NOUGHTS AND CROSSES BEHIND A DREAM MARE

by Chris McGrath

Now I do realise that I am in a minority of one here. But while everyone else seems to perceive some unique alchemy between Galileo (Ire) and Danehill, to me the number of good horses obtained by that cross is pretty much as you should expect when one breed-shaping stallion is mated with the daughters of another. After all, their dams will in turn have been well-bred and/or accomplished runners, simply to have gained access to an elite sire. If we call this "selective breeding", we are surely flattering ourselves.

That said, it's easy to acknowledge an elementary logic in combining the trademark influences of their respective sires. In reuniting the crucial division of Northern Dancer's legacy between Sadler's Wells stamina and Danzig speed. Seeking the best of both worlds, speed that can be carried Classic distances, is the simplest grail of all. It seldom works out, mind you, and hardly ever to the epoch-making degree we saw in Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), the ultimate template for the cross.

Regardless, there's no arguing with the dividends achieved by John Magnier and his partners in Coolmore, who found themselves with paddocks full of Danehill mares just as Galileo was on the rise.

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ADFLERFLUG’S MYTHICO OUT FRONT IN KREFELD

Stall TMB’s Mythico (Fr) (Adlerflug {Ger}) went postward for Sunday’s G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen at Krefeld with maiden status intact and came home with a breakthrough score in the 8 1/2-furlong feature, Germany’s final pattern race of the season. He had followed up a pair of placed efforts at Deauville in August and ParisLongchamp in September with a third in Cologne’s Oct. 11 G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten in his only other start last time. The 24-5 chance broke smartly from the inside gate and raced second before slipping one spot after the initial skirmishes as Sardasht (Fr) (Isfahan {Ger}) enjoyed a clear advantage up front. Regaining second at halfway, he was shaken up off the home turn to lead with 350 metres remaining and kept on strongly under a late drive to hold the late charge of Dolcetto (Ger) (Gleneagles {Ire}) by a half-length for a first win of any kind. Cont. p7

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And the model was eagerly adopted elsewhere.
The cross was back in focus last Saturday, after Ballydoyle's historic GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile clean sweep. The winner, to general astonishment, was Order Of Australia (Ire)—by Galileo's son Australia (GB) out of a mare from the very last crop of Danehill. And runner-up Circus Maximus (Ire) is by Galileo himself out of a Danehill Dancer (Ire) mare. Third (and fastest) to finish, Lope Y Fernandez (Ire), represented a different sire-line but completed a distaff trifecta for Danehill and his daughters, as a son of Lope De Vega (Ire) out of a Dansili (GB) mare.

All three, unusually for Ballydoyle, were the work of breeders other than Coolmore, entering the stable either through partnership or auction purchase. Lope Y Fernandez, bred by SF Bloodstock, was recruited as a €900,000 Arqana August yearling; while Circus Maximus (Ire) was bred by co-owners Flaxman Stables. But the winner himself attested to the mastery of his supervision in a fashion still more instructive, perhaps, than this unprecedented Breeders' Cup 1-2-3.

For Order Of Australia is a half-brother to Iridessa (Ire) (Ruler Of The World), who won her fourth elite prize in the GI Filly and Mare Turf at Santa Anita last year. And both were bred by Aidan O'Brien and his wife Annemarie, herself a remarkable horsewoman, from a mare that cost just 14,000gns. (In the case of Iridessa, of course, their accomplishments extended to having also bred and raised the trainer, their son Joseph.)

Senta's Dream (GB) was presumably added to the O'Briens' Whisperview Trading broodmare band primarily because, as just noted, she belonged to that final crop of Danehill. (Along with the likes of Peeping Fawn, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) and Duke Of Marmalade (Ire)... Gosh, the champ really was still in his pomp!) Cont. p3
Noughts & Crosses Cont.

While necessarily only part-time breeders, horse people as devoted and inspired as the O’Briens could never treat Whisperview as a mere pastime. With their access to so many different stallions “made” by Aidan, their customary professionalism has duly reaped many dividends besides Senta’s Dream. With Annemarie’s late father, the hugely respected Joe Crowley, the O’Briens co-bred Danehill’s record-breaking son Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire); and have since produced such Group 1 winners as Kingbarns (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Beethoven (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) and the Fastnet Rock (Aus) pair Intricately (Ire) and Qualify (Ire). But the way they have realised the potential latent in Senta’s Dream represents a new peak.

The Breeders’ Cup is in the mare’s blood, as she is one of just two foals—and the only daughter—delivered by Starine (Fr) (Mendocino), who preceded Iridessa on the Filly and Mare Turf roll of honour by 17 years. Starine, however, had such a plain pedigree that Bobby Frankel was unable to find an owner when he imported her from France, and ended up racing her in the silks of one R.J. Frankel. He had the last laugh, cashing her in for $1 million to Newsells Park Stud at the Keeneland November Sale straight after the Breeders’ Cup.

Starine was all that salvaged her sire from oblivion. A son of Theatrical (Ire), Mendocino did win a small stakes race in France for owner-breeder Allen Paulson but his eligibility for stud presumably rested on the fact that his dam was by Caro (Ire) out of a half-sister to Exclusive Native. As a result, the mating that produced Starine did yield one conspicuous feature in a 3x3 presence for Caro, whose son Kaldoun (Fr) had sired her dam. But by the time Starine won at Arlington Park, her sire had mustered 61 foals across eight crops and just half a dozen other winners. Cont. p4
Nor was there the least distinction in the past two or three generations of Starine's maternal family.

Yet by the time the yearling Senta's Dream was sent to Deauville in August, the death of both her illustrious parents had made her appear worth retaining at €300,000. After failing to make the track, however, her first foals made little impact either in the ring or at the races and she was culled as a 9-year-old for 14,000gns, the docket signed by BBA Ireland, at the Tattersalls December Sale of 2013.

Her new owners were quick to turn around her fortunes. Even the Equiano (Fr) filly she was carrying at the time was processed as a yearling for €92,000. (Now six, Tisa River (Ire) resurfaces as lot 1680 in the forthcoming Tattersalls December Sale.) And while Senta's Dream appears to have missed the following year, her 2015 assignment with Ruler Of The World would give that luckless stallion—who suffered an untimely injury during his first covering season—the outstanding achievement to date, in Iridessa, of a career he is now pursuing in France.

Her next foal was Order Of Australia. He has clearly been well regarded all along, tried in the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Prix du Jockey Club when still a maiden. But the inspiration that he was not getting home, and should be dropped to a turning mile, would have eluded most of us after subsequent wins at 10 and 12 furlongs.

He was given his debut at the backend, remember, over a mile in heavy ground at Naas. But he travelled with high energy in a very different environment last Saturday and, while plainly well served by a jockey in electric form, looks absolutely entitled to consolidate his reinvention next year.

This feels like a key moment in the career of his young sire, whose Group 1 breakthrough had come just a few weeks previously when Galileo Chrome (Ire)—himself out of a Dansili mare—met the gruelling demands of the G1 St Leger. Cont. p5
Noughts & Crosses Cont.

That Australia should impart that kind of stamina was unsurprising, as a Derby winner famously by a Derby winner out of Oaks winner Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross) (Ire); and, indeed, his only previous crop had produced the Leger runner-up in Sir Ron Priestley (GB).

But let’s not forget that Australia was beaten under a length by Night Of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G1 2000 Guineas. Or that he outpaced The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) over 10 furlongs on fast ground in the G1 Juddmonte International. As a 2-year-old, moreover, he had thrashed subsequent Group 1 winner Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by six lengths at Leopardstown.

Sure enough, two of Australia’s first juveniles were denied Group 1 prizes only by a neck apiece: Broome (Ire) in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, and Sydney Opera House (Ire) in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud. The latter race obviously represents an extreme test for a youngster, but at least Australia was quickly proving that he could produce an eligible Classic type at an accessible fee. Broome, indeed, failed by just half a length to emulate his sire and grandsire at Epsom, having taken the Ballysax-Derrinstown route often reserved at Ballydoyle for the “anointed” colt of the crop.

With the maturing of his stock, Australia has advanced annually within his intake: fourth in the prizemoney table with his first juveniles; third last year; and looking booked for second this time round, with a class-high five Group 1 performers, plus a tally of seven Group winners shared only by Kingman.

Despite having managed more or less to “lie up” with Kingman and No Nay Never—whose precocious achievements have sent their fees through the roof—Australia had been eased from an opening €50,000 to €27,500 for 2020. Cont. p6

[BURATINO’s first two-year-olds: they’re tough and precocious. The fast son of Exceed And Excel from the family of Danehill Dancer has had as many winning youngsters as Belardo and New Bay. Led by a G2 colt, three of them have hit the board in valuable sales races. Second-crop yearlings selling now.]

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Standing at Kildangan Stud, Ireland
Noughts & Crosses Cont.

As such, especially in the current environment, a fee of €25,000 for 2021 represents a pretty solid "hold". Whatever the future holds for Australia, the fact is that Senta's Dream has consecutively given two stallions their outstanding achiever to date. So perhaps the most exciting aspect of her story is the stunning debut of her latest juvenile, whose sire Camelot (GB) had been getting on very nicely without her. Santa Barbara (Ire), again registered in the regular Coolmore surnames plus Mrs. A.M. O'Brien, looked some prospect when outclassing 17 maidens at The Curragh in September.

