



GREG AVIOLI Q&A: "I'M VERY OPTIMISTIC RIGHT NOW"



Greg Avioli | Getty Images

by Dan Ross

Last week, the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) announced a roughly \$15-million, two-year "purse enhancement" program as part of an agreement with TVG, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and The Stronach Group's 1/ST Racing.

The reason for the new program is simple: an unprecedented betting shift toward ADW platforms over the past 11 months has hit the California purse account hard. Not just the purse account. This shift has similarly clobbered several key industry programs that rely heavily on wagering made at brick and mortar venues.

The Southern California Stabling & Vanning Racing Committee recently announced a set of stopgap funding measures to grapple with a \$2-million deficit and maintain the stabling status quo in the southern portion of the state during 2021, for example.

Other impacted programs include the jockey's insurance fund and the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA), the umbrella organization overseeing the fate of California's retired racehorses.

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KY SUPREME COURT WON'T HEAR HHR LEGALITY CASE by T.D. Thornton

The Supreme Court of Kentucky ruled Jan. 21 that it will not rehear an appealed Sept. 24 decision that told a lower court to re-examine the legality of historical horse race (HHR) gaming in the commonwealth, keeping the most crucial form of funding for purses at the state's five Thoroughbred tracks in peril.

HHR handled \$2.2 billion during the Commonwealth's most recent fiscal year, and revenue from that form of gaming annually contributes tens of millions of dollars to the Kentucky purses. This form of gaming has been operational--but challenged by opponents in the courts as illegal--for the better part of a decade on the grounds that HHR does not meet the definition of pari-mutuel wagering.

Although Thursday's Supreme Court decision was not entirely unexpected, it eliminates an avenue for keeping HHR functional in Kentucky, making it clearer that getting HHR passed via new legislation remains the Thoroughbred industry's best path forward, according to some stakeholders. **Cont. p7**

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Public details of the new ADW agreement were light on the ground, however. And so, *TDN* spoke Wednesday morning with TOC president and CEO Greg Avioli about the new purse program and the ongoing economic pressures that an ADW-centric wagering model in California is having on the industry.



Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

DR: Beyond what's been made public already, what specifics can you share of this new "purse enhancement" program?

GA: Details will be coming out in the next 30 days. At this point in time, we're getting input from the racetracks, the trainers and the breeders as to where everyone sees the greatest needs. And then, ultimately, the decision as to exactly where the purses will go will be made by the TOC racing committee, which is chaired by Gary Fenton.

While the exact amount of 2022 purse contributions will not be known until later in 2021, this year's purse contributions will total approximately \$7.75 million with the majority coming from TVG, which has over 80% of the market share in the state.

DR: Is this a set amount based on projections, or are these attached to fee changes? And how does any redrawn hub fee structure compare to hub fees historically?

GA: The agreement we have reached with 1/ST Racing and TVG and NYRA is to maintain the 5% hub fee--as was the case in recent years--but then separately have purse supplements paid into California purses.

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For the other ADWs--for Game Play Network and WatchandWager--we have actually reached an agreement filed with the CHRB for a 4.1% rate. And we have filed arbitration with Churchill [Downs] for a 4.1% rate.

That 5% rate will stay in effect for 2021 for the entities I mentioned [1/ST Racing, TVG and NYRA]. These aren't projected amounts based on the future--it was a business negotiation to where we got to the final amounts.

I can send you the final amounts of wagering for each of the ADWs from California residents for 2020, and what you'll see when you do the math is it is effectively, approximately, 0.9% of the total handle received from TVG and total handle received from 1/ST Racing. That will basically add up to the \$7.75 million [estimated for each year].

I want to emphasize, and it's important, that it was not a reduction in the hub fee for either TVG, NYRA or 1/ST Racing.

In answer to your question about how any redrawn hub fee structure compares to hub fees historically, the fees that I mentioned with the three that we reached a deal with were basically fees paid in lieu of arbitration.



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DR: What will the "baseball arbitration" process with TwinSpires moving forward look like?

GA: Baseball arbitration is something that I learned in law school in the 1980s, so that shows how old I am.

This came from the arbitration for baseball players, when they became eligible for free agency. This is process where a baseball agent would say, 'I want \$250,000,' and the team would say, 'We want to pay you \$200,000.' And they would sit in front of an arbitrator, and the arbitrator had to pick one. No middle ground.

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It is a baseball arbitration, and the ADW has to enter an agreement with the racetrack. In this case, it was Santa Anita. TwinSpires entered the agreement with 5%. We responded, 'We think that's too high, the rate should be 4.1%.'

Now it goes to an arbitrator, and we're in the process of trying to reach an agreement on who the arbitrator will be. If we're unable to reach that agreement, there's a process for that to be appointed. And then it's in expedited arbitration, which the statute calls for being done in six weeks.

During that period of time, the 5% rate that TwinSpires has agreed to with Santa Anita will maintain in effect--they [TwinSpires] will take wagers from California residents, and accept 5%. And then if the arbitrator determines to go with the 4.1% rate suggested by the TOC, then that will be a retroactive disgorgement of that 0.9% dating back to Jan. 1.



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DR: How sustainable is this new ADW-heavy wagering model in California? What do we know of the retention rate, for example, of new TVG customers garnered over the last 12 months?

GA: It needs to be sustainable because it is the new reality.

We're going to have to find a way to make the business work with the vast majority of wagers now coming online. People like to refer to the book industry--the Barnes & Noble story--but look at the car industry right now as well. Every industry is moving to online commerce, and we are absolutely no different to anyone else in that regard.

The opportunity we have here--and again, I wasn't around when they created this law--but one of the things I would definitely have tried to change when they passed this law is to make sure the racetrack and the horsemen had access to the customer data. **Cont. p6**

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Unfortunately, that's not how it's set up. The customers are all owned, and the data is all controlled, by the ADWs. No one can sit here today and tell you how many ADW residents there are--how many customers, residents of California, [use] ADWs.

But if you talk to people in the business and get arm's-length estimates, it seems to me there's probably about a quarter-of-a-million active customers--200,000-300,000 would be a good number in California.

And of those 200,000-300,000, there's obviously an 80/20 rule--the vast majority is probably bet by less than 50,000 of them. But you're talking over \$1 billion wagered.

We believe the future that will occur by the end of this year, you're going to start to see these merged wallets, where the sports books will be offering wagering on horse racing to their sports book customers. And the market in California, estimated for sports wagering, is at least a \$3-billion market annually. The number of customers, you're probably looking at, at least three million.

So, if you follow the math, you're going to have a 10-times opportunity for customers who have never really been presented with racing to have racing on a sports betting website that they're going to every day or every week. Therein lies the opportunity to expand our customer base by 10 times by the launch and expansion of sports wagering.

But it's expanding horse racing wagering to be offered as part of sports wagering not just in California, but in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and Illinois--all the states that allow sports wagering to have their customers be able to wager on horse racing, including California, one of the top signals.

Part two of that strategy, we need to run more races. We need to get back to Thursday racing at Santa Anita for four days a week. Daytime racing is a wonderful opportunity for horse racing because there's just limited other products for people to wager on.

If you talk to the ADWs or the sports wagering companies, they'll all tell you they've all been amazed at the volume of wagering on tennis worldwide, and the reason they wager on tennis, there's five or more professional tours offering a product almost every day of the week.

We have content--we have to get more content out there at a time when that content is needed. And again, if that's Wednesday at Del Mar, or Thursday at Santa Anita, that's going to be part of the strategy.

DR: How do we get more content?

GA: It's a multi-factorial equation. We believe it begins with more purses. As someone was just telling me yesterday, at the

end of the day, California is a purse driven market. If we have competitive purses, owners and trainers are going to run their horses.

We're on target to have purses go back up over \$100 million this year, which is definitely a step back in the right direction, and that's not counting the Breeders' Cup. If you count the Breeders' Cup, obviously it's another \$20-plus million on top of it.

Then you get to the age-old question of how you get more participation from the horses that we have--our horse population that we have is creeping back up, closer to 2,800 in the last few months. Of course, some of that has to do with Golden Gate. But we need to get our horse population back up over 3,000.

Then we have to have a shared vision with the trainers that they understand the value to them as a group, and as an industry, doing what we can to increase field size. There's a lot of factors that go into running horses, but the benefit we have in California is that we pay full-time, year-round stabling and training costs, which no other jurisdiction does.

We sent a memo out--I believe **your publication reported on it**--notifying the trainers that the system that has funded this is under tremendous strain, and that we're going to have to come up with a new system. Hopefully, as part of people understanding where we are, we can have a better, more open and active relationship with the trainers as well.

We are all in this together, and I think it's really been a lack of communication and a lack of time--people taking the time to understand the challenges, and how we work our way out of this. I'm very optimistic right now.

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AVIOLI Q&A cont.**DR: Are we writing the right races for our inventory? Is that something else we could be looking at?**

GA: Again, that's a multi-factorial question. I think the new racing secretary at Santa Anita has done a great job. David Jerkens at Del Mar is considered one of the best racing secretaries in the county.

I think they do a damn good job at running the right races. But again, it's all about communication. It's all about understanding what you have on your backside and understanding the thought process of the trainers.

And so, the more back-and-forth everyday communication you have between the racing department and the trainers, the better races you're going to write, and again, I see this as going in a positive direction in California.

DR: Purses are only one part of the puzzle. There are a variety of key industry programs funded heavily from brick and mortar wagering. What's being done to restructure funding on those programs?

GA: I can't say there's anything being done broadly to restructure these programs. Each one is its own complex ecosystem. We've talked about stabling and vanning--I've actually got a call in just a few minutes with the trainers to know what they want to see, what options they want to have, where they want to train.

We have two auxiliary stabling facilities right now--do we keep them both? If we keep them both, how do we get more horses, because they're both 50% occupied. Lots and lots of questions that we're going to have to figure out.

Workers' compensation, we started to address that one by lowering the expenses, hired a full-time safety director last year. Much tighter protocols than we've had in the past for trainers who have multiple violations or multiple claims. Their rates go up if they have too many claims or are removed from the program.

