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $44,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $98,600.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate
2--Fluffy Socks, 122, f, 2, Slumber (GB)--Breakfast Time, by Kitten’s Joy. O/B-Head Of Plains Partners (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. $16,000.
3--Tic Tic Tic Boom, 118, f, 2, Hit It a Bomb--Miss Dolan’s Rose, by Judge T C. ($4,500 RNA Ylg ’19 FTKOCT). O-Timory Ridall; B-Anita Nesser & BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Alan Bedard. $9,600.

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Margins: NO, 7 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.25, 3.90, 24.25.

Don Alberto homebred Ingrassia overcame a soggy turf course and won a fierce duel with stablemate Fluffy Socks to score in Sunday’s Chelsey Flower S. at Belmont.

Finishing fast to graduate by a nose on debut Aug. 19 at Saratoga, the bay was third with a troubled trip in the GII JPMorgan Chase Jessamine S. Oct. 7 at Keeneland. Made the second choice here, Ingrassia found a good spot in fourth at the hedge as favored Caldee (More Than Ready) tugged her way into chasing a longshot from second through relatively quick splits of :23.80 and :50.52. Awaiting room in the two path approaching the straightaway, she rallied between Caldee and Fluffy Socks entering the final eighth. It quickly became a two-horse affair as the chalk sputtered, and Ingrassia, seemingly passed at several times, refused to be denied and got her nose down first.

The winner’s dam has a yearling Vancouver (Aus) filly and produced a filly by Oscar Performance this term before returning to the latter sire. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Ingrassia edges Fluffy Socks | Susie Raisher
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PUMPKIN PIE S., $77,600, Belmont, 11-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.98, sy.

1--HONOR WAY, 124, m, 6, Caleb’s Posse—Truth and Honor, by Yes It’s True. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($23,000 Wlg ’14 KEENOV; $47,000 RNA Ylg ’15 OBSAUG; $29,000 RNA 2yo ’16 OBSMAR; $77,000 2yo ’16 OBSOPN; $80,000 RNA 5yo ’19 FTKHRA). O-Saul J. Kupferberg; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Charlton Baker; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $44,000. Lifetime Record: 40-12-8-7, $622,892.

2--Pacific Gale, 122, m, 5, Flat Out–Pacific Whisper, by Forestry. ($50,000 Wlg ’15 KEENOV; $24,000 Ylg ’16 OBSAUG; $72,000 2yo ’17 OBSAPR). O-Tobey L. Morton; B-Bally Breeders (KY); T-John C. Kimmel. $16,000.

3--Never Enough Time, 124, f, 4, Munnings–What Time It Is, by Partner’s Hero. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta. $9,600.

Margins: 4HF, 3HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.65, 5.80, 2.20.

Also Ran: Bronx Beauty, Gotham Gala. Scratched: Alisio.

Honor Way, runner-up in the GII Gallant Bloom H. last out, picked up her first black-type victory at age six in Sunday’s closing-day Pumpkin Pie S. at Belmont. Sixth in this race last year, the bay was dispatched as the second choice here and settled in fourth as favored Never Enough Time dictated terms through a :22.47 quarter. Drawing closer on the latter half of the turn, she sidled up to Pacific Gale, who had inherited the lead from the tiring frontrunner, outside the three-sixteenths pole and took over soon after en route to a comfortable triumph.

“Seven furlongs is her distance and she was doing great coming into this race,” said winning trainer Charlton Baker. “She doesn’t mind the slop and those things came together. The pace helped a lot and she put herself in a nice position. Once she was that close, she always finishes. She carries her game with her every time. It doesn’t matter what the track is. I’ve been trying to get a stakes win with her. She’s a better horse this year. Going forward as a broodmare prospect, this is super for her.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

PIKE PLACE DANCER S., $75,900, Golden Gate Fields, 10-31, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.79, fm.

1--I’M SO ANNA, 122, f, 2, by Fast Anna
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1st Dam: So So Fast, by Jet West
2nd Dam: Tizakitty, by Distinctive Cat
3rd Dam: Tizso, by Cee’s Tizzy
O/B-KMN Racing LLC (CA); T-Steve M. Sherman; J-Frank T. Alvarado. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, $100,740. *Fourth SW for sophomore sire (by Medaglia d’Oro).

2--Consternation (Ire), 122, f, 2, Acclamation (GB)—Easton Arch, by Arch. O/Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Charles N. Winner; B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Patrick Gallagher. $15,000.

3--Sweetest Angel, 119, f, 2, Candy Ride (Arg)—Black Valentine, by Cindago. O/B-Kretz Racing LLC (KY); T-George Papaprodromou. $9,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 2. Odds: 3.60, 1.50, 2.20.

Also Ran: Miss Glorious, New Ways to Dream, Momma Mocca, Mischief Free. Scratched: Risen Lady.

I’m So Anna, a second-out graduate at 10-1 July 2 at Los Alamitos, was second in the state-bred Generous Portion S. Aug. 30 at Del Mar and completed the exacta again in a local main-track allowance Oct. 11. Off as the third choice in this turf bow, the homebred broke on top and showed the way in the clear through easy fractions of :25.04 and :50.57, shrugged off the bid of longshot Miss Glorious (Goldencents) passing the furlong grounds and dug in late to edge favored Consternation. The victress is the fourth black-type winner for her sophomore sire (by Medaglia d’Oro). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
8th-Churchill Downs, $86,010, Alw, 11-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

VIOLENT CITY (c, 3, Violence--Dazzletown, by Speightstown), named a ‘TDN Rising Star’ off of a four-length debut graduation Jan. 11 at Gulfstream, was second when last seen Feb. 22 in Hallandale and broke as a 61-10 chance in this return. Tracking dueling leaders from fourth past a sizzling :21 flat quarter, the $330,000 Keeneland September grad was shuffled back to sixth as the field bunched up through a :44 flat half, found clearance in the three path after straightening for home and took charge late to score a 1 1/4-length success. Breaking News (Mineshaft) won a photo for the place. The winner has a juvenile Not This Time half-brother named Dazzle Time, a yearling full-brother and a weanling half-sister by Bolt d'Oro. His dam was bred to Medaglia d'Oro this spring. Sales History: $330,000 Ylg '18 KEEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $85,280. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
7th-Woodbine, C$99,028, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:42.50, ft, 1/2 length.

HADDASSAH (g, 2, Air Force Blue--Lady Haddassah (MSP, $248,164), by Whywhywhy) showed an above-average local worktab for this unveiling, highlighted by a five-furlong breeze in :59 3/5 (3/14) Oct. 1, and was punched down to 19-10 favoritism from a 5-1 morning-line quote in this rained-off event. Hustled into stride, the homebred settled in sixth behind a :24.49 quarter and moved up a spot past a :48.45 half. Saving ground on the far turn, he slipped into the two path nearing the stretch, locked horns with pacesetting Royne (Ghostzapper) three-sixteenths out and narrowly out-kicked that foe to prevail.
The winner, the 11th for his freshman sire (by War Front), has a yearling Daredevil half-brother and a weanling half-brother by Lookin At Lucky. Lady Haddassah visited Mo Town this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $46,380. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Al & Bill Ulwelling (ON); T-Kevin Attard.

6th-Churchill Downs, $83,569, Msw, 11-1, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:35.91, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

BRIEFCASE BULLY (c, 3, Union Rags--Ellesmere (SP), by Tabasco Cat) was a fast-closing neck runner-up at 46-1 second out Jan. 18 at Gulfstream and filled the exacta again--elevated from third via DQ--off the bench Sept. 12 at Kentucky Downs. Off at 21-10 making his dirt debut in this washed-off spot, he stalked between rivals from an up-close fifth, swung into the clear five deep at the head of the lane and took charge passing the eighth pole before drawing away powerfully for a 5 1/4-length graduation. Carmichael (First Defence) was second. The winner is a half to Bridgetown (Speightstown), MGSw, $993,700; Carnacks Choice (Carson City), MSW & GSP, $286,957; and Clement Rock (Strong Hope), MSW, $300,351. His second dam is a full-sister to 1991 GI Kentucky Derby winner Strike the Gold (Alydar). His dam produced an Honor Code colt this season before being bred to Flashback. Sales History: $145,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $145,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR; $45,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $76,764. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-David Ingordo; B-Chadds Ford Stable, LLC, John Gardiner & Frank McEntee (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

3rd-Churchill Downs, $83,552, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, 5f (off turf), :58.51, ft, neck.