No Galileo over Danehill here, obviously, with Camelot representing the Montjeu (Ire) branch of the Sadler's Wells hegemony. (Actually Camelot instead introduces extra Danehill, as sire of his second dam.) Sometimes it really does seem as though we're all simply seeking a proxy for Sadler's Wells-Danzig. In the case of Australia himself, for instance, Galileo combines with the alternative route to Danzig, Ouija Board being by a son of Green Desert. And the thing is that stretching a nick this far dismisses, for no intelligible reason, a ton of other good stuff in the vicinity. In the case of Santa Barbara, for instance, a lot of "Special" stuff.

Camelot's damsire Kingmambo was out of Nureyev's peerless daughter Miesque; Mendocino was by Nureyev's son Theatrical; and Nureyev's mother Special also produced the dam of Sadler's Wells.

Before her acquisition by the O'Briens, Senta's Dream was tried with a son of Sadler's Wells, High Chaparral (Ire), and a son of Montjeu, Motivator (GB), with dismal results. The simpler the breeding "formula", the more it resembles a "system", the more wary we should be. The only rule is that there are no rules. (Think Mendocino.)

In planning matings, I feel we should really only seek balance, in terms of type; and depth, in terms of pedigree. When people talk about nicks between entire sire-lines, often branded by patriarchs who have meanwhile receded into a third or fourth generation, I never understand why they feel able to discard so many other genetic strands with an equal footprint.

True, a wider reading of this cross soon takes us to the same kind of place anyway. Galileo and Danehill are both grandsons of Northern Dancer but Danehill brings that extra shot of Natalma into the equation, Northern Dancer's dam also being granddam of Danehill's mother Razyana. And Razyana is out of Buckpasser mare, just like Galileo's damsire Miswaki.

In fact, if you think about it, there's an awful lot of broodmare power behind this cross: a lot of stallions whose dams also produced other top-class horses. Danehill's damsire His Majesty, for instance, was a sibling to Graustark and Bowl Of Flowers; Urban Sea gave us Sea The Stars as well as Galileo; and Sadler's Wells, as just noted, was out of Nureyev's half-sister.

In the end, we're all trying to get to the middle of the same maze. You can use electric shears, if you like; or navigate from the stars. There are always umpteen factors in play. But perhaps none is more important than how a horse is raised, broken and trained. And, in the case of Senta's Dream, to that extent you're talking about a daily accretion of genius.
G3 Preis der SWK Stadtwerke Krefeld Cont. from p1

“There were a lot of horses with a good reputation in the race, but Mythico had shown the best form so far,” winning trainer Jean-Pierre Carvalho told GaloppOnline. “I usually watch the race on the big screen, but this time I watched from the stands and that made the final 200 meters all the more beautiful. He has a [G1 Deutsches] Derby nomination and, of course, he is being prepared for that now.”

Pedigree Notes

Mythico becomes the 12th group winner for his sire (by In the Wings {GB}) and the first juvenile representative to strike at pattern-race level. He also becomes the 45th group winner for Monsun (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) as a dam sire and is the third foal and first group winner for Madhyana (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). That dual winner’s first produce is Mythico’s full-sister Mythica (Ger), who ran second in both Listed BMW Preis Dusseldorf and Listed Kolner Stutenpreis, and she has a yearling filly by Zelzal (Fr) and a weanling colt by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) to come. Mythico’s second dam, Listed Prix Solitude victress Madhya (Gone West), is kin to MGSP Listed Criterium du Bequet victress Wilki (Fr) (Oasis Dream {GB}) out of G3 Prix Chloe and GIII Noble Damsel H. winner Khumba Mela (Ire) (Hero’s Honor), herself the leading performer produced by a daughter of G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp heroine Luth Enchantee (Fr) (Be My Guest).

Sunday, Krefeld, Germany

PREIS DER SWK STADTWERKE KREFELD - HERZOG VON RATIBOR-RENNEN-G3, €55,000, Krefeld, 11-15, 2yo, 8 1/2fT, 1:50.53, sf.

1--MYTHICO (FR), 128, c, 2, by Adlerflug (Ger)
  1st Dam: Madhyana (Ger), by Monsun (Ger)
  2nd Dam: Madhya, by Gone West
  3rd Dam: Khumba Mela (Ire), by Hero’s Honor
  1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€24,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 BBAGS). O-Stall TMB; B-Dr Thomas M Bretzger (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho; J-Lukas Delozier. €32,000. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, €60,200. "Full to Mythica (Ire), MSP-Ger. Werk Nick Rating: *A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Dolcetto (Ger), 128, c, 2, Gleneagles (Ire)--Diamond Dove (Ger), by Dr Fong. (€52,000 Ylg ’19 BBAGS). O-Gestut Winterhauch; B-Gestut Wiesengrund (GER); T-Henk Grewe. €12,000.

3--Virginia Storm (Ger), 128, c, 2, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Virginia Sun (Ger), by Doyen (Ire). O/B-Gestut Auenquelle (GER); T-Henk Grewe. €6,000. Margins: HF, 1HF, 11. Odds: 4.80, 6.40, 2.30. Also Ran: Nante (Ger), Sporting (Ger), Novellini (Ger), Sardasht (Fr), Eaststorm (Ger), Turandot (Ger). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
Omnia Munda Mundis could be translated from Latin as "everything is pure to the pure."

The expression comes apparently from a letter of St Paul, but has been made sort of famous by a remarkable scene in Alessandro Manzoni’s I Promessi Sposi, probably Italy’s greatest novel. In the episode in question, a God-fearing friar reprimands his fellow clergyman Brother Christopher for arriving in his convent in the middle of the night with two women who are trying to escape the predatory clutches of Don Rodrigo, the baddie of the story. The sanctimonious friar’s reprimand is along the lines of “What will the people think of this?”

“Omnia Munda Mundis”, the sudden riposte from hero of the novel and purity personified Brother Christopher, shuts up the petty pedant for good. Three brilliant little words, and a brilliant name for this tenacious 2-year-old winning filly by Australia and Regina Mundi (assonance with her daughter’s name, but Latin for “Queen of the World”). Congrats.

Monday, Nov. 16, 2020:
UNITED KINGDOM

Bobby’s Kitten (Kitten’s Joy), Lanwades Stud
78 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
16:25-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, ALAMBRISTA (GB)
16:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, DESERT CAT (GB)
10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, APRES DARK (Ire)
10,000gns RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €16,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; £27,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
15:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, TATABOQ (Ire)
7,500gns Tattersalls August Horses-in-Training Sale 2020

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/47 winners/4 black-type winners
15:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, KIM WEXLER (Ire)
£7,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud
43 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
15:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, MUNIFICENT (GB)
22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/10 winners/5 black-type winners
16:25-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, DESERT MARATHON (GB)
16:25-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, JUST BEAUTIFUL (GB)
8,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Proconsul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Annshoon Stud
31 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
16:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, PASTA LA VISTA (GB)
£10,000 Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
15:10-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, TEN IN A ROW (Ire)
€65,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019; £135,000 RNA Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze Up Sale (Doncaster)
Twilight Son has a runner at Dundalk on Monday

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
14:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, GLOBAL RESPONSE (GB)
45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy (GB)), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, MICKYDEE (GB)
15,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3
15:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, SNAP OUT OF IT (Ire)
€4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019; €18,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020

IRELAND

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)), Whitsbury Manor Stud
95 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 7f, MIRAGE MORE (Ire)

Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross (Ire)), Derrinstown Stud
94 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
5-DUNDALK, 7f, COOPER'S HAWK (Ire)
€26,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €64,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/11 winners/4 black-type winners
1-DUNDALK, 5f, BELA BOOM (Ire)
€12,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
5-DUNDALK, 7f, WICKLOW SILVER (Ire)
€5,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; €4,500 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)), Rathberry Stud
83 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DUNDALK, 5f, KOMPROMAT (Ire)
€2,500 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; €5,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir (Aus)), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-DUNDALK, 5f, LION RING (Ire)
€11,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £14,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
5-DUNDALK, 7f, LUSAKA (Ire)
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/47 winners/4 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 7f, SUPREME MACHINE (Ire)
52,000gns Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €14,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

New Bay (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)), Ballylinch Stud
77 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 7f, CLEW BAY (Ire)
€50,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry (Ire)), Coolmore Stud
122 foals of racing age/10 winners/5 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 7f, AUNTY CEILY (Ire)
€18,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

Tamarkuz (Speightstown), Shadwell Farm
29 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 7f, ALWAYS WAITIN
$140,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale 2018; 75,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 7f, UNO MILIGRE (GB)
27,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy (GB)), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DUNDALK, 5f, TWILIGHT MAN (GB)
28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Twilight Son has a runner at Dundalk on Monday | Cheveley Park Stud

Mehmas (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand (GB))
Owner: Cheveley Park Stud
Breeder: La Lumiere Partnership (Ire)
Trainer: Richard Hannon
BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-Wolverhampton, £11,500, Cond, 11-14, 3yo/up, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:27.37, st.

LEAFHOPPER (IRE) (f, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Layla Jamil {Ire}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $20,238. O-Godolphin; B-Grangemore Stud (IRE); T-John Gosden. *480,000gns Ylg 18 TATOCT. **Full to Birchwood (IRE), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Ire & GISP-US, $324,791.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Model Guest (GB), f, 4, Showcasing (GB)--Looks All Right (IRE), by Danehill Dancer (IRE). Southwell, 11-15, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.84. B-Glebe Farm Stud (GB). *GSP-Eng. **135,000gns Ylg 17 TAOCT.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Le Croise-Laroche, €36,000, Cond, 11-15, 4yo/up, 9ft, 1:57.70, hy.