Jockey insurance, funded from uncashed pari-mutuel tickets, has basically two to three years of reserves left, will basically need a completely new funding formula. That's probably going to be legislative.

Each one of these things is going to have to have its own solution.

Note: After the interview, Avioli followed up with several more details surrounding the new "purse enhancement" agreement:

- According to the California CHRIMS database, 2020 ADW wagering handle indicates that the combined wagers processed by TVG and FanDuel TVG (roughly \$649 million), 1/ST Racing/Xpressbet (roughly \$196 million) and NYRA Bets (roughly \$27 million) totalled some \$872 million.
- 0.9% of the aggregate contribution from these three ADW entities comes out to approximately \$7.8 million.

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KY SUPREME COURT WON'T REHEAR HHR cont. from p1

Tonya Abeln, the vice president of communications for the gaming corporation Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), told the Louisville *Courier-Journal* that, "The Kentucky Supreme Court clearly told the industry to work with the General Assembly on achieving a legislative solution. Our top priority for the 2021 legislative session is maintaining the status quo to ensure historical horse racing can continue operating in Kentucky as it has for the past decade."

CDI, which owns the tracks and gaming licenses associated with Kentucky's Churchill Downs and Turfway Park, has already halted reconstruction on its demolished Turfway grandstand, vowing late in 2020 not to continue until HHR's legality gets sorted out.

Officials at Keeneland Race Course told WTVQ in a statement that, "We are aware of the decision and are evaluating our options moving forward."

Although the Supreme Court case only involves HHR machines of a particular brand, the gaming systems operate in broadly the same manner throughout Kentucky, meaning that a precedent established for one version is likely to affect all forms of HHR gaming.

But the near-term fate of HHR remaining operational was still murky as of Thursday evening.

"The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission [KHRC] will act in accordance with the terms of the judgement entered by the Franklin Circuit Court, pursuant to the September 24, 2020, opinion of the Kentucky Supreme Court," stated a Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet statement posted to Twitter. "The KHRC will not provide additional comment at this time, due to ongoing litigation."

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by Alan Carasso

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners has acquired a part-interest in recent **‘TDN Rising Star’ Annex (Constitution)** from LNJ Foxwoods, Aron Wellman, Eclipse’s managing partner tweeted and then later confirmed via phone Thursday afternoon.

“We’re in a fortunate position where we’ve got a good relationship with the Roth family, with Jaime, and I go way, way back with Alex Solis [III] and Jason Litt, their advisors,” said Wellman. “That existing relationship certainly helped to be able to open the door for the opportunity to buy into the colt.”

Sent off at debut odds of 5-1 in a one-mile Gulfstream maiden Jan. 16, Annex was given a patient ride by Junior Alvarado and hit top gear at the eighth pole, streaking home to graduate in extremely impressive fashion ([video](#)). The flashy chestnut earned a very strong 81 Beyer Speed Figure.

“It was really an eye-catching performance,” Wellman said. “I don’t think it took any sort of profound opinion to get on the horn and try to see if a horse of his caliber could be added to our stable. I thought it was a very good group of colts that he ran against and the style and manner in which he was able to win the race and show such an electric turn of foot—he came home wicked fast that day, and looked like potentially he had more gears to call upon if Junior Alvarado had asked him to do so.”

He continued, “He comes from a Hall of Fame operation in Bill Mott and you know he is thinking long-term with a colt like Annex. He certainly didn’t have him cranked up first time, so we’d like to think there is plenty more there. When a horse flashes that type of natural ability in a debut and especially around two turns at a major venue, those are certainly the kind of horses we want to have as part of our stable and take us to the big races on the big days. Hopefully he is capable of building on what was a very impressive unveiling.”

Eclipse is set to be represented by a pair of runners in both of this weekend’s Pegasus races—Largent (**Into Mischief**) in the Turf and **Constitution**’s son Independence Hall in the main event. Like many judges, Wellman is bullish on the WinStar inmate and that made Annex that much more attractive.

“He’s quickly stamped himself as a blue-chip stallion with his first few crops and certainly being associated with Independence Hall helped our cause and it allows us to have

some intimate appreciation for **Constitution**,” he said. “He’s shown that he can throw elite performers. This colt is out of a mare by Unbridled’s Song and out of a half-sister to the dam of [MGISW] You (You and I), so there is plenty of quality there on the bottom side as well. We hope he continues to go from strength to strength.”

With the first stage of Triple Crown nominations set to close Saturday, Wellman said that the partnership is all but assured to pay up for the series. But he added that neither would it trouble them in any small way to remain on the grass.

“Frankly we bought him with the perspective that he’s proven the ability to be a superior turf horse,” he said. “If that’s what he turns out to be and can race in the upper echelon of turf races in America, of which there are incredible options with the Turf Triple, et cetera, we are not afraid at all to have a good turf horse.

He added, “We just want a good horse, but obviously the temptation to try a horse with this kind of ability that’s already proved he can get two turns is there. But we’re not going to be in any rush. He’s in phenomenal hands, the LNJ crew has managed him beautifully to posture him for future success and have taken their time with him. If the time comes when Annex earns his opportunity to test the dirt, we’re not going to be afraid to do that and we’ll

certainly be enterprising in that regard. But we just bought him to be a good horse, if that’s turf or dirt, it doesn’t matter.”

Wellman also provided an update on the stable’s Valiance (**Tapit**). A stakes winner on turf as a 3-year-old, the gray filly broke through with a 6-1 upset of the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. on the main track ahead of a gallant runner-up effort behind likely champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) in the GI Longines Breeders’ Cup Distaff Nov. 7.

“After the Distaff, we decided we were going to give her some time to recover from her campaign at WinStar Farm,” Wellman explained. “She’s been there since the Breeders’ Cup, it’s been about 70 days now, and we’re just about ready to put the tack back on her and gradually get her back into a training pattern. We’ll probably give her 30 or 45 days to leg up at WinStar and then she’ll join [trainer] Todd [Pletcher] in Florida before heading back up to New York. We’re very enthused about her trajectory.”



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"Everything about her in terms of versatility is exciting and she's really thrived, even since the Breeders' Cup. She's really turning into a physical specimen and an imposing mare. We've conservatively managed her with the belief that she could turn into an elite filly and thankfully that came to fruition and we're certainly looking forward to another high-class campaign beginning in late spring or early second part of the year."

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IN CHRB REVERSAL, LOS AL GETS YEAR-LONG QH LICENSE *by T. D. Thornton*

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) voted 4-3 Jan. 21 to grant Los Alamitos Race Course a full-year Quarter Horse racing license for 2021, superseding a 5-1 vote from last month that awarded only a six-month license out of concerns that management wasn't doing enough to mitigate the 29 equine deaths that occurred at the track in 2020.

In the immediate aftermath of that controversial interim licensure in December, Los Al owner Ed Allred had threatened to close his track and develop the property for a purpose other than racing, which would also affect the afternoon Thoroughbred meets that Los Al hosts in June/July, September and December. Allred had cited concerns that Los Al could not compete with other national Quarter Horse venues under only a six-month license, because owners, trainers and the track's racing office all need to make plans for an entire year of racing.

Striking a much more conciliatory and cooperative tone than at the last meeting, Allred and other Los Al executives, in asking for a reconsideration, testified on Thursday that they now have a more comprehensive equine safety plan in place, including the recent hiring of three retired CHRB investigators to oversee improvements related to horse health.

Yet even as Los Al officials spoke of those beefed-up efforts to improve equine safety, the CHRB pressed track officials about two Thoroughbred training-related deaths that occurred at Los Al Jan. 17. One horse suffered a catastrophic leg fracture during a workout, and a filly that had just completed a workout and was about to be endoscoped in her stall by a veterinarian died suddenly. Both incidents are under CHRB investigation.

It's worth noting that back at the December meeting, an initial motion to grant a standard one-year license to Los Al failed after the board--which was short by one member because commissioner Alex Solis was not in attendance--deadlocked 3-3. A second motion to grant the one-year license conditional upon a mid-year safety review also came up tied 3-3. Faced with not granting any form of licensure to Los Al, the CHRB eventually settled 5-1 on the half-year license, with chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM, the lone dissenter.

On Thursday, the CHRB took nearly three hours of testimony and public commentary on reconsidering the one-year license for Los Al. Prior to the vote, Ferraro reiterated his point from last month that granting only a half-year license made no sense considering the CHRB has the power to halt any California track's racing at any time over safety issues.

"What does a six-month license achieve, except animosity within the industry?" Ferraro asked rhetorically. "I don't see the need to limit the length of the license. Given the economic hardships resulting from the pandemic, why should the CHRB put at risk the financial viability of Los Alamitos and the Quarter Horse racing industry?"

Vice chair Oscar Gonzales, who had pushed hard for the six-month license last month, lauded Los Al Thursday for its renewed commitments to horse safety. But he said he still wasn't going to change his mind about wanting the track to be more closely watched because of its high number of equine fatalities.

"When I see an industry or a racetrack react in the way [Los Al] did by [giving] pushback on a one-year versus a six-month license, it makes me wonder what happens when the newly established federal regulatory powers take full effect," Gonzalez said, alluding to the recently enacted Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act.

Gonzalez then told his fellow commissioners who support granting a one-year license that they should be aware that "this phase of engaging with Los Alamitos is a new one. And I don't want anyone to think for a minute that the powers that have been vested by the state of California in the CHRB, that [those standards] are going to be compromised in any way. In fact, [closer scrutiny] is just a start if we don't see immediate and quick improvements when it comes to horse safety and the welfare of workers at Los Alamitos."

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell said she sided with Gonzalez in this sense.

"There are some serious credibility issues, from my perspective, with the [Los Al closure] threats that were made at the last meeting," Mitchell said. "This is our job and our responsibility.... If we do something you don't like and then you threaten to shut down, that's not the way to work with a regulatory body. And that's not an appropriate response."

With the full seven-member board voting on Thursday, there was no chance for another round of deadlocks.