ULTIMATE (c, 2, Speightstown--Treasure, by Medaglia d'Oro) showed mild late interest to be third debuting here Sept. 27 and was backed to 9-5 favoritism in this off-the-turf spot. Traveling in fifth between horses behind a :22.41 quarter, the homebred switched into the clear four deep at the three-sixteenths marker and wore down pacesetter Name Rejected (Munnings) in the closing strides to prevail by a neck. The victor has a yearling Quality Road half-sister named Quality and weanling half-brother by the same sire named National Treasure. His dam was bred to Omaha Beach this term. Sales History: $245,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $56,592. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steve M.

7th-Churchill Downs, $83,508, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.02, ft, 4 lengths.

ANGKOR (c, 2, Anchor Down--Afleet Lover (SP, $104,471), by Northern Afleet), the most expensive progeny of his freshman sire (by Tapit) to sell in 2019 and second-most expensive overall, tipped his hand with a bullet five-furlong gate breeze in 1:00 1/5 (1/49) here Oct. 16 and was hammered down to 5-2 from an 8-1 morning-line estimate. Away sharply, the gray stalked from the fence in fourth, squeezed into the two path midway around the bend and battled with pacesetting Skip Intro (Liam's Map) until the eighth pole, where he started to prove superior en route to a four-length victory. Skip Intro held for second money.
The winner is a half to Afleet Destiny (Hard Spun), GSP, $249,230. The fourth winner for Anchor Down, he has a yearling Outwork half-brother named Mo Afleet and his dam was paired with Constitution this season. Sales History: $250,000 Ylg ’19 

KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $49,092. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-Wynnstay LLC & H. Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.

3rd-Belmont, $80,000, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.34, yl, 1 1/4 lengths.
ISLAND TREASURE (f, 2, Speightstown--Hit It Rich (MGSW, $521,810), by Smart Strike) showed brief speed before tiring badly to be last when unveiled locally Sept. 19 and was dismissed at 33-1 here. Breaking on top, the gray stalked from the second flight through splits of :25.49 and :52.07 over the bogy ground. Taking over at the top of the lane, she scooted clear outside the furlong grounds and held sway late to post the 1 1/4-length upset. Wow (Pioneerof the Nile) was second best. The winner is a half to Profiteer (War Front), GSP, $305,053. Her dam, a three-time graded stakes winner between 11-12 furlongs, produced a Flatter colt this season before visiting City of Light. Sales History: $1,000,000 Ylg ‘19

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5th-Belmont, $70,000, (S), Msw, 11-1, 2yo, 1m, 1:37.01, sy, 8 3/4 lengths.
WORK OUT (c, 2, Outwork--Free as Tristan, by Crafty Friend), runner-up on debut July 26 at Saratoga, filled the same slot with a 24-point Beyer improvement when adding blinkers there Sept. 4. Made an 11-10 chalk to break through here, the bay broke alertly and went on with it unasked through a sharp :22.72 quarter. Inching clear in hand past a :46.24 half, he was dismissed at 33-1 here. Breaking on top, the gray stalked from the second flight through splits of :25.49 and :52.07 over the bogy ground. Taking over at the top of the lane, she scooted clear outside the furlong grounds and held sway late to post the 1 1/4-length upset. Wow (Pioneerof the Nile) was second best. The winner is a half to Profiteer (War Front), GSP, $305,053. Her dam, a three-time graded stakes winner between 11-12 furlongs, produced a Flatter colt this season before visiting City of Light. Sales History: $1,000,000 Ylg ‘19

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6th-Del Mar, $58,000, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.77, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.
PIZZAZZ (f, 2, War Front--A Little Bit Sassy (SW & MGSP, $318,182), by More Than Ready), second sprinting over this course on debut Aug. 28, completed the trifecta in the Listed Surfer Girl S. going this trip at Santa Anita Oct. 4. Sent off at 2-1, the Bass homebred perched in third while well off the fence. She inched up to challenge the front runner just before the first half-mile, quickly took over and opened up on the far turn. Under hands and heels, she cruised across the line to win by 2 1/4 lengths over favored Ivy League (Medaglia d’Oro), who rallied in the straight but to no avail. Out of Listed Edgewood S. heroine and GII Lake George S. and Gill Marshua’s River S.

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O-Perry R. Bass II & Ramona S. Bass; B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella.

1st-Del Mar, $57,500, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.07, ft, neck.
SPIELBERG (c, 2, Union Rags--Miss Squeal, by Smart Strike), second on debut at 4-5 Aug. 8 at Del Mar, was runner-up again in the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity before running third as a heavy favorite in the GI American Pharoah S. going two turns at Santa Anita Sept. 26. Back in with maidens here, the $1-million Keeneland September buy was pegged at 9-10 and stalked from third in the clear through fractions of :22.57 and :47.27. Hooking up with pacesetting Parnelli (Quality Road) approaching the stretch, he switched leads belatedly inside the furlong grounds and kept to his task to deny the game frontrunner by a neck.

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2nd-Laurel, $48,520, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.62, sy, 10 3/4 lengths.
OUT OF SORTS (f, 2, Dramedy--Dear to All (SP, $128,386), by Tale of the Cat) finished fast after a tardy break to be fourth debuting at this trip Sept. 24 at Pimlico and was knocked down to 4-5 favoritism here. Away better this time, the $1,000 Fasig-Tipton October bargain tracked from second through a :23.17 quarter, took command passing the five-sixteenths pole and drew clear strongly in the final furlong to romp by 10 3/4 lengths. Startwithabang (Jump Start) completed the exacta. The winner’s dam has a yearling colt by Can the Man and was bred to Classic Empire this spring. Sales History: $1,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $25,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Respect the Valleys, LLC; B-James A. Justiss (KY); T-Brittany Russell.

6th-Laurel, $44,400, Msw, 11-1, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.86, sy, 2 lengths.
XTREME MAYHEM (c, 2, Bayern--Bitter Lemon {MSP, $140,421}, by Lemon Drop Kid) flashed speed with a best-of-41 half-mile breeze from the gate in :48 flat at Delaware Oct. 3 and was given a 63-10 debut chance here. Last out of the stalls, the $80,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy picked up two spots to sit sixth behind dueling leaders through a :22.57 quarter. Catching the eye with a three-wide blitz starting at the three-furlong pole, he swept to the lead soon after turning for home, drifted out, then in, but stayed clear to the wire to best Shackqueenking (Shackleford) by one length. The winner’s dam produced an Army Mule filly this season. Sales History: $70,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $75,000 Ylg ’19 OBSOCT; $95,000 RNA 2yo ’20 OBSMAR; $80,000 2yo ’20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $22,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
O-Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC; B-Theta Holding 1, Inc. (KY); T-McLean Robertson.

IN FRANCE:
Luck, f, 3, Kitten’s Joy. See “France”.

IN ITALY:
Danse de Guerre, f, 4, Declaration of War--Stormy Tak, by Stormy Atlantic. Siracuse, 11-1, Hcp. (€5.5k), 2100mT. O-Scuderia Jerome di Eng.Gi. SRL. B-Pauleanna Thoroughbreds (FL). T-Stefano Postiglione. *$25,000 Ylg ’17 FTKFEB; $2,200 Ylg ’17 OBSOCT.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Protonico (Giant’s Causeway), Castleton Lyons, $5,000
18 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, EL SOBREVIVIENTE, 8-1
$7,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, $25,000
94 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, KINETIC SKY, 4-1
$180,000 KEE NOV wn; $450,000 FTS AUG yrl
Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, $7,500
97 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, PARROT HEAD, 15-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, $12,500
155 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, BONNIES DREAM, 8-1
$39,000 KEE SEP yr1; $20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Karokontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
130 foals of racing age/36 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, AMATERASU, 6-1

STAKES RESULTS:
EL DORADO SHOOTER S., $75,000, Golden Gate Fields, 11-1, (S),
3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08.76, ft.
1--BAJA SUR, 124, g, 4, Smiling Tiger--Preme Copy (MSP,
$134,635), by Supreme. (S67,000 Ylg '17 WASSEP). O/John &
Janene Maryanski & Gerald Schneider; B-John Roche (WA);
T-Blaine D. Wright; J-Catalino Martinez. $45,000. Lifetime
Record: 12-6-3-1, $227,520. *1/2 to Castinette Dancer
(Ministers Wild Cat), MSW-Can, SP-USA, $219,164.
2--Bettor Trip Nick, 122, g, 3, Boat Trip--Bettor Knot, by In
Excess (Ire). O-Gary Oetman & Ray Pagano; B-Running Horse
Equine Training Center (CA); T-Quinn Howey. $15,000.
3--Ultimate Bango, 124, g, 5, Uh Oh Bango--Ultimate Summer,
by Cee’s Tizzy. O-William Branch, William C. Buster, Jr. & Mark
Cohen; B-Mitchell Dutko & Bob Abrams (CA); T-Mark Glatt.
$9,000.
Margins: 4, HF, HF. Odds: 0.90, 11.50, 3.90.

