

POMPA DISPERSAL PROVIDES MORE FIREWORKS AS KEEJAN CONCLUDES



'TDN Rising Star' Carillo topped Thursday's fourth and final session of the Keeneland January Sale | Keeneland photo

by Jessica Martini & Christie DeBernardis

The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, propelled by a pair of power-packed dispersals and held in the shadow of the ongoing global pandemic, concluded its four-day run Thursday in Lexington. The dispersal of the Estate of the late Paul Pompa, Jr., which, along with the Sam-Son broodmare dispersal dominated much of Tuesday's action, provided the auction with one last round of fireworks late in the day Thursday with a bevy of high-priced racehorse prospects. Leading the way was **Carillo** (**Union Rags**) (hip 1566) who sold for \$875,000 to bloodstock agent Lauren Carlisle, bidding on behalf of an undisclosed client. Tabbed a **'TDN Rising Star'** just a week ago in his winning debut for trainer Chad Brown, the sophomore will be joining the barn of trainer Tom Amoss. West Point Thoroughbreds and D J Stable teamed up to purchase graded stakes winner **Turned Aside** (American Pharoah) (hip 1563) for \$725,000. That 4-year-old colt is expected to join the barn of trainer Mark Casse.

"The January sale of 2021 went off very, very well," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. "We appreciate the trust given to us by the people who had dispersals. Mr. Pompa's racehorses today sold very well, which we expected. They were well-received in the marketplace. Overall, I thought the sale went very well." **Cont. p3**

BEHOLDER'S FIRST FOAL, Q B ONE, NEARS DEBUT AT SANTA ANITA by Bill Finley

He has yet to race, but **Q B One** (Uncle Mo) has already been the subject of several stories and a video feature from **XBTV**. That's the way it is when your dam is one of the best horses of her era.

Now, the story of **Q B One** is about to heat up even further. After the 3-year-old colt worked five furlongs in 1:01.80 Jan. 8 at Santa Anita, trainer Richard Mandella said that **Q B One** was "a couple of weeks from starting." He will start for her owner and breeder, Spendthrift Farm, who also campaigned **Beholder**.

Asked to gauge **Q B One's** talent level, Mandella seemed uncertain.

"He's a big gangly colt and doesn't take life too seriously," Mandella said. "He works better than average, but he hasn't shown yet in his workouts that he is a star. But he is doing what we ask and a little more sometimes. It's hard to say how good he is." **Cont. p15**

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After capturing his debut last Friday at Aqueduct in 'TDN Rising Star' fashion, Carillo (Union Rags) summoned \$875,000 on Thursday at Keeneland January. Keeneland coverage continues on page 3. | Keeneland

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Standing in the back walking ring during the waning stages of the ninth session of the 2017 Keeneland November Sale, Maccabee Farm manager Robert Traylor took home a Twirling Candy mare for just \$4,000. Katie Ritz takes the story from there.

TAKING STOCK: WIDENER INFLUENCE IN CAPO KANE

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Jerome S. winner Capo Kane (Street Sense) may have sold for just \$26,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale, but his pedigree is littered with mares from a branch of a family honed over the years by the Widener Family. A fascinating read from Sid Fernando.



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Over the course of four days, Keeneland sold 963 horses for a total of \$45,522,100. The average was \$47,271 and the median was \$15,000. Forty-four horses sold for \$200,000 or over.

During the five-day 2020 January sale, 1,050 horses sold for \$40,453,300. The average was \$38,527 and the median was \$13,000. Forty-two horses sold for \$200,000 or over a year ago, led by the \$640,000 broodmare prospect Enaya Alrabb (Uncle Mo).

“The continued stability of the market is a testament to the hard work of all our sales participants, who have adjusted their operations and their expectations to meet the challenges of this unprecedented time,” Keeneland President, CEO and Interim Head of Sales Shannon Arvin said.

Held as it was in the midst of a pandemic and the ensuing travel restrictions and economic uncertainties, consignors seemed content just to be holding an auction.

“Whether we like it or not, we are still in the middle of a pandemic,” said Hunter Valley Farm’s Adrian Regan. “And to be having a horse sale, one, is fantastic and then to have a market is even better. We wouldn’t be complaining about the state of the market considering what is going on in the world.”



Hunter Valley’s Adrian Regan | Keeneland

Hunter Valley sold the top-priced yearling of the auction and enjoyed strong Book 1 results, but Regan acknowledged demand fell off in Book 2.

“We would be slightly biased about how it all went in Book 1 for us because it was probably our best January sale ever really,” Regan said. “We felt going over there, we had good stock for Book 1. We were surprised by the amount of people that were there and the amount of views we had at the barn on Saturday

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and Sunday. In saying that, the market is very polarized still. Everybody seems to be landing on the same horse. When we got to Book 2, it was tough enough going. The middle to lower market is tough.”

As consignors adjusted expectations to account for the new realities of the market, the results seemed to follow.

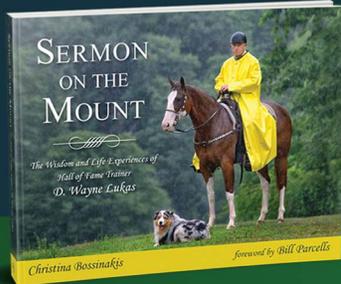
“All things considered, I think it was a very fair market,” said Denali Stud’s Conrad Bandoroff. “We had a near 100% clearance rate. I think if you had realistic expectations going up there, you were able to get horses moved at all levels. There seemed like there were willing buyers at every segment of the market. That is comforting and encouraging to see. If you went up there with a horse, who is maybe a lower-tier horse, you were able to get them moved. If you had a horse with veterinary issues or by an off-flavor sire, you were hoping you were going to get a bid and in most cases you did. The market for mares continued to have some strength and resiliency and surprise me. We had a few mares that either had a little age on them or had a few foals and I was pleasantly surprised that there was appetite for those kind of mares. I think about two years ago, you were struggling to recoup your stud fee with those mares, so to see people willing to buy them and to do so at the upper end of our appraisal value, was encouraging.”



Denali Stud’s Conrad Bandoroff | Keeneland

Bloodstock agent Michael Slezak, buying on behalf of various New York clients, purchased seven horses for prices from \$13,000 to \$55,000. He said he was happy with the horses he was able to get bought at reasonable prices.

“My mindset is to always find bargain at any price range,” Slezak said after concluding his bidding at the auction Thursday afternoon. “After I buy a horse, I want to feel like there is a chance someone is going to call 9-1-1 and report a robbery. That’s my buying philosophy. And I feel like I did that repeatedly at this sale. I did not do that in November. I had a hard time in



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November. I shopped exclusively for mares and in November I found that the mares that I liked were all going a little bit higher than I wanted them to, based on what I was expecting going in. I thought it was going to be a down market in November. I don’t know if a lot of people would have called it a strong market, but I didn’t want to pay that much for some of these mares.”

Slezak said that he found buyers more forgiving with less commercial covering sires than he had experienced at past sales.

“There were some mares in this sale who were in foal to sires I did not consider fashionable—maybe useful sires—and they were going to \$30,000 or \$40,000, sometimes higher than that,” Slezak said. “I’ve always found that people are shopping for the covering sire first and foremost. The prevailing philosophy is ‘be in foal to something sexy or you’re doomed.’ But at this particular sale, January 2021, it seemed like if you had a beautiful page or a couple of interesting things in the pipeline, people were willing to overlook an unsexy covering stallion. Which surprised me a little bit.” **Cont. p5**



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Internet Bidding Continues to Grow

The January sale was the third auction at which Keeneland offered buyers the chance to bid online. The innovation, originally necessitated by the pandemic, continues to gain in popularity. A total of 1,258 bids were received over the internet during the four days, with 109 horses sold online for gross receipts of \$3,106,900.

“It did prove popular once again,” Arvin said of the internet bidding. “That technology is important in 2021 and beyond.”

Russell added he was looking forward to welcoming crowds back to the normally bustling Keeneland sales pavilion.

“While we appreciate the ability to offer internet bidding for people who can’t be here, we are looking forward to the day when we can welcome everybody back to Keeneland,” he said. “We prefer them to be here. We enjoy their company and the hustle and the bustle it provides.”

Dispersals Draw a Crowd

Tuesday’s second session of the auction was dominated by the dispersals of Sam-Son Farm and the estate of the late Paul Pompa, Jr. The two dispersals shared the co-top price of the auction, with Sam-Son Farm’s **Danceforthecause** (Giant’s Causeway) (**hip 587**) selling for \$925,000 to Gainesway Farm and Peter Brant’s White Birch Farm paying that same amount for **Regal Glory** (Animal Kingdom) (**hip 587**) from the Pompa dispersal. Eleven horses sold for \$500,000 or over at the January sale and all were from the two dispersals.

A total of 21 Sam-Son broodmares sold for \$6,733,000 and an average of \$320,619.

“Mr. Samuel started Sam-Son Farm over 50 years ago and a lot of time and effort has been made by the operation in developing these strong families,” Russell said. “They very rarely get put on the public marketplace, so it was an opportunity for major breeders to get into those families. It’s a great testament to them and to the longevity of the operation.”

The Pompa dispersal, handled by Lane’s End Farm, was responsible for the top six offerings during Thursday’s final session of the sale. Overall, 38 horses from the late owner’s dispersal grossed \$6,790,200 for an average of \$178,689.

“The Sam-Son and Pompa dispersals are the legacies of two wonderful operations, and they infused a lot of positive energy into the January sale,” Arvin said. “Dispersals are always bittersweet, but we are honored that their families and connections entrusted Keeneland to present these dispersals and showcase their excellence.”

Lane’s End Farm was the auction’s leading consignor by gross, with 78 head sold for \$8,741,200. Sam-Son Farm led consignors by average.

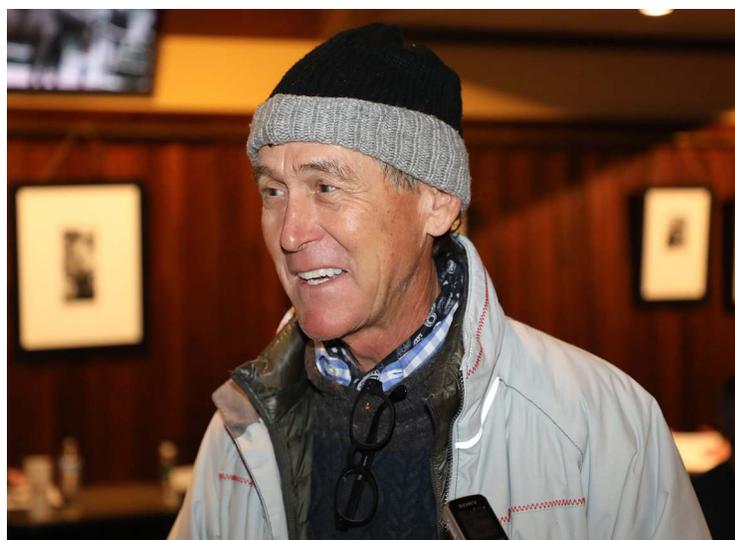
Quality Yearlings Remain In Demand

The demand for quality short yearlings remained strong, with a colt by Munnings bringing top price of \$475,000 from Larry Best’s OXO Equine LLC during the Monday’s first session of the auction. The yearling was consigned by Hunter Valley Farm.

“We were surprised to see him get the amount he made in the end,” admitted Hunter Valley’s Adrian Regan. “It was the perfect storm. Two of the biggest players in town ended up battling for him. He was a very, very good horse.”

Ocala horseman Nick de Meric was active in the yearling market, purchasing eight horses on behalf of an undisclosed client.

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“I would say there was a little bit less competition than we had in November,” de Meric said of the bidding on yearlings. “It is still never easy to buy the ones you want, but we did land a few of our top picks, which was difficult to do in November because it seemed like people were lining up for those horses.”

During the four-day January sale, 404 short yearlings sold for \$14,565,600. The average was \$36,053 and the median was \$14,500.

In 2020, 462 short yearlings sold prior to the inclusion of post-sale transactions for \$17,677,200. The average was \$38,262 and the median was \$13,000. A colt by Uncle Mo was the auction’s top-priced yearling at \$400,000. That colt resold for \$550,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

Carillo a Star in the Sales Ring As Well



Carillo | Keeneland photo

It was just a week ago that **Carillo (Union Rags)** was tabbed a ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ following a gritty debut victory at Aqueduct for trainer Chad Brown. He followed that effort with a star turn in the sales ring at Keeneland Thursday, selling for a session-topping \$875,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent Lauren Carlisle. Carlisle declined to name the client for whom she was buying, but said the Paul Pompa homebred will now head south to the New Orleans winter base of trainer Tom Amoss.