Voting in favor of granting a full-year 2021 license to Los Al were commissioners Ferraro, Solis, Dennis Alfieri and commissioner Damascus Castellanos.

Voting against were commissioners Gonzalez, Mitchell, and Brenda Washington Davis.

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CHRB cont.

In other CHRB business, the agenda for Thursday's meeting included an option for the board to convene a closed session to hear two separate requests to overturn and appeal a Dec. 9 stewards decision not to disqualify Justify and Hoppertunity based on their 2018 scopolamine positives. With the open portion of Thursday's CHRB meeting extending to nearly five hours, it was not immediately clear before deadline for this story if those matters were taken up in the executive session or what action might have resulted.

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FASIG-TIPTON ADDS 70 SUPPLEMENTAL ENTRIES TO WINTER MIXED SALE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued an additional 70 supplemental entries to its 2021 Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale. The entries are catalogued as hips 581-650 and may now be [viewed online](#). Print versions of the supplemental catalogue will be available on the sales grounds at sale time.

These latest entries include:

- **Shieldmaiden (Hip 589)**: Daughter of Smart Strike is the dam of Fair Maiden (**Street Boss**), recent winner of the GI La Brea S. at Santa Anita. She is from the immediate family of Grade I winners Secret Status (A.P. Indy), Private Status (Alydar), and Dunbar Road (**Quality Road**). Offered in foal to Passion for Action, she is consigned by South Point Sales Agency, agent.
- **Julia's Ready (Hip 594)**: Daughter of **More Than Ready** is a half-sister to Grade I winner Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike). A winner at two and an earner of \$191,000, she is consigned as racing/broodmare prospect by Hermitage Farm, agent.



Tom's d'Etat | Sarah Andrew

- **Mo See Cal (Hip 605)**: Daughter of Uncle Mo is a stakes winner of \$348,258. Consigned as a broodmare prospect by Paramount Sales, agent.
- **Educating (Hip 610)**: Young daughter of Elusive Quality is a half-sister to graded stakes winners Diversy Harbor (**Curlin**), Keertana (Johar), and Snow Top Mountain (Najran). In foal to **Hard Spun**, she is consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent.
- **Whoa Nellie (Hip 625)**: Multiple stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed earner of \$353,830. Immediate family of Grade I winners Awesome Humor (**Distorted Humor**), Emcee (Unbridled's Song), and **Constitution (Tapit)**. Consigned as a broodmare prospect by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Fox Hill Farms, Inc.
- **Playful Love (Hip 630)**: Stakes-placed daughter of **Tapit**, offered in foal to **Twirling Candy**. Consigned by Lane's End, agent.
- **Fiftyslays of Green (Hip 640)**: Stakes-placed daughter of leading broodmare sire **Bernardini**, from the family of Grade I winner Composure (Touch Gold).
- **Dame Commander (Hip 642)**: Three-year-old daughter of **War Front** is a half-sister to European GSW and U.S. Grade I- placed Long Island Sound (War front), and out of half-sister to Grade I winners Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) and Balance (Thunder Gulch). Consigned as a racing/broodmare prospect by Four Star Sales, agent.
- **Not In Jeopardy (Hip 646)**: Multiple stakes-placed daughter of **The Factor** is out of a stakes winning half-sister to Grade I winners Justin Phillip (**First Samurai**) and **Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini)**, and graded stakes winners Successful Mission (Successful Appeal) and **Algorithms (Bernardini)**. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent.

Also included are yearlings by Bolt d'Oro, Practical Joke, **Good Magic, Frosted, Ghostzapper**, and Munnings.

There are also several entries from the Estate of Daniel Kessler (K.C. Garrett Farm LLC).

Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept approved supplemental entries through Monday, Jan. 26.

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1

He must have shown good form as a 2YO.

Won the **Champagne Stakes-Gr.1** by 4 lengths (previous winners include Coolmore America's outstanding sires **Scat Daddy** & **Uncle Mo**).

2

He must have demonstrated his ability to stay 1¼ miles as a 3YO.

Won the **Travers Stakes-Gr.1** by 5½ lengths (fifth fastest time ever, faster than top sires **Bernardini**, **Medaglia d'Oro** etc.) and runner-up in the **Kentucky Derby-Gr.1**, both over 10f.

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**).

3

He must be sound.

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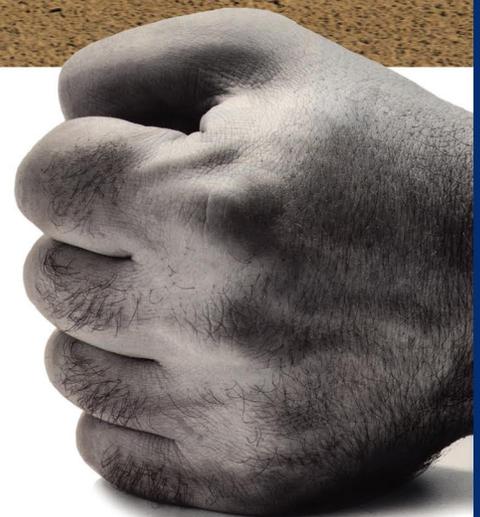
A better racehorse than his leading young sire **Constitution** (by **Tapit**).

His dam Tizfiz (by **Tiznow**)

won the **San Gorgonio H.-Gr.2** (now the **Robert J. Frankel Stakes**)

at Santa Anita and is a full-sister to Fury Kapcori

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REQUEST TO ESCROW \$4.9M IN 'RECAPTURED' ARLINGTON PURSES AGAIN SHOT DOWN BY STATE *by T.D. Thornton*



Arlington Park | *FourFootedFotos*

For the second time in four months, the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) declined a request by the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) Jan. 21 to put \$4.9 million of "recaptured" purse funds in escrow so that money can only be collected by Arlington Park if the track runs its entire slate of 68 dates in 2021.

During Thursday's IRB meeting, the ITHA restated the same argument it articulated back Sept. 16, when the 2021 dates were initially granted: that the Illinois racing community doesn't have faith that Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), the gaming corporation that owns Arlington, will follow through on running a race meet in its entirety, so ITHA wants the statutorily legal recapture funds conditionally withheld by the IRB as a cudgel of compliance.

The litany of distrust between the ITHA and Arlington is based on three recent incidents: 1) A stunning 2019 decision by CDI to intentionally miss a deadline to apply for racino licensure at Arlington after working for more than a decade with the ITHA to get a gaming law passed; 2) An acrimonious eight-month battle over race-meet contracts for 2020 and 2021 that included numerous blown deadlines and required IRB mediation; and 3) Comments made last July 30 by Bill Carstanjen, CDI's chief executive officer, that CDI will honor its 2021 race meet contract with the ITHA "if we elect to do so" and that the Arlington property "will have a higher and better purpose for something else at some point."

Recapture has been a controversial entity unique to Illinois racing for 25 years. It's based on a 1995 law that states that if in any given year, total Illinois handle falls below 75% of the state's

1994 benchmark, any track whose handle also falls below its own 1994 individual benchmark is entitled to deduct 2% of the difference from its horsemen's purse account.

To give a long-view example of how much money that law has cost Illinois purse accounts since its implementation, David McCaffrey, the ITHA's executive director, testified Thursday that Thoroughbred and harness tracks statewide over the decades have reaped \$298 million in recaptured funds, with Arlington alone raking back \$98 million in money that had been earned for purses.

ITHA President Michael Campbell added that recapture "is harmful. It is what has caused the almost total erosion of the industry in Illinois."

But although they have a problem with the recapture law itself, McCaffrey and Campbell both admitted that Arlington is not doing anything illegal in taking the recapture money according to the Illinois statute.

"It's their legislative right," Campbell said. "But at the same time, it doesn't mean that it's a good law."

Campbell noted that Hawthorne Race Course, the other stop on the two-track Chicago circuit, is deferring any collection of its recapture funds until more money is generated for purses when the Hawthorne racino gets up and operational.

Yet Arlington president Tony Petrillo testified that his track already does work with the ITHA to the extent that, "Arlington, prior to this year, has voluntarily capped or put a ceiling on recapture of \$4.5 million."

Petrillo added: "Regarding the [escrow] payment schedule that the ITHA is seeking, first I would say Arlington should not be treated differently than any other racetrack in those terms.... We cannot control the results of the pandemic.... We have accepted 68 days of racing [and] fully intend to run those 68 days of racing.... I don't think [escrowing the recapture funds] would be in the best interest of racing and to set that type of precedent."

Back in September, when the ITHA first asked the IRB to hold back 2021 recapture funds until Arlington's 68-date season was completed, the IRB's attorney said that statutory provisions didn't allow the attachment of such a stipulation to dates orders. Based on that advice, board members at that time voted 6-0 to grant Arlington's schedule with no escrow strings attached.

But it was noted at that same meeting that the ITHA could bring up the subject again in January, when the IRB had to vote upon setting the 2021 recapture payment schedule.

Yet on Thursday, after hearing from both the ITHA and Arlington for 25 minutes on the topic, no IRB members stepped forward to attach the ITHA's escrow request to the motion listed on the agenda to certify the recapture amounts. **Cont. p12**

In fact, the IRB didn't even discuss the issue prior to voting 6-0 to release the recapture payments as requested by the tracks.

For Illinois' three Thoroughbred tracks, the approved recapture amounts this year will be: Arlington (\$4,948,020), Hawthorne (\$2,879,530) and Fairmount Park (\$1,934,464).

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DILGER EQUINE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TWO FURTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of the Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship Foundation has awarded two further scholarships for 2021 to a pair of Irish students studying Animal Science Equine at University College Dublin. Rachel Doran and Ciara Russell have each been awarded with placements at Gabriel and Aisling Duignan's Springhouse Farm in Lexington.

"I am honored to have been chosen alongside Ciara for this scholarship and it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get something like this," said Doran, who works in a racing yard while studying towards her degree. "I hope to pursue a career in bloodstock and breeding and Springhouse Farm will definitely provide me with experience in that area and it will be amazing to learn from industry experts."

Added Russell: "I feel so privileged to have been chosen for the Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship Award. I am very excited and look forward to gaining invaluable experience at Springhouse Farm in Kentucky."