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
130 foals of racing age/36 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, AMATERASU, 6-1

WEST VIRGINIA FUTURITY, $68,525, Charles Town, 10-31, (S),
2yo, 7f, 1:28.23, ft.
1--YOUTHINKTHATSFUNNY, 122, g, 2, Fiber Sonde--Humored,
by Distorted Humor. O/B/T-John D. Mckeel (WV); J-Reshawn
Latchman. $41,115. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, $103,260.
2--Juba Did It, 122, g, 2, Juba--Landon Did It, by Personal First.
O/B/T-Kristy Petty (WV). $13,705.
3--Just Gets Better, 122, g, 2, Juba--Windsor’s Punch, by
Margins: 2 1/4, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.40, 1.10, 9.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
9th-Churchill Downs, $86,737, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500),
11-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4m (off turf), 2:04.05, ft, 1/2 length.
CASH OUT (m, 5, Street Cry (Ire)--Deal of the Decade, by
Tiznow) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 23-3-6-6, $342,461. O/B-G.
Watts Humphrey, Jr. (KY); T-George R. Arnold, Il. *1/2 to Pretty
Fancy (Lemon Drop Kid), MSp, $226,330.

2nd-Belmont, $72,000, (S), 11-1, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m,
1 1/16mT, 1:49.12, yl, 2 1/2 lengths.
TWO CENT TOOTSIE (f, 4, Big Brown--Vaughndidit, by A. P Jet)
Lifetime Record: 16-2-4-1, $131,669. O-Ann McDonough &
Laurel A. Least; B-Laural Least & Gabriel McDonough (NY);
T-Thomas Albertrani.
3rd-Laurel, $72,000, (S), 11-1, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:11.20, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.
MISS JIMMY (f, 4, Colonel John--Smart Eyes, by Midas Eyes)
Lifetime Record: 15-8-5-0, $162,525. O-Ann McDonough &
Laurel A. Least; B-Laurel Least & Gail McDonough (NY);
T-Bruce D. Anderson. *$6,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

7th-Laurel, $59,808, 11-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:11.33, sy, 1 3/4 lengths.
CAROLINA ICE (m, 5, Shackleford--Little Ice Patch, by
Housebuster) Lifetime Record: 28-5-2-3, $151,050. O/B-Crystal
Park Stables, Inc. (MD); T-Annette M. Eubanks.

4th-Woodbine, $S53,123, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm ($30,019), 11-1,
3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.07, ft, head.
MY SILENCER (g, 4, Silent Name (Jpn)--Serena’s Rose, by My
Way Only) Lifetime Record: SW, 11-3-2-1, $130,003. O/B-Heste
Sport, Inc. (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.
10th-Woodbine, C$52,769, Ocl (C)/Opt. Clm ($30,019), 11-1, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.46, ft, 1/2 length.  
**LAST AMERICAN EXIT** (g, 3, Society's Chairman--Where Oh Where, by Where's the Ring) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, $121,311. O/B-Frank D. Di Giulio, Jr. (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller.

3rd-Golden Gate Fields, $40,192, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 11-1, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.27, ft, 1/2 length.  
**EL CHAVO DEL OCHO** (g, 5, Tannersmyman--My Sis Liz, by Artax) Lifetime Record: 26-7-4-7, $207,786. O-Abel Lizardi; B-Joseph A. Duffel & Woodbridge Farm (CA); T-Jonathan Wong.  
*1/2 to Bree's Got Heart (Colonel John), MSP, $248,795.

4th-Remington, $38,250, (S), 10-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.21, ft, 3/4 length.  
**VALENTINE GUY** (g, 3, Latent Heat--Dancing On By {SP, $115,297}, by North Prospect) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-3, $78,778. O/B-Dale Schenian (OK); T-Francisco Bravo.

9th-Remington, $33,760, (NW26MX)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 10-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.64, gd, 1 length.  
**BEST KEPT SECRET** (f, 4, Line of David--Secretsoftheheart {SW, $166,270}, by Put It Back) Lifetime Record: 15-6-4-1, $154,227. O-Tracy Hersman; B-Flying H Stables, LLC (KY); T-Robert N. Cline.  
*1/2 to Bree's Got Heart (Colonel John), MSP, $248,795.

4th-Charles Town, $32,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 10-31, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.78, ft, neck.  
**TRIPLE BAD** (g, 4, Siente El Trueno--Endless Horizon, by Western Cat) Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-3, $96,726. O/B-Vicki L. Stehr (WV); T-Joseph P. Stehr.

6th-Remington, $30,500, 10-31, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.89, gd, 1 length.  
**FRED'STWIRLINCANDY** (g, 5, Twirling Candy--Daphne Angela (MSW, $233,644), by Wimbledon) Lifetime Record: 23-5-4-5, $205,654. O-Stephen L. Fidel; B-E. Fred Currie (KY); T-Austin Gustafson.  
*47,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKJUL.

7th-Charse Town, $28,000, 10-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.87, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.  
**LOVELY LADY LEXI** (f, 3, Khozan--Lovely Lexi, by With Distinction) Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-1, $91,740. O-Moshe Mark; B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Kieron Magee.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**  
**Chatter Box**, c, 2, Bodemeister--Wallstreetmadness, by Rahy. Hawthorne, 11-1, 1mT, 1:40.63. B-Omega Farm LLC & Bally Breeders (KY).  
*85,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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**Air Force Blue**, Haddassah, g, 2, o/o Lady Haddassah, by Whywhywhy. MSW, 11-1, Woodbine  
**ANCHOR DOWN**, Angkor, c, 2, o/o Afleet Lover, by Northern Afield. MSW, 11-1, Churchill Downs
BAYERN, Xtreme Mayhem, c, 2, o/o Bitter Lemon, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 11-1, Laurel
BIG BROWN, Two Cent Tootsie, f, 4, o/o Vaughnindit, by A. P. Jet. ALW, 11-1, Belmont
BODEMEISTER, Chatter Box, c, 2, o/o Wallstreetmadness, by Rahy. MSW, 11-1, Hawthorne
CALEB’S POSSE, Honor Way, m, 6, o/o Truth and Honor, by Yes It’s True. Pumpkin Pie S., 11-1, Belmont
COLONEL JOHN, Miss Jimmy, f, 4, o/o Vaughndidit, by A. P. Jet. ALW, 11-1, Belmont
CONSTITUTION, Bourbon Wisdom, g, 3, o/o Marycasey, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 10-31, Remington
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SPEIGHTSTOWN, Island Treasure, f, 2, o/o Hit It Rich, by Smart Strike. MSW, 11-1, Belmont
SPEIGHTSTOWN, Ultimate, c, 2, o/o Treasure, by Medaglia d’Oro. MSW, 11-1, Churchill Downs
STREET CRY (IRE), Cash Out, m, 5, o/o Deal of the Decade, by Tiznow. AOC, 11-1, Churchill Downs
TANNERSMYMAN, El Chavo Del Ocho, g, 5, o/o My Sis Liz, by Artax. AOC, 11-1, Golden Gate
TWIRLING CANDY, Fred’stwirlincandy, g, 5, o/o Daphne Angela, by Wimbledon. ALW, 10-31, Remington
UNCLE MO, Good News, f, 3, o/o Engaged, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 11-1, Hawthorne
UNION RAGS, Briefcase Bully, c, 3, o/o Ellesmere, by Tabasco Cat. MSW, 11-1, Churchill Downs
UNION RAGS, Spielberg, c, 2, o/o Miss Squeal, by Smart Strike. MSW, 11-1, Del Mar
VIOLENCE, Violent City, c, 3, o/o Dazzletown, by Speightstown. ALW, 11-1, Churchill Downs
WAR FRONT, Pizzazz, f, 2, o/o A Little Bit Sassy, by More Than Ready. MSW, 11-1, Del Mar
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BUMPERS BOOKS FOR BUSIEST STALLIONS OF 2020

Churchill | Coolmore

By Emma Berry

The coronavirus pandemic may have come into full force halfway through the 2020 covering season but, generally, breeders appear to have stuck to their plans and carried on with their matings. The total number of coverings did drop slightly to 19,961 (from 20,819) with 19% of the mares in production being sent to a stallion with a book in excess of 200.