KABIR (GER) (g, 5, Lord of England {Ger}--Karenia {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Midyan) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 26-9-3-4, €241,150. O-Guido Werner Hermann Schmitt; B-Matthias Tamrat (GER); T-Waldemar Hickst. *€24,000 Ylg 16 BBAGS. **1/2 Kahlua (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}), GSP-Ger; and Koonunga Hill (Ger) (Big Shuffe), SP-Fr & Ity, §105,665.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

La Hacienda (GB), f, 3, Free Eagle (IRE)--La Hermana (GB) (MSP-Ger), by Hernando (Fr). Le Croise-Laroche, 11-15, 9ft, 2:01.50. B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GB). *1/2 to La Salvita (Ger) (Big Shuffe), SW-Ger; La Luna de Miel (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), GSP-US, §128,812; Le Colonel (Ger) (Sabiango {Ger}), Horse of the Year-Swi, Ch. 2yo Colt-Swi, Ch. 3yo Colt-Swi, Ch. Grass Horse-Swi. Ch. Stayer-Swi, MSP-Ger & SP-Swi; and La Sabara (GB) (Sabiango {Ger}), SP-Ger.

The Magic Man (Fr), g, 3, Zanzibari--Magical Flower (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Agen-Le Passage, 11-15, 12 1/2ft, 2:43.72. B-Simon Holt & James Cowley (FR).

GERMANY

Sunday’s Results:

1st-Krefeld, €5,100, Mdn, 11-15, 2yo, 6 1/2ft, 1:22.66, sf.

LOU WARRIOR (FR) (c, 2, Manduro {Ger}--Betty Lou {Ger} {SP-Ity}, by Dai Jin {GB}) chased the leaders in fifth after the initial strides of this debut. Stoked up to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 63-10 chance launched his challenge along the far-side hedge with 300 metres remaining and was ridden clear inside the final furlong to assert by 2 1/4 lengths from Diadora (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). He is the first of two foals produced by Listed Premio Giovanni Falck runner-up Betty Lou (Ger) (Dai Jin {GB}), herself out of a half-sister to Listed Grosser Bavaria-Preis victor Bali’s Guest (IRE) (Be My Guest). From the family of MGSW sire Banyumanik (IRE) (Perugino), the April-foaled dark bay is half to a yearling colt by Reliable Man (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €3,000.

Sunday’s Result:

PREMIO CHIUSURA-Listed, €50,600, Milan, 11-15, 2yo/up, 1400mT, 1:25.50.

1--BLACK HORUS, 131, h, 5, Shanghai Bobby

1st Dam: Julia’s Star, by El Prado (Ire)

2nd Dam: Feisty Bull, by Holy Bull

3rd Dam: Flying in the Lane, by Flying Victor


ITALY

Sunday’s Result:

2--Cirfandli (Hun), 131, h, 5, Overdose (GB)--Chialaraluna (Svk), by Bully Pulpit. O-Stall Dios-Mikes. B-Babolna Nemzeti Menesbirtok (Hun). T-Stanislav Georgiev. §8,602.


Margins: NO, NK, 2HF. Odds: 11.58, 13.40, 8.01.

Also Ran: Agiato (GB), Schang (Ger), Siculi (GB), Irish Girl (GB), Dersu Uzala (Ire), Gerardino Jet (Ire), Mrs Applebee (Ger), Mister Buzzword (Ity), Visions (Ire), Pensiero d’Amore (Ire).
IN SINGAPORE:
Sun Palace (GB), r, 3, Dansili (GB)--Sanjida (Ire) (MGSP-Fr, $122,666), by Polish Precedent. Kranji, 11-15, Hcp. (£11k/€13k), 1400mT, 1:26.02. B-??.. *Formerly Potala Palace (GB). **30,000gns Ylg

IN UAE:

FOURTH GROUP 1 LAUREL FOR LUCKY LILAC
Japanese Champion Juvenile Filly Lucky Lilac (Orfevre {Jpn}) became just the fourth filly or mare to win consecutive G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cups with a neck victory at Hanshin on Sunday.

Favoured at 2-1, the 5-year-old was a tad sweated up over her withers before loading in the 18 post, but was able to secure a good position tucked back in 12th in the two path into the first turn. The grey Normcore (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), second choice in the wagering at 5-2, led the charge through splits of :23.70 for the first quarter and :47.20 for the opening half-mile, with six panels registered in 1:11.30. The field began to bunch inside the final 800 metres, but Lucky Lilac was already making steady progress up the outside at the 600-metre mark. She collared Normcore 300 metres out as the solid fractions took their toll--and grimly held off all comers to register another success at the highest level by a neck. Salacia (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) rallied from even farther back to take second, a neck to the good of the similarly rallying 2020 G1 Japanese Oaks heroine Loves Only You (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

“The outermost draw was a concern but we were able to race smoothly and advance our position from the third corner,” said hoop Christophe Lemaire, who was winning his 33rd Japanese Group 1 contest. “She was very composed and gave her usual turn of speed. We took the front early in the stretch but she held on well until the end. She’s a strong horse. She has been racing at the top level since her 2-year-old season and I had confidence in her.”

Named the 2017 Japanese Champion Juvenile Filly after a three-for-three campaign culminating in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, Lucky Lilac quickly added the G2 Tulip Sho in her 3-year-old bow. Runner-up to subsequent Horse of the Year Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in the G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas and third to the same foe in the G1 Japanese Oaks, the chestnut was unplaced in the G1 Japanese Fillies St Leger to that same rival in the fall of 2018. She made six starts as a 4-year-old, among them a win in the last term’s G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup, and signed off with a good second in the G1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin in December. This year, she resumed on Mar. 1 with a runner-up performance in the G2 Nakayama Kinen before adding the G1 Osaka Hai on Apr. 5. Unplaced in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen, Lucky Lilac rounded back into form with a third in the 2000-metre G2 Sapporo Kinen last out on Aug. 23.

Pedigree Notes
A winner of the 2011 GI Ashland S., Lilacs and Lace is credited with eight foals, six of racing age and three winners. Since foaling Lucky Lilac, her third foal, Lilacs and Lace has thrown the winning 4-year-old colt Lahire (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), 3-year-old filly Lelievre (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), the juvenile colt Grand Meteore (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) and full-siblings to the Queen Elizabeth II Cup victress, a filly in 2019 and a colt of this year.

Part of an outstanding extended family, Lucky Lilac’s third dam was four-time Grade I winner Stella Madrid (Alydar), herself a daughter of Eclipse Champion Sprinter My Juliet (Gallant Rome). Cont. p12
G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup Cont.
Stella Madrid, besides being a full-sister to GI Shuvee H. heroine Tis Juliet (Alydar), produced Japanese Champion Older Mare Diamond Biko (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), as well as G1SP Isle de France (Nureyev), ancestress of Japanese Champion Sprinter/Miler Mikki Isle (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) and G1 NHK Mile Cup heroine Aerolithe (Jpn) (Kurofune).

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan
QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP-G1, ¥204,960,000 (US$1,958,500/£1,484,804/€1,654,751), Hanshin, 11-15, 3yo/up f/m, 2200mT, 2:10.30, fm.
1--LUCKY LILAC (JPN), 123, m, 5, Orfevre (Jpn)
1st Dam: Lilacs and Lace (GISW, $350,300), by Flower Alley
2nd Dam: Refinement, by Seattle Slew
3rd Dam: Stella Madrid, by Alydar
O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Mikio Matsunaga; J-Christophe Lemaire.
108,822,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly-Jpn, G1SP-HK, 18-7-4-3. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Salacia (Jpn), 123, m, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)
1st Dam: Salomina (Ger), by Lomitas (GB)
2nd Dam: Saldentigerin (Ger), by Tiger Hill (Ire)
3rd Dam: Salde (Ger), by Alkalde (Ger)
O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Tomoya Takahashi; J-Kenichi Ikezoe.
43,092,000.

3--Loves Only You (Jpn), 123, f, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)
1st Dam: Loves Only Me, by Storm Cat
2nd Dam: Monevassia, by Mr. Prospector
3rd Dam: Miesque (Jpn), by Mr. Prospector
O-DMM Dream Club; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Ricardo Le Grange; J-W H Kok; S$26,875.
Margins: 1, 3/4, 2HF. Winner’s Odds: 54.20. Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Sunday, Fukushima, Japan
FUKUSHIMA KINEN-G3, ¥78,140,000 (US$746,668/E566,074/E630,865), Fukushima, 11-15, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:59.60, fm.
MAGIC MILLIONS RELEASES
GOLD COAST CATALOGUE

by Bren O'Brien

Magic Millions is confident its bigger catalogue for the 2021 Gold Coast Yearling Sale has come with the benefit of additional quality, after confirming the make-up for the much-anticipated first sale for the 2021 yearling sales season. There are 962 yearlings catalogued as part of Book 1 of the Sale, an increase of 74 from the numbers of the past two years, while a further 311 horses will be sold as part of Book 2, up from 176 in 2019. The extra horses on offer has meant the selling schedule now runs for seven consecutive days from Tuesday, Jan. 12 until Monday, Jan. 18.

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said the additional demand for entry into the iconic sale and the quality of those horses looking to gain entry had led to the decision to expand the catalogue, but he is confident that the bigger sale will also be viewed as a better one.

"Entries were well up on last year and recent years, and with that, the quality was up, which is particularly pertinent," he told TDN AusNZ. "Vendors have been particularly well rewarded at the Sale over the past few years, and obviously we have gone around Australia, looked at these yearlings, marked them, and we believe that we have the same quality of horse but more of them. We thought it was the right move to extend the catalogue."

Bowditch pointed out that the rise in Book 1 numbers was only in the realm of 10% and the vast majority of vendors were supportive of the change.