The Gerry Dilger Equine Scholarship, named in honor of the late, beloved Central Kentucky horseman, seeks to "aid, promote and nurture the younger generation in the bloodstock business."

"I am extremely grateful to all the donors that have generously contributed to establish this foundation," said Erin Dilger. "It celebrates Gerry's memory and beliefs...by helping young people progress and learn in the bloodstock business."

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:44 p.m. EST

PEGASUS WORLD CUP INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$3,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sleepy Eyes Todd 🌿	Paddy O'Prado	Thumbs Up Racing, LLC	Silva	Ortiz	123
2	Coastal Defense 🌿	Curlin	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust	Romans	Lanerie	123
3	Independence Hall 🌿	Constitution	WinStar Farm LLC, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC and RKV Racing, LLC	McCarthy	Prat	123
4	Knicks Go 🌿	Paynter	Korea Racing Authority	Cox	Rosario	123
5	Jesus' Team 🌿	Tapiture	Grupo 7C Racing Stable	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	123
6	Kiss Today Goodbye 🌿	Cairo Prince	John Sondereker	Kruljac	Smith	123
7	Tax	Arch	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Hugh Lynch	Gargan	Saez	123
8	Harpers First Ride	Paynter	GMP Stables, Arnold Bennewith & Cypress Creek Equine	Gonzalez	Cruz	123
9	Last Judgment	Congrats	M. Dubb, S. Hornstock, Bethlehem Stables & Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Lopez	123
10	Code of Honor 🌿	Noble Mission (GB)	W.S. Farish	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	123
11	Mr Freeze 🌿	To Honor and Serve	Bakke, Jim and Isbister, Gerald	Romans	Velazquez	123
12	Math Wizard	Algorithms	Fanelli, John, Mishref, Khalid, Cash is King LLC, LC Racing, Collarleme Vitelli Stables LLC, I. Zoumas & Bassett Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	123

Breeders: 1-Two Hearts Farm LLC & Kristen Goncharoff, 2-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 4-Angie Moore, 5-Pamela P. Gartin, 6-Debmar Stables, 7-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 8-Sagamore Farm, 9-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 10-W. S. Farish, 11-Siena Farms LLC, 12-Lucky Seven Stable

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:59 p.m. EST

PEGASUS WORLD CUP TURF INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Next Shares 🌿	Archarcharch	Debby & Richard Baltas, Christopher Dunn, Jules & Michael Iavarone, Jerry McClanahan, Ritchie Robershaw & Mark Taylor	Baltas	Van Dyke	123
2	Breaking the Rules	War Front	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Velazquez	123
3	Storm the Court	Court Vision	Exline-Border Racing, David Bernsen, Susanna Wilson & Dan Hudock	Eurton	Leparoux	123
4	North Dakota	Medaglia d'Oro	Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz	123
5	Colonel Liam 🌿	Liam's Map	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
6	Largent 🌿	Into Mischief	Twin Creeks Racing Stables & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Lopez	123
7	Aquaphobia	Giant's Causeway	Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David, Hooties Racing LLC and Skychai Racing, LLC	Maker	Bravo	123
8	Anothertwistafate	Scat Daddy	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Miller	Rosario	123
9	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	123
10	Pixelate	City Zip	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Zayas	123
11	Say the Word	More Than Ready	Agave Racing Stable and Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Prat	123
12	Social Paranoia	Street Boss	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	123

Breeders: 1-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 2-Phipps Stable, 3-Stepping Stone Farm, 4-Joseph Allen, LLC., 5-Phillips Racing Partnership, 6-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC, 7-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 8-Pursuit of Success LLC, 9-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 10-Godolphin, 11-Sam-Son Farm, 12-Mineola Farm II LLC & Silent Grove Farm LLC



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:40 p.m. EST**INSIDE INFORMATION S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Reyes	118
2	Cinnabunny	Golden Lad	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael, Anspach, Michael R. and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Bronx Beauty	Liaison	2W Stables LLC	Margotta, Jr.	Saez	120
4	Thissmytime 🌿	Carpe Diem	Windylea Farm, LLC	O'Connell	Zayas	120
5	Piedi Bianchi 🌿	Overanalyze	Oringer, Jay and Bick, Jack	Klesaris	Gaffalione	120
6	Pacific Gale 🌿	Flat Out	Tobey L. Morton	Kimmel	Velazquez	118
7	Sally's Curlin 🌿	Curlin	CJ Thoroughbreds, Left Turn Racing & Casner Racing, LP	Romans	Lanerie	120
8	Sound Machine 🌿	Into Mischief	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC, 2-Shooting Star Stable, 3-Blackstone Farm LLC, 4-Katherine S. Devall, 5-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 6-Bally Breeders, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Farm III

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:13 p.m. EST**W. L. MCKNIGHT S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Doswell	Giant's Causeway	Joseph Allen LLC	Tagg	Alvarado	118
2	Tintoretto (Ger)	Maxios (GB)	John M. B. O'Connor	Albertrani	Lopez	118
3	Mirinaque (Arg)	Hurricane Cat	Parque Patricios Racing Stables	Munoz	Zayas	120
4	Temple 🌿	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Sadler's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Ortiz	120
6	Sir Sahib	Fort Larned	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Saez	118
7	Tide of the Sea 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	118
8	Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Richard Otto Stables, Inc.	Mitchell	Leparoux	120
9	Succeedandsurpass (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Little Red Feather Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Velazquez	118
10	Clear Vision	Artie Schiller	Cheyenne Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Albarado	118
11	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Lanerie	120

Breeders: 1-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 2-A. Christiansen-Croy, 3-De la Pomme, 4-Mark Toothaker & Dan White, 5-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 6-Adena Springs, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-R. Otto Stables, Inc., 9-Tinnakill Bloodstock & Jack Cantillon, 10-Candy Meadows LLC, 11-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 1:05 p.m. EST**FRED W. HOOPER S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Performer	Speightstown	Phipps Stable and Claiborne Farm	McGaughey III	Rosario	120
2	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Meneses	122
3	Shivaree	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Jaramillo	122
4	Dream Maker	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gaffalione	120
5	Phat Man	Munnings	Stribling, Marianne, Force Five Racing, LLC and Two Rivers Racing Stable LLC	Sweezey	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Avant Garde	Tonalist	Gelfenstein Farm	Delgado	Reyes	118
7	Haikal	Daaher	Shadwell Stable	Pletcher	Saez	118
8	Indimaaj 🌿	Tapit	Lea Farms, LLC	Engler	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-Phipps Stable, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 4-John C. Oxley, 5-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 6-Jar Stables, 7-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 8-Shadwell Farm, LLC



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:38 p.m. EST**MARSHUA'S RIVER S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Belle Laura	Mucho Macho Man	GU Racing Stable, LLC	Avila	Berrios	120
2	Our Bay B Ruth 🦟	Candy Ride (Arg)	Homewrecker Racing LLC and Summerplace Farm	Kenneally	Saez	118
3	Zofelle (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Heider Family Stables LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
4	Vigilantes Way	Medaglia d'Oro	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Leparoux	120
5	Great Sister Diane 🦟	Will Take Charge	Robert J. Slack	Crichton	Panici	118
6	Evil Lyn 🦟	Wicked Strong	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Prat	120
7	Lovely La La	Uncle Mo	Lawrence Goichman	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
8	Tuned (GB)	Toronado (Ire)	Al Shaqab Racing	Motion	Ortiz, Jr.	118
9	Niko's Dream	Central Banker	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Alvarado	120
10	Sweet Bye and Bye	Sky Mesa	Joseph M. Imbesi	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, 2-Payson Stud, Inc., 3-Fullbury & Minch Bloodstock, 4-Phipps Stable, 5-Siena Farms LLC, 6-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Phil Needham & Judy Needham, 7-Lawrence Goichman, 8-Al Shaqab Racing, 9-Nick Peros, 10-Joseph Imbesi

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:09 p.m. EST**LA PREVOYANTE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Always Shopping	Awesome Again	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Sister Hanan	Orb	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Colebrook	Lanerie	118
3	Irony of Reality	Animal Kingdom	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Potts	Lebron	120
4	Aunt Hattie (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Robert J. Slack	Crichton	Leparoux	118
5	Lovely Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	Elizabeth Mateo	Albertrani	Ortiz	118
6	Cambeliza 🦟	Curlin	Runnymede Farm and Clay, Catesby W.	Delacour	Zayas	118
7	Heavenly Curlin 🦟	Curlin	Barber, Gary and Oxley, John C.	Casse	Gaffalione	118
8	Delta's Kingdom 🦟	Animal Kingdom	Maram, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	118
9	Cap de Creus	Tapit	Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
10	English Affair	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Bravo	120
11	Traipsing	Stroll	Stone Farm	Clement	Rosario	118
12	Court Return	Court Vision	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Repole Stable, Inc., 2-Int'l Equities Holdings, Inc., 3-The Elkstone Group LLC, 4-Marengo Ltd,D. O'Loughlin&Knocknagow Ltd, 5-Vartan Vartanov, 6-Runnymede Farm Inc. &Catesby W. Clay Investment 2 LLC, 7-Elevage II, LLC, 8-H. Allen Poindexter, 9-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Stone Farm, 12-Tall Oaks Farm

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**PALOS VERDES S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pyron	Candy Ride (Arg)	Ken Copenhaver	Glatt	Rispoli	120
2	Wildman Jack	Goldencents	Glenn Sorgenstein WC Racing Inc.	O'Neill	Cedillo	122
3	Shooters Shoot 🦟	Competitive Edge	ERJ Racing, Exline-Border Racing & Hudock, Dan	Eurton	Gutierrez	120
4	Captain Scotty	Quality Road	Wachtel Stable and Barber, Gary	Miller	Gonzalez	122
5	Shashashakemeup 🦟	Shackleford	Tom Kagele	Miller	Hernandez	120
6	Ax Man	Misremembered	Earnhardt, Patti and Earnhardt III, Hal J.	Baffert	Baze	120
7	Take the One O One	Acclamation	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Valdivia, Jr.	120
8	Kneedeepinsnow 🦟	Flat Out	Ruis Racing LLC	Ruis	Fuentes	120

Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-W C Racing, 3-Nancy C. Shuford, 4-John R. Mulholland &Martha Jane Mulholland, 5-Larkspur T thoroughbreds & Darby Dan, 6-Hal J. Earnhardt, 7-Thomas W. Bachman, 8-BWB Bloodstock, LLC & WDS Bloodstock

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Brody's Cause (2013) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	1	1	1	1	--	--	12	2	120,000 Kalypso	164,586
2	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	1	2	--	--	--	--	22	3	55,000 Secret Love	163,950
3	Laoban (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$25,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	15	3	38,500 Breakfastatbonnies	141,270
4	Frosted (2012) by Tapit FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$25,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	17	2	40,000 Frosteria	140,665
5	Speightster (2012) by Speightstown FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	5	24,000 Sososubtle	130,053
6	Anchor Down (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2018 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	2	--	--	--	--	10	3	28,900 Lionessofbrittany	95,226
7	Outwork (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	2	--	--	--	--	14	2	38,500 Coffee Bar	87,042
8	Exaggerator (2013) by Curlin FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	1	12,200 A Real Hero	83,840
9	Tourist (2011) by Tiznow FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	4	23,400 Cristiano's Dream	83,448
10	Upstart (2012) by Flatter FYR: 2018 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	3	30,600 Zoom Up	77,935
11	Cinco Charlie (2012) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2018 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	3	37,800 Five Pics Please	71,227
12	Mshawish (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	3	20,400 Golovkin	64,297
13	Mosler (2011) by War Front FYR: 2018 Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	3	20,007 Mosler's Image	62,304
14	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$75,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	1	15,900 Scenic Overlook	57,725
15	Jess's Dream (2012) by Curlin FYR: 2018 Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	1	21,000 Eileen Alexandra	56,610

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SECOND CHANCES: EVERESTING

by Steve Sherack



Everesting | ThoroStride

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

Everesting (c, 3, **Frosted**--If Not For Her, by Not For Love) stamped himself as one to watch following a better-than-it-looked fifth-place finish on debut behind 'TDN Rising Star' Annex (**Constitution**) going two turns over the Gulfstream lawn Jan. 16 ([video](#)).

The gray's worktab included a pair of bullets at trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr.'s Palm Meadows base, led by a four-furlong breeze in :47 (1/74) Jan. 9.

Off at odds of 12-1, he hopped at the start after exiting from post nine and was bumped by a rival one to his inside. Edgard Zayas got him over and secured a two-wide journey around the clubhouse turn. Sixth without cover and ready to roll through a half-mile in :47.30, Everesting began to launch with a flashy, three/four-wide blitz on the far turn and led his nine rivals as they cornered for home. He began to get leg weary in the stretch, however, and ran out of gas in the final furlong to finish fifth, beaten 3 1/4 lengths.

The impressive, come-from-behind winner Annex stopped the timer for the one-mile distance in 1:34.93 and earned an 81 Beyer Speed Figure. Everesting was assigned a respectable 74.

Bred in Kentucky by Three Chimneys Farm, Everesting RNA'd for \$170,000 as a Keeneland September yearling and later brought \$110,000 from Cash is King, LC Racing and John Fanelli after breezing an eighth in :10 2/5 out of the Cary Frommer consignment at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Everesting's page is one that Cash is King's frontman Chuck Zacney is certainly familiar with.

Hailing from the first crop of **Frosted**, he is the first foal out of the three-time winner and stakes-placed mare If Not For Her. The 10-year-old is a half-sister to MSW & MGSP Awesome Flower (Flower Alley), GSP First Mondays (**Curlin**) and a full-sister to the winning dam of MSW & GSP Monday Morning QB (Imagining).

Like Everesting, the 2018 GIII Smarty Jones S. third-place finisher First Mondays and last November's GIII Discovery S. runner-up Monday Morning QB have also carried the green-and-white colors of Cash is King.

Everesting's third dam produced blowout 2009 G1 Dubai World Cup hero Well Armed (Tiznow).

"I thought he ran a really good race," Zacney said. "It was a quick time. It certainly was a sweeping move and I think he's going to get a whole lot out of it. Our intent was probably for a dirt race, but unfortunately one was not quite there yet, so we decided to try the turf. Saffie made the comment that he was breaking a little slow from the gate [in the morning], so he thought the turf race would help him a little bit more. We were quite pleased with the effort. It's certainly going to help him go forward."

Anything in mind yet for Everesting's next start?

"Nah, we'll figure that out still," Zacney said. "He's going to work a week from this Saturday on the 30th, and we'll go from there. I think the intent probably will be a mile or a mile and a sixteenth on the dirt. We'll have Saffie tell us what's best for him."

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Chuck Zacney | Sarah Andrew

Previous standouts featured in 'Second Chances' include: GI *Runhappy* Santa Anita Derby winner **Honor A. P.** (*Honor Code*), GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner and Royal Ascot G2 Norfolk S. runner-up **Golden Pal** (*Uncle Mo*), MGISW and 'TDN Rising Star' **Paradise Woods** (*Union Rags*), GII Los Alamitos Futurity winner and MGISP **Spielberg** (*Union Rags*), GSW **Backyard Heaven** (*Tizway*), and MSW and 'TDN Rising Star' **Gidu** (*Ire*) (*Frankel* {GB}).

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FRIDAY'S INSIGHTS: UNION RAGS COLT RETURNS AT GULFSTREAM

by *Christina Bossinakis*
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Arham airing in his Dec. 17 debut | *Ryan Thompson*

9th-Gulfstream, \$47K, OC25k/N1X, 4yo/up, 6f, post time: 4:42 p.m. ET

Shadwell's **ARHAM** (*Union Rags*) was heavily favored in his career debut for Todd Pletcher and justified the support with an eye-catching, seven-length romp over this track and trip Dec. 17. The 4-year-old is out of Sanaaya (*Smart Strike*), herself a daughter of the Pletcher-trained *Spun Sugar* (*Awesome Again*), a winner of a trio of graded stakes, including the GI *Apple Blossom H.* and GI *Go For Wand H.* **TJCIS PPs**

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SMARTY JONES S., \$150,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Martini Blu	Maclean's Music	Arrieta	Robertson	6-1
2	Lawlessness	Congrats	Cohen	Mason	12-1
3	Cowan	Kantharos	Santana Jr	Asmussen	9-5
4	Big Thorn	The Big Beast	Cabrera	Asmussen	9-2
5	Hardly Swayed	Bernardini	Garcia	Hernandez	12-1
6	Moonlite Strike	Liam's Map	Talamo	Joseph Jr	4-1
7	Caddo River	Hard Spun	Geroux	Cox	5-2



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw, 1-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.19, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MORE GRAYTFUL (g, 4, *Graydar--More Than Beauty* {SP}, by **More Than Ready**) placed in a pair of New York-bred stakes in 2020, including the more recent of the two in Saratoga's nine-furlong Albany S. in September. Fourth sprinting six panels against Empire bred in a Belmont optional claimer in October, the gelding returned to win while adding a sixteenth at the Big A Nov. 18. Seventh against open allowance company here Dec. 11, he went off the 2-1 choice to return to the winner's circle. Settled in fourth through early fractions of :22.72 and :45.75, the dark bay was four wide turning for home, took a narrow lead a furlong out and drew clear to score by 1 1/2 lengths over *Bustin Shout* (*Bustin Stones*). The winner's dam *More Than Beauty* produced a **Constitution** filly in 2020 and was bred back to **Tapiture**. Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-4-3-1, \$224,032. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Brent Gasaway & Twin Creeks Racing Stables LLC; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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7th-Delta Downs, \$31,000, Alw, 1-21, (NW2L), 3yo, 7f, 1:28.06, ft, 1/2 length.

SERMONONTHEMOUNT (c, 3, Tale of Ekati--Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul {Ire}), a debut winner going five panels over this track Dec. 2, was sixth in the six-furlong Sugar Bowl S. at the Fair Grounds Dec. 19. Adding an additional furlong here, the 5-1 chance lingered near the back as Tapped to the Max (Tapiture) carved out :24.43 and :49.17 splits. Improving his position approaching the quarter pole, the full to SW Avalina (\$137,650), was four wide on the turn and gradually reeled in the pacesetter, getting by late en route to a half-length score. Sales history: \$3,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$3,500 2yo '20 TTAYHR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$37,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kevin Shane Porter; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Tim Dixon.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.78, gd, 1/2 length.

A LONGLONGTIMEAGO (c, 3, Maclean's Music--Carried Away, by Dixie Union) was bumped solidly by neighboring One Whirlwind Ride (Twirling Candy) at the start and recovered to settle in a forwardly placed position through a sharp opening quarter in :22.59. Boxed in leaving the backstretch, the 4-1 chance soon found daylight spinning for home, took aim at the late-leading One Whirlwind Ride in the stretch and ground past that rival late to triumph by a half length. The winner's dam Carried Away produced a filly by Speightster in 2019 followed by an Army Mule colt last term. She was bred back to Sharp Azteca. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, (S), Msw, 1-21, 3yo, 1mT, 1:40.63, fm, head.

HENNING (g, 3, Hard Spun--Mum, by Tapit), sent off at 18-1 for this unveiling, was bumped hard at the start and as a result, found himself near the back going into the first turn. Behind a moderate pace up front, the grey was still last of the main group and floated ridiculously wide turning for home. Undeterred, he found renewed spirit late and from his outside berth, got up just

in time to post a head victory over Your Time's Coming (Jimmy Creed). Mum foaled a Custom for Carlos colt in 2019 and a Mendelssohn colt last season. Sales history: \$35,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$10,000 RNA Ylg '19 ESLMIX. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Set-Hut LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms (LA); T-Jeff Delhomme.

5th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 1-21, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.39, fm, 1/2 length.