This year, according to the recently published Return Of Mares from Weatherbys, there were 17 stallions in Britain and Ireland in that bracket, 12 of which are standing at National Hunt studs. Of the Flat stallions, Coolmore’s dual Guineas winner Churchill (Ire) was kept busiest, with 250 mares on his list, and he was one of three sons of Galileo (Ire) in the top 20 on book sizes, along with Frankel (GB) on 175 and Gleneagles (Ire) on 173.

One freshman sire, Tally-Ho Stud’s Inns Of Court (Ire), commanded more than 200 mares, and was second overall with 218. His fellow first-season sires Blue Point (Ire), Magna Grecia (Ire), Calyx (GB) and Soldier’s Call (GB) all made the top 20, with the latter all but matching his sire Showcasing (GB) for popularity.

Building on his success as the champion first-season sire of 2019 was Night Of Thunder (Ire), who led the Darley stallions with 213 mares.

ROSSI AIMS TO SEAL BEST SEASON WITH BC WIN

By Emma Berry

For several centuries, Chantilly has been considered the heartland of the French racing industry and the hub for the country’s major trainers. But in recent years, a number of names have proved that it is possible to dine at racing’s top table while maintaining the bulk of your stable away from the Paris region.

Currently leading the trainers’ list and set to be crowned champion for the third time is Jean-Claude Rouget, whose main stable is in Pau but who also has a fairly major satellite operation farther north in Deauville. He leads the Chantilly duo of Andre Fabre and Francis Graffard, and in fourth, after a breakthrough season, is Marseille-based Frederic Rossi.

Rossi is a familiar name in the French provinces, where the trainer’s father Henri carved a hugely successful niche in the saddle, mopping up the major provincial races in which the Parisian jockeys would rarely be sighted. Henri turned his hand to training and was followed in this profession by Frederic and his brother Jacques, who now no longer trains but has in turn been followed by his two sons Charley and Cedric.

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Sea The Stars (Ire) and his son Sea The Moon (Ger) both made the top 20 on 206 and 164 and, notably, another son of Sea The Stars, the 2016 Derby winner Harzand (Ire) received some decent support from a number of National Hunt breeders and covered 142 mares in total, up from 95 last year.

Just outside the top 20 on numbers was Dubawi (Ire) on 155, while champion sire Galileo (Ire) covered 120, including the champion miler Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), crack sprinters Mecca’s Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), as well as Darley’s Eastern Joy (GB) (Dubai Destination) and the Niarchos family’s Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) among a predictably star-strewn book.

Middle-distance Flat stallions often find a boost in popularity once switched to the National Hunt sphere and the latest to have benefited from that change of fortune is the former Gestut Fahrhof stallion Maxios (GB). Sons of Monsun (Ger) have long been prized assets in the jump sire world and Maxios was the most active of all stallions in Britain and Ireland this season, covering 298 mares.

There was a fair bit of gnashing of teeth when Sir Evelyn de Rothschild’s Crystal Ocean (GB), the joint-highest-rated horse in the world last year, was retired straight to The Beeches Stud without being given a chance among the Flat sires. Cont. p3

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However, it’s hard to argue with the commercial sense of this decision as the son of Sea The Stars covered 280 mares in his first season—30 more than the busiest of the Flat boys. 

Poet’s Word (GB) lasted just one season at Shadwell’s Nunnery Stud, where he covered 30 mares, and once transferred to Boardsmill Stud in Ireland he was another to enjoy a boost in support, with 221 mares covered in 2020. Similarly, the Derby winner Wings Of Eagles (Fr) received limited support in his debut season at his home stud of Haras de Montaigu, where he covered 62 mares in 2018. Switched to The Beeches Stud he has covered more than 200 mares in the last two seasons. Eight of the 12 jump stallions with books in excess of 200 stand under Coolmore’s National Hunt division, which consists of 17 sires in total.

Berkshire (Ire) is another to have benefited from a switch of codes, as did his late sire Mount Nelson (GB). When he started out at Haras de Gelos in France in 2018, Berkshire covered 22 mares. This year, in his second season at Kedrah House Stud, he sneaked into the 200 Club on 201.
Frederic Rossi Cont. from p1

For Frederic, this strange year following racing’s spring shutdown could hardly have started in better fashion when Dream And Do (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)) became her trainer’s first Group 1 and Classic winner in the Poule d’Essai des Pouliches. The season has ended pretty well, too, with juvenile Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway (GB)) posting one of the most impressive performances of the Arc meeting in winning the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère by eight lengths. In a year of firsts, Rossi will next week make his Breeders’ Cup debut as Sealiway attempts to round off his year in style in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf.

He says, "Sealiway left France on 30 Oct. and it’s very exciting for us to have our first runner in America at the Breeders’ Cup. It could be the perfect end to what has so far been a very good year."

That very good year could have been an extraordinary one had Alkuin (Ire) (Maxios (GB)) not been run down close home by Princess Zoe (Ger) (Jukebox Jury (Ire)) in the G1 Prix du Cadran 24 hours before Sealiway’s memorable triumph. As it was, the meeting will long be remembered by the extended Rossi family as Frederic’s nephews Charley and Cedric saddled the winner and the third in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac, Tiger Tanaka (Ire) (Clodovil (Ire)) and Rougir (Fr) (Territories (Ire)). The latter followed up that performance with victory in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs at Deauville on Oct. 20.

"It has been a bit of a strange year because it was the year of Covid, so for most people it has been a bad year but for me it has actually been very good," says Rossi, who, like his nephews is based at Calas training centre near Marseille in the south of France. Cont. p5

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Frederic Rossi Cont.

He added, "I knew I had a good 2-year-old last year when Dream And Do won the Prix Miesque, and she went through the winter perfectly and managed to confirm how good she was in the Guineas."

Only Rouget has trained more winners this year than Rossi, whose tally at the time of writing was 95. It is a figure all the more remarkable given that the 52-year-old has had something of a stop-start career since he took out his training licence in 1992. For 10 years he was employed as a private trainer for one of France's leading owner-breeders, Jean-Claude Seroul, and, though that arrangement ceased in 2017, Rossi currently trains three horses for Seroul.

"I started again four years ago with four horses and I now also have a team of about 25 at a satellite stable in Chantilly," says Rossi, who has raced 144 different horses this season. "I received a few new horses, like Alkuin, and the 2-year-olds came in and they were a good bunch."

He continues, "When you start working as a trainer you dream of having runners at the Arc meeting. It was an unbelievable day. To have Charley winning with Tiger Tanaka and Cedric being third, as well as Alkuin being second in the Cadran. It was just amazing."

Dream And Do was sold privately to Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm not long after her Classic success and is no longer with Rossi. Sealiway has swiftly taken her place as stable star and races for a partnership of two of Rossi's major patrons, the colt's breeder Guy Pariente, who also stands Sealiway's sire Galiway at his Haras de Colleville, and the Chehboub family's Haras de la Gousserie, which has 13 horses in training with Rossi.

The trainer says, "When I worked for Jean-Claude Seroul I had very good horses in training and that gave me great experience in learning how to travel horses. Then when I got new owners and the Calas training centre was improved it was a huge help. We used to have 30 yearlings in training every year and now we have 50 and the quality has also gone up. Haras de la Gousserie have started to invest and sent me better horses and the timing was perfect."

Rossi continues, "But all of us [who train in the south] have to thank Jean-Claude Rouget for showing us what was possible. He made us think bigger. In the old days when you were in Marseille or the west you didn't move from there unless you had a really good horse, and then it was likely that the horse would be sold. Now it doesn't matter where you are based. You can train in Calas or in Chantilly and go to places like Royal Ascot."

The trainer now pays a weekly visit to his smaller team in Chantilly, where he once served as assistant trainer to John Hammond.

"This is the second year I have had horses there and I go up on Wednesday evening and then watch them at exercise on Thursday morning," he explains. "I send up the horses who I feel are better suited to the Parisian programme and the only way that works is to have someone you really trust. Juando Chavarrias runs the yard there and he works so well with me."

In Sealiway, Rossi is of course entitled to dream of further Classic success in 2021, but first there is one final important engagement this year in Kentucky.