Competition for entry into a Sale which has witnessed significant year-on-year growth in average, median and aggregate in the past five editions, and a clearance rate of close 90%, has driven much of the growth, with New Zealand's Waikato Stud among those vendors to return to the Sale in 2021, with a draft of 10 horses.

"Waikato, in most of the last few years, have sold under other drafts, so to have their name, one of the flagship vendors of New Zealand, is a fantastic addition to the Sale.

Strength and Diversity

The highlight numbers all back-up Bowditch's argument for the quality of the catalogue. Across both books, there are siblings/half-siblings to 46 Group 1 winners and 210 stakes winners, and 24 yearlings out of Group 1-winning mares and 216 from stakes-winning mares.

Australia's leading stallions are all well-represented, with 58 lots by Snitzel, 55 by I Am Invincible, 45 by Written Tycoon, 60 by Zoustar, 43 by Pierro and 17 from the penultimate crop of Not A Single Doubt as well as 38 from the final crop of Sebring and 10 from the final crop of Redoute's Choice.

International stallions such as Frankel (GB), Kingman (GB), Into Mischief (USA), Medaglia d'Oro (USA), Siyouni (Fr) and Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) are also represented, as are 24 first-season sires, headlined by Coolmore's Merchant Navy (24) and Newgate's Russian Revolution (35).

"It's got a lot of depth to it. It's a catalogue that fits the bill for any buyer whether you are a filly buyer, a colt buyer, a high-end buyer or a middle or low-end buyer," Bowditch said when asked to characterise the catalogue.
"All the bonus schemes are very well represented. You think from a domestic perspective, this is a sale that is a must-attend, and I'd like to think we have a catalogue that has very little tail on it.

"It's got a full range of quality physicals and when you have these proven stallions with big numbers in the catalogue, be that I Am Invincible, Snitzel, Written Tycoon or Zoustar and the like, and then these young sires, including these appealing second-season sires, it feels to me that it is the perfect representation of quality with depth and diversity."

The diversity not only shines through in the number of stallions, representing 117 in all across both books, six more than in 2020, but also in the types of horses on offer. The Gold Coast Sale has built its brand on fast and precocious yearlings and while Bowditch expects those horses to drive significant interest at the top end again in 2021, he feels there is considerable variety to match that.

"Vendors earmark those type of horses for the Sale every year and they pick themselves a lot of the time. On top of that, we think we have picked a quality line-up of horses that suit all buyers. Whether it be those who are looking for a jump-and-run horse or those looking for one that might need more time, there will be plenty of each of those in there," he said.

Graduate Success to Drive Further Investment

Magic Millions Gold Coast graduates have continued to build the reputation of the Sale in 2020 with the first six horses home in Australia's premier 2-year-old race, the G1 Golden Slipper S., won by Farnan (Not A Single Doubt) sold at the 2019 edition. The remaining Group 1 2-year-old races in Australia in 2020 were taken out by sale graduates Tagaloa (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) and King's Legacy (Redoute's Choice) (twice).

Bowditch said that success can only help engender confidence heading into the 2021 edition.

"Our graduate success has been fantastic and the blue chip investors who have supported the Sale have been incredibly well rewarded for participating," he said. "I'd like to think they will be showing their hand come January and doing their best to facilitate their portfolios."

The 2020 Magic Millions Sale was held in a very different time, with the record numbers set ahead of the impact of COVID-19. The dramatic upheaval of the pandemic has changed so much, both globally and locally, in the 10 months since.

The circumstances under which the sale will be held in 2021 will depend on a range of evolving factors in the next couple of months, but Bowditch believes the quality of the catalogue, added to the overall resilience the thoroughbred industry has demonstrated this year will give the 2021 edition of the Magic Millions every chance to reset the mindset in a much more positive way to start the new year.

"2021 is an unknown. We don’t know where things will sit. But it’s been great to see racing in Australia has kept up its momentum. Prizemoney levels have been fantastic and we have had a great season under the circumstances and continued to race," he said. “It’s hard to foresee exactly where the market is going to sit in 2021, but we have given ourselves every opportunity by the quality of horse we are breeding, and what is going on, on the racetrack to continue having successful sales."

IN SINGAPORE:

Lim’s Straight, c, 3, Strategic Maneuver--Rejoicing to Win, by Bel Esprit. Kranji, 11-15, Restricted Maiden ($77k), 1200m, 1:10.55. B-Pendergast Thoroughbreds (NSW). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$20,000 2yo ’19 INGRTR. VIDEO

Lucky Imperator, g, 4, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Lucky Romance, by Lucky Unicorn. Kranji, 11-15, Hcp. ($51k), 1400m, 1:24.42. B-K F Leung (NSW). VIDEO

Kharisma, g, 4, Mossman--Command More, by More Than Ready (USA). Kranji, 11-15, Hcp. ($51k), 1200m (AWT), 1:10.92. B-Robrick Lodge Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW). *$65,000 Ylg ‘18 INGFEB. VIDEO

Nepean, g, 7, Roman Emperor (NZ). See ‘TDN Europe--Asia.’

IN MACAU:

Hostwin Euphoria, g, 4, Street Boss (USA)--Great Anna (SW & G1SP-Aus, $189,020), by Anabaa (USA). Taipa, 11-15, Hcp. ($52k), 1500m, 1:27.2. B-Alpara Lodge (SA). *1/2 to Angelus (Lonhro), MSP-Aus, $171,460. **$38,000 Wlg ‘17 INGJUN; $150,000 Ylg ‘18 MGMMAR. VIDEO

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First-Season Sires Set to Shine
Mitchell Reflects on Beat the Clock
Norzita Passes Away at Arrowfield
Levendi Retired, Stud Plans Open
The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

The announcement last week that GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders’ Cup winner and likely Horse of the Year Authentic (Into Mischief) had been retired was disappointing, but very much expected. It would have been nice to see him run another year, but it was never going to happen. From the business side of the sport, there was no other call, not when you have a son of super sire Into Mischief who will stand for $75,000 and likely go to 200-plus mares.

Unless there is a seismic shift in the economics of racing and breeding, the elite male horses will continue to have short careers, many of them not racing after their 3-year-old years. It wasn’t just Authentic. The Classic was the last start for Improbable (City Zip), Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) and Tom’s d’Etat (Smart Strike). Global Campaign (Curlin) is also headed to stud, but may first start in the GI Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park. Among the top five choices in the Classic betting, only Tiz the Law (Constitution) is scheduled to run next year.

But that doesn’t mean that the sport can’t cultivate stars. It just needs to look elsewhere.

While marquee males can’t be retired fast enough, the opposite trend is now taking place with the elite fillies and mares. We are seeing them come back at four, five, even six. Again, it’s a matter of economics. Cont. 3

RED FLAG WARNING AT DEL MAR

Tina and Jerry Moss’s Red Flag became the stakes winner for his freshman sire, 2016 GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile victor Tamarkuz (Speighstown), with a romping 7 1/4-length score in the GIII Bob Hope S. at Del Mar Sunday. Sent off at 10-1, the chestnut colt was widest of four scrambling on the front end early, with Weston (Hit it a Bomb) down along the rail and favored Spielberg (Union Rags) and Coastal Kid (Coast Guard) all to his inside. Weston took a slim advantage after a quarter in :22.37, but the race changed in an instant when Coastal Kid, caught in tight quarters between the tiring Spielberg and the rallying Red Flag, took up sharply near the three-eighths pole. Red Flag surged to the lead with authority after a half in :45.34 and extended his advantage with every stride down the lane. Uncle Boogie (Ride On Curlin) rallied for second over Ambivalent (Constitution). Spielberg settled for fourth. After an inquiry into the incident on the turn, the stewards made no change to the order of finish. Cont. p5

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NOUGHTS AND CROSSES BEHIND A DREAM MARE

Chris McGrath investigates the larger pedigree patterns in GI Breeders’ Cup Mile hero Order of Australia (Ire) (Australia [GB]). Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.
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INTO MISCHIEF FILLY TOPS KEENELAND SUNDAY

Able to Smile (Into Mischief), a 4-year-old broodmare prospect, was the top-priced offering at Sunday’s seventh session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. The auction continues through Wednesday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

THE NEXT GENERATION

North Dakota native and Godolphin Flying Start graduate Annise Montplaisir talks to TDN’s Katie Ritz about how she first became involved in racing in this installment of the on-going video series.
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Even the very best broodmares aren’t worth anywhere close to what the best stallions are worth. With a rich slate of races available to them, it can make sense to keep the fillies racing.

Never was that more apparent than with the decision to bring Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) back. At just about the same time that Spendthrift Farm was formulating plans to retire Authentic, it was reaching into the ring at Fasig-Tipton November to buy Monomoy Girl for a whopping $9.5 million. Much of that investment will eventually be recouped through the breeding of Monomoy Girl but, first, she will return next year and race at six. For good measure, Spendthrift also purchased Got Stormy (Get Stormy) for $2.75 million at the Fasig-Tipton sale and will race her next year, also as a 6-year-old.

Monomoy Girl, Valiance (Tapit) and Dunbar Road (Quality Road), the first three finishers in the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff, are scheduled to race in 2021. So is Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil), who will be named 3-year-old filly champion. To start 2021, Monomoy Girl and Swiss Skydiver will be the sport’s two brightest stars.

They continue a pattern that started to take hold with Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}). She raced through her 6-year-old season. Then came Beholder. Also owned by Spendthrift, she was a champion at two, three and five and still came back for her 6-year-old campaign in 2016. In one of the best Breeders’ Cup races ever run, she landed still another Eclipse Award when nosing out Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro) to win the 2016 Distaff. It had been 18 years since a mare five or older had won the Distaff. Fast forward to 2020 and four of the last five Distaff winners have been five or older and two have been six.
It could also help that the connections of both Swiss Skydiver and Monomoy Girl either have or are ready to embrace the challenge of facing males. Swiss Skydiver already did it twice, finishing second in the GII Toyota Blue Grass S. and winning the GI Preakness S. The 2021 racing plans for Monomoy Girl have yet to be revealed, but trainer Brad Cox has said there is a possibility she could be tested against the boys next year.