GEAR JOCKEY (c, 4, Twirling Candy--Switching Gears, by Tapit) never missed the board in five prior starts on the turf, including thirds in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and GIII Bourbon S. during his 2-year-old season. Last term, he finished a well-beaten eighth in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. in February before heading to the sidelines. Third in his return to action in an 8 1/2-furlong test on the Keeneland sod in October, the bay kicked off 2021 with a second--beaten only a length--in his latest start over this course and trip Jan. 1. Spun back for a relatively quick return, the 2-1 chance settled in a ground-saving third as Voodoo Zip (City Zip) showed the way through :23.69 and :47.93 splits. Ready to kick on leaving the quarter pole, Gear Jockey drove between the rail-hugging pacesetter and the oncoming Rochambeau (Noble Mission {GB}) to his outside, gained the advantage midstretch and edged clear to graduate. Switching Gears has an unraced 3-year-old colt by Skipshot named Skipping Gears, an unnamed juvenile colt by Ooptimzer and a weanling colt by Keen Ice. Lifetime Record: GISP, 9-1-2-3, \$177,875. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.



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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 23, 2021

4th-NKY, ¥11,400,000 (\$110k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1200m

MIRATIO (f, 3, Verrazano--My Fast One, by Elusive Quality) is the latest to make the races from her dam, a half-sister to SW No Mo Dough (Uncle Mo), whose daughter Lecce Baroque (Uncle Mo) made an enormous impression in Japan last season, winning her first two starts by a combined 19 lengths, including a 10-length debut score around this time last year. This is also the deeper female family of the popular handicap horse of the late 1990s, Wekiva Springs. Miratio was entered for, but was withdrawn from Keeneland September in 2019. *B-MMM Stables (KY)*

10th-CKO, Wakagoma S.-Listed, ¥38m (\$367k), 3yo, 2000mT

JASPER DREAM (c, 3, Speightstown--Liberated, by Curlin), a \$125K KEESEP acquisition, was well-beaten in his first two career starts, but put it all together last time, besting fellow American-bred Voix d'Ange (**Curlin**)--also entered this weekend--in an 1800-meter dirt test at this venue Jan. 11 ([video](#), gate 15). One of 32 winners from 36 Japanese starters for his sire, Jasper Dream has some turf pedigree underneath, as his dam is a Grade II-placed half-sister to Seruni (Saint Liam), a stakes winner on dirt and MGSP on turf; and English Affair (**English Channel**), whose major victory came in the GIII Cardinal H. on the grass. *B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY)*

Sunday, January 24, 2021

4th-CKO, ¥13,830,000 (\$134k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m

TOP THE BILL (JPN) (f, 3, American Pharoah--Top Decile, by Congrats) is a daughter of the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and GI Darley Alcibiades S. runner-up who was sold for \$950K carrying this filly at KEENOV in 2017. The March-foaled chestnut, who races in the colors of Chizu **Yoshida**, steps up to face winners for the first time, having sustained a big middle move from last to break her maiden over this track and trip Jan. 11 ([video](#), gate 16). *B-Shadai Farm*

10th-NKY, ¥34,620,000 (\$334k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1800m

AMERICAN SEED (c, 4, Tapit--Sweet Talker, by Stormin Fever), an \$825K KEESEP yearling, looked to have a future on the grass, with a maiden victory and a stakes victory from six starts, but he has been better still with a switch to the dirt. The full-brother to SW & GSP Sweet Tapper and half to MGSP Perregaux (**Distorted Humor**) has won his two tries over the surface by 12 lengths, including a five-length success when last seen Dec. 12 ([video](#), gate 1), and a strong performance here could earn him a trip back to stakes company. *B-Courtlandt Farm (KY)*

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JAN. 22

2020 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$10,000
178 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, Off We Go, 7-2
\$75,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
139 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, Tango Kilo, 30-1
\$115,000 KEE SEP yrl

Effinex (Mineshaft), Questroyal North
59 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Laurel, Msw 6f, Strikhedonia, 20-1
\$7,500 FTK FEB wnl; \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$19,000 RNA EAS
MAY 2yo

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000
238 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Penn National, Msw 6f, Mpemba, 7-2
5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, Say It Ain't Soni, 10-1
\$150,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Metaboss (Street Boss), Harris Farms
13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, Sabuda, 7-2

Mo for the Money (Uncle Mo), Anderson Farms
34 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, Fast Sophia, 8-1

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Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$75,000
 214 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, Breakthrough, 8-1
 \$330,000 FTK JUL yrl
 4-Santa Anita, Msw 6fT, Hockey Dad, 6-1

Producer (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), Calumet Farm, \$2,500
 16 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, Turfy, 7-2

Reload (Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables
 91 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2fT, Rocket Reload, 5-2

Street Strategy (Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center
 43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, Wicked Street, 10-1

Tamarando (Bertrando), Harris Farms
 33 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Santa Anita, Msw 6fT, Mosby, 8-1

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 156 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, Bane, 30-1
 \$19,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl



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5th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, (S), 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m,
 5 1/2f, 1:06.09, ft, 3/4 length.

**LUCKY ARTIE (f, 4, Artie Schiller--Biduadeau {MSP, \$196,456},
 by A. P. Delta)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-2, \$98,962. O/T-Sturges
 J. Ducoing; B-Valene Farms, LLC (LA).

7th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 1-21,
 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.10, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**COLTONATOR (g, 5, Congrats--Victorina {GSW, \$732,728}, by
 Delaware Township)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-1, \$166,403.
 O-Tamaroak Partners LLC; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc
 (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. *\$40,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$105,000
 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



9th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, (S), 1-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y,
 1:43.64, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**LUCK OF THE DRAW (g, 5, Lookin At Lucky--Queen of War, by
 War Front)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-2-5, \$116,365. O-Ten Strike
 Racing; B-LA Bred Equine Enterprises (LA); T-Matt A. Shirer.
 *\$12,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$32,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.



3rd-Charles Town, \$32,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-20,
 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.03, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

SAGEBRUSH (g, 6, Fiber Sonde--Remy Doodles, by Grand Slam)
 Lifetime Record: 23-7-6-3, \$164,805. O-Grams Racing Stable
 LLC; B-Timothy C. & Judith A. Grams (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

5th-Penn National, \$31,360, 1-20, (NW1X), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.57, ft,
 3/4 length.

**MEET ME AT MUNDIS (g, 3, Competitive Edge--Magic Ten, by
 Rock Hard Ten)** Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$68,910. O/B-Craig
 Siedler & Andrew L. Simoff (PA); T-Andrew L. Simoff.

6th-Charles Town, \$30,000, 1-20, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f,
 1:21.09, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**BRIDGING THE GAP (m, 5, Fiber Sonde--Seetsang, by Fusaichi
 Pegasus)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-9-4-0, \$229,768. O/T-John
 D. McKee; B-Don E. Cain (KY).

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7th-Charles Town, \$29,000, 1-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:49.28, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

GOODLUCKCHUCK (g, 5, Big Picture--Grand Scheme, by Boundary) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-0, \$78,803. O-Michael L. Overfelt; B-Heidi Overfelt (VA); T-W. Robert Bailes.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 1-20, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.08, ft, 7 lengths.

BRONZE DIVA (f, 4, Bandbox--She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$36,826. O-Melinda B. Golden; B-Maurice F. Casey (WV); T-Stacey R. Viands. *\$4,000 RNA Ylg '18 EASOCT. **1/2 to Lady Storm (Stormy's Majesty), SP, \$121,089.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Scampering Grayce, f, 3, Half Ours--Scamp and a Half (MSP, \$148,876), by Storm and a Half. Delta Downs, 1-21, (S), 5f, 1:00.08. B-Golden Sky Racing (LA).

Daddy Cool Cat, g, 4, D'wildcat--Miss Goldwin, by Gold Tribute. Delta Downs, 1-21, (S), 1m, 1:42.85. B-Frankie K. Pedigo (LA).

Via Angelica, f, 4, Quality Road--Angel Gift (MSW & MGSP, \$364,524), by Allen's Prospect. Sam Houston Race, 1-21, 6f, 1:11.41. B-Roberta & Ward Williford (KY). *1/2 to Easter Gift (Hard Spun), GSW & GISP, \$686,532.

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ARTIE SCHILLER, Lucky Artie, f, 4, o/o Biduadeau, by A. P. Delta. ALW, 1-21, Fair Grounds

BANDBOX, Bronze Diva, f, 4, o/o She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home. ALW, 1-20, Charles Town

BIG PICTURE, Goodluckchuck, g, 5, o/o Grand Scheme, by Boundary. ALW, 1-20, Charles Town

COMPETITIVE EDGE, Meet Me At Mundis, g, 3, o/o Magic Ten, by Rock Hard Ten. ALW, 1-20, Penn National

CONGRATS, Coltonator, g, 5, o/o Victorina, by Delaware Township. AOC, 1-21, Fair Grounds

D'WILDCAT, Daddy Cool Cat, g, 4, o/o Miss Goldwin, by Gold Tribute. MSW, 1-21, Delta Downs

FIBER SONDE, Bridging the Gap, m, 5, o/o Seetsang, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ALW, 1-20, Charles Town

FIBER SONDE, Sagebrush, g, 6, o/o Remy Doodles, by Grand Slam. AOC, 1-20, Charles Town

GRAYDAR, More Graytful, g, 4, o/o More Than Beauty, by More Than Ready. ALW, 1-21, Aqueduct

HALF OURS, Scampering Grayce, f, 3, o/o Scamp and a Half, by Storm and a Half. MSW, 1-21, Delta Downs

HARD SPUN, Henning, g, 3, o/o Mum, by Tapit. MSW, 1-21, Fair Grounds

LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Luck of the Draw, g, 5, o/o Queen of War, by War Front. ALW, 1-21, Fair Grounds

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, A Longlongtimeago, c, 3, o/o Carried Away, by Dixie Union. MSW, 1-21, Aqueduct

QUALITY ROAD, Via Angelica, f, 4, o/o Angel Gift, by Allen's Prospect. MSW, 1-21, Sam Houston

TALE OF EKATI, Sermononthemount, c, 3, o/o Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul (Ire). ALW, 1-21, Delta Downs

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LORD GLITTERS SPARKLES IN THE SINGSPIEL



Lord Glitters takes the Singspiel S. | Dubai Racing Club

By Kelsey Riley

It had been the better part of 19 months since Group 1 winner **Lord Glitters (Fr)** (Whipper) had visited a winner's enclosure, but the evergreen 8-year-old gelding turned back the years on Thursday with a three-length score in Meydan's G2 Singspiel S.