He says of his first Breeders' Cup challenger, "To begin with Sealiway was regarded as a fast horse, a six-furlong horse, but then I realised that was maybe not the case, so we went to the Prix Roland Chambure and he got a bit lost over seven. Though he's fast he needs some time to find his momentum. As he has matured he has got better with his early speed but he still needs time to work his way into a race."

Sealiway, who won one of the first 2-year-old races of the season in France when racing resumed on May 12, has now triumphed in four of his six starts, with all his wins coming on ground ranging between good to soft and heavy, as it was at ParisLongchamp for Arc weekend.

Rossi continues, "It looks like the ground at Keeneland could be softer than usual. The soft ground at Longchamp may have helped him a bit but perhaps not as much as one might think. He has been maturing all season and he peaked at that time."

The trainer is also unconcerned about Sealiway stepping up to a mile for the first time at the Breeders' Cup. Cont. p6
Frederic Rossi Cont.

"Next year we will probably start him in the Prix de Fontainebleau before the Guineas, but I think he will stay farther so I wouldn't rule out the [Prix du] Jockey Club," he says. "But first we will see what happens at the Breeders' Cup. This is a great way to end this year we are very excited about going to America."

QUIAN BASKS IN OLEANDER-RENNEN GLORY

Stall Hornoldendorf’s 4-year-old Quian (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) registered a first black-type success in the July 19 Listed Hoppegartener Steher-Preis before running sixth in the Sept. 6 G3 Prix Gladiateur at ParisLongchamp. The Peter Schiergen trainee went postward as the 9-5 pick for Sunday’s G2 Comer Group International 49th Oleander-Rennen, Germany’s premier staying event, coming back off a two-length triumph in the Sept. 20 G3 Deutsches St Leger at Dortmund and justified market support with a determined effort to secure a career best in the two-mile marathon. Never more than four lengths off the pace, he was shaken up to close off the home turn and stayed on resolutely under continued rousting inside the final quarter mile to deny Rip Van Lips (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line.

“I always believed in him,” trainer Peter Schiergen told GaloppOnline. “He was really good at the age of two, but then he had problems as a 3-year-old. At least he has now made up for everything.”

Pedigree Notes

Quian is the leading performer out of a winning half-sister to G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and dual G1 Gran Premio di Milano hero Quijano (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}). His third dam Quest of Fire (Fr) (Rainbow Quest) is kin to G3 Prix Cleopatre victrix Brooklyn’s Dance (Fr) (Shirley Heights {GB}), whose six stakes winners are headed by G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe heroine Solelima (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}), G2 Prix Greffulhe victor Prospect Wells (Fr) (Sadler’s Wells) and G3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte winner Prospect Park (GB) (Sadler’s Wells). Brooklyn’s Dance is also the ancestress of MG1SW sire The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Silasol (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). From the immediate family of G1 Epsom Derby-winning sire Authorized (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains-winning sire Green Dancer (Nijinsky), Quian is kin to the winning 3-year-old filly Laggata (GB) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), the placed 2-year-old colt Quizer (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) and a yearling filly by Highland Reel (Ire).

Sunday, Hoppegarten, Germany
COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL 49TH OLEANDER-RENNEN-G2, €100,000, Hoppegarten, 11-1, 3yo/up, 16fT, 3:46.52, sf/hy.
1--QUIAN (GER), 128, c, 4, by Mastercraftsman (Ire)
1st Dam: Quiana (Ger), by Monsun (Ger)
2nd Dam: Quila (Ire), by Unfuwain
3rd Dam: Quest of Fire (Fr), by Rainbow Quest
(€54,000 Ylg ‘17 BBAGS). O-Stall Hornoldendorf; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-7-1-0, €134,550. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Rip Van Lips (Ire), 128, c, 4, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--Red Lips (Ger), by Areion (Ger). O-Stall Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (IRE); T-Andreas Suborics. i60,000. Lifetime Record: 1-2-2-0, €21,000.

3--Aircraft Carrier (Ire), 128, g, 5, Declaration of War--Strategy (GB), by Machiavellian. ($350,000 Ylg ‘16 KEESEP; 27,000gns 3yo ‘18 TATAUT; 20,000gns 4yo ‘19 TATAUT). O/T-Luke Comer; B-Lynch Bages Ltd (IRE). i11,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 3HF. Odds: 1.80, 19.10, 6.90. Also Ran: Lips Queen (Ger), Windstoss (Ger), Kaiserperle (Ger), Questionare (GB), Hollow Sound (Ire), He Knows No Fear (Ire), Cypress Creek (Ire). Scratched: Apadanah (Ger). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

WITH THANKS WITH APLOMB

Sheikh Rashid Dalmoon Al Maktoum’s lightly-raced sophomore With Thanks (Ire) (Camacho {GB}), who garnered two of her first three starts, went postward for Sunday’s G3 Irish Stallion Farms EBF Athasi S. at Naas coming back off a runner-up finish in Goodwood’s Oct. 11 Listed October Fillies’ S. and justified 2-1 favouritism with an imperious display in the seven-furlong feature. Cont. p7
G3 Athasi S. Cont.

Positioned out wide in a prominent fourth after an alert getaway, she powered to the front on the bridle passing the quarter-mile marker and lengthened clear in impressive fashion to easily register a career high by five lengths from Silk Forest (Ire) (Kodiac [GB]).

“She had the form to do it and impressed me in the manner she quickened up,” said winning rider Chris Hayes. “It means a lot to be able to go on that ground and her trainer was confident beforehand. When I told him the ground had gone heavy he said all the better. It was important to get Group 3 status for a filly like her and I think she could step up in grade next season.”

Trainer William Haggas added, “Chris gave her a lovely ride, she loves the ground and won easily. She was a breeze-up horse, but is light-framed. She doesn’t need a lot of racing and needs conditions in her favour. I don’t know if she stays in training, we were going to make that decision after today, and it will be up to Sheikh Rashid. We’ll decide in the next week or so, but she won’t run again this year as that is job done. It wasn’t a strong race and she is a fresh filly too so it wasn’t rocket science that she won. Travelling is just not an easy thing to do at the moment and I’m very grateful to Richard Brabazon, who took her over yesterday morning and took her to Naas for us.”

Pedigree Notes

With Thanks becomes the sixth pattern-race winner for her sire and also marks the first black-type scorer for the unraced Thanks (Ire) (Kheleyf), herself kin to stakes-winning GIII The Very One H. and GIII Gallorettt H. runner-up Briviesca (GB) (Peintre Celebre). Briviesca, in turn, is the dam of G1 Prix de l’Opera heroine Villa Marina (GB) (Le Havre [Ire]) and a granddaughter of GSW G1 Yorkshire Oaks runner-up Kiliniski (Ire) (Niniski).

Kiliniski, whose descendants include G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares heroine Madame Chiang (GB) (Archipenko), is the top performer for Kilavea (Hawaii [SAf]), herself kin to GSW sire Nureyev (Northern Dancer) and the dam of record-breaking multiple champion sire Sadler’s Wells (Northern Dancer). With Thanks is full to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Big Thanks (Ire) and half to a yearling filly by Belardo (Ire) and a weanling colt by National Defense (GB).

Sunday, Naas, Ireland

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF ATHASI S.-G3, €65,000, Naas, 11-1, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:36.17, hy.

1--WITH THANKS (IRE), 128, f, 3, by Camacho (GB)

1st Dam: Thanks (Ire), by Kheleyf
2nd Dam: Kimono (Ire), by Machiavellian
3rd Dam: Kiliniski (Ire), by Niniski

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€5,000 RNA Ylg ’18 GOFSP; €100,000 2yo ’19 TATGOR). O-Sheikh Rashid Dalmoock Al Maktoum; B-Mrs E Thompson (IRE); T-William Haggas; J-Chris Hayes. €39,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, $68,642.

*6th GSW & 16th SW for her sire (by Danehill). Werk Nick Rating: C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Silk Forest (Ire), 129, f, 4, Kodiac (GB)--Rosa Parks (GB), by Sadler’s Wells. O-Tan Kai Chah; B-J Ryan (IRE); T-Paddy Twomey. €13,000.

3--Soul Search (Ire), 128, f, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Ecutilia, by Rahy. (230,000gns Ylg ’18 TATOCT). O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-Marston Norelands & Richmond Bloodstock (IRE); T-Ger Lyons. €6,500.

Margins: 5, HF, 4. Odds: 2.00, 4.50, 7.00.