The agent agreed Carillo’s debut ([video](#)) was a big draw.

“He didn’t break great, got pinched at the start and took a ton of dirt during the race and made a middle move pretty impressively,” she said. “Obviously, when he got in the clear, he won pretty easily. At the beginning of the race, it didn’t look like he had a shot and he definitely surprised, I’m sure, everyone being a first-time starter. To me that showed his raw talent that he was able to overcome that.”

Pompa purchased Carillo’s unraced dam Proper Mad (Bernardini), with the future Rising Star in utero, for \$185,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. The yearling’s third dam is Private Status (Alydar), dam of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Status.

“For just running last week and then coming on a van from New York for 12 hours, I thought he looked pretty good,” Carlisle said of her impressions of the colt at the sales barn. “He is a good-sized colt and fit. I would expect nothing less coming from Chad. He does a great job.”

Of Carillo’s session-topping price, Carlisle said, “When you are shopping for a 3-year-old colt before the Derby who broke his maiden like that, they are not going to be cheap. We knew that. You always want to buy them for less when you are at a live auction, but I wasn’t entirely surprised by the price.”

Peter Brant’s White Birch Farm purchased Proper Mad for \$260,000 during Tuesday’s session of the Keeneland January sale.

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HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
1566	Carillo	racing/stallion prospect	875,000
	<i>(c, 3, Union Rags--Proper Mad, by Bernardini)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Lane’s End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of the Estate of Paul Pompa, Jr.</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: Lauren Carlisle, Agent</i>		
1563	Turned Aside	racing/stallion prospect	725,000
	<i>(c, 4, American Pharoah--Sustained, by War Front)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Lane’s End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of the Estate of Paul Pompa, Jr.</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: West Point & D J Stable, L.E.B., Agent</i>		
1564	Untreated	racing/stallion prospect	300,000
	<i>(c, 3, Nyquist--Fully Living, by Unbridled’s Song)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Lane’s End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of the Estate of Paul Pompa, Jr.</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: Steven W. Young, Agent</i>		
1561	Spirit Maker	racing/stallion prospect	200,000
	<i>(c, 3, Empire Maker--California Spirit, by Tale of the Cat)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Lane’s End, Agent for the Complete Dispersal of the Estate of Paul Pompa, Jr.</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: David Ingordo</i>		

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THURSDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
1370	colt	Mo Town--Coral Beach	95,000
<i>Breeder: Hidden Lake Farm (NY)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Mulholland Springs, Agent X</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Five G Ranch</i>			
1438	colt	Army Mule--Hurryupandcomeback	95,000
(\$10,000 i/u /19 KEENOV)			
<i>Breeder: Wasabi Ventures Stables, LLC, Vandelay Stables, LLC, Michael Dzik, Stephen Stange & Greenspring Mares (Md)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Mill Ridge Sales, Agent</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Tulip Poplar</i>			
1479	filly	Cloud Computing--Literary Lady	95,000
(\$4,000 i/u '19 KEENOV)			
<i>Breeder: Saratoga Glen Farm & Beals Racing Stable (NY)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Stuart Morris, Agent V</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Five G Ranch</i>			

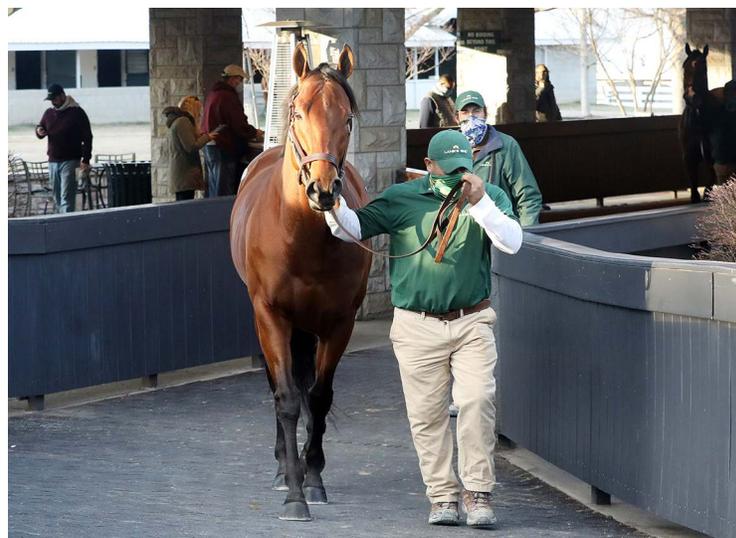
Turned Aside A Hot Commodity at KEEJAN

Talented turf sprinter **Turned Aside** (American Pharoah) proved quite popular (as expected) at Keeneland Thursday, hammering for \$725,000 after a spirited round of bidding. David Ingordo signed the ticket on **Hip 1563** on behalf of a partnership between West Point Thoroughbreds and D J Stable.

“What a lovely horse,” West Point’s Terry Finley said. “We are partners with D J Stable. This is the second horse that we’ve bought together. We bought a newly turned 3-year-old right before the turn of the year. They are wonderful people.”

Finley continued, “He will go to Mark Casse. When I said to Mark that he was a beautiful horse, he said, ‘I know. I know. He beat me several times in the last year.’ We are very excited.”

Consigned by Lane’s End as part of the complete dispersal of the Estate of the late Paul Pompa, Jr., Turned Aside captured two of his five starts during his 2019 juvenile campaign and kicked off 2020 with a second in the Sir Cat S. at Belmont in June. A decisive winner of the GIII Quick Call S. next out in July, the Linda Rice trainee did not seem to take to the unconventional course at Kentucky Downs, finishing fifth in the GIII Franklin-Simpson S. in September. The Pompa homebred rebounded with another good-looking score in the Aqueduct Turf Sprint Championship S. Nov. 28. His record currently stands at 9-4-2-1 with earnings of \$241,967.



Turned Aside | Keeneland

“I was always a huge fan of Paul Pompa’s,” Finley said. “He was such a great guy and, year after year, he came up with runners. Like everybody else, I was heartbroken when he passed way too soon. I figured there would be a dispersal and it was in the back of my mind, the last couple of months, to try to get something to continue his legacy. So, it all just fell into place.”



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• % RNAs	11.46%	
• High Price	\$875,000	
• No. Over \$200k	4	
• Gross	\$5,729,000	
• Average	\$22,467	
• Median	\$7,000	

CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2021 (Four days)	*2020 (Five days)
• Catalogued	1608	1856
• No. Offered	1223	1338
• No. Sold	963	1050
• RNAs	260	288
• % RNAs	21.26%	21.52%
• High Price	\$925,000	\$640,000
• Gross	\$45,522,100	\$40,453,300
• Average	\$47,271	\$38,527
• Median	\$15,000	\$13,000

*2020 Figures include post-sale transactions.



Terry Finley | Keeneland photo

Turned Aside cont.

He added, “It is very exciting. These are the types of horses we try to buy at the yearling and 2-year-old sales. You have to pay up. If they vet and carry themselves the right way. You aren’t going to get them at a discount.”

Turned Aside’s GSP dam Sustained (War Front) (Hip 463) sold during Tuesday’s session, bringing \$320,000 from Phil Schoenthal, acting as agent for Determined Stud. She sold in foal to Pompa’s Grade I winner **Connect** and her 2020 Connect colt followed her into the ring, selling for \$32,000 to bloodstock agent Steve Young (Hip 464).

A longtime friend of Pompa’s who purchased several horses on his behalf, Young, bought a total of four horses from the Pompa dispersal, topped by the newly minted sophomore colt **Untreated (Nyquist)** (Hip 1564), who hammered for \$300,000. The bloodstock agent purchased the horse on behalf of an undisclosed client, but did say the colt would be trained by Todd Pletcher. A son of GSP Fully Living (Unbridled’s Song), the \$550,000 KEESEP acquisition was hammered down to 4-5 favoritism for his Gulfstream unveiling Jan. 9, but failed to fire, finishing sixth.

“He was a horse that was always well liked, starting from the time he was in training with Eddie Woods,” Young said. “He trained very well for Eddie and went to Chad [Brown] and trained even better there. We are going to look past his first race and know that he is a good horse who just did not fire in his first start. American Pharoah and Secretariat didn’t either.”

Reflecting on the dispersal and loss of his friend, Young said, “It is sad on many levels, for the business and personally, for myself. He was a special friend, who the more you knew about him, the more you liked him.”

The Pompa dispersal consisted of 39 horses, a mix of racehorses, broodmares and yearlings, who sold with no reserves. One horse did not receive any bids, but the other 38 sold for a gross of \$6,790,200 for an average of \$178,689. Pompa horses accounted for six of the top 11 sellers in the Keeneland January Sale, including \$925,000 co-topper **Regal Glory** (Animal Kingdom) (Hip 403) and Thursday’s \$875,000 session topper **Carillo** (Union Rags) (Hip 1566). The other five horses in the top 11 came from the Sam-Son dispersal.

“Mr. Pompa’s program has been meticulously managed and it shows,” Lane’s End Sales Director Allaire Ryan said. “It is nice to see the top agents and buyers giving these horses the respect they deserve. Mr. Pompa would be pleased.”

--@CDeBernardisTDN

De Meric Stays Busy at Keeneland

Nick de Meric was quite busy at Keeneland this week, securing a total of eight short yearlings for \$905,000 total, an average of \$113,125. The horseman was acting on behalf of an undisclosed client, signing for the yearlings under the name Sand Hill Stables.

“Those are largely on behalf of a client who races, but some will be pinhooked and we haven’t quite decided which is which yet,” de Meric said. “Sometimes if you buy them in the name of someone who races, people assume the ones who end up back in the sale are culls, which is not the case.”

De Meric’s purchases include a \$200,000 colt by Maclean’s Music (Hip 275); a \$155,000 son of Ghostzapper (Hip 186); a \$130,000 filly by top freshman sire Nyquist (Hip 357); a \$130,000 daughter of Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Hip 800F); a \$110,000 **More Than Ready** filly (Hip 3); a \$90,000 Mastery colt (Hip 256); a \$50,000 daughter of Lord Nelson (Hip 159); and a \$40,000 filly by Mastery (Hip 775).

“We are looking for yearlings that are good athletes,” de Meric said. “No matter what you are doing, that is what you’ve got to start with. We have to see what pedigrees we can afford and there are certain sires we are fond of, but, at the end of the day, we are looking for athletes.”

He continued, “You probably saw I bought a couple of Masterys, a Gun Runner. Those kind of sires don’t scare me if I am liking enough of them. In other words, second-crop sires that are consistently producing good individuals, I will take a shot with those. Very often, those are the ones who do jump up when there 2- or 3-year-olds get to the track. But the market, as we know, is not always kind to those sires, at least not initially, so that presents an opportunity in my view.”

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KEENOV STEAL PRODUCES SIX-FIGURE GOOD SAMARITAN FILLY *By Katie Ritz*



Hip 99, a daughter of Good Samaritan, reaches six figures during the first session of the Keeneland January Sale. | Keeneland

The next time Robert Traylor surveys the back walking ring at Keeneland, his eye for horseflesh is sure to be even more confident than before the start of the week.

At the Keeneland November Sale back in 2017, Traylor brought home a young mare for just \$4,000. This week, her short yearling filly by **Good Samaritan** sold for over 27 times that number, hammering down for \$110,000.

Traylor is the farm manager for Maccabee Farm, a growing operation established by Steve Belford just seven years ago with locations in both Paris, Kentucky, and Mount Gilead, Ohio.

Traylor still remembers the mare's hip number--3264. Twizzler (**Twirling Candy**) was one of the last twenty-some horses to go through the ring during the ninth session of the sale that year.

"It was getting late in the sale and I was standing in the back ring watching the individuals come in and I just fell in love with her," he recalled.

The daughter of Twirling Candy had raced just three times two years prior, her best result being a second-place finish in her debut at Ellis Park, but pedigree made up for her lackluster race record. Her dam Twist Afleet (Afleet), a seven times graded winner and victress of the 1994 GI Test S., had four stakes horses under her name.

Twizzler herself had produced a Mineshaft filly earlier that year and was in foal to Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

Before he could head up to the sales ring, Traylor called Maccabee Farm's owner Steve Belford.

"Steve and I kind of work as a team," Traylor said. "He knows all the pedigrees and I scope out the horses. I got Steve on the phone and asked if he was alright with the pedigree. He told me to go for it. She was a big, raw-boned mare and I figured she

would go for between \$25,000 and \$30,000 because she was in foal to Noble Mission, but I got her for \$4,000, so I was pretty excited."

When Twizzler foaled her Noble Mission filly the next year, Belford decided to keep the youngster. The now 3-year-old is putting in her first works at Skylight Training Center.