The most important, most scrutinized horses in training will probably always be the dirt males, particularly the 3-year-olds who spend five weeks under the glaring spotlight of the Triple Crown. But, considering the trends, the sport should do a lot more to promote racing for fillies and mares. The best place to start is by creating a filly Triple Crown. That’s a no-brainer. After losing so much in on-track revenues this year because of the pandemic, the Breeders’ Cup probably isn’t in a position to raise purses any time soon, but when it is, the first place to look at is the $2 million paid out in the Distaff. It’s far too important a race to have one-third the purse of the $6-million Classic.

We all wish horses like Authentic, American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile) and Justify (Scat Daddy), would keep going well after their sophomore seasons are behind them. It’s just not going to happen, which is why the industry needs to do what it can to promote its distaff stars.

**Revisiting Casse’s Remarks on Clenbuterol**

If anyone thought trainer Mark Casse was guilty of exaggerating when he wrote a Mar. 2 editorial for the *Thoroughbred Daily News* that called Clenbuterol “the most abused drug in our industry,” they need to take another look at this controversial subject.

The bronchodilator was back in the news last week when New York State Gaming Commission Equine Medical Director Dr. Scott Palmer revealed that tests taken on horses trained by the individuals indicted in March for allegedly using performance-enhancing drugs revealed that 77% of those horses had Clenbuterol in their systems.

“In the Thoroughbred breed, 77% of those horses [initially] had levels of clenbuterol in their blood,” Palmer said. “[We then] asked for the medical records on these horses. We haven’t gotten through them all yet, but we haven’t found any that had clenbuterol administration listed in their medical records. That’s a strong indication that this drug is being given for purposes other than the normal prescribed reason for giving clenbuterol.”

Casse and others have said that trainers use Clenbuterol for its steroid-like effects, which causes horses to artificially build muscle. 

*Cont. p5*
Palmer’s findings strongly suggests that both the Thoroughbred and Standardbred trainers that were indicted were using the drug for something far more nefarious than its ability to treat asthma and respiratory diseases.

To its credit, the sport is clamping down on the use of the drug, but half measures aren’t going to be good enough. Casse had called for a total ban on its use throughout North America. Considering Palmer’s findings, that can’t happen soon enough.

A Gratuitous Plug for TDN Writers’ Room Podcast
The 2020 finalists for America’s Best Racing’s Fan Choice Awards have been announced and the TDN Writers’ Room podcast is among the choices in the Favorite Radio Show/Podcast category. Everyone at the TDN is proud of the podcast and would be honored to receive this award from the fans. The competition is stiff, so we welcome all the help we can get. To vote, click here.

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Red Flag Warning at Del Mar (cont. from p1)
“He broke running and he wanted to go,” said winning rider Victor Espinoza. “He seemed to be more professional today than last time. He’s still a baby and he was fooling around before. But he was good today and did all the right things. He’ll go farther, for sure. With the way he ran today, why not?”

Winning trainer John Shirreffs admitted the romping victory surprised him.

“I didn’t really expect that kind of performance,” said Shirreffs. “I was hoping to get a placing. He broke his maiden from way off the pace and he’s been doing better and better in the mornings, but he’s not a brilliant work horse. So this was a pleasant surprise. You always hope but you never know.”

Red Flag opened his career with a well-beaten fifth-place effort going 5 1/2 furlongs over the main track at Del Mar Sept. 6, but moved to the lawn to graduate in late-running style going that same distance at Santa Anita Oct. 10.

“He’s gone from 5 1/2 furlongs to seven, so it looks like he’ll be able to go longer,” Shirreffs said. “It’s special because Mr. and Mrs. Moss were here today and got to see him run.”

Cont. p6
Pedigree Notes:
Canadian breeder Elaine Macpherson purchased Surrender, in foal to Morning Line, for $40,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November Sale. The foal the mare was carrying was Surrender Now, who won the 2017 Landaluce S. The 11-year-old mare has a yearling colt by Tiznow, who RNA’d for $23,000 at last month’s Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale. She produced a colt by Mendelssohn this year and was bred back to Catholic Boy.

The winner's third dam is graded stakes winner and Grade I placed Mackie, dam of graded winner Mr. Mellon (Red Ransom) and Seeking the Best (Ire) (Seeking the Gold).

Sunday, Del Mar

BOB HOPE S.-GIII, $100,500, Del Mar, 11-15, 2yo, 7f, 1:23.56, ft.

1--RED FLAG, 120, c, 2, by Tamarkuz
  1st Dam: Surrender, by Stormy Atlantic
  2nd Dam: Beaucette, by Mr. Prospector
  3rd Dam: Mackie, by Summer Squall

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. ($50,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $220,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Jerome S. & Tina Moss; B-Elaine MacPherson (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs; J-Victor Espinoza. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $94,100. *1/2 to Surrender Now (Morning Line), SW, $281,585.

2--Uncle Boogie, 120, c, 2, Ride On Curlin--Rated Xtreme, by Magna Graduate. ($11,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; $38,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN). O-Eric Homme; B-Pinky Mendoza (FL); T-Andrew Lerner. $20,000.

3--Ambivalent, 120, c, 2, Constitution--Screwgie. ($95,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $550,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-J Stephen McDonald (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. $12,000.

Margins: 7 1/4, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 10.70, 4.50, 9.10. Also Ran: Spielberg, Weston, Coastal Kid.

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INTO MISCHIEF MARE TOPS KEENELAND NOVEMBER SUNDAY

Able to Smile (Into Mischief) (hip 2509), a 4-year-old broodmare prospect, topped Sunday’s seventh session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale when bringing a final bid of $135,000. I’ll Need a Little Luck was the name on the ticket for the gray filly, who was consigned by Indian Creek. Out of Grade I placed Teamgeist (Arg) (Mutakddim), Able to Smile is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner House Rules (Distorted Humor), as well as to multiple Grade I placed Win the Space (Pulpit). A $385,000 Keeneland September yearling, Able to Smile won once in seven starts on the racetrack.

“Able To Smile was a beautiful broodmare prospect, she was very popular showing and we were hopeful she would be one of the top offerings on the day,” said Indian Creek’s Sarah Sutherland. “She was a standout physically and on paper and would have held her own earlier in the sale as well. We are delighted with the sale.”

Able to Smile was one of two mares to bring six figures on the day. John Sikura’s Hill ‘n’ Dale at Xalapa purchased the 6-year-old mare Stormy’s Song (Unbridled’s Song) (hip 2450) for $125,000. She is out of Stormy Tak (Stormy Atlantic), a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Lady Tak (Mutakddim).

The Army Mule partnership purchased Stormy’s Song for $102,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. She sold in foal to Army Mule and was followed into the sales ring Sunday by her weanling colt by that Hill ‘n’ Dale stallion, who was the session’s top-priced foal when selling for $80,000 to Castleton Stables. The weanling was bred by Elevage II and St Elias Stables and both mare and foal were consigned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency. Cont. p8
A total of 265 horses sold Sunday for $5,235,300. The session average was $19,756 and the median was of $12,000. While only 305 of the 410 catalogued head went through the sales ring Sunday, 265 sold for a buy-back rate of just 13.11%.

“The session was very good to us,” Sutherland said. “It felt similar to the second week of [Keeneland] September. I don’t think you can expect fireworks, but you can sell horses very comfortably if you are fair and realistic.”

Annise Montplaisir has come a long way from her childhood racetrack, North Dakota Horse Park. The 25-year-old is a Godolphin Flying Start graduate and is now pursuing her passion for educating newcomers in the industry. Montplaisir is the co-founder of Amplify Horse Racing, broadens her outreach through a Spanish racing talk show, and is the project manager for a new educational alliance called Together For Racing International. TRFI is an initiative which came out of the 2019 Godolphin Forum for Education, where attendees worked on developing strategies to grow and develop the Thoroughbred industry. The initiative launches later this week, when more details are expected to be revealed.

**KR:** How did you first get interested in horse racing?

**AM:** I guess I became interested in the industry when I was around 12 or 13 years old and I saw the movie *Ruffian.* I was really captured by the emotions of the story and just how incredible of a horse she was. I actually was fortunate to live very close to a tiny racetrack called the North Dakota Horse Park. All of my summers were spent going out and volunteering there and then eventually I got my first job in racing at the North Dakota Horse Park.

**KR:** What drew you to the sport?

**AM:** The thing that probably drew me the most to horse racing was the stories and the personalities behind the sport. I think there’s something really inspiring and capturing in that.
You know, the horse is at the center of all of this, but it’s really the horse-human connection that keeps it going and there’s the different backgrounds of all the people involved at the different levels.

KR: Could you take us through your career path in the industry?

AM: My pathway in the industry started with my first volunteer role as a racetrack ambassador at the North Dakota Horse Park. They had a retired racehorse named Barracuda Boy who was their track mascot. I would stand by the front gates as people would come into the track with his past performances and people would come up and pet him.

Then from there, I was able to do a little bit of everything. I’d say that’s the value of tiny racetracks like that is I started working as a pony rider, and then I assisted the director of media relations, I learned to gallop, I was the official clocker one year and then worked my way up to becoming the director of communications one summer. Whatever I wanted to get me hands on, they threw me right in.