Also Ran: Baraniya (Ire), Rocket Science (Ire), Darkest (Ire), Secret Pulse (Ire), Best On Stage (Ger), Come September (Ire), Hidden Sky (Ire), So Wonderful, A New Dawn (Ire), Miss Myers (Ire), Ridenza (Ire), Simply A Breeze (Ire). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

EUROPEAN NEWS

DECISION ON UK OWNERS ATTENDANCE ON MONDAY

British racing is continuing despite the upcoming second lockdown this Thursday, and a decision will be made on Monday to determine whether owners can watch their horses race, British Horseracing Authority Nick Rust said on Racing TV’s Luck on Sunday. The lockdown begins Nov. 5 and will last for four weeks. Betting shops will be closed during the lockdown as well.

“The Government has shown plenty of faith in us, and we can show what an important role racing plays in national life over the next month,” said Rust on Luck on Sunday. “There will be meetings tomorrow to work everything through, because there are arrangements which are different in Scotland and Wales—but fundamentally, on first assessment last night, the only query is going to be participation of owners.

“Obviously we’d love to keep them coming—but there have been some tough restrictions re-imposed on hospitality, so there are no guarantees on that. We will fight hard on it, but the main thing is that we comply and we keep racing going for the next month.”

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HOLLIE DOYLE TO RIDE DEIRDRE IN BAHRAIN

Jockey Hollie Doyle has picked up the ride on Group 1 winner Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) in the Nov. 20 £500,000 International Trophy in Bahrain, Racing Post reported. Doyle, who earned her first Group 1 win aboard Glen Shiel (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) on British Champions Day last month, has ridden 129 winners through Saturday and will ride Mighty Gurkha (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}) in the GII Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint on Nov. 6. Deirdre, winner of the G1 Nassau S. in the UK in 2019, was also successful in the 2017 G1 Shuka Sho at the highest level.

“I was delighted to get the call-up to ride Deirdre and had a first sit on her in Newmarket on Saturday morning,” Doyle told Racing Post. “She’s a pretty popular horse in Japan and on her day she’s very good. I’ve never ridden in Bahrain before and it’s great to get the international recognition. The owner, Mr. [Toji] Morita, contacted my agent direct and hopefully this will open other doors. She felt great on Saturday and connections seemed delighted with her, which is the main thing.”
FIRST-SEASON SIRES
WITH RUNNERS

Monday, Nov. 2, 2020:
UNITED KINGDOM
Adaay (IRE) (Kodiac (GB)), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
16:05-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, POCKETEER (IRE)
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
69 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
17:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, ANATIYA (Fr)
€105,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Markaz (IRE) (Dark Angel (IRE)), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
16:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, GLOBAL VISION (IRE)
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Mehmas (IRE) (Acclamation (GB)), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/42 winners/4 black-type winners
16:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, CANOODLED (IRE)
€15,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Prince of Lir (IRE) (Kodiac (GB)), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
16:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, PRINCE OF ABINGTON (IRE)
£2,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; £16,800 Tattersalls Ascot Breeze Up Sale 2020

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy (GB)), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
16:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, DONIZETTI (GB)
13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; €90,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019
17:20-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, SNAP OUT OF IT (IRE)
€4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019;
18,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020
16:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, STEP SISTER (GB)

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun (Ger)), Tally-Ho Stud
127 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
16:05-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, FEN TIGER (IRE)
30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
16:05-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, PAPAS DREAM (IRE)
16:05-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, PATRIOTIC (IRE)
55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

FRANCE
Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice (Aus)), Haras d'Etreham
44 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-TOULOUSE, 2000m, MOUNTAINS BLUES (Fr)
€40,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND
Awtaad (IRE) (Cape Cross (IRE)), Derrinstown Stud
94 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
2-CURRAGH, 7f, DIAMIL (IRE)

Belardo (IRE) (Lope de Vega (IRE)), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
1-CURRAGH, 7f, DISCO BOOTS (IRE)

Estidhkaar (IRE) (Dark Angel (IRE)), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
2-CURRAGH, 7f, MANY WORDS (IRE)
€3,500 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019
1-CURRAGH, 7f, PALLASMORE LASS (IRE)
€3,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Kodi Bear (IRE) (Kodiac (GB)), Rathberry Stud
83 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
2-CURRAGH, 7f, MANY WORDS (IRE)

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry (IRE)), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/10 winners/5 black-type winners
1-CURRAGH, 7f, SMOAOINEAMIH SILE (GB)
€4,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2018

Territories (IRE) (Invincible Spirit (IRE)), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
1-CURRAGH, 7f, UNCHARTED (GB)
33,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2019
OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

FULL-SISTER TO GLENEAGLES ON SHOW AT THE CURRAGH

12.30 Curragh, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, f, 7fT

Coolmore’s hitherto unraced JOAN OF ARC (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) is one of two nominees set to carry the Derrick Smith colours for Aidan O’Brien and faces 16 rivals in this unveiling. The homebred bay is a daughter of G2 Cherry Hinton S. victress Youresothrilling (Storm Cat) and thus a full-sister to six stakes performers headed by MG1SW sire Gleneagles (Ire) and MG1SW G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Happily (Ire).

1.00 Curragh, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, c/g, 7fT

John Oxx continues his farewell tour and sends forth Godolphin’s 200,000gns Tattersalls December foal purchase SAFECRACKER (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}), who is a half-brother to G1 Irish Derby-winning sire Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling). Opposition features a trio from Ballydoyle, including Derrick Smith’s The Mediterranean (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who is a son of MGSW G1 Cheveley Park S., G1 Coronation S. and G1 Matron S. placegetter Flashy Wings (GB) (Zafonic).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:


Love Love (GB), f, 3, Kodach (GB)–Perfect Blessings (Ire) (MSP-Eng), by Kheleyf. Wolverhampton, 10-31, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.73. B-Mildmay Bloodstock & I M Brown (GB). 600,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT.

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FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Lyon La Soie, €14,000, Cond, 11-1, 3yo, 9fT, 1:51.81, st.

AMERICAN BRIDGE (GB) (f, 3, Kodiach (GB)–More Than Sotka (Fr) [SW-Fr, $145,217], by Dutch Art (GB)) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, €19,340. O-White Birch Farm; B-Zalim Bifov (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€280,000 Ylg ‘18 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Luck, f, 3, Kitten’s Joy–Gold Round (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Caerleon. Lyon La Soie, 11-1, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:16.33. B-LNJ Foxwoods LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Full to Golden Box, MSP-Fr; and 1/2 to Goldwaki (Ger) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW-Fr, $176,715; Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW-Fr, $125,200; Spectaculaire (GB) (Spectrum [Ire]), SW-Fr, $247,478; and Golden Attitude (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}), SP-US.

IRELAND

Sunday’s Results:

GLENCAIRN S.-Listed, €37,500, Naas, 11-1, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:51.97, hy.

1--SALTONSTALL (GB), 135, g, 6, Pivotal (GB)–Macleya (Ger) (MGSW & G1SP-Fr, $392,915), by Winged Love (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€120,000 Ylg ‘15 ARAUG; €44,000 Ylg ‘18 GOFHIT). O-Dooley Thoroughbreds & Bart O’Sullivan; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Adrian McGuinness; J-Gavin Ryan. €22,500. Lifetime Record: 30-6-2-3, $266,220. *153rd SW for his sire (by Polar Falcon).


3--Quizical (Ire), 135, g, 5, Roderic O’Connor (Ire)–Twenty Questions (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). (€23,000 Wlg ‘15 GOFN0V; €9,000 Ylg ‘16 GOFSPR). O-John Lavery; B-Joe Bishop (IRE); T-Sheila Lavery. €3,750.

Margins: 3HF, HF, NK. Odds: 6.00, 3.33, 28.00. Also Ran: Flaming Moon (Ire), Fiscal Rules (Ire), Stormy Belle (Ire), Epona Plays (Ire), Spanish Tenor (Ire), One Last Look (Ire), Fame And Acclaim (Ire), Laughifuwant (Ire), Harpocrates (Ire). Saltonstall prevailed by a nose in a July 28 Galway handicap, the lone success in his first seven outings, and lined up for this second try at stakes level coming back off an Oct. 10 Limerick handicap score in his eighth start last time. Cont. p11
Listed Glencairn S. Cont.

Employing patient tactics in rear from the outset, he made his way to an open lane along the far-side rail approaching the final furlong and kept on powerfully under a late drive to claim a first stakes rosette by daylight.