"She's doing great," Belford reported. "She's at Skylight with Tom Drury and her name is Natalies Charm."

Twizzler was barren the following year, but was next bred to WinStar's then first-year sire Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday). It was quickly apparent to Traylor that the resulting filly could be an exciting prospect.

"She had plenty of bone, plenty of size and a really nice hip on her," he said. "She was really well-balanced. She had the attitude to be a racehorse. I told Steve that she's probably one of the better fillies we've raised. I said she looks like a Classic horse."

Belford had to put a lot of consideration into what to do with the youngster.

"We're part of the syndicate on Good Samaritan with WinStar and we wanted to help promote the stallion by selling her," Belford explained. "But it was really hard because she was such a nice filly and I wanted to keep her myself. She looked the part."

Belford was satisfied with his decision to part with the filly when she sold to Young Squirrel Stable for \$110,000 during Monday's opening session at Keeneland January, becoming her sire's top seller to date.

"We felt she was worth it and we were rewarded," Belford said. "She was very special. We knew that she was really exceptional and we're starting to see that in a lot of the Good Samaritan foals. We have another colt that we're going to offer in February and he's also really nice."

Belford reported that Twizzler--who is back in foal to Good Samaritan, as well as five or six other mares from his band--will go back to the stallion again this year.

Most of what Belford's Maccabee Farm breeds is retained to race, with the farm's top earners including stakes winners Tough It Up (Lemon Drop Kid) and Strike Your Light (Majestic Warrior), both Ohio-breds trained by Tom Drury. In 2015, Maccabee Farm bred four-time graded stakes-winning millionaire Factor This (**The Factor**).

Despite the farm's growing success, Belford says they prefer to stay out of the spotlight.

"We don't really like publicity," he admits. "If we're going to promote anything it would be the Ohio program because we need to do better with that."

So Belford and Traylor will look for their next quiet success story, perhaps in finding another mare overlooked by the throngs of buyers at the next sale. **Cont. p10**

Good Samaritan Filly cont.

Traylor will be keeping an eye out for just that.

“I was born and raised at Claiborne and I remember the Hancocks always talking about how they liked those big, raw-boned mares because you can get any kind of horse out of them,” Taylor said. “But certain horses, they just catch your eye, you know?”

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THE WIDENER INFLUENCE IN CAPO KANE *by Sid Fernando*



Capo Kane | Chelsea Durand

Two years ago at Keeneland January, a short yearling colt by Street Sense from Twirl Me, by Hard Spun, exchanged hands for \$35,000. He'd been sold in-utero by Godolphin for \$30,000 at Keeneland November in 2017 and was foaled the following year in Bakersfield, California, at Jason Tackitt's Rising Star Farm, the colt's official breeder. Tackitt said he'd been advised to jettison the colt in January because of a knee lucency (decreased bone density) and "bad hocks." The colt was re-sold at Keeneland that September for \$75,000 and then again for \$26,000 the following May at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale. Now named Capo Kane, he won the \$150,000 Jerome S. on New Year's Day at Aqueduct by 6 1/4 lengths, his second win from three starts, and he's on the early Triple Crown trail in New York, which doesn't necessarily mean much at this writing. However, his pedigree is an excuse to shine a spotlight on the J. E. Widener branch of a family that's had a long-lasting and important impact on racing and breeding, particularly in this case through Widener's daughter-in-law Gertie Widener.

There isn't enough space here to do the Wideners justice and the scope of what follows is a narrow examination of parts of the tail-male and tail-female lines of Capo Kane, but the Wideners were influential on both sides of the Atlantic and were among those elite Americans from the early part of the last century that raced and bred horses in Europe as easily and as successfully as they had here. Europe had originally beckoned from necessity--many wealthy owners had transferred bloodstock to England and France as anti-gambling laws curbed the game here--but for some, like Gertie Widener, Europe became the preferred theater, and her successes, too many to recount here, probably played a role in paving the way for American ownership expansion into Europe in the 1960s and 1970s, which is another story altogether.

These are the key people in relation to the relevant horses in Capo Kane's background:



Gallaher Stud's Ira Drymon and Mrs. P. A. B. (Gertie) Widener
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J. E. Widener: Joseph Early Widener, one of the wealthiest men in America in the first part of the 20th century after inheriting the sizeable fortune of his father, P. A. B. Widener; owned historic Elmendorf Farm in Lexington from 1920 to 1943 and bred and raced in Europe as well; died in 1943, not quite as wealthy as he'd originally been.

P. A. B. Widener II: Son of J.E. Widener; purchased Elmendorf from the estate of his father; married to Gertrude T. Widener; died in 1948 and left Elmendorf to his son, P.A.B. Widener III.

Gertie Widener: Gertrude T. Widener, also known as Mrs. P. A. B. Widener II; had two children with P. A. B. II--P. A. B. Widener III and Ella A. Widener; successfully raced homebreds in the 1950s and 1960s under J. E. Widener's colors of red and

white stripes and black cap in France, where she mostly lived after the death of her husband; dispersed stock in 1968 and died in 1970.

Ella Widener Wetherill: Daughter of Gertie Widener; married to Cortright Wetherill; owned Happy Hill Farm in Pennsylvania with her husband and also bred horses in France, where she owned the 133-acre Chateau de Drouilly; died in 1986.

The Sire Line...

Capo Kane is a cross of Godolphin (Darley) sires Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) and Hard Spun (Danzig), a type of home breeding that was common practice among owners and breeders from the past. August Belmont II, for example, bred daughters of Rock Sand to Fair Play, both of which stood at his Nursery Stud, and the most famous example of this cross was Man o' War, by Fair Play from the Rock Sand mare Mahubah, foaled in 1917. Belmont bloodlines were important to J. E. Widener, who bought Belmont's horses on his death in 1924, and both Fair Play and Mahubah are buried on land that was Elmendorf at the time (now Normandy Farm). Widener also patronized Man o' War, another important marker in the bloodstock of the Wideners.

Street Sense is a Mr. Prospector-line stallion (Street Cry--Machiavellian--Mr. Prospector). What's not widely known is the pivotal role the Wideners played in the development of the sire line that led to Mr. Prospector (Raise a Native--Native Dancer--Polynesian--Unbreakable-Sickle {GB}), beginning with Sickle.

A Lord Derby-bred son of Phalaris (GB) and blue-hen Selene (GB), Sickle was a high-class stakes-winning 2-year-old just a shade or two from the top of his class, but he was unable to win in three starts the following year, though he was third in the 2000 Guineas.

Sickle stood his first year at Woodland Stud in Newmarket in 1929, but J. E. Widener imported the young stallion on a 3-year lease to stand at Elmendorf for the 1930 season before buying the son of Phalaris outright for \$100,000 from Lord Derby at the end of the lease. He'd originally tried to buy Phalaris and had reportedly offered Lord Derby the staggering sum of \$1 million for the leading sire, but was refused and instead settled for his son, who became a leading and influential sire at Elmendorf.

Widener bred Unbreakable (Sickle) in 1935 from an imported mare bred by August Belmont's French stud farm, Haras de Villers, and sent Unbreakable to race in England, where, like his sire, he was best at two, although he raced through age four. Unbreakable was returned to Elmendorf for stud, but wasn't anywhere near as good as his own sire in the breeding shed.

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However, he did sire Preakness winner Polynesian, a foal of 1942 bred by J. E. Widener.

Polynesian was an anniversary gift from P. A. B. Widener II to Gertie Widener after P. A. B. II bought Elmendorf following his father's death in October 1943. Sickle, incidentally, died in December of the same year.

Racing for Gertie Widener, Polynesian was a talented and tough campaigner who won 27 of his 58 starts from two to five. Though a Classic winner, he developed into a top-class sprinter as an older horse, and like his sire and grandsire, he entered stud at Elmendorf, in 1948--the year P. A. B. II died. For the 1949 breeding season, with the future of the estate in flux, Gertie Widener moved Polynesian to Ira Drymon's Gallaher Stud in Lexington, and in 1950, P. A. B. III sold the main 600 acres of Elmendorf and its breeding stock, including three stallions, to two partners, Tinkham Veale II and Sam Costello. (Max Gluck purchased Elmendorf in 1952.)

At this juncture, random luck played a role in the continuation of this line, and the excellent John Sparkman has written more than once about it. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Discovery mare Geisha was boarded at the Dan Scott Farm on Russell Cave Pike, which was across the road from Gallaher. Geisha was scheduled to be bred to a stallion at Greentree Stud in 1949, but she refused to board the van and Scott apparently called Vanderbilt's manager and suggested, as Sparkman wrote in a 2009 blog post, "that Geisha should be walked across Russell Cave Pike and covered by Polynesian, instead of risking life and limb to get her on a van. The result, of course, was Native Dancer."



Native Dancer | *Coglianesse*

Gertie Widener put Vanderbilt's great horse on the map as a sire in Europe by racing several homebred Native Dancer stakes winners overseas, including Hula Dancer, first in the 1000 Guineas in 1963; Dan Cupid, winner of several stakes races in

France, second in the French Derby, and later the sire of the great Sea-Bird (Fr); and Prix Djebel winner Takawalk.

But it's Ella Widener Wetherill and her husband who get the credit for Native Dancer's lasting influence. They bred Raise a Native, the sire of Mr. Prospector, and you know the story from there.

The Female Line...

This is Capo Kane's tail-female line for 10 generations: Twirl Me (Hard Spun)--Mambo Princess (Kingmambo)--Tuzla (Fr) (Panoramic {GB})--Turkeina (Fr) (Kautokeino {Fr})--Turquoise Bleue (Ire) (Blue Tom)--Mia Pola (Fr) (Relko {GB})--Polamia (Mahmoud {Fr})--Ampola (Pavot)--Blue Denim (Blue Larkspur)--Judy O'Grady (Man o' War).

Judy O'Grady, Blue Denim, and Ampola--the 10th, ninth, and eighth dams of Capo Kane--were bred by Walter M. Jeffords, who with Sam Riddle owned Faraway Farm where Man o' War stood and which was managed by Harrie B. Scott--father of Dan Scott, who'd suggested breeding Geisha to Polynesian.

Gertie Widener acquired Ampola and bred Polamia and Mia Pola, the seventh and sixth dams. Polamia is also the dam of the Gertie Widener-homebred Grey Dawn (Fr) (Herbager {Fr}), the only horse to defeat Sea-Bird. There's some symmetry to this, because her homebred Dan Cupid, Sea-Bird's sire, lost the French Derby narrowly to Herbager.

Ella Widener Wetherill bred Turquoise Bleue, the fifth dam. Her sire, Blue Tom (Tompion), was a Gertie Widener homebred who'd won the French 2000 Guineas in 1967 and traced in tail-male to Pharamond (GB), a full brother to Sickle who'd stood at Hal Price Headley's Beaumont Farm.

Like her mother and grandfather, Ella Widener Wetherill was drawn to France and bred horses at the storied Haras du Mesnil, where the likes of Grey Dawn were foaled. The allure of the lush landscape is evident in a famous painting by noted artist Richard Stone Reeves of a foal with his dam and a chateau in the background, titled "Grey Dawn at Chateau du Mesnil."

The Wideners had a long history at Mesnil dating back to J. E. Widener, who'd kept his mares and young stock there when it was operated by Jean and Elisabeth Couturie, and it's been said that Widener designed an L-shaped barn at Elmendorf (now on Normandy Farm) after a similar structure at Mesnil, a farm that was established by Jean Couturie in 1908 around the same time Widener was first sending stock to France.

The original Mesnil, which Madame Elisabeth Couturie continued to operate with great success as a breeder and owner in her own right after her husband's death in the middle of the century, was later divided into two farms for the two Couturie daughters. One farm kept the original name and the other became Haras de Maulepaire, which is still owned and operated

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He also won the **Belmont Stakes-Gr.1** (9f.) by 3¾ lengths and **Florida Derby-Gr.1** (9f.) by 4¼ lengths (leading sires to win it include **Scat Daddy**, **Quality Road**, **Constitution** and **Nyquist**).

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by Comtesse de Tarragon, one of the daughters. Her late husband Comte Bertrand de Tarragon, who died in 2013, has a Group 3 race named in his honor, and her mother, who died in 1982, has a listed race named after her, the Prix Madame Jean Couturie. Mesnil is now run by the comtesse's nephew and his wife.