Then a big step along the way was interning for the Saratoga Special newspaper as a staff writer. During my time in Saratoga, I was introduced to everyone at Fasig-Tipton. When I moved down to Kentucky after graduating from North Dakota State University, I interned with Fasig-Tipton and then for Keeneland in the communications department.

Another great experience I had was doing yearling sales as Mill Ridge Farm before I was accepted into the Godolphin Flying Start program which I spent the last two years doing and I graduated remotely this July.

KR: What was the most challenging part of being a newcomer in the industry?

AM: I would say the greatest struggle for most newcomers to the sport is finding information about the industry. It’s pretty spread out. We have a lot of amazing educational and workforce training initiatives, but if you didn’t grow up in the industry it can be difficult to figure out how to get started.

That was what spurred the start of Amplify Horse Racing, which I co-founded in 2019. It’s meant to be an education platform for a newcomer that googles how to get into Thoroughbred racing, so they can find organized lists of resources and initiatives about careers that might not be what most people think of, but some that are more on the periphery like benevolence, marketing or media.

Last year we had a chance to do some pretty cool pilot projects—doing some enhanced educational tours, collaborating with a few different initiatives to enhance their programming and expand the promotion of it.

This year has been a bit different for everybody in terms of in-person engagement, so as everyone has we had to pivot. I’ve been hosting monthly virtual hangouts. Every month is focused on a different sector of the industry. We host a panel of industry professionals and they talk about their own educational pathways in the industry and what their current job entails.

KR: Could you tell us about your current position?

AM: Amplify has been a great launch point for my current role working as the Project Manager for Together For Racing International (TFRI). This is a global alliance to promote and progress education, community engagement and workforces that connect people to the Thoroughbred industry around the world. TFRI has been developed through a network of global steering committee members from Australia, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan and the US, who represent a multitude of educational and workforce organizations.

The launch of the TFRI website will be on Nov. 20, which we’re very excited about.

It will be an amazing platform to showcase the stories and the positivity that is coming from these programs. It really speaks to a wide array of audiences. Industry members and stakeholders can come to this and learn about some of the programs that even they might not know about. Students, parents and educators can come and see how the Thoroughbred industry is assisting with educational attainment and how different regions are engaging with their communities to solve different issues.

KR: If you could change one thing about the industry, what would it be?

AM: If I could change one thing about the industry, and actually this is something that I feel like is already in progress of being changed, it would be improving the number of Spanish resources that we have within the US industry. We have a large population of immigrants working in the industry, specifically Hispanic immigrants, so I think we need to provide more for them to consume within the sport to learn about the industry.

One of the projects I’ve been involved with for the last few months is co-hosting a web show called La Trifecta with Claudia Spadaro and Darwin Vizcaya. We talk about horse racing in Spanish and English and it’s really the feeling of three friends who are getting together to talk about racing. We’ve had viewers from all different countries across Central and South America and Mexico, so it’s really fun.

KR: What’s your all-time favorite racing moment?

AM: I think one of my favorite moments in racing was when I was on Flying Start in Australia, my externship was with Chris Waller, which was pretty cool. Cont. p10
I had never really worked with a trainer before and so a moment that really stood out to me was when I had the opportunity to saddle a horse named Mister Sea Wolf (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) before he went on to win a million-dollar race called The Gong at Kembla Grange. They threw me right in and let me get my hands on as many things as possible, so to saddle a horse for a million-dollar race was pretty cool.

The Next Generation is an ongoing video series featuring young people who were not born into the Thoroughbred business, but are now excelling within the industry.

WOODBINE CARD CANCELLED DUE TO WIND
Woodbine’s Sunday card was cancelled due to extreme wind. “After monitoring the weather forecast closely, Woodbine Entertainment announced today that, out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of everyone’s safety, Thoroughbred racing at Woodbine Racetrack has been cancelled due to the extreme weather warning for Toronto issued by Environment Canada,” WEG said in a release. Racing will resume Thursday.

FIRENZE FIRE TO TARGET CIGAR MILE
Mr. Amore Stable’s Firenze Fire (Poseidan’s Warrior), a late-closing third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint, will make his next start in the Dec. 5 GI Cigar Mile.

“He’s back at Belmont and that’s what we’re pointing for,” trainer Kelly Breen said of the Cigar Mile.

The 5-year-old rallied from 11th to finish third under jockey Jose Lezcano in the Nov. 7 Sprint at Keeneland.

“It was a good race,” Breen said of the veteran’s most recent start.

Breen said Lezcano, aboard for Firenze Fire’s GII Vosburgh Invitational win Sept. 26 at Belmont, will retain the mount for the Cigar Mile.

Others under consideration for the Cigar Mile are: King Guillermo (Uncle Mo), Performer (Speightstown), Mr. Buff (Friend or Foe), and Majestic Dunhill (Majesticperfection).

Woodslane Farm homebred Wolfie’s Dynaghost (Ghostzapper) lived up to the promise he had been showing in the morning with his 33-1 upset debut win at Aqueduct Saturday, according to trainer Tom Albertrani.

“The horse was showing lots of potential and talent working on the dirt,” Albertrani said. “He was doing so well. He ran very impressively. I was expecting a big effort, but I was cautiously optimistic. I had a good feeling about him handling it all.”

Wolfie’s Dynaghost is expected to ship south to Albertrani’s winter base at Palm Meadows Training Center.

“We’re probably going to regroup, ship to Florida and just get a feel for him when he gets down to Florida and see what the next step might be,” Albertrani said. “Hopefully, he’ll be an exciting horse to target some bigger things.”

Wolfie’s Dynaghost’s half-brother Sadler’s Joy (Kitten’s Joy), a Grade I winner on the turf, will make his next start in Saturday’s GIII Red Smith S. at Aqueduct, according to Albertrani.

VOX POPULI AWARD VOTING UNDERWAY
Voting for this year’s Secretariat ‘Vox Populi’ Horse of 2020 Award is now underway online at Secretariat.com or AmericasBestRacing.net. Created by Secretariat’s late owner Penny Chenery, the Vox Populi, or “Voice of the People,” award recognizes the racehorse whose popularity and racing excellence best resounded with the public and gained recognition for the sport during the past year.

Fans can vote on one of five nominees selected by the award’s committee, or choose a write-in option, through Nov. 30. The nominees are: GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Authentic (Into Mischief); GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff winner Monomoy Girl (Tapizar); GI Preakness S. winner Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil); GI Belmont S. and GI Travers S. winner Tiz the Law (Constitution); and 7-year-old GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint winner Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect).

“In a peculiar year that upended both the horse racing calendar and its traditions, we still have equine athletes who have persevered and admirably performed, oblivious to human concerns,” said Kate Chenery Tweedy, family historian and daughter of Penny Chenery. “Each of our Vox Populi nominees has captured the hearts of horse racing fans at a time when we are all are in need of inspiration.” Cont. p11
The recipient of the Secretariat Vox Populi Horse of 2020, along with the winners of the other Fan Choice Awards categories, will be announced Dec. 3. A trophy presentation for the 2020 Vox Populi winner is planned for January.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Sunday’s TDN, we published Bill Finley’s ode to shuttered racetracks, and asked others to try to beat his number of 28 at which he had attended live racing. Here are a few of the letters we received.

What a wonderful and moving article from Bill Finley on defunct racetracks. I have no claim to even being close to Bill’s record and certainly not to his great memories. When I was about 10 years old, I remember my folks taking us to Hialeah (about 68 years ago!). I don’t remember much, but the photo in the article jogged my memory about palm trees.

We had moved back to northern New York state when I was around 15 years old and my grandfather took me to the Franklin County Fair in Malone, NY, to see the harness horses. I am not sure if that track is still there or not--probably not. I do recall other local fair sites, most gone. I have loved horse racing to this day.

I was hoping Bill would include a listing of all the closed tracks, location, years in operation, etc. Is there a link to such a list?

--Patrick M. Premo

Editor's note: We used this list from Wikipedia as a base, but discovered that it is far from complete.

I wanted to say thank you for today’s article about defunct tracks. No, I'm nowhere near 28.

But, like Bill, Suffolk was a tough loss. I attended both closing days, 2014 & 2019. On the final one in 2019, I walked the track for an hour trying to come to grips with it. I still stop by to grab a Racing Form when I'm In Boston, no less hard. I have pictures from a dark night back in January.

Anyway. Scarborough Downs, short-term flat track in the 50s is set for their final harness race on 11/26. Things are bad there. There are hopes of redeveloping Cumberland Raceway for harness racing. However, Scarborough is the last New England outpost with Thoroughbred lines.

--Justin Stygles

I too majored in thoroughbred horse racing in college. As a resident of Winthrop, MA, I spent many a day--and night--at Suffolk Downs. To this day you can see the shoulders of the harness racing track fading away inside the current mile track. I do remember night harness racing there. Jump the fence and bet two dollars on the favorite!

When I went to college, it was at St Francis College (now the University of New England) in Biddeford, Maine. Right down the street from Scarborough Downs--how convenient! They had both flats and harness racing. We spent every night there. Just wanted to bring back another fond memory of my misspent youth! Remember the doubleheaders at Rockingham Park on Labor Day?

Thanks for the memory!

--Frank Buckley, Winthrop, MA

I can't beat the number of tracks that Bill has been to that have closed, but I can add a couple of New England tracks--Narragansett and Lincoln Downs in Rhode Island, also Tropical Park in Florida. Some of the tracks listed in the article brought back some fine memories. It's a shame that many of these tracks are gone, but I'm not sure the economics of the times would be good for the quality of racing if they were all still around.