“I ran him in Bart O’Sullivan’s colours, who died a year and two days ago, and I’m dedicating the whole thing to Bart as only for him I wouldn’t be here today,” revealed trainer Aidrian McGuinness. “He got me the owners and got me going and the O’Sullivan family got me involved with the Dooleys. I’m just thrilled to bits that the horse has done it. He’s such a warrior of a horse and had his problems before we got him, but he’s a serious horse when he’s right. Gavin [Ryan] has been brilliant on the horse all year, he hasn’t put a foot wrong and got a dream run up the rail. He’s won on all types of ground and is just a fabulous horse to have. We’ll probably give him a break now and look forward to next year with him.”

Saltonstall, half-brother to a yearling filly by Sea The Moon (Ger), becomes the first stakes winner for MGSW G1 Prix Royal-Oak runner-up Macleya (Ger) (Winged Love {Ire}), herself kin to four black-type performers including G3 Prix de Barbeville victor Montclair (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Listed Prix Belle de Nuit second Mahnaz (GB) (Dansili {GB}), herself the dam of Listed Prix de Pontarme scorer Mer et Nuages (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and MSP distaffer Miramare (Ger) (Rainbow Quest). Miramare, in turn, is the dam of this year’s Listed Prix de l’Avre-winning G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris runner-up Mare Australis (Ire) (Australia {GB}). Saltonstall’s fourth dam is dual Classic-winning German champion Majoritat (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}).

Click for the Racing Post result.

1st-Naas, €15,500, Mdn, 11-1, 2yo, 6fT, 1:18.00, hy.

STORM LEGEND (IRE) (c, 2, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Kymera {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was off the pace towards the rear through halfway in this debut. Rowed along to close at the quarter-mile marker, the well-backed 6-1 chance swooped for control with 150 yards remaining and drew off late to prevail by an impressive 3 1/4 lengths from Mickey the Steel (GB) (Hot Streak {Ire}). “Mark McStay bought him for clients of his and put him in with Mr. Oxx, but I believe he’s going to Fozzy [Stack],” revealed winning rider Chris Hayes. “He’s a nice horse and, thankfully, they gave me the opportunity to ride him. He travelled with ease and was a bit green early on, but he took off when I gave him a squeeze. It’s loose ground, but he seemed to handle the conditions well and I’d be looking forward to having him for next year.” Kin to a weanling colt by New Bay (GB), Storm Legend is the first of two foals produced by an unraced granddaughter of GSW G1 Gran Premio di Milano second Saganeca (Sagace {Fr}). Descendants of that third dam include elite-level winners Sagamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), Sagacity (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), Sageburg (Ire) (Johannesburg), Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Mogul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Sagawara (GB) (Shamardal). Sales history: £160,000 2yo ‘20 TTIGOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,838.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-M Ryan (IRE); T-John Oxx.

2nd-Naas, €15,500, Mdn, 11-1, 2yo, 8fT, 1:53.32, hy.

TAIPAN (FR) (c, 2, Frankel {GB}--Kenzadargent {Fr} {SW & MGSP-Fr}, SW & GSP-US, $300,483), by Kendargent (Fr) was among the tailenders through the initial fractions of this debut. Under pressure from halfway, the 7-1 chance was angled wide in early straight and stayed on relentlessly under continued urging inside the final quarter mile to deny Team of Firsts (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}) by a half-length in the dying strides. “He’s a gorgeous, big, laid-back horse that only goes through the motions at home,” explained winning rider Shane Foley. “We’ve given him all the time in the world, I wasn’t sure if today was going to be the day and it was just to get him out really. He was never travelling at any stage, but he’s a bit like that at home and is going to be a lovely staying horse for next year.” Taipan is the second of three foals produced by MGSP dual stakes winner Kenzadargent (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) and the February-foaled bay is a half-brother to Saturday’s G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise winner Brad The Brief (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) and a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr). Sales history: €500,000 Ylg ‘19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,838.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Fiona Carmichael; B-Chasemore Farm LLP (FR); T-Jessica Harrington.
**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Persian Queen (Ire),** f, 3, *Ivawood (Ire) --Persian Filly (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Persian Bold (Ire). Naas, 11-1, 10fT, 2:32.99. B-Glashare House Stud (IRE). *10,000gns* Wlg 17 TATFOA; *11,000 Ylg* 18 GOFF;

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Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) emphised her status as one of the greats of the Japanese turf with a half-length score in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) at Tokyo on Sunday. The first back-to-back winner since Symboli Kris S (Kris S.) in 2002/03, the bay mare is the sixth horse to salute in seven Japanese Group 1s and the first Japanese horse to win eight Group 1 races worldwide on turf. Two-time G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) victor Fierement (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was second, with the G1 Takarazuka Kinen winner Chrono Genesis (Jpn) (Bago {Fr}) third by a neck.

Caught two deep in fourth into the opening bend, Almond Eye relaxed as Danon Premium (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) galloped on an five-length lead. The field reached the final 800 metres with the 2-5 favourite maintaining her position in between horses and when they reached the head of the straight, jockey Christophe Lemaire cut her loose. Out in the four path, Almond Eye set sail for the longtime leader, passing Daiwa Cagney (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and Kiseki (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}) just inside the quarter pole. Chrono Genesis (Jpn) (Bago {Fr}) third by a neck.

“Today, the mare was relaxed before the start and we were able to break well,” said Lemaire, who was noticeably emotional—a rare occurrence for him post race. “She showed a great turn of foot in the straight but ran out of steam a bit climbing the hill. The others were gaining on us but she didn’t give up. I have to admit, to win the eighth Group 1 title was a big pressure, but she didn’t let us down—her performance was awesome. Her future lay in the hands of the owner and trainer but I would very much like to ride her again.”

The Japanese Filly Triple Crown winner of 2018 claimed Japanese Horse of the Year honours after winning the G1 Japan Cup later that year. She also scored in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan in March of 2019 and returned to her homeland to take third in the G1 Yasuda Kinen that June. A winner of last year’s G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn), Almond Eye ran an uncharacteristic ninth in her 4-year-old swansong, the G1 Arima Kinen in December. Kept in training this term, she saluted in the May 17 G1 Victoria Mile, but was runner-up in the June 7 Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo, her last start prior to defending her title on Sunday.

Pedigree Notes

Almond Eye is one of four Group 1 winners and 23 black-type winners for her sire Lord Kanaloa (Jpn). The seventh of 10 foals out of her dam, and one of eight winners from eight runners, the 5-year-old is followed by the winning duo of Listed Anemone S. third Unakite (Jpn) (Johannesburg), a 4-year-old filly, and 3-year-old colt Satono Esperanza (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}), Fusaichi Pandora (Jpn)’s latest foal is an unnamed juvenile by Rulership (Jpn).

The extended family under blue hen third dam Sex Appeal (Buckpasser) is riddled with Group 1 winners like champions and successful sires El Gran Senor (Northern Dancer) and Try My Best (Northern Dancer), GI Breeders’ Cup Mile victor Domedriver (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Bahamian Pirate (Housebuster) and GI United National S. hero Chinchon (Ire) (Marju {Ire}).

Italian highweight and sire Blue Air Force (Ire) (Sri Pekan) is also present, as is Brazilian champion and Group 1 winner Estrela Monarchos (Monarchos).
HotY-Jpn, Ch. 3yo Filly-Jpn, Hwt. Older Horse-UAE, G1SW-UAE, 14-10-2-1. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2—Fierement (Jpn), 128, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)—Lune d’Or (Fr), by Green Tune. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥60,720,000.

3—Chrono Genesis (Jpn), 123, f, 4, Bago (Fr)—Chronologist (Jpn), by Kurofune. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥38,360,000.


Also Ran: Danon Premium (Jpn), Kiseki (Jpn), Daiwa Cagney (Jpn), Jinambo (Jpn), Cadenas (Jpn), Scarlet Color (Jpn), Win Bright (Jpn), Blast Onepiece (Jpn), Danon Kingly (Jpn).

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

SA SA LADIES’ PURSE H.-G3, HK$3,500,000 (£348,799/€386,670/A$643,508/US$451,499), Sha Tin, 11-1, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:45.91, gd/fm.