Lining up off a fifth-place finish in the Bahrain International Trophy on Nov. 20, Lord Glitters raced with just one behind down the backstretch as **Mythical Magic (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) set the tempo and the returning G3 Autumn S. winner and G1 2000 Guineas fourth **Military March (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) raced freely about three lengths behind. As Mythical Magic attempted to steal away rounding the bend, Military March began to come under a ride while Lord Glitters all the while was picking off rivals further back. **Art Du Val (GB)** (No Nay Never) was left in front as the pacesetters began to tire midway down the lane, but Lord Glitters was soon sprinting past him, having already left the late-finishing **Zakouski (GB)** (Shamardal) and **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) in his wake on the way to a handy score. Military March disappointed on his first run since the Guineas, checking in eighth of 11.

"He missed the kick a bit, but I didn't want to push any buttons early, he can be very keen," said pilot Adrie de Vries. "The pace was good enough just to leave him there. He did things so quickly, I thought I had a long way to make up, but half way through the straight I was sure to win." [Cont. p2](#)

AIDAN O'BRIEN FINED FOR FILLIES' MILE SADDLING ERROR

Following a BHA inquiry into a saddling error that occurred prior to the running of the G1 Fillies' Mile, trainer Aidan O'Brien has been fined £4,000. His two fillies, **Mother Earth (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) and **Snowfall (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), apparently ran eighth and third in the event, but O'Brien quickly alerted the British Horseracing Authority that in fact the horses had swapped saddle towels and jockeys. The BHA amended the result with Mother Earth and Snowfall correctly placed third and eighth, respectively. O'Brien was not present at Newmarket the day of the race due to traveling restrictions amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Since the incident at Newmarket, additional ID checks have been in place at major Flat fixtures to minimize the risk of a reoccurrence," said a BHA spokesperson. [Cont. p9](#)

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He added, “They ran at a good pace which helped me a lot. After this I can’t see any reason not to go back [to the Dubai Turf] and he is a bit older now, and with a little sun on his back, he should return to his old form.”

Joining trainer David O’Meara partway through his 4-year-old season after being gelded, Lord Glitters won Ascot’s Balmoral H. shortly thereafter. He was placed behind a quartet of top-class horses—Addeybb (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Accidental Agent (GB) (Delegator {GB}), Beat The Bank (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) and Lightning Spear (GB) (Pivotal {GB})—in the Lincoln H., G1 Queen Anne S., G2 Summer Mile and G1 Sussex S., respectively, in the summer of 2018 before at last getting off the mark in pattern company in the G3 Strensall S. Lord Glitters was third behind Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloo {Jpn}) over the Singspiel’s course and distance in the 2019 G1 Dubai Turf before posting a career high in that year’s Queen Anne, and though he had failed to win in the interim he displayed his class last year with placed efforts in the G2 York S. and Strensall and the Listed Doonside Cup behind G1 Champion S. winner Addeybb.

Pedigree Notes

Lord Glitters is out of the dual listed-placed Lady Glitters (Fr) (Homme de Loi {Fr}), who is also the second dam of the G3 Prix

Gontaut-Biron scorer Petit Chevalier (Fr), that one being out of her winning daughter Pivoline (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}). Another daughter, Glittering Star (Fr) (Lomitas {GB}), has produced the French listed-placed Cajun (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}). Lady Glitters is a half-sister to stakes winners Grey Glitters (Fr) (Grey Risk {Fr}) and Loupy Glitters (Fr) (Loup Solitaire), and their dam, Marie Glitters (Crystal Glitters), is a half-sister to the G3 Prix Fille de l’Air scorer Marie De Ken (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), whose own descendants include the dual group winner and Group 1-placed Ana Marie (Fr) (Anabaa), the listed-winning and Group 1-placed Ana Americana (Fr) (American Post {GB}) and the American Grade II winner Charmo (Fr) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}). The G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victor Morandi (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) also appears on the page. Lady Glitters has the as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly Madame Glitters (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}) and a 2-year-old filly by Zarak (Fr).

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

SINGSPIEL S. SPONSORED BY RIVIERA BY AZIZI-G2, \$163,000,
Meydan, 1-21, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 9FT, 1:46.82, gd.

1--LORD GLITTERS (FR), 126, g, 8, by Whipper

1st Dam: Lady Glitters (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Homme de Loi (Ire)

2nd Dam: Marie Glitters, by Crystal Glitters

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3rd Dam: Marie de Vez (Fr), by Crystal Palace (Fr)

(€25,000 Ylg '14 AR14; €270,000 HRA '17 ARJUN). O-Geoff & Sandra Turnbull; B-SCA Elevage de Tourgeville & Mme Hilary Erculiani (FR); T-David O'Meara; J-Adrie de Vries. \$97,800. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Eng, G1SP-UAE, SP-Fr, 33-8-9-4, \$2,048,244. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Zakouski (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Shamardal--O'Giselle (Aus), by Octagonal (NZ). O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. \$32,600.

3--**Dream Castle (GB)**, 126, g, 7, Frankel (GB)--Sand Vixen (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$16,300.

Margins: 3, 1HF, NK. Also Ran: Art Du Val (GB), Bless Him (Ire), Kinross (GB), For The Top (Arg), Military March (GB), Eqtiraaan (Ire), Mythical Magic (Ire), Oasis Charm (GB).

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MILITARY LAW STALKS AND POUNCES IN AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1

by Heather Anderson

One of the key pointers to the G1 Dubai World Cup in March went to **Military Law (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) on Thursday. The 6-year-old gelding stalked and pounced on his foes before sustaining a determined late drive in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 at Meydan.

Able to secure a handy spot in third against the fence as **Capezzano (Bernardini)** opened up on the field and **Emblem Storm (English Channel)** was just ahead, the first quarter was covered in :23.82. Capezzano's lead shrank with 600 metres to travel. A hole opened at the quarter pole and Military Law quickly dashed through, before taking over at the 250-metre mark from the pacesetter, and, although he drifted towards the stands in the shadow of the wire, he crossed the wire 1 1/4 lengths ahead. **Thegreatcollection** (Saint Anddan) made up some late ground, but his effort fell short. **Salute the Soldier (Ger)** (Sepoy {Aus}) was the same distance back in third. **Roman Rosso (Arg)** (Roman Ruler) completed the superfecta, a short head behind.

Jockey Antonio Fresu remarked, "He has been training really well in the morning, and I got a very good feeling in the last couple of gallops. Today he travelled really well, probably because he is fresh, so he travelled very well into the race, and when I asked him to go, he really picked up well. Now we need to see after this, he has an entry into Saudi, and otherwise the option is going to be Maktoum Challenge Round 2 and 3 and then [the] Dubai World Cup."

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G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 Cont.

He added, “Everyone was worried about this distance, because he likes to come from behind, but I told him [Antonio] that if he jumps good, and he stays behind the leader, no need to worry, because he will finish good and he will not give other horses a chance to go ahead because he has a good turn of foot,” added trainer Musabbeh Al Mheiri. “This year he is a better horse, I have worked him every week and I have seen how he has improved. I asked the jockey how do you feel, and the jockey said he is better than last year. I think he is a world cup horse.”

A winner over the Newcastle all-weather in June of 2019 in his final start for Qatar Racing, Military Law resurfaced in Dubai under new ownership after selling for 100,000gns at the 2019 Tattersalls July Sale. The Nasir Askar colourbearer ran sixth in a Meydan conditions race there in November. Wheeled back that December in the Listed The Entisar, the bay was a smart three-length winner before continuing to thrive in the desert. His final two runs before Thursday’s triumph were a pair of twos in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 on Feb. 6 and a distant second to Matterhorn (Ire) (Raven’s Pass) in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 on Mar. 7.

Pedigree Notes

Dubawi has been firmly entrenched as one of the top sires in the world and Military Law is one of 193 black-type winners worldwide and the 128th group winner for the Darley sire. The most distinguished offspring of his German Group 3-winning dam, Military Law is a full-brother to G3 UAE 2000 Guineas third Wednaan (GB), and a half-brother to French listed winner Marina Piccola (Ire) (Halling). Successful in the Prix de Thiberville, Marina Piccola has already thrown the G1 Longines Grosser Preis von Berlin hero French King (GB) (French Fifteen {GB}).

Marine Bleue’s broodmare career does not end with Military Law, as she has the winning Frankel (GB) gelding New King (GB), the unraced Kingman (GB) filly Queen of The Waves (GB), Swoon (Fr), another filly by Frankel and an unnamed juvenile filly by Siyouni (Fr) as her last reported foal. Herself a half-sister to French stakes winner Mystic Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Marine Bleue’s granddam is responsible for a host of black-type winners, the best being G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud victor Mirio (Fr) (Priolo) and G1 Falmouth S. scorer Nahoodh (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}), while San Marino Grey (Fr) (Clodovil {Ire}) was second in the G1 Prix Jean Prat. The fourth dam is a Tom Rolfe half-sister to storied G1 Alabama S. heroine White Star Line (Northern Dancer).

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 SPONSORED BY MINA BY AZIZI-G2, \$228,000, Meydan, 1-21, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8f, 1:36.42, fs.

1--**MILITARY LAW (GB)**, 126, g, 6, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Marine Bleue (Ire) (GSW-Ger, SW-Fr, GSP-Ity, \$137,413), by Desert Prince (Ire)

2nd Dam: Mirina (Fr), by Pursuit of Love (GB)

3rd Dam: Mirea, by The Minstrel

1ST GROUP WIN. (900,000 RNA Ylg '16 TAOCT; 110,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL). O-Nasir Askar; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri; J-Antonio Fresu. \$136,800. Lifetime Record: 11-5-3-0, \$430,626. *1/2 to Marina Piccola (Ire) (Halling), SW-Fr; and a full to Wednaan (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSP-UAE. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

2--**Thegreatcollection**, 126, g, 7, Saint Anddan--Cactus Cadillac, by Cactus Ridge. O-Zaur Sekrekov; B-Kathleen Amaya, Alexandro Centofanti & Raffaele Centofanti (FL); T-Doug Watson. \$45,600.