Comte and Comtesse de Tarragon bred Turkeina and Tuzla, Capo Kane's fourth and third dams. This longtime association between the Couturies and the Wideners had been mutually beneficial, perhaps best exemplified for the French side by Madame Couturie's homebred Right Royal (Fr) (Owen Tudor {GB}), who won the French 2000 Guineas, French Derby, and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in 1961. Right Royal's dam Bastia (Fr) was a product of J. E. Widener's Victrix (Fr) and Barberybush (Fr). Likewise, Right Royal's half-brother Neptunus (Fr) (Neptune), Madame Couturie's homebred winner of the 1964 French 2000 Guineas, was by Gertie Widener's 1957 Prix Morny and Prix Robert Papin winner Neptune (Crafty Admiral).



Raise a Native | Keeneland Library Meadors Collection

With this extended history of Elmendorf principals and associates in Tuzla's pedigree, it's almost poetic that Robert and Janice McNair's Stonerside privately purchased and raced the GI Ramona H. winner and then bred from her Mambo Princess, Capo Kane's second dam. Why poetic? Because in 1997, Stonerside had purchased all the broodmares of Jack Kent Cooke's Elmendorf. Cooke had purchased the historic farm and its stock in 1984 from Max Gluck's widow after Gluck had had an outstanding tenure as the master of Elmendorf from 1952 until his death in 1984.

In 2008, Darley, the breeder of Capo Kane's dam Twirl Me, bought Stonerside and its stock, bringing this full circle. Through the years, this family has continued to perform and is responsible for such Group 1 winners as Green Dancer, The Gurkha (Ire), Silasol (Ire), Solemia (Ire), Quijano (Ger),

Okawango, Authorized (Ire), Alhaarth (Ire), Makfi (GB), Porlezza (Fr), Pornichet (Fr), Super Sheila (Aus), Metamorphose, Dream Well (Fr), Sulamani (Ire), and Zagora (Fr), among other high-class runners. And this list only accounts for top-level winners after the Pattern was instituted 50 years ago.

All of this is to say that what Capo Kane may have lacked physically for his breeder in California, he more than makes up for with depth of pedigree and international history, particularly through the Widener family's contributions. Sometimes we forget that the horse in front of us may have been fashioned through years of careful cultivation by others and may have more to him than meets the eye.

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FOUR-YEAR JOCKEY INJURY STUDY HELPS PLUG DATA GAPS *by Dan Ross*



Sarah Andrew

When Kelly Ryan, primary care sports medicine physician for Medstar Health and co-medical director for the Maryland Horsemen's Health Program, discusses with her peers in the sports medicine world her work attending to injured jockeys, she's often met with the sort of wide-eyed puzzlement usually reserved for rare finds.

"Every single bad case that we have is almost one in a million--like no other sports medicine doctor has ever seen this type of injury before," Ryan said. "They're all very unique and every single one of them could be a case study because of the level of trauma that they endure." **Cont. p14**

Jockey Injury Study cont.

This probably doesn't qualify as revelatory for those within the sport accustomed to the sort of bone-crushing acts of stunt riding seen weekly on the track.

But what the industry should be chafing against is the hitherto **dearth of hard data** that might help explain how and why these accidents happen, especially when compared to efforts within many other sports--those far less dangerous than racing--to understand the cause and effect of injury to athlete.

Which is why Ryan hopes that a four-year study she helmed into jockey injuries in Maryland--**one published last month**--will help to plug that gap.

"The important thing about injury data is if we can find patterns, then we can hopefully try to prevent further injuries, make some modifications," Ryan said.

Between September of 2015 and May of last year, Ryan and her colleagues logged all injuries--falls and otherwise--that 670 participating riders sustained when riding at Laurel Park, Pimlico and Timonium.

The study encompassed 590 race days, 5,611 races and 45,284 mounts. There were 204 injuries involving 184 separate incidents and 131 separate falls.

An "incident" is defined as this: "An event that occurred involving the jockey that required enough of a concern or risk of resultant injury that the rider needed an evaluation and injury report to be completed by the racetrack physician."

In a nutshell, the study can be boiled down to a number of key details. In all, 76.3% of falls and 79.3% of incidents resulted in an injury of some degree.

Jockeys fell on average 2.9 times per 1,000 mounts and suffered on average 4.5 injuries per 1,000 mounts.

When it comes to injury type, the vast majority--nearly 80%--were soft tissue related. Hematomas, contusions and bruises were the most common, followed by strains and sprains, then fractures, abrasions and finally lacerations.

Over a quarter of incidents resulting in injury required further medical care in a hospital or another medical facility. In 2.5% of injuries, the jockeys required surgery.

Looking at the study findings, what are Ryan's main recommendations to improve the overall quality of care given to stricken riders? She has three of them, including how each racetrack needs to have a set of clear concussion protocols in place.

Out of the 22 head injuries that jockeys suffered during the four-year study, eight were concussions, which works out to 0.18 concussions per 1,000 mounts. Six of the concussions came from a fall and two from horse headbutts.

Another of Ryan's recommendations is for racetracks to "implement" sports medicine professionals into their operations, as is the case in Maryland.

"A lot of the other racetracks in the U.S., some of them don't even have any medical providers, let alone a sports medicine-trained physician," she said, pointing out how tracks are now typically awash with veterinarians, "but there's really not much for the people."

And finally, "make sure to improve emergency action protocols and make sure jockeys get the level of care that they need immediately," Ryan said. Not only that, ensure that these protocols "are prepared, practiced and streamlined in the case of an actual emergency," she added.



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How likely is an emergency? Twenty jockeys were taken immediately to a hospital by ambulance during the four-year study, while 21 injured riders were transferred to another facility for evaluation at an orthopaedic clinic, urgent care centre or imaging centre.

Of the nine surgeries performed on injured riders, two were cases of internal bleeding from a lacerated spleen (one that had complications missed on initial evaluation). Other surgical cases included a fractured fibula, along with two shoulder and two hand injuries.

The unusual catalogue of injuries that jockeys often suffer makes it imperative they receive specialized attention from an expert who understands the long-term stresses that injury will be put under--something that happens too infrequently, Ryan explained.

"You want a hand specialist for their hand--you don't want a general orthopaedic surgeon. If you tear your ACL, you want not just a regular general orthopaedic, you want them to go to see someone who does 300 ACLs a year," she said. "[Jockeys are] professional athletes--their career depends on it."

One fascinating feature of the study is how it breaks down injury occurrence to location on the track, with slightly more than 14% of injuries unfolding on the homestretch, 8.2%

happening immediately post-finish and 6.8% near the finish line.

The most dangerous area by far, however, is the starting gate. Roughly 41% of all injuries occurred either entering or leaving the gate, or else in the contraption itself.

As such, this is another opportunity for the industry to take stock and examine the whys and wherefores of injury occurrence around the starting gate. "Can we improve the process by better training the horses, the assistant starters and the jockeys?" she said, pointing out that questions need to be asked of whether the gates themselves are contributing to the problem, and whether starting stalls used in other countries could benefit U.S. shores.

Which brings the conversation neatly back to the issues of piecemeal jockey injury data collection, and a glaring opportunity for the industry to implement safety changes built on hard fact rather than supposition.

"If we had this kind of data from other racetracks, then we'd be able to compare it," said Ryan. "What are you doing that works? Why are your numbers better? How come this track has lower numbers--does it have to do with the gate? Does it have to do with the training?"

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Q B One cont. from p1

Q B One arrived at Mandella's Santa Anita barn last Mar. 20 to prepare for his racing career. He had his first recorded workout Mar. 30 and had several more breezes until Mandella decided to back off on him. Between July 27 and Dec. 5, he did not have a published work.

"I got him up to five-eighths and he kind of lost interest on me," the trainer said. "So, I just gave him a little break and kind of backed up to zero and started over again. We've been happier with his works. We just have to hope it stays this time."

Q B One worked three furlongs on Dec. 5, the first of a string of six breezes.

"We're not trying to make him do much," Mandella said. "Just like with any other horse, we're just trying to get him ready to run. He's training a little more forward than he did before."

Does he see any similarities to Beholder, the winner of 16 stakes and a champion at two, three, five and six?

"It's apples and oranges," he said. "I haven't seen anything to make me see her. But I've had a lot of others that didn't show me that either. He does shows enough that it could happen."

The trainer said Q B One will likely begin his career at six furlongs and "might need that first race to wake him up."

Mandella did think enough of him to send a nomination fee to Oaklawn Park, which made Q B One eligible for the preps for the GI Kentucky Derby at that track. The first race in the series is the Feb. 15 GIII Southwest S.

"He's obviously not going to be ready for the Southwest, but you never know what can happen," he said. "So, we wanted to make him eligible for those races at Oaklawn."

Nominations for the Derby preps at Santa Anita are not in yet.

After Q B One, there will be more to come. Beholder has a 2-year-old filly by Curlin named Karin With an I and a yearling filly named Teena Ella, who is by War Front. She is due to Bolt d'Oro this season.

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Q B One as a yearling | Christie DeBernardis

BREEDERS' CUP WINNER BULLETIN SET FOR DELAYED AUSSIE DEBUT

by Alan Carasso

Bulletin (City Zip), who took the inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs in 2018, makes his Australian debut for trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott in Saturday's A\$125,000 Sky Racing Active H. over 1100 meters at Rosehill Gardens in Sydney. He was scratched from a similar spot last weekend at Randwick.

Bred in Kentucky by CresRan and sold for \$250,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, Bulletin first raced for the partnership of WinStar Farm, China Horse Club and SF Racing and was trained by Todd Pletcher to a debut victory in the Hollywood Beach S. ahead of a 2 3/4-length tally in the Juvenile Turf Sprint, contested in testing underfoot conditions. Winner of the Palisades Turf Sprint in five starts at three, Bulletin made a pair of starts under the care of Steve Asmussen last season, including a runner-up effort in a turf sprint allowance at Churchill when last seen in June.

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Bulletin cont.

Now racing for a conglomerate headed up by Australia’s Newgate Stud Farm and China Horse Club, the son of GSW Sue’s Good News (Woodman) will break from gate four in a field of seven. Newgate also campaigned multiple Group 1 winner Con Te Partiro with Waterhouse and Bott, and the horsewoman is expecting a positive result.

"Like a lot of horses I have got from overseas, it has taken a little time for him to acclimatise, but he will give a great show on Saturday. Small fish are sweet to start with," Waterhouse recently told the *Sydney Morning Herald*. "He is more like a gelding, he has a lovely attitude. He is a very kind sort of horse, a very nice horse."

Bulletin, who has finished second in a pair of trials at Randwick leading up to this local unveiling ([video](#)), is a half-brother to GISW Tiz Miz Sue (Tiznow), the dam of the Japanese-based, UAE Group 3-placed Serein (Uncle Mo). The female family also includes champion Cozzene, champion and MG1SW Hawkbill (Kitten’s Joy), GISW Free Drop Billy (Union Rags) and **‘TDN Rising Star’** Souper Sensational (Curlin).

"He is worth a go down here," Newgate’s Henry Field told the *Morning Herald*. "We were involved with him as a very good 2-year-old on turf in the States, but most of their big races over there are on dirt and he just didn't handle it. After Con Te Partiro, we know if you find the right horse for Gai and her team, it can work. He is a Breeders' Cup winner and is still an entire, so if he can work on the track he would have a future as a stallion."

Bulletin will be ridden by Tim Clark, with post time set for 1:30 p.m. local time Saturday (9:30 p.m. ET Friday evening).

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DEL MAR HORSEPARK CLOSURE NOT EXPECTED TO IMPACT TRAINING, RACING AT TRACK *By Dan Ross*

In December, tremors rippled through the Del Mar horse community when the 22nd District Agricultural Association announced the cancellation of all scheduled 2021 horse shows at the Del Mar Horsepark, and the proposed removal of all horses boarded there, in order to attend to costly water quality issues bedeviling the facility.

At a meeting Tuesday, board members expanded upon the reasons behind the temporary closure of the Horsepark--a 65-acre equestrian facility located within two miles from the Del Mar Fairgrounds racetrack--and mooted the idea of holding as many of the scheduled 2021 horse shows at the Fairgrounds instead.

According to Josh Rubinstein, president of Del Mar racetrack, if scheduled horse shows are indeed relocated to the facility this year, such developments aren't expected to impact the track's anticipated racing and training calendar.

"Everything is so fluid right now, but from what we've seen from proposed horse show activity for 2021, there shouldn't be any impact to what we do racing and training," Rubinstein said.

Another piece of that puzzle, said Rubinstein, concerns the \$13 million that Del Mar recently invested in a **new wastewater treatment system**, that paves the way for year-round stabling at the facility.

"If you remember back to the Lilac fire of 2017, Del Mar was forced into action because of the closure of San Luis Rey Downs. We stabled approximately 500 Thoroughbreds here through April of 2018, when we had horse show activity on the grounds," Rubinstein said.