1—Furore (NZ), 122, g, 6, by Pierro (Aus)

  1st Dam: Stormy Choice (Aus), by Redoute’s Choice
  2nd Dam: Shalbourne, by Nureyev
  3rd Dam: Copperama (Aus), by *Comeram

1ST GROUP WIN. (NZ$210,000 Ylg ’16 NZBJAN). O-Lee Sheung Chau; B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd; T-Tony Cruz; J-Joao Moreira; HK$1,995,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-HK, G1SP-Aus, 24-7-2-4, HK$30,649,600. *1/2 to Blizzard (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), Ch. Miler & SW-Sin, GSW & G1SP-HK, $2,375,496. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. **IRT** Thanks for flying IRT. Phone +1 630 377 2300

2—Exultant (Ire), 133, g, 6, Teofilo (Ire)—Contrary (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). O-Eddie Wong Ming Chak & Wong Leung Sau Hing; B-Ballygallon Stud; T-Tony Cruz; J-Zac Purton; HK$770,000.

3—Dances With Dragon (NZ), 117, g, 7, Savabeel (Aus)—Around The Clock (Aus), by Galileo (Ire). (A$100,000 Ylg ’15 INGEAS; NZ$230,000 2yo ’15 NZBRTR). O-Wong Yat Cheung, Eliza Wong & Amy Wong Hoi Fung; B-M W O Keeffe; T-Caspar Fownes; J-Matthew Chadwick; HK$402,500.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 1. Odds: 3.30, 2.10, 4.40.

Also Ran: Southern Legend (Aus), Ho Ho Khan (NZ), Savvy Nine (Fr), Preciouship (Ire), Super Oasis, Butterfield, Singapore Sling (SAf), Dark Dream (Aus), Chefano (SAf). Scratched: Time Warp (GB). Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.
ETHICS PUSH DRIVES
FBAA SHAKE-UP

by Bren O’Brien

The implementation of a world’s best practice Code of Ethics has won the majority support of Federation of Bloodstock Agents Australia (FBAA) members, precipitating a significant changing of the guard in the leadership of the organisation.

Craig Rounsefell of Boomer Bloodstock has led a three-month review of the Code of Ethics and membership criteria for the FBAA and won the required support of his member peers when presenting a proposal for a change to the existing standards late last week.

Subsequent to the successful vote on the implementation of the highest standard of practice of any bloodstock agent association in the world, a change of key roles was also confirmed with Rounsefell to assume the role of President, taking over from Grant Burns, while Dave Mee of Pinhook Bloodstock will be Vice-President and Louis Le Metayer of Astute Bloodstock will step in as Treasurer. Suman Hedge was appointed as a director.

Rounsefell said exemplary standards of transparency and ethical conduct were now demanded for investors across businesses in almost every industry, so it was time for the standards of the FBAA to be upgraded.

"The FBAA was set up 32 years ago and was well overdue for a solid review to bring it to the modern standard of ethics that clients expect of their representatives," he told TDN AusNZ.

"A high level of accountability is what is rightfully expected of our industry, we thought the Australian federation should lead the way in setting best practice for bloodstock agents globally.

"We want to position ourselves at the highest point of integrity and ethical dealings in the horse business.

"It was also time to conduct a thorough review of membership criteria that defines who is part of the group. The goal was to bring the membership group back to what the FBAA was originally set up for; those whose primary public-facing role is as an independent Australian-based bloodstock agent."

Another key output of the review was a properly constructed means of redress in the case of a dispute involving an FBAA member. An independent Complaints Advisory Panel will be established to deal with such issues.

"It’s very important to create an environment where clients trust the FBAA brand by knowing that members are going to be held to account should an issue arise. Establishing this system served to create a proper process for making complaints and have it heard in an independent and fair manner," Rounsefell said.

Areas for ethical complications that have been clearly addressed by the FBAA review include ownership disclosure, identifying potential of conflicts of interest, clear communication around commissions and confidentiality expectations, and a consistent standard of record-keeping. Members of the FBAA are subject to the Complaints Advisory Panel, and possible sanctions, should their behavior be proved to not meet the required standards.
"To have every member held to this accountable high standard then puts pressure on those agents that aren't part of the federation, because from an accountability sense, they are abiding by their own rules, while our members are required to uphold the highest standards in the world," he said.

Perfect Opportunity for Review

A desire to upgrade FBAA standards and conduct a thorough review of the FBAA membership criteria has been with Rounsefell for some time. The break in his usual schedule enforced by the COVID-19 pandemic gave him the required time to address the issue.

"It takes a significant amount of time and resources to conduct a review like this to the thorough standard it deserves, and given the current circumstances with COVID, I have had the time to invest. "It's a task that has been on my radar for a long time and given my usual American trips have been put on hold this year, I have been able to spend the last three months doing this properly by conducting comparative research to determine what best practice looks like," he said.

"I've been able to look into all the relevant codes from around the world, comparing different associations in different industries and incorporate the findings into this one document. I've also undertaken significant consultation with leading figures in Australian racing and around the world, as well as many respected agents within the FBAA group."

Among those external parties consulted on the changes were Godolphin Australia's Managing Director Vin Cox, Arrowfield Chairman John Messara, Winery General Manager Peter Orton, senior representatives of Magic Millions and Inglis, Hong Kong Jockey Club Executive Director of Racing Andrew Harding, as well as respected agents who are not currently members of the FBAA, such as John Foote, while Hamish Esplin provided his experience and insight as legal counsel.

Emphatic Support

The document was submitted for review ahead of a member vote last Friday, and the proposed changes won the ringing endorsement of the majority of the membership group.

"It was a fantastic representation by members. On the whole, it was an overwhelming success, 80% of the vote was in favour. There were a few members that voted against, but it was a resounding result," he said.

"There was also a reshuffle of Board Directors going forward, a lot of the next generation have come in to take leadership responsibility. These are people that are very passionate about the same integrity issues I am, and agree we need to put ourselves in a clear space, operating to an accountable standard of ethics above anyone else transacting on horses in Australia."

As newly elected President, Rounsefell is now in a position to oversee the full implementation of the new Code of Ethics as well as the establishment of the Complaints Advisory Panel.

"There will be changes ongoing in the future to ensure we remain relevant and up to date with the ever-changing innovations in the bloodstock world, and there is still more to do. But the big part of the work was lifting the Code of Ethics to a new standard and tightening the membership criteria. "The membership group was getting a little broad, beyond independent bloodstock agents, and now it will narrow back down to better reflect the membership criteria the federation was originally setup for," he said.

"A couple of current members will no longer meet the criteria and not be part of the federation moving forward, however for what the organisation was set up for, and for the common goals we have in the future, it was important the group was focused to best represent the role of independent bloodstock agents moving forward. "It was also important this work was completed before the 2021 yearling sales season was underway, given the challenges COVID-19 travel presents and subsequent likely requirement of national and international buyers to utilise agent assistance. "We will appoint the Complaints Advisory Panel and complete other minor required changes in the coming weeks, so we are ready to roll into Magic Millions in January. The major work has been done now and I was very excited that it was embraced by a clear majority of members. "There is a real drive on the group to lift the standing and the presence of the FBAA. It's exciting times!"
IN HONG KONG:

Rhapsody, g, 4, Hinchinbrook--Teasing (GSW-Aus, $344,080), by More Than Ready (USA). Sha Tin, 11-1, Hcp. ($184k), 1200m, 1:09.02. B-R Kemister (NSW). *$210,000 Ylg ‘18 INGFEB. VIDEO


Ka Ying Master, g, 5, Snitzel--Make Me Dream (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells (USA). Sha Tin, 11-1, Hcp. ($276k), 1200m, 1:08.94. B-Hong Kong Breeders Club Limited (NSW). *1/2 to Kiss Me Ketut (NZ) (Danroad {Aus}), GSW-Aus, $288,190. **NZ$525,000 Ylg ‘17 NZBJAN. VIDEO

Authentic Champ, g, 5, Star Witness--Considerable, by Casino Prince. Sha Tin, 11-1, Hcp. ($184k), 1400m, 1:21.45. B-J & M Equine (NSW). *$110,000 Ylg ‘17 INGFEB; $180,000 2yo ‘17 INGRTR. VIDEO

IN HONG KONG:

Soaring Tower, g, 4, Charm Spirit (Ire)--Key To Success, by Thorn Park (Aus). Sha Tin, 11-1, Hcp. ($195k), 1200m, 1:08.98. B-R G Blunt. *HK$4,000,000 HRA ‘20 HKJUL. **1ST TIME STARTER. ***NZ$160,000 Ylg ‘18 NZBJAN; NZ$250,000 2yo ‘18 NZBRTR. VIDEO

Furore, g, 6, Pierro (Aus). See ‘TDN Europe–Asia.’

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