--Gary Denn, Guilderland, NY

I just read your piece on lost tracks and realized your days at Suffolk Downs probably coincided with mine. I have been a steward there since 2000, but since 1976 I bred, raised and raced my own horses. In fact, I just put out a book which is an account of each one, from birth to the track and beyond, called "Chain of Foals" (on Amazon). You'd probably recognize lots of names in there! Anyway, I'm still suffering from Suffolk-shock. The grandstand is still there and I keep thinking I should visit one more time, go up to the roof, look at that wonderful view. Sigh! What a wonderful place it was. And wonderful people, now scattered all over the racing world. Anyway, I enjoyed your article--you might enjoy the memories in my book!

--Susan Walsh
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Businessman Armand Janjigian knows his dream of thoroughbred horse racing in Sturbridge is a long shot, but he's all in. Jon Chesto, The Boston Globe
### Native Diver S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

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**Breeders:** 1-Paget Bloodstock, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Haras Belmont, 4-Dixiana Farms LLC, 5-Samantha Siegel
MALIBU MOON ‘RISING STAR’ ALWAYS IN COMMAND AT BIG A

Cheyenne Stables LLC’s Harper’s in Charge (Malibu Moon) ran to advanced billing to post an extremely easy debut victory worthy of the ‘TDN Rising Star’ distinction. Pounded all the way down to 7-5 off an 8-1 morning line, the $220,000 KEESEP yearling zipped out of the gate and was immediately a length in front. She cruised along through splits of 22.83 and :46.84, and continued into the lane in complete command as Manny Franco peeked back for competition. Nobody could run with the leader, and she hit another gear for good measure in midstretch while running up the score to 6 1/2 lengths. Chad Brown/Klaravich firster Commandandcontrol (Quality Road) was second best.

The winner’s unraced dam Azara (More Than Ready) is a half-sister to superstar Tepin (Bernstein) and MGSW Vyjack (Into Mischief). She sold for $875,000 in foal to Into Mischief at KEENOV ’16. The resulting foal, I’ll Fight Dempsey, was a $300,000 yearling and debut winner at Gulfstream in February. Azara produced a Flatter colt earlier this term before being bred back to Into Mischief.

HARPER’S IN CHARGE, f, 2, Malibu Moon
1st Dam: Azara, by More Than Ready
2nd Dam: Life Happened, by Stravinsky
3rd Dam: Round It Off, by Apalachee
Sales History: $220,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $44,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Christophe Clement.

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HARD SPUN COLT RUNS THEM OFF THEIR FEET FOR ‘RISING STAR’ BADGE AT CHURCHILL

Caddo River (Hard Spun), a promising runner-up in a live-looking maiden race last out, went to the front and widened throughout for a dominant, ‘TDN Rising Star’-worthy graduation Sunday at Churchill.

Second on debut Sept. 5 at Saratoga, he filled the same slot after dueling on a scorching pace Oct. 11 at Belmont and was pounded down to 3-10 to break through stretching out to a mile here. Away in good order, the homebred made the lead on his own power and dictated terms through sharp splits of :22.38 and :44.59. Scooting further clear after straightening for home, he slammed the door by mid-stretch and coasted home 9 1/2 lengths to the good. Alejandro (Curlin) completed the exacta.

The victor, named for a river in Arkansas, has a yearling half-sister by Into Mischief and his thrice graded stakes-placed dam produced a Nyquist colt this term before being bred back to Hard Spun. Second dam It’s True Love was a SW as well.
The first black-type performer out of her GSW dam, Duopoly has a juvenile Quality Road half-brother and a yearling half-brother by Kitten’s Joy who sold to Fergus Galvin for $275,000 at KEESEP. Justaroundmidnight was bred to Oscar Performance this spring. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

Duopoly | Susie Raisher

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

WINTER MEMORIES S., $100,000, Aqueduct, 11-15, 3yo, f,
1 1/16mT, 1:44.80, gd.
1--DUOPOLY, 120, f, 3, by Animal Kingdom
  1st Dam: Justaroundmidnight (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
  2nd Dam: Strategy (GB), by Machiavellian
  3rd Dam: Island Story (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)
  1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN
  ($160,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP). O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Jamm, Ltd. (KY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $128,034.

2--High Opinion
  120, f, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--More Respect, by More Than Ready. ($130,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP). O-Woodford Racing, LLC & Team D; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Anthony W. Dutrow. $20,000.

3--Vigilantes Way
  122, f, 3, Medaglia d’Oro--Salute, by Unbridled. O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. $12,000.

Margins: 3/4, HF, 2. Odds: 2.95, 25.00, 2.25.
Also Ran: Speaktomeofsummer, Selflessly, Crystalle, Faccio Io (GB). Scratched: Thankful.

Duopoly, seventh as a heavy favorite in her career bow May 17 at Churchill, made amends with a five-length graduation July 3 at Monmouth and repeated in an Aug. 21 Saratoga allowance before running fifth as a lukewarm chalk in the GIII Pin Oak Valley View S. last out Oct. 16 at Keeneland. Let go as a close third choice here, the $160,000 Keeneland September pickup made the point with ears pricked heading past the wire the first time and dictated terms through fractions of :24.75 and :50.15. Challenged by favored Vigilantes Way at the midpoint of the far turn, Duopoly repelled that rival entering the final furlong and held safe from longshot High Opinion to score.

“She relaxed and went so well,” said winning rider Irad Ortiz, Jr. “When we got to the backside, she started getting out a little bit, but I didn’t panic because I knew she could do it and I knew she would keep going. I just rode her with patience, relaxed and didn’t try to fight her too much. Turning for home, I asked her, and she had plenty left. There wasn’t too much speed in the race today, so we wanted to take advantage of that. We know she’s fast, so I let her break out of there and she was comfortable. She did it pretty easy.”

KEY CENTS S., $97,000, Aqueduct, 11-15, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.69, ft.
1--VACAY, 120, f, 2, by Not This Time
  1st Dam: Florida Sun, by Belgravia
  2nd Dam: Wildcat Widow, by Forest Wildcat
  3rd Dam: Open Window, by Trempolino
  ($100,000 Ylg ’19 SARAUG). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN
  O-Repole Stable & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-J Stables LLC (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. $55,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $83,600. *3rd black-type winner for sire (by Giant’s Causeway).

2--Rossa Veloce
  120, f, 2, Girolamo--Spuntastic, by Hard Spun. ($12,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT). O-Blue Streak Racing, LLC & Raymond Handal; B-John Scott Rogers (NY); T-Raymond Handal. $20,000.

3--Party At Page’s
  122, f, 2, Gemologist--Auntgrace, by Lion Heart. ($10,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP). O-Gold Star Racing Stable, Emcee Stable LLC & Brian McKenzie; B-T/C Stable, LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. $12,000.

Margins: 5HF, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.55, 6.80, 3.25.
Also Ran: Chasing Cara, Shanes Pretty Lady.

Cont. p4
Vacay dominated in her stakes debut Sunday to become her fast-starting freshman sire (by Giant’s Causeway)’s third black-type winner. A 1 3/4-length first-up winner in the Belmont slop Oct. 16, she was backed down to favoritism and soon showed why. The dark bay broke with the pack from her outside five post and settled in second last while always off the fence. Scrubbed on to hold her position into the bend, she mounted a wide bid into a :45.89 half and bounded past rivals over the top en route to a convincing success.

“She’s a nice filly,” said winning rider Irad Ortiz, Jr. “She looks like she can go a little further. I was trying to hold her position and as soon as we were turning for home, I asked her, and she took off.”

Trainer Todd Pletcher added, “I thought it was a very professional performance on her part. She didn’t break great in her first start, but broke better today. She finished up the way you would want one to. She’s a quality filly and it looks like she’ll handle more distance as well.

“We always liked her quite a bit. She gives me the impression she’s going to improve even more when we stretch her out a little bit.”

Pletcher said Vacay would likely remain in New York for the winter: “That’s the most likely plan. I’ll talk it over with the connections but I would like to take advantage of the New York-bred status.”

The winner has a yearling full-brother. Her dam was bred to Khozan for 2021. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Churchill Downs, $85,530, Alw, 11-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.39, ft, neck.

PIT BOSS (c, 3, Union Rags--Town Flirt, by Speightstown) had been knocking on the door at the maiden special weight level, and broke through when dangled in for $75,000 at Keeneland Oct. 8 by trainer Wayne Catalano and Gary and Mary West. Scooped up by these sharp connections and backed down to 14-5 favoritism, the bay traveled strongly in second early, found himself locked into a heated, stretch-long battle with longshot Working Title (Honor Code) and got the bob to prevail by a neck. The winner has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother named Right Tone (Tonalist), a yearling half-brother by California Chrome and a foal half-brother by Accelerate. His dam most recently visited Accelerate. Sales History: $250,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, $117,240. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Kueber Racing, LLC, Ten Strike Racing & Mark Blieden; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Matt A. Shirer.

4th-Churchill Downs, $84,795, Alw, 11-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.70, ft, 3/4 length.