"We worked closely to ensure that Thoroughbred training could co-exist with horse show activities. It worked well then, with not a lot of notice for planning and such, and we believe in the future it's something that can work well, too."

A lawsuit requiring the 22nd DAA to comply with state environmental regulations eventually prompted the board to curtail operations at the horse park in December. Compliance with these new regulations is expected to set the 22nd DAA back a minimum of \$3 million.

Prior to the meeting, many in the local community feared that any closure might spell the permanent end to the Horsepark, a major equine hub in Southern California. Indeed, a **change.org petition** to "Save Del Mar Horsepark" was circulated, garnering nearly 12,000 signatories.

At Tuesday's meeting, officials insisted that there were no plans to redevelop the property.

"I want the community to know and understand, this board has not made a decision to permanently close horse park," said Fair board president Richard Valdez, **during Tuesday's meeting**. "We've hit the pause button so we can determine the next steps."

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TURF PARADISE TO RE-OPEN GRASS COURSE

JAN. 25 by T.D. Thornton

The grass course at Turf Paradise, which management closed after conducting only three races over it the first two days of the meet Jan. 4 and 5, is now scheduled for a Jan. 25 reopening after having restoration work performed on its root system.

Turf Paradise general manager Vincent Francia detailed the maintenance work and plans for the reopening of the seven-furlong infield course during the Jan. 14 Arizona Racing Commission meeting.

"What happened with the turf course was nobody's fault," Francia claimed. "When we closed on March 14 [in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak], we suspended all activity. And that suspension included not taking care of the turf course during the summer..."

"So when we started racing [on] it at the early part of the meet, the jockeys found it safe, but they were really just digging it up, and we could see that if we continued to run on it we were going to damage it and it's not going to be able to continue," Francia said.

"So we have been off of it. Last Saturday, the turf course was infused with liquid iron. And what that does, that's like a human booster shot," Francia explained. "That liquid goes right to the roots, and that was followed with a nitrate fertilizer. I was on the course Tuesday. I can already see the difference through Wednesday. We're scheduled to go back on the turf Jan. 25, and hopefully this corrective action will take us through the rest of the meet," which ends May 1.

Leroy Gessmann, who serves as both the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (AZHBPA) executive director and the National HBPA president, told commissioners that "we're all anxious to get back on it, but we all understand the importance of getting a good root system on the turf course in order to run on it."

Turf Paradise is flush with about 1,400 horses on its backstretch, an uptick from previous meets largely because of the influx of outfits from northern California and New Mexico, where racing has been recently curtailed because of restrictions related to the pandemic.

"We're in the ninth day of the 84-day session," Francia said. "We've been up every day in our handle, which is very encouraging, and this is without the turf course being in operation, which is very popular with the horseplayers."

"Handle-wise, we're doing really wonderful," Francia continued. "The on-track attendance every day is where we want it. It's about 60 people a day. We can manage that, make sure everybody's safe. They're all wearing masks [but we try to] keep them socially distant."

Francia told commissioners that since the backstretch opened in late November, 22 coronavirus positives have been reported among licensees who have been tested. He added that most of those positives were reported among off-track betting (OTB) mutuel tellers, one of whom died from COVID-19 complications.

Francia said there have been three coronavirus positives among backstretch personnel, and that all three were quarantined, subsequently tested negative, and are now back at work.

Without naming the licensees, Francia added that, "We did have a rider test positive [Jan. 13] who never entered the [jockeys'] room. He is quarantined. His jockey agent is quarantined. And the two other riders [who employ that agent] have been contact-traced and alerted."

Francia said that, "I think one of the obvious things we can conclude there is our horsemen are outside. And being outside in fresh air is an advantage, and that helps with the prevention of this virus spreading. When we look at our OTB teller situation, [they are] not outside. They are in confined quarters, a restaurant or a bar, and there's people going in and out."

Added Gessmann: "Having hardly any breakouts [on the backside] has been fabulous. I would have never thought we'd get [this far into the meet] and only have two or three positives of horsemen back there."

Gessmann also lauded Turf Paradise for the Jan. 11 reopening of the four-furlong dirt training track in the southwest corner of the backside, which will help ease congestion during morning training.

"The reports I'm getting back from exercise riders is it's in good shape," Gessmann said. "After sitting for 10 months with no use, it is worked up and getting conditioned. It's been a big help to get that open."

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LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Midnight Bourbon 🦄	Tiznow	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	7-2
2	Arabian Prince 🦄	Mshawish	West Point Thoroughbreds and Sandbrook, William	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	6-1
3	Beep Beep	Tapizar	Marylou Whitney Stables	Casse	Talamo	12-1
4	Proxy	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Murrill	6-1
5	Regular Guy	Bernardini	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Mena	10-1
6	Game Day Play	Violence	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Saez	20-1
7	Santa Cruiser	Dialed In	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	6-1
8	Red N Wild 🦄	Bayern	Terry Eoff	Eoff	Carroll	20-1
9	Manor House	Upstart	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	Stidham	Beschizza	8-1
10	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	3-1
11	Dyn O Mite	Goldencents	Brad Allshouse	Desormeaux	Hernandez	30-1

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-M. Taylor, J. Taylor, BGT LLC, G. E. Saufley & Louis Brooks Ranch LP, 3-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Coffee Pot Stable, 6-Tom Durant, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Lunsford & Sikura Racing, LLC, 9-David Berman, 10-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 11-Thoroughbred Acadiana

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:23 p.m. EST

LOUISIANA S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Grand Luwegee	El Corredor	Gerard Perron	Perron	Hernandez	20-1
2	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Bridgmohan	6-1
3	Silver Prospector 🦄	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	5-1
4	Blackberry Wine	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Beschizza	9-2
5	Indimaaj 🦄	Tapit	Lea Farms, LLC	Engler	Talamo	12-1
6	Title Ready	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	6-1
7	My Boy Jack 🦄	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables, Monomoy Stables, LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds	Desormeaux	Saez	12-1
8	Wells Bayou 🦄	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, Clint, Gasaway, Lance, Madaket Stables and Wonder Stables	Cox	Geroux	3-1
9	Sonneman 🦄	Curlin	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Graham	4-1

Breeders: 1-Gerard Perron, 2-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 3-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 9-Arnold Zetcher LLC



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ASTRA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Avenue de France (Fr)	Cityscape (GB)	Benowitz Family Trust, Convergence Stable, Madaket Stables, Wonder Stables & Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Van Dyke	120
2	Miss Addie Pray 🌿	Uncle Mo	Gilbert, Julie and Sones, Aaron	Gallagher	Smith	120
3	Altea (Fr) 🌿	Siyouni (Fr)	MyRacehorse	McCarthy	Cedillo	120
4	Aunt Lubie 🌿	Uncle Mo	Jay Em Ess Stable	Mandella	Espinoza	120
5	Hermaphrodite (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	120
6	Lucky Peridot	Itsmyluckyday	Altamira Racing Stable, Wire to Wire Racing Stable, Hall, Darryl, Lantzman, Marc and Pancer, Mike	Miller	Hernandez	120
7	Carpe Vinum	Carpe Diem	MyRacehorse and Platts, Joey	D'Amato	Valdivia, Jr.	120
8	Quick (GB)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rispoli	120
9	Ms Peintour 🌿	Paynter	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Prat	122

Breeders: 1-SARL Jedburgh Stud & Thierry De LaHeronnere, 2-Gabriel Duignan, Crooshaven Bldsk, Petaluma Bldsk & Circular Rd Bdrs, 3-Carlos Vazquez Gonzalez, 4-The Elkstone Group LLC, 5-S.A.R.L. Jedburgh Stud, 6-Marion G. Montanari, 7-Machmer Hall, Craig Brogden & Carrie Brogden, 8-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Bill Adair, Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 10 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$225,000	3	4	1	1	--	--	43	10	60,000	430,196
2	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$40,000	3	4	--	--	--	--	32	13	55,000	321,289
3	I'll Have Another (2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 6 Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA Fee: \$10,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	49	5	67,983	251,862
4	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$35,000	--	1	--	1	--	--	38	6	110,161	247,258
5	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 14 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	9	45,100	224,724
6	Empire Maker (2000) by Unbridled Crops: 15 Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)	--	1	--	--	--	--	18	5	56,387	223,967
7	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$60,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	24	4	82,500	188,549
8	Paynter (2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 5 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	10	28,200	176,769
9	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 14 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$90,000	--	1	--	1	--	--	31	4	49,091	163,765
10	Union Rags (2009) by Dixie Union Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	22	4	45,105	158,410
11	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)	1	1	1	1	--	--	18	3	120,000	156,142
12	Maclean's Music (2008) by Distorted Humor Crops: 6 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$25,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	23	4	45,570	155,404
13	Orb (2010) by Malibu Moon Crops: 5 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: Private	1	2	--	--	--	--	24	5	55,000	154,595
14	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver Crops: 3 Stands: Valor Farm TX Fee: \$5,000	1	1	--	--	--	--	18	5	46,035	148,319
15	Tapizar (2008) by Tapit Crops: 6 Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)	--	1	--	1	--	--	28	4	40,000	147,061

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Fair Grounds, \$46,240, Alw, 1-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.37, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

OLLIEMYBOY (c, 4, Union Rags--Charming Thunder, by Thunder Gulch) rallied from last to earn his cap and gown at fourth asking Aug. 1 at Woodbine, but could only beat three rivals home when ambitiously spotted in the Queen's Plate S. Sept. 12 and was most recently seen finishing a late-running fourth in a 10-furlong Woodbine off-the-turfer Oct. 4. Transferred from Sid Attard to this barn since, he was made a 7-2 proposition in another washed-off spot here and broke sluggishly. Finding his footing heading into the clubhouse turn, the dark bay traveled in a ground-saving fourth past a :25.03 quarter and moved up a spot through a :50.12 half. Patiently handled while sticking to the rail on the far bend, he angled three deep in mid-stretch, swept to the lead at the furlong pole and finished full of run for a 4 1/4-length score. Odds-on Majestic West (Quality Road) was second best. The winner's third dam is MGSW Tout Charmant (Slewvescent). His dam produced a colt by Society's Chairman last season. Sales History: \$140,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$92,560. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-JMJ Racing Stables LLC; B-James & Janeane Everatt & Arika Everatt-Meeuse (ON); T-Norm W. Casse.



9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 7/16mT, 2:24.02, fm, 1/2 length.

CRYSTALLE (f, 4, Palace Malice--Undo, by Flatter) was controversially disqualified out of a 41-1 first-out upset two summers ago at Saratoga before graduating in the P.G. Johnson S. there next out and running a close second in the Gil Miss Grillo S. at Belmont. Disappointing when 11th in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, the dark bay was laid up for nearly 11 months after that and failed to crack the trifecta in three starts as a sophomore. Given a 37-10 chance to get back on track here, the \$220,000 OBS April buy broke last before moving up two spots to travel in fifth behind easy fractions of :25.36, :51.13 and 1:17.71. Making slight headway three wide as the pace quickened around the far turn, she rallied gamely in deep stretch to overhaul first-run stalker Enjoyitwhilewecan (Quality Road) in the shadow of the wire for a half-length

success. The winner is a half to Logical Myth (Data Link), SW, \$180,536. Undo, a full-sister to MGSW Apart, has an unraced sophomore Street Boss colt in Great Britain who was the second-priciest lot at last summer's Arqana Breeze-Up Sale when hammering for €682,000. She is also responsible for a 2-year-old Lookin At Lucky colt and foaled a colt by Jimmy Creed last term before being paired with More Than Ready. Sales History: \$85,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$220,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 8-2-1-1, \$139,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Tobey L. Morton; B-Glendalough LLC (KY); T-John C. Kimmel.

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3rd-Gulfstream, \$41,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-14, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.50, fm, 5 lengths.

SCARLETT SKY (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Mata Mua, by Arch), a third-out graduate by 4 1/2 lengths Oct. 23 at Belmont, ran fourth in the Central Park S. last out Nov. 28 at Aqueduct and was made a narrow 6-5 second choice in this four-horse group. Saving ground in last behind a :23.63 opening quarter, the dark bay homebred crept closer past a :48.03 half and awaited room on the far turn run. The red sea parted approaching the lane as Take Profit (Air Force Blue) drifted wide, carrying favored Trade Deal (Fed Biz) well out, and Scarlett Sky took advantage, powering to the lead three-sixteenths out and drawing clear to a five-length score. Advance Cash (Handsome Mike) was second best. The winner's dam foaled a filly by Ironicus last season before being bred to Runhappy. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$101,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.



4th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, Msw, 1-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.37, ft, 11 1/4 lengths.

READY FOR CHANGE (f, 4, More Than Ready--Single Solution {GSW, \$199,439}, by Flatter) showed an upbeat worktab for this off-the-turf unveiling, highlighted by a five-furlong breeze on Christmas Eve in 1:01 flat (2/26), and was a poorly-kept secret at 3-5. Clearing with ears pricked through a :22.67 quarter, the homebred widened in hand on the bend and never faced an anxious moment in the stretch, cruising home under wraps by 11 1/4 lengths. Fellow firster Tappin Into Summer (Tapizar) edged Dynamite Gift (Justin Phillip) for second. The victress is a half to No Fault of Mine (Blame), SW & MGSP, \$267,814 and her graded stakes-winning dam is a half to GISW turfer Vacare (Lear Fan). Single Solution is responsible for an unraced 3-year-old full-brother to the winner named Ready to Pounce and a juvenile Uncle Mo filly. She produced another Uncle Mo foal, a colt, last term before visiting War Front. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

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Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$10,000

177 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Turfway, Aoc 1m, CHOCTAW BINGO, 15-1

Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

139 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Turfway, Aoc 1m, SENNEBEC SUMMER, 6-1
\$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

249 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Laurel, Msw 6f, LIKELY CHOICE, 6-1
\$75,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$26,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Firing Line (Line of David), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000

65 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, FIRING CAROL, 30-1
\$4,500 KEE SEP yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000

238 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, DELLA FROST, 12-1
\$140,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 OBS OPN 2yo
3-Laurel, Msw 6f, PARADISE SONG, 4-1
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$240,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$250,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Jess's Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, \$4,000

130 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Laurel, Msw 6f, FLAVA'S DREAM, 20-1
\$4,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
4-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, FORBIDDEN DREAM, 5-2
\$8,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$23,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm

111 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Laurel, Wmc 1m, MOONSAFE, 9-5
1-Laurel, Wmc 1m, SHABANG, 12-1
\$55,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000

203 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, MY DELICIOUS, 10-1
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$75,000

214 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, HOT AS BLUE BLAZES, 6-1
\$130,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$240,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, SCENIC OVERLOOK, 6-1

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

209 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, CASHEW, 6-1
\$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000

199 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, JOYFUL CADENCE, 10-1
\$90,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$235,000 KEE SEP yrl

Texas Red (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm
 95 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, TARVI, 15-1
 \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 156 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Turfway, Aoc 1m, POCA MUCHA, 4-1

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia
 145 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Laurel, Wmc 1m, EXPECT THE SUNRISE, 8-1
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 4-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, MILLER'S MAIDEN, 5-1
 \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl



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Olliemyboy (Union Rags) powers away to a dominant allowance victory at Fair Grounds

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Chukyo and Nakayama Racecourses:

Saturday, January 16, 2021

7th-CKO, ¥14,360,000 (\$138k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1200m

LA LA CHRYSAOR (h, 5, **Speightstown**--Lindy, by War Front) made a huge impression when graduating by 10 1/2 lengths on debut as the 6-5 favorite just over two years ago ([video](#), gate 5), but has been missing since a third in his first attempt versus winners the following April. A \$325K Keeneland September purchase in 2017, the bay is out of a stakes-placed dam who was led out unsold on a bid of \$320K with this foal in utero at KEENOV in 2015. La La Chrysaor's now juvenile half-brother Mean Jakey (Violence) fetched \$340K at KEESEP last fall. *B-Ranjan Racing Inc (KY)*

Sunday, January 17, 2021

4th-CKO, ¥11,400,000 (\$110k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m

SEOJOON (c, 3, **Liam's Map**--Tiz Champ, by Tiznow) is the second foal to make the races from his dam, a daughter of Salt Champ (Arg) (Salt Lake), a three-time Group 1 winner at home and victorious in the GI Santa Monica H. in this country. Tiz Champ is a half-sister to Champ Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus), winner of the GI Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship and second to Dangerous Midge (Lion Heart) in the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Downs. Seojoon was hammered down for \$110K at KEESEP. *B-Arturo Vargas (KY)*

4th-NKY, ¥11,400,000 (\$110k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m

COSMIC MIND (c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Mystical Star, by Ghostzapper), a \$280K KEESEP acquisition, is out of Cheyenne Stables' wire-to-wire winner of the grassy GII New York S. in 2012 who also gained Grade I black-type when runner-up in that year's Juddmonte Spinster S. over the Keeneland Polytrack. The colt's third dam Degenerate Gal (Degenerate) was a three-time GSW around two turns and was placed in the GI Shuvee H. *B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY)*

ERIE TESORO (f, 3, California Chrome--Celtic Chant, by Songandaprayer) cost \$130K as a KEENOV weanling in 2018 before improving into a \$235K KEESEP yearling the following year. Her stakes-winning dam has already been responsible for the Grade III-placed Irish Mischief (Into Mischief), while the deeper female family includes MGISW Vicar (Wild Again) and his stakes-winning half-sister Sheepscot (Easy Goer), the dam of 2007 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Astronomer Royal (Danzig) and U.S. GSW Navesink River (Unbridled). *B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY)*

11th-NKY, Keisei Hai-G3, ¥72,000,000 (\$694k), 3yo, 2000mT BLACK LOTUS (c, 3, American Pharoah--Arravale, by Arch) made the most of his career debut--on the dirt, somewhat surprisingly--scoring narrowly over the metric nine furlongs at this venue Dec. 20 ([stretch video](#), SC 12). The \$200K KEESEP graduate is beautifully bred for the surface switch, as his dam was Canada's Horse of the Year and champion grass mare and has produced GII Natalma S. third-place finisher Nancy O (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). American Pharoah's GI QE II Challenge Cup winner and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Third Harvey's Lil Goil has a second dam by Arch. Merriebelle Stable acquired Arravale for \$490K in foal to Animal Kingdom at KEENOV in 2016. *B-Merriebelle Stable LLC (KY)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Fair Grounds, \$48,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-14, 4yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.36, ft, nose.

POUND FOR POUND (h, 6, Redding Colliery--Buttercup's Song, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-7-7-1, \$394,118. O-Israel Flores Horses LLC; B-J. Adcock & B&B Bloodstock (LA); T-Andrea Ancil Ali. *\$5,000 Ylg '16 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Flatlined (Flatter), GSW, \$499,504.

7th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 1-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.47, ft, 2 lengths.

DON'T GET KHOZY (f, 4, Khozan--Get Noticed {SW-PR, \$165,982}, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 23-6-7-2, \$196,964. O-Drawing Away Stable; B-Special Effort Farm & Laura & Michael Colon (FL); T-Antonio Sano. *\$10,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT.

4th-Delta Downs, \$37,600, 1-14, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28.20, ft, 3/4 length.

LANGS DAY (g, 4, New Year's Day--Langsyne, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$82,080. O-Keith Plaisance; B-J. Adcock & Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC (LA); T-Lee Thomas. *\$27,000 Ylg '18 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Special Blessing (Flat Out), MSW, \$270,330.

7th-Delta Downs, \$36,000, (S), 1-14, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28.63, ft, 1 length.

MUFFIN NUTS (g, 4, Lewis Michael--Muffin {MSP, \$241,414}, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$52,745. O-Blue Ridge Racing; B-Circle H Farms (LA); T-Alan Klanfer. *1/2 to Zendelphian (Big Top Cat), SP, \$235,505.

8th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 1-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.78, ft, 3/4 length.

FAIRY DUST (f, 4, Golden Lad--Carry the Torch {SP}, by Snow Ridge) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$66,470. O-M3 Racing Stable & Wire to Wire Racing, Inc.; B-WMT Stables, Inc. (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 1-13, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.07, ft, 2 lengths.

POWER FORWARD (f, 4, Competitive Edge--Hard to Get, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, \$81,638. O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Slip the Cable (Midshipman), MSW, \$379,114; and Weekend Liberty (Midshipman), MSP, \$229,964.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Thetruthisthtruth, f, 3, Flat Out--Posse Up, by Posse. Fair Grounds, 1-14, (S), 6f, 1:12.85. B-Mike Heitzmann, Roger Heitzmann Jr. & Roger Heitzmann III (LA). *\$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$28,000 RNA 2yo '20 EASMAY.

Talent Expected, f, 3, Prospective--Talent N Passion, by City Place. Charles Town, 1-13, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.02. B-Dennis Paul Finger (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Unitedandresolute, c, 3, Violence--Curls in Place, by Curlin. Fair Grounds, 1-14, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.62. B-John OMeara (KY). *\$165,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$120,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP.



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Gran Wildrocky, g, 5, Corfu--Angel of Bataan, by Holy Mountain. Charles Town, 1-13, 4 1/2f, :53.75. B-Lisa McGreevy (FL). *\$4,500 Ylg '17 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Hollywood Angel (Circular Quay), SP, \$194,966.



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COMPETITIVE EDGE, Power Forward, f, 4, o/o Hard to Get, by Not For Love. ALW, 1-13, Charles Town

CORFU, Gran Wildrocky, g, 5, o/o Angel of Bataan, by Holy Mountain. MSW, 1-13, Charles Town

FLAT OUT, Thetruthisthe truth, f, 3, o/o Posse Up, by Posse. MSW, 1-14, Fair Grounds

GOLDEN LAD, Fairy Dust, f, 4, o/o Carry the Torch, by Snow Ridge. ALW, 1-13, Penn National

KHOZAN, Don't Get Khozy, f, 4, o/o Get Noticed, by Graeme Hall. AOC, 1-14, Gulfstream

LEWIS MICHAEL, Muffin Nuts, g, 4, o/o Muffin, by Smart Strike. ALW, 1-14, Delta Downs

MORE THAN READY, Ready for Change, f, 4, o/o Single Solution, by Flatter. MSW, 1-14, Fair Grounds

NEW YEAR'S DAY, Langs Day, g, 4, o/o Langsyne, by Langfuhr. ALW, 1-14, Delta Downs

PALACE MALICE, Crystalle, f, 4, o/o Undo, by Flatter. AOC, 1-14, Gulfstream

PROSPECTIVE, Talent Expected, f, 3, o/o Talent N Passion, by City Place. MSW, 1-13, Charles Town

REDDING COLLIERY, Pound for Pound, h, 6, o/o Buttercup's Song, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 1-14, Fair Grounds

SKY MESA, Scarlett Sky, c, 3, o/o Mata Mua, by Arch. AOC, 1-14, Gulfstream

UNION RAGS, Olliemyboy, c, 4, o/o Charming Thunder, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 1-14, Fair Grounds

VIOLENCE, Unitedandresolute, c, 3, o/o Curls in Place, by Curlin. MSW, 1-14, Fair Grounds

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Sky Mesa's Scarlett Sky streaks home by five lengths in a Gulfstream allowance | Lauren King



MISHRIFF TARGETING SAUDI CUP



Mishriff winning the Prix du Jockey Club | Scoop Dyga

Last year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club victor **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) is being prepared for next month's \$20-million Saudi Cup, said Ted Voute, racing manager to the colt's owner/breeder Prince Faisal.

Trained by John Gosden, Mishriff was second in last February's Saudi Derby on the same card before stringing together a hat trick of black-type victories over the summer, beginning with the Listed Newmarket S. prior to the French Derby and culminating in a 4 1/2-length score in the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano. He was last seen beating two home over the soft ground in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot on Oct. 17.

"John's preparing him for the race," Voute confirmed. "The Prince and him discussed it in late December and the Prince lives in Riyadh. It's on a dirt track which he handled last year when he came second. We're going back a furlong, but we hope it won't inconvenience him."

"It's something to look forward to," Voute added. "There's not a lot for him at home until probably June. Last year he went out there and [then] won the French Derby which was the same sort of timing. It gives him a few months off after he comes back."

Frankie Dettori was in the saddle for Mishriff's last two starts, but David Egan will take the ride in the Saudi Cup.

TATTERSALLS UNVEILS FEBRUARY CATALOGUE

Tattersalls has catalogued 497 horses for its two-day February Sale, which takes place at Park Paddocks on Feb. 4 and 5.

The largest consignment comes from The Castlebridge Consignment, which fields 47 including the 92-rated 4-year-old filly **Dancing Feet (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) (lot 460), a three-time winner in 2020 for Archie Watson; the 3-year-old filly **Coloratura Soprano (Ity)** (Golden Horn {GB}), a half-sister to last year's G2 Oaks d'Italia scorer Auyantepui (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) (lot 162); and **Aubade (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot 163), an unraced 3-year-old half-sister to three stakes winners from the family of the outstanding producer Halfway To Heaven (GB) (Pivotal {GB}).

Godolphin, Juddmonte and Shadwell have 49 horses catalogued between them.