LETMENO (c, 3, Twirling Candy--Wicked Mizz {SW, $110,500}, by Mizzen Mast) was taken down from first to second for interference in the July 5 Iowa Derby at Prairie Meadows, but was sixth behind next-out GI Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Happy Saver (Super Saver) in the Federico Tesio S. at Laurel Sept. 7. A close third last time in a 1 3/16-mile optional claimer at Keeneland Oct. 15, the grey was the 2-1 favorite to clear his N1X belatedly. Perched out wide and off the pace early in a tight pack, he launched a four-deep bid and straightened for home even wider out in the track. Souunion (Liam’s Map) kept Letmeno honest down to the line, but the chalk had a bit more to give and got the job done by 3/4 of a length. The winner’s dam is a half-sister to GISW Wickedly Perfect (Congrats). She has an unnamed 2-year-old filly by Bernardini who was a $280,000 KEESEP yearling and breezed at Fair Grounds Saturday, a yearling filly by Tapizar and a foal colt by Tapwrit. Wicked Mizz was bred back to Nyquist for 2021. Sales History: $70,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-2-2-3, $150,852. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Randall L. Bloch, Six Column Stables, LLC, et al; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-lan R. Wilkes.
5th-Del Mar, $61,000, (S), Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 11-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.56, fm, 3/4 length.  
SHE’S DEVOTED (f, 3, Grazen--Devoted One, by Broken Vow) rallied to get up by a nose when unveiled as an 8-5 chalk sprinting on the Santa Anita turf Jan. 10 and was made a 27-10 proposition in this return. Settling in the sixth, the gray split horses in the three path at the sixteenth pole and out-kicked Time for Ebby (Time to Get Even) to prevail by three-quarters of a length. The winner’s dam dropped a colt by Lookin At Lucky this season before being paired with Yoshida (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $68,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.  
O/B-Slam Dunk Racing (CA); T-Richard Baltas.

7th-Churchill Downs, $58,748, Alw, 11-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.97, ft, neck.  
A BIT OF BOTH (f, 4, Paynter--Lizzie K, by High Fly), a multiple stakes winner for Jason Servis, had gone four starts without a victory before scoring in a Keeneland turf sprint first out for this barn Oct. 11. Backed down to 11-10 in this washed-off spot, the bay tracked from third as Ambassador Luna (Brethren) led narrowly through a :22.09 quarter. Drawing alongside that foe three deep at the head of the lane, she surged late to win a protracted duel by a neck on the wire. The victress has a juvenile three deep at the head of the lane, she surged late to win a narrow victory before scoring in a Keeneland turf sprint first out for this stakes winner for Jason Servis, had gone four starts without a

10th-Churchill Downs, $82,419, Msw, 11-15, 2yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.22, ft, head.  
TAMANRASSETT (c, 2, Not This Time--Echo Storm, by Thunder Gulch) capped another productive day for his freshman sire (by Giant’s Causeway), becoming the Taylor Made resident’s 19th winner. Beaten a nose routing on the Ellis grass first up Aug. 28, the homebred was fourth as the favorite at Kentucky Downs Sept. 16. He was a well-beaten fifth in an off-turf Keeneland heat Oct. 22, and was the public’s tepid 27-10 pick under similar circumstances here. Shuffled back to third after attempting to make the lead along the fence around the first bend, Tamanrassett raced a bit keenly from the two path down the backside. One of many still in with a chance at the top of the lane, he out-kicked paint-scraping Sky Temple (Miss Temple City) to notch a head decision. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Upstart and his dam produced a Classic Empire filly this season before visiting World of Trouble. Sales History: $10,000 Ylg ’17 OBSOCT.  
Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-9-2-1, $381,233. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.  
O/B-Redmon Farm, LLC (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.

6th-Aqueduct, $80,000, Msw, 11-15, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.91, gd, 3/4 length.  
TRAFFIC LANE (f, 2, Outwork--Katie Lane (Ire), by Quality Road) was fourth in a rained-off sprint at Saratoga Aug. 30, and improved to be second when routing in the Belmont slop Oct. 16. Drawing in off the also-eligible list and finally getting on the grass, the 4-1 shot prompted splits of :23.96, :49.18 and 1:15.18, eventually wearing down that stubborn rival by 3/4 of a length to earn her diploma and become her first-crop sire (by Uncle Mo)’s 14th winner. Dam Katie Lane is half to Grade II winner Tap Day (Pleasant Day) and to the dam of this year’s GI Derby City Distaff heroine Bell’s the One (Majesticperfection). Her dam produced a Mendelssohn filly earlier this year before being bred back to Vino Rosso. Sales History: $25,000 RNA Wlg ’18 KEENOV; $95,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $60,920. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.  
O-Repole Stable; B-Oak Lodge Bloodstock (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

5th-Churchill Downs, $83,197, Msw, 11-15, 2yo, 1m, 1:35.79, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.  
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9th-Del Mar, $59,500, Msw, 11-15, 2yo, f, 5fT, :57.63, fm, neck. MAGICAL THOUGHT (f, 2, Overanalyze--Magical Flute, by Midnight Lute) outran 20-1 odds in her Santa Anita unveiling Oct. 12, finishing third behind Saturday’s Desi Arnaz S. romper Astute (Speightstown) and race favorite Evoo (Big Blue Kitty). Straight to the front this time, the 9-1 shot dug in gamely late to fend off $875,000 firster Velvet (American Pharoah) by a neck. The winner has a foal half-sister by Temple City and her dam was bred back to Oscar Performance. Sales History: $7,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; $20,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $20,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $40,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Slam Dunk Racing; B-Springland Farm & Burden Creek Farm LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 2020 Stud Fees Listed

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten’s Joy), Calumet Farm, $10,000
44 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, KITTEN ROCKS, 10-1
$1,200 KEE SEP yrl

Harry’s Holiday (Harlan’s Holiday), Southern Indiana Equine, $3,000
21 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Indiana Grand, Msw 7 1/2fT, INCREDIBLE JUSTICE, 30-1
$10,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Majestic Harbor (Rockport Harbor), Harris Farms, $2,500
15 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, LIEUTENANT KITTY, 6-1
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, RHAPSODY IN GREY, 5-1

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia, $30,250
95 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Indiana Grand, Msw 1m, BATTLE BLING, 5-2
$47,000 KEE NOV wnl; $110,000 KEE SEP yrl

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, $7,500
73 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Indiana Grand, Msw 7 1/2fT, IMA BARREL RACER, 30-1
$5,000 OBS WIN wnl

IN ITALY:
Nobizlikethisbiz, h, 6, Sweet Return (GB)–Dear, by Island Whirl.

Black Horus, h, 5, Shanghai Bobby. See “Italy”.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Aqueduct, $74,000, (S), (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 11-15, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.56, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MORE GRAYTFUL (g, 3, Graydar--More Than Beauty {SP}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-3-3-1, $178,440. O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC & Brent Gasaway; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

7th-Del Mar, $70,120, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 11-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.24, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

ON MARS (f, 3, Vronsky--Elana Mar, by Cyclotron) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-2, $161,520. O-Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC & Ed Bernstein; B-Ed Bernstein & Andrew Molasky (CA); T-Philip D'Amato.

7th-Laurel, $55,482, 11-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.95, ft, 1/2 length.

PLOT THE DOTS (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Lady of Gold {GSP-Can, GSP-USA, $254,598}, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, $120,887. O/B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

4th-Laurel, $48,081, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 11-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.48, ft, 5 lengths.

MALIBU MISCHIEF (f, 4, Goldencents--Chana's Girl, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 22-10-2-2, $305,921. O/T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; B-Fedi Kahraman (KY). *$45,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; $40,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

7th-Gulfstream West, $36,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 11-15, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), .57.40, ft, neck.

COMBINATION (g, 4, Alternation--Mama's Pro (MSW & MGSP, $435,802), by Proper Reality) Lifetime Record: SP, 21-9-0-2, $159,141. O-Frank Carl Calabrese; B-Jean N Cravens (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. *$25,000 Ylg '17 KEENOV. **1/2 to Pro Prado (El Prado {Ire}), SW & GSP, $397,514.

3rd-Remington, $30,000, 11-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.71, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

WEEKEND FUN (f, 3, More Than Ready--Weekend Fantasy, by Pleasantly Perfect) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-1, $109,937. O-Phoenix Thoroughbred, LTD; B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *$200,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Moving Fast, g, 2, Jeranimo--Moving Desert (MSP, $182,020), by Desert Code. Del Mar, 11-14, (S), 1mT, 1:36.17. B-Harris Farms (CA).


Prospect Mountain, c, 2, Teuflesberg--Royal Waltz, by City Zip. Aqueduct, 11-15, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20.46. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Ole Silver, f, 3, Acclamation--Silver Swallow (MGISP, $473,415), by Alphabet Soup. Del Mar, 11-15, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.24. B-Andrew Molasky (CA). *1/2 to The Street Fighter (Street Boss), SP, $159,594.

Princess Corey, f, 3, Central Banker--Miss Bodine (SP), by Vindication. Laurel, 11-15, (WC), 6f, 1:10.65. B-Andy Beadnell (NY). *57,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG.

Sagamore Mischief, g, 3, Into Mischief--Maddalena (GSP & GSP-USA, $250,820), by Good and Tough. Gulfstream West, 11-15, 6f, 1:09.81. B-Ned Williams & Mike Mattese (MD). *$90,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $290,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. **1/2 to Bern Identity (Bernstein), GSP, $877,200; 1/2 to Battle of Evermore (Scat Daddy), MSP, $301,492; 1/2 to Three Hawk (Violence), SP, $1,72,328.

Tasmin, f, 3, Pollard's Vision--Syneris, by With Approval. Remington, 11-14, (S), 1m, 1:41.60. B-Doug Wall (OK). *1/2 to Ibaka (Uncle Abbie), MSW, $607,485.

Abundant, c, 3, Speightstown--Baruta (Brz) (GSW-USA & MG1SP-Brz, $314,058), by Crimson Tide (Ire). Churchill Downs, 11-15, (C), 7 1/2f, 1:29.70. B-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC & Stud RDI, LLC (KY). *$175,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Charlito, c, 4, Fed Biz--Virtuously, by Congrats. Del Mar, 11-15, 1m, 1:38.47. B-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC (KY). *$65,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $725,000 2yo '18 FTFRM.

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