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AL SHAQAB

Mishriff Targeting Saudi Cup cont. from p1

“He’s in Bahrain at the moment so he’s nice and close,” Voute said. “We’ve contacted him already and he says he’ll be delighted to ride him. He’s retained by us, but for one reason or another he didn’t get back on him last year [after Newmarket].”

There are 17 Grade or Group 1 winners entered for the Saudi Cup, including Mishriff’s Champion S. conqueror Addeybb (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Other European representation could come from the Roger Charlton-trained **Extra Elusive (GB)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Saeed bin Suroor’s **Military March (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) and Charlie Hills’s **Tilsit** (First Defence).

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Tattersalls Unveils February Catalogue cont. from p1

Juddmonte’s drafts always draw plenty of attention and this time around it includes **At Ease (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) (lot 385), a winning 4-year-old daughter of dual Grade I winner Jostle (Brocco), who has also produced two stakes winners; and **Ludisia (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) (lot 389), a 3-year-old daughter of

the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup winner African Rose (GB) (Observatory) and therefore a full-sister to G3 Princess Margaret S. winner Fair Eva (GB) and from the family of Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}).

Other standout fillies in the catalogue include **Mystify Me (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}) (lot 311), a daughter of the stakes-winning Fig Roll (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) and half-sister to G3 Prix d’Arenberg scorer Al Raya (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}); **Coniger (Ire)** (Coulsty {Ire}) (lot 363), a 3-year-old daughter of G2 Falmouth S. winner Macadamia (Ire) (Classic Cliche {Ire}) and half-sister to stakes winners Lovely Pass (Ire) (Raven’s Pass) and Spirit Raiser (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}); and **Sesame Birah (Ire)** (Gregorian {Ire}) (lot 138), a 4-year-old filly who was placed in the Listed Denford S.

The catalogue also boasts some quality colts and geldings in training, including the Timeform 100-rated **Bluebeard’s Castle** (War Front) (lot 202), who has won twice over 2000 and 2400 metres for Joseph O’Brien; **Affwonn (Ire)** (Free Eagle {Ire}) (lot 425), who has won his only start for Roger Varian and is Timeform rated 90p; and **Alexej (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}) (lot 454), a winner and three times placed from four runs for trainer John Gosden who is out of the Group 3-winning Aquatinta (Ger) (Samum {Ger}).

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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

TONY FUNG/PHOENIX ACTIVE AT MAGICS

The team's purchases on Thursday included a pair of seven-figure Not A Single Doubt colts. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Tattersalls February cont.

The catalogue also includes yearlings and mares in foal.

Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, "The Tattersalls February Sale continues to be a consistent source of high-quality breeding stock and horses in training with the dam of last year's G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge-winning 2-year-old New Mandate being a prime example. Along with the 2-year-olds and yearlings on offer, this year's February Sale looks certain to appeal to the usual diverse mix of domestic and international buyers who have made the Tattersalls February Sale Europe's premier midwinter fixture. Our live internet and telephone bidding facilities will again be available for buyers unable to attend in person and we will continue to explore every possible avenue for buyers to participate at all of our sales despite the prevailing challenges."

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VADAMOS TO GRANGE STUD

Coolmore has purchased the G1 Prix du Moulin winner **Vadamos (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}) from Tally-Ho Stud and will stand him under its National Hunter banner at Grange Stud for 2021 at a fee of €6,000. In addition to the Moulin, Vadamos won the G2 Prix du Muguet and the G3 Prix Messidor. He is out of the listed-winning Celebre Vadala (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), who is a half-sister to the dual Group 1 winner Valixir (Ire) (Tremolino). Vadamos is represented by his first 3-year-olds in 2021 and has thus far had 14 first crop winners headed by the G3 Acomb S. second Spycatcher (Ire).

"Vadamos is a smashing-looking horse who has made an excellent start with his first runners and we're delighted to get him," said Grange Stud Manager Albert Sherwood.

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Vadamos | Tally-Ho Stud

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ROBERT NG TO SPONSOR MINSTREL S.



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Racehorse owner Robert Ng has agreed to a three year sponsorship of The Curragh’s G2 Minstrel S., which will be run as the Romanised Minstrel S. in honor of Ng’s G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who also won the Minstrel in 2019 and 2020. Romanised enters stud this year at Haras de Bouquetot in Normandy, France.

Ng said, “It gives me great pleasure to sponsor the Minstrel S. as The Curragh has been a lucky racecourse for me. It was very exciting to watch Romanised quicken like he did to win the 2019 and 2020 renewals of the G2 Minstrel S. at The Curragh. These successes also reminded me of the burst of acceleration Romanised showed when he won the Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas in 2018. I hope we will see more excellent performances in the future renewals of the Romanised Minstrel S.”

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TOO DARN HOT

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- New England Stud's Peter Stanley said, "He is a lovely, quality foal with a great outlook. If all Too Darn Hot's foals look like this, he will be a very exciting young stallion."
- Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) was champion 2- and 3-year-old and stands for £45,000 at Dalham Hall Stud.



Too Darn Hot | Darley

BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Chelmsford City, £5,300, 1-14, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:07.29, st.

FATHER OF JAZZ (GB) (c, 4, Kingman {GB}--Bark {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$10,852. O-W J and T C O Gredley; B-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-Pau, 18,000, 1-14, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:31.00, st.

CASTLE (IRE) (c, 4, Frankel {GB}--Plumania {GB} {G1SW-Fr, \$838,738}, by Anabaa) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, 18,000. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland. *1/2 to Plumatic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Eng & Fr, \$288,134.



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IN THE UAE:

Topper Bill (Fr), g, 3, **Intrinsic (GB)**–Alyaa (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). Meydan, 1-14, Cond, 3yo, 1200mT, 1:10.16. B-Malih Al Basti. *1,000 RNA yrl '19 ARQFEB. **VIDEO.**

Global Heat (Ire), g, 5, **Toronado (Ire)**–Raskutani (GB), by Dansili (GB). Meydan, 1-14, Hcp, 2410mT, 4yo/up, 2:29.65. B-Wellsummers Farm. *1/2 to Agent Murphy (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Ire & GSP-Fr, \$149,154. **190,000gns wnl '16 TATNOV; 325,000gns yrl '17 TATOCT. **VIDEO.**

Wasim (Ire), h, 6, **Acclamation (GB)**–Quiet Protest, by Kingmambo. Meydan, 1-14, Hcp, 1400mT, 1:23.11. B-Floors Farming, S Roy & Admington Hall. *SP-UAE. *1/2 to Jouska (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}), SW & GSP-Eng. ***55,000gns yrl '16 TATOCT; 38,000gns 2yo '17 TATAPR. **VIDEO.**

Firnas (GB), g, 8, **Dubawi (Ire)**–Crystal Music (G1SW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, \$367,336), by Nureyev. Meydan, 1-14, Hcp, 1900m, 4yo/up, 1:57.47. B-Watership Down Stud. *Full to High End (GB), SP-Eng; 1/2 to Crystany (Ire) (Green Desert), MSP-Eng;

Crystal Moment (Distorted Humor), MSP-US, \$172,996; Treasury Devil (Bernardini), SP-Eng. **1,600,000gns yrl '14 TATOCT. **VIDEO.**

IN QATAR:

Thunderstone (Ire), g, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Frine (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Al Rayyan, 1-14, Maiden Plate, 1200mT, 1:12.37. B-Duque de Albuquerque & Mr Laffon Parias. *1ST LOCAL START. **€210,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT; 17,000gns 2yo '20 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

MIDDLE EAST

Thursday's Results:

1st-Meydan, AED82,500, Mdn, 3yo, 1400m, 1:23.87.

MESHAKEL (IRE) (c, 3, **Shamardal–Mehronissa {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng, \$130,032}**), by **Iffraaj {GB}**), a 500,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase, was third in his first two starts going six furlongs at Haydock and Ayr last June before finishing fifth upped to seven furlongs at Ascot on July 25. On those occasions he was trained by Mark Johnston for Salem bin Ghadayer as owner, and he was thereafter expatriated to Dubai to join bin

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260,000gns etc.**

1st-Meydan cont.

Ghadayer's stable. He was an encouraging second off a break of more than four months when resurfacing at Jebel Ali on the dirt for the first time just a week ago. Driven by Royston Ffrench to take up the lead out of the gate, Meshakel was never truly troubled thereafter and drew away off the turn to win by seven lengths over stablemate Rare Ninja (Distorted Humor). Meshakel is the first foal out of the listed-winning and G3 Bengough S. second Mehronissa, who is a half-sister to the GII Honeymoon Breeders' Cup H. winner and GI Matriarch S. and GI Del Mar Oaks second Three Degrees (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}). The 9-year-old mare has a yearling filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Sales history: 500,000gns yrl '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.** O/T-Salem bin Ghadayer. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd.



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5th-Meydan, AED183,650, Cond, 3yo, 1600m, 1:37.55. **REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE) (g, 3, Dubawi {Ire}–Minidress {GB}, by Street Cry {Ire})** was well supported for this UAE 2000 Guineas Trial coming off a pair of all-weather wins going a mile at Newcastle on Oct. 26 and Kempton on Nov. 18, the latter by four lengths, and he duly obliged. Away near the rear of the pack, Rebel's Romance eventually settled about midfield and in the three path under William Buick as they raced up the backstretch. Circling rivals approaching the quarter pole,

Rebel's Romance easily turned back the front-running pair of Zhou Storm (GB) (Due Diligence) and Chosen Mark (Ire) (The Last Lion {Ire}) before being joined by Mouheeb (Flatter) on the inside. Mouheeb ran Rebel's Romance to a head at the wire, which Rebel's Romance reached under a hand ride. That pair were seven lengths clear of Sharp Spun (GB) (Hard Spun) and Zhou Storm, who dead-heated for third. "That was a perfect first experience on dirt and he will have learned a lot," said trainer Charlie Appleby. "He was a bit slowly away as we expected, but he has travelled strongly and picked up well. It looked close at the end, but when you watch it back William has really looked after him and given him a nice education with the UAE 2000 Guineas in mind. Whatever he does this year though he is going to be a really nice horse for 2022 and is one to look forward to. As a gelding, hopefully he will be around for a few years." The fourth foal out of the Listed Height Of Fashion S. second Minidress, Rebel's Romance is a half-brother to the Listed Cairn Rouge S. third Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Frankel (GB). The second dam is the G3 Musidora S. and G3 St Simon S. winner and dual Oaks placed Short Skirt (GB) (Diktat {GB}), and she is a half-sister to the G2 Prix de Pomone scorer Whitewater Affair (GB)—also the dam of the Japanese Classic and G1 Dubai World Cup winner Victoire Pisa (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) and the G2 Princess of Wales's S. winner Little Rock (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.** O/B-Godolphin. T-Charlie Appleby.



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TONY FUNG/PHOENIX ACTIVE AT MAGICS



Lot 612, colt by Not A Single Doubt | Magic Millions

by Bren O'Brien

A desire to secure the best colts from the final crops of Not A Single Doubt has seen Tony Fung Investments and Phoenix Thoroughbreds go to seven figures for two of his sons on the third day of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

At A Glance:

- The Fung/Phoenix partnership went to \$1.8 million for Lot 612 and \$1 million for Lot 529, both sons of Not A Single Doubt.
- The sister to Loving Gaby (I Am Invincible) is going to Ciaron Maher, who negotiated a \$1.2 million deal with Kia Ora Stud for the sought-after filly.
- The Victorian Alliance struck to secure three colts, two by I Am Invincible, which included Lot 636 for \$950,000.
- James Harron Bloodstock paid \$800,000 each for a colt by Zoustar and a filly by Snitzel.
- The average of the Sale is still tracking ahead of where it was last year, up to \$257,471, from \$252,113.

- The clearance rate was at a very healthy 88 per cent, up from 87 per cent at the Sale time in 2021.
- The median remained steady, both day-on-day and year-on-year, at \$180,000.
- The Sale remains on a path to become the first ever to break the \$200 million mark for aggregate.

No Doubt there's a plan

The G1 Golden Slipper-winning partnership of Tony Fung Investments and Phoenix Thoroughbreds have doubled down on their faith in Slipper winner Farnan's sire, Not A Single Doubt, going to \$1.8 million to secure one colt, Lot 612, and \$1 million for Lot 529.

The partnership is clearly the Sale's leading buyer, spending \$9.385 million on 13 lots across the first three days, with \$5.19 million of that going on six sons of Not A Single Doubt.

It was Phoenix Thoroughbreds' founder Amer Abdulaziz who did the bidding online to secure the day's top lot, who is out of Group 2 winner One More Honey (Onemorenomore), and was offered by Emirates Park.

Shane McGrath, who is co-ordinating the Fung/Phoenix bidding in the Sale, said it was no surprise that both partners were a fan of the now pensioned Arrowfield Stud stallion.



Shane McGrath | TDN AusNZ

"They are a limited edition, the Not A Single Doubt colts. He's come off a great nursery, out of a very good racemare. Our partner, Amer in Dubai, he was up and watching and said he'd like to bid on the horse. That's why we ended up bidding online," McGrath said. "Unfortunately he can't be here at the Sale. Everyone in the industry likes to be part of the atmosphere and likes being part of the process. We've been fortunate that he's allowed the team to collect the list of horses. We just thought on a horse like this, it was nice for him to do the bidding.

"It's great for the industry that the Fung family and Phoenix are getting in and supporting people with such good colts. He's a particular line of stallion that we have got a huge passion for."

McGrath stated that they were right at their spending limit on the bay colt, who sports a spectacular white blaze. The dam, One More Honey, won a G2 Sweet Embrace S. as a 2-year-old and is a half-sister to R. Listed Magic Millions Cup winner Vega One (Lope De Vega {Ire}). She's got a Zoustar colt on the ground, and is in foal to Snitzel.

The result meant a great deal to Emirates Park, who returned to the sales ring as a vendor for the first time in three years.

"As you know, they are not making them anymore," Emirates Park General Manager, Bryan Carlson, said. "He was a lovely colt. Even back at the farm, he's been very popular. I didn't think he was going to make that much (\$1.8 million), but I knew he was going to make over a million. He's been very popular and has been out of his box the whole time. It's a fantastic result.

"You never have expectations coming to a sale, you only end up hurting yourself. We came to the Sale thinking he was going to be a very nice horse."

Million-dollar result for Baramul

Earlier, it was Lot 529 which became another \$1 million lot for Not A Single Doubt, with the colt from Baramul Stud, out of Medaglia Valore (Medaglia D'Oro {USA}), the daughter of multiple stakes winner Military Rose (General Nediym), who won a R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic.

McGrath said he very much fitted the mould of good horses that the Fung family and Phoenix have sourced from this Sale before.

"The formula has worked for us so far. He was a lovely colt. All the team liked him. All the cliches are there for him, A lovely fast, sharp 2-year-old and we hope he is back here next year," he said. "He's a phenomenal sire. There's only a handful of colts there, and we are keen to secure them. The market has shown there is a huge appetite for the stallion, and he's a huge loss.

"We have had a lot of success in recent times from purchases out of the Magic Millions sale ring. It's nice to give a bit of money back to Gerry (Harvey). God knows he needs it!"

Both colts are headed to the stables of Annabel Neasham.

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch praised the Fung/Phoenix partnership's continued desire to remain active in the market.

"They have had a huge fill-up out of this Sale. When you think about it, they bought Dubious, here years ago, and two years ago they've taken home Farnan and Anders, plus Prague. It works, doesn't it?" he said.

"They have bought some huge horses out of this Sale which have been great on the racetrack, but they have also sold them well to stud. Why wouldn't you come back here? The recipe obviously works. They obviously have a little bit of an obsession with Not A Single Doubt, which obviously works when we've got these great colts here by the sire."

The Fung/Phoenix partnership's \$9.385 million spend leads Ciaron Maher Bloodstock (\$5.75 million), which has purchased the most horses at the Sale to date with 20.

The Sale continues to sustain a near-record pace, with the average of \$257,113, up around \$5000 from last year to this point, while the clearance rate is at 88 per cent, again an improvement on 2020. The median remains at \$180,000, re-enforcing the perception of the depth in the market.

"The market's truly set now. It's buoyant, it's confident and it's real. The vendors are putting them on the market and buyers are having a proper go at all levels," Bowditch said. "When you're selling a horse well at \$80,000; selling a horse well at \$500,000, through to the big numbers, it just gives buyers confidence to buy at all levels and that's what Magic Millions is all about: getting people involved at all levels and giving every part of the market a chance to play their part."

Gaby's sister follows in her steps

The destination of Group 1 winner Loving Gaby's (I Am Invincible) sister, Lot 500, was no surprise, with Ciaron Maher Bloodstock winning the day, but not before she was initially passed in at her eventual price of \$1.2 million.

It took only minutes for Kia Ora Stud and Maher, who trained Loving Gaby in her two Group 1 triumphs, to come to terms on a deal to purchase the daughter of stakes-placed Maastricht (NZ) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who fetched \$2.25 million at the 2019 Inglis Chairman's Sale, in foal with this filly.

"It wasn't straightforward - it was a bit awkward at the end there, but we're rapt to be able to get her. She's very much like her (Loving Gaby) and maybe a little bit stronger," Maher said. "I didn't have much more left in me. Maybe another five (\$50,000). Hopefully she can be as good as her sister."

Maher is in the perfect position to compare Loving Gaby and her younger sister.

"Gaby was a very big, raw filly and this horse has maybe got a little bit more quality, a little bit more strength and the same sort of physical. She is quite tall," he said. "Gaby came to hand

pretty early for a big filly and this horse is well structured. If they have plenty of ability they can normally get there earlier than what you think."

Kia Ora Bloodstock and Breeding Director Shane Wright were pleased to get the deal done.

"The deal took a bit of doing. She's been so popular all week. I was very happy that Ciaron bought her. Obviously, he trained Loving Gaby, so she has gone to the best home she could do. He does such a great job with his 2-year-olds and this girl looks like she's a proper one for the race next year.

"By this time next year, hopefully she would have built her own reputation and hopefully she won't be living off Loving Gaby's reputation any more. I reckon that will be the case."

Maastricht had a Justify (USA) colt in November.



Lot 500, full-sister to Loving Gaby | Magic Millions

The filly is the first seven-figure lot for Yarraman Park's I Am Invincible at the Sale this year and he leads the overall aggregate of all sires, with \$16.295 million spent across 29 lots. Not A Single Doubt leads averages with those having had three or more lots sold, on \$611,818, clear of I Am Invincible on \$561,897.

Almanzor (Fr) is third on averages and leads the first-season sires on \$506,667, having had a marquee result with Lot 470, the colt out of Lazumba (Sebring), offered by Bhima Thoroughbreds and purchased by Ultra Thoroughbreds and Baystone Farm for \$800,000.

Alliance picks up three

The third highest lot of the day was purchased by the Victoria Alliance, which involved Rosemont and several other Victorian breeders. They worked with Suman Hedge Bloodstock and David Redvers Bloodstock to purchase Lot 636 late in the day, an I Am

Invincible colt offered by Coolmore, for \$950,000.

He is the first foal out of stakes-placed Petition (Foxwedge), who is the daughter of Group 1 winner The Party Stand (NZ) (Thorn Park), from the family of recent Group 1 winner Callsign Mav (NZ) (Atlante).

Hedge said the colt very much fit their criteria for their fund.

"He was a horse we identified very early at the top of our list of colts to try and secure for our Victorian Alliance. He's by a champion stallion, out of a stakes-placed mare, a daughter of a Group 1 winner," he said. "He's a lovely physical. He looks like an early running horse and that's the profile that us and a lot of the other colt buyers here are looking for. So, he ticked every box and he was an easy purchase."

Having picked up one colt on the first two days, paying \$1 million for Lot 332 by Zoustar from the Widden Stud draft, the Victorian Alliance were able to pick up three more on Thursday. They paid \$300,000 for Lot 420 by Written Tycoon from Edinburgh Park, and \$400,000 for Lot 620, another I Am Invincible colt from the draft of Yarraman Park.

"It is a very crowded market for colts. I think there's six or seven different syndicates trying to secure them and they're all looking for similar qualities in those horses. Everybody's landing on them, everyone's got money," Hedge said. "It's a pretty buoyant sale here - Magic Millions has done a wonderful job - so you have to be very aggressive on the ones that you want and put yourself out there if you want to get them.

"Fortunately we have been able to pick up a couple of other horses which were probably under our projected budget and that probably smoothed over a couple of our other aggressive purchases out of the total that we've been able to get."

Harron doubles up

James Harron struck twice on the day to secure two horses for \$800,000, Lot 483, a Zoustar colt from the Widden Stud draft, and Lot 503, a filly half-sister to Anders (Not A Single Doubt), offered by Arrowfield.

The Zoustar colt from Widden is out of Lone (Sepoy), the unraced half-sister to stakes winners Atmospheric (Northern Meteor), Gai's Choice (General Nediym) and Peron (Husson {Arg}).

"He's a lovely horse. I'm a big fan of Zoustar. I love the way he was bred. There's a lot of speed through the dam's side. He was a beautifully-balanced horse, with a great attitude and quite mature. He's really, probably, one of the best Zoustars I've seen," he said.

Fillies in that price range weren't supposed to be on Harron's list, but the daughter of Snitzel and Madame Andree (War Emblem {USA}), who has produced both Group 3-winning speedster Anders and stakes-placed Battleground (Snitzel), proved impossible to resist.

"I absolutely fell in love with her. I was fortunate enough to be able to call a couple of my good owners and tell them that I love this filly and they were happy to jump on board. I'm really excited to get her. She looks very precocious and very fast, and I can't wait to see what she does," he said.

Both horses will go to Anthony and Sam Freedman in Victoria. Harron has spent \$2.375 million on four lots to date and is taking a targeted approach to the week.

"We've got a very short list and we are pretty concentrated on what we want. You can't have everything you want in this market. We are happy with where we are at the moment," he said.

His spending has helped push Arrowfield into the position of leading vendors at the Sale through three days, with \$10.225 million in sales across 31 horses, clear of Widden Stud on \$9.88 million and Coolmore on \$8.83 million.

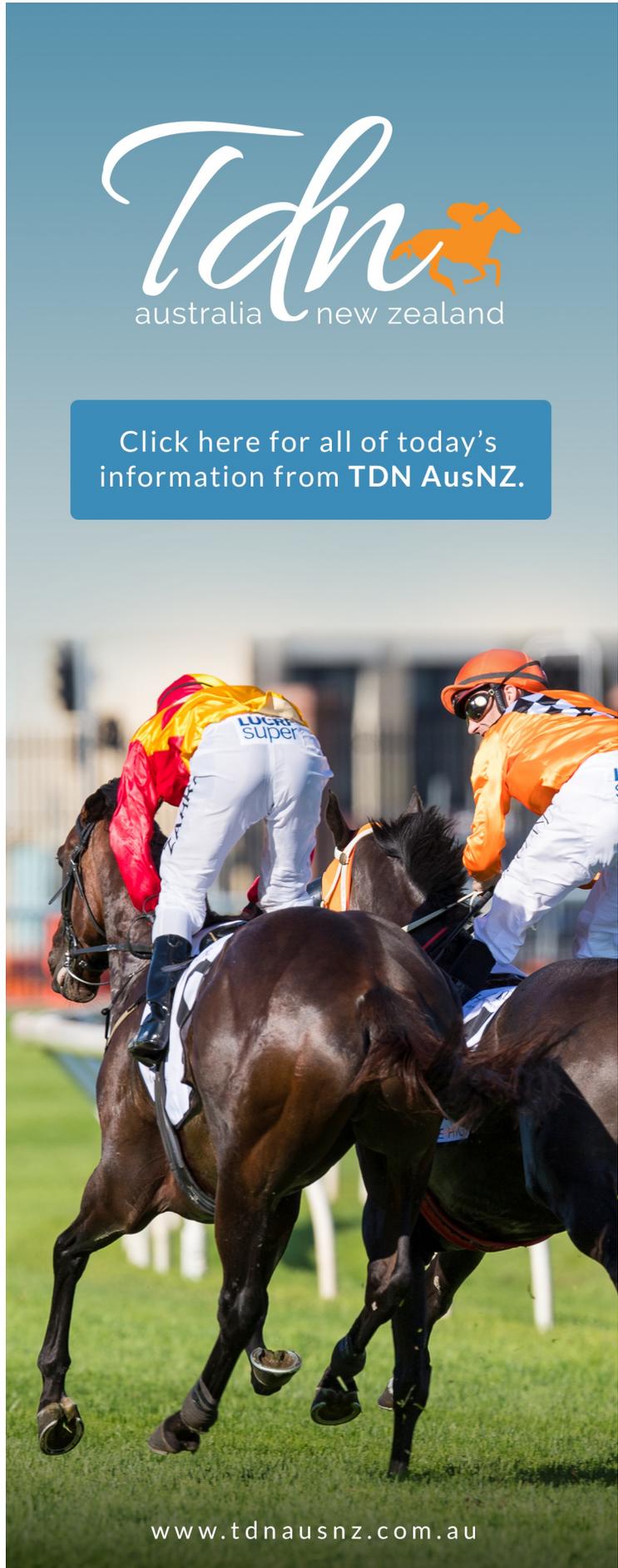
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