3--**Salute the Soldier (Ger)**, 126, g, 6, Sepoy (Aus)--Street Fire (Ire), by Street Cry (Ire). (380,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT). O-Victorious; B-Alan Spence (GER); T-Fawzi Nass. \$22,800. Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, SHD.

Also Ran: Roman Rosso (Arg), Ajuste Fiscal (Uru), Mark of Approval, Capezzano, Kimbear, Quip, Emblem Storm, Gifts of Gold (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video.**

LEGENDS UNITE FOR CARNIVAL WIN

By Kelsey Riley

Land Of Legends (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) provided a throwback result in Thursday's G2 Al Fahidi Fort at Meydan, giving the once-prolific trainer and jockey combination of Saeed bin Suroor

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Unraced at two, Land Of Legends strung together three wins—a novice race and a pair of handicaps—in the summer of 2019. He managed a pair of seconds in handicap company going a mile on the turf at last year's carnival and had not been seen since finishing 10th in the G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf on Super Saturday, after which he was gelded.

Bouncing out of barrier two on top, Dettori eventually settled Land Of Legends back in third on the rail, allowing **Silver Line (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) to move forward and set the tempo. Finding an opening in front of him as they turned for home, Land Of Legends gradually wore down the lead of Silver Line approaching the final quarter mile.

The dark bay surged to the front as the last two winners of the Al Fahidi Fort, Charlie Appleby's **D'Bai (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Glorious Journey (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), came to swamp him on either side, but Land Of Legends had been the subject of a well-timed move and had enough left in the tank to win by three-quarters of a length under a hand ride in the dying strides.

"I had a perfect trip, I sat behind the leaders, and it was a good effort, and everything felt right," said Dettori. "It was a good draw, he gave me everything he had and I managed to get him in a nice rhythm and he won." **Cont. p6**



Land Of Legends | Dubai Racing Club

G2 Al Fahidi Fort Cont.

He added, "I am delighted we had high hopes and I managed to get one win. I am pleased for Saeed and the team and it is nice to be back."

Pedigree Notes

The third foal out of the unraced Singspiel mare Homily, Land Of Legends is a grandson of the G2 Challenge S. winner Last Resort (GB) (Lahib), who also produced the dual graded stakes winner Rebellion (GB) (Mozart {Ire}). Last Resort is a half-sister to the G2 Goldene Peitsche scorer Barrow Creek (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), while a plethora of black-type horses under the third dam also includes the G2 Prix du Rond Point Grand Hotel Barriere winner Trans Island (GB) (Selkirk) and the G3 Meydan Sprint scorer Fityaan (GB) (Haafhd {GB}).

The fourth dam, the G3 King George S. winner Scarcely Blessed (Ire) (So Blessed {GB}), produced College Chapel (GB) (Sharpo {GB}), whose five group wins included the G2 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G2 Cork and Orrery S. Homily has a 2-year-old colt by Kodiak (GB).

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL FAHIDI FORT SPONSORED BY CREEK VIEWS BY AZIZI-G2, \$163,000, Meydan, 1-21, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.55, gd.

1--**LAND OF LEGENDS (IRE)**, 126, g, 5, by **Iffraaj (GB)**

1st Dam: Homily (GB), by **Singspiel (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Last Resort (GB), by **Lahib**

3rd Dam: Breadcrumb (GB), by **Final Straw (GB)**

1ST STAKES WIN. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Frankie Dettori. \$97,800. Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0, \$202,095. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: B+

2--**D'Bai (Ire)**, 126, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)--Savannah Belle (GB), by Green Desert. O-Godolphin; B-Lodge Park Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. \$32,600.

3--**Glorious Journey (GB)**, 126, g, 6, Dubawi (Ire)--Fallen For You (GB), by Dansili (GB). (2,600,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT). O-HH Sheikha Al Jalila Racing; B-Normandie Stud Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. \$16,300.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Also Ran: Silver Line (Ire), Could Be King (GB), Final Song (Ire), Medahim (Ire), Velorum (Ire), Almoradi (Brz), Enjaat (GB).

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SPEIGHTSTOWN'S SWITZERLAND UPSETS

DUBAWI S. by Heather Anderson

MGSW **Switzerland (Speightstown)** caused an upset in the G3 Dubawi S. at Meydan on Thursday, the first group race on the opening card of the Dubai World Cup Carnival.

Breaking in the air, the new gelding soon recovered and punched the breeze out six deep in the rush to the bend. **Waady (Ire)** (Approve {Ire}) led while glued to the fence under pressure from favoured **Gladiator King (Curlin)** and **Good Effort (Ire)** (Shamardal). Those three were soon tackled by Switzerland out in the middle of the track with a quarter mile remaining. Good Effort threw in the towel at the 300-metre pole, and Switzerland surged up to even terms with Waady at the rail and Gladiator King in between them. Switzerland stuck his neck in front with less than a furlong remaining and continued to assert, as Gladiator King faltered to third. The winning margin was 1 1/4 lengths, with Waady an equal margin in front of Gladiator King. Good Effort plugged on to be fourth.

Tadhg O'Shea said, "I think it's a combination of a couple of things, he was a former Grade I horse in the States, and he has been gelded, he has had a summer off, probably after a long time, and he has really matured. The yard thought they had stronger chances with Gladiator King and Bochart. He was a lovely spare ride to get, but I must say Satish, and Bhupat [Seemar] were very bullish on this horse in the morning, and I said credit goes to them, I have only ridden him twice, and they were telling me all along he could be the forgotten horse and how right they were proved."

"Seven out of eight for us, Reynaldothewizard had four, then Raven's Corner and Gladiator King, and then Switzerland tonight," said trainer Satish Seemar who was winning his seventh Dubawi S. I was actually thinking that this would be the exact outcome, I though Gladiator would be second, because back at home Switzerland has been a lot livelier, and Gladiator King is a lot more relaxed." **Cont. p7**



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G3 Dubawi S. Cont.

The \$500,000 FTIMAY juvenile broke his maiden as a 4-year-old in 2018 at Aqueduct and captured both the GIII Maryland Sprint S. and GIII Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S. before the end of the year. Formerly a Woodford Racing runner, he made his Meydan debut in the colours of Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi in January of 2019 in the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint, but ran sixth. Runner-up in a handicap locally that February, he was off the board in two more 2019 efforts, as well as twice from two starts in 2020. His latest try prior to Thursday’s victory was a ninth in the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal at Meydan on Super Saturday last term and he made his first start for RRR Racing on Thursday.

Pedigree Notes

The third and best foal of his stakes-winning dam who also placed three times at the graded level at Santa Anita, Switzerland’s youngest siblings are a 3-year-old filly by **Union Rags**, a **Connect** 2-year-old filly and a full-sister born last year. Czechers was bred back to **Speightstown** last spring. This is also the extended family of GI Travers S. hero Willow Hour (Bold Hour), Grade III winner Cherry Jubilee (Coastal) and the latter’s GSW Traverse City (Halo).

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

DUBAWI S. SPONSORED BY PARK AVENUE BY AZIZI-G3, \$130,000, Meydan, 1-21, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.86, fs.

1--**SWITZERLAND**, 127, g, 7, by **Speightstown**



1st Dam: Czechers, by Indian Charlie

2nd Dam: Pine Rob, by Pine Bluff

3rd Dam: Cherryrob, by Roberto

(\$170,000 Wlg ‘14 KEENOV; \$175,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP; \$500,000 2yo ‘16 EASMAY). O-RRR Racing; B-Branch Family

Trust (KY); T-Satish Seemar; J-Tadhg O’Shea. \$78,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-US, 22-6-3-4, \$567,404. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Waady (Ire)**, 127, g, 9, Approve (Ire)--Anne Bonney (GB), by Jade Robbery. (€14,000 RNA Wlg ‘12 GOFNOV; €37,000 Ylg ‘13 TIRSEP; 240,000gns 2yo ‘14 TATBRE). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Knocklong House Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson. \$26,000.

3--**Gladiator King**, h, 5, **Curlin**--Golden Dawn, by Hennessy. (\$65,000 RNA Ylg ‘17 KEESEP; \$195,000 RNA 2yo ‘18 OBSJUN). O-RRR Racing; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Satish Seemar. \$13,000.

Bred and Raised by **STONESTREET**
 Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Good Effort (Ire), Bochart (GB), Upper Class (Brz), Rodaini, Alkaraama, Leading Spirit (Ire).

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Thursday’s Results:

DUBAI RACING CLUB CLASSIC SPONSORED BY ALIYAH BY AZIZI-Listed, \$88,000, Meydan, 1-21, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT, 2:26.83, gd.

1--**WALTON STREET (GB)**, 127, g, 7, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--**Brom Felinity (Aus)**, by **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**. O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. \$52,800. Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-3, \$275,850.

2--**Dubai Future (GB)**, 125, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Anjaz, by Street Cry (Ire). O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$17,600.

3--**Away He Goes (Ire)**, 122, g, 5, Farhh (GB)--Island Babe, by Kingmambo. (75,000gns Ylg ‘17 TAOCT). O-Khalifa Saeed Sulaiman; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Ismail Mohammed. \$8,800.

Margins: 5, HF, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Halimi (Ire), Desert Fire (Ire), Volcanic Sky (GB), Dublin Pharaoh, Golden Wood (Fr), Ispolini (GB), Mondain (GB), Zaman (GB), Communique (Ire), Lucius Tiberius (Ire), American Graffiti (Fr).

A lightly raced 7-year-old, Walton Street had won over this course and distance at the carnival in 2018. **Cont. p8**



Walton Street | Dubai Racing Club

Listed Dubai Racing Club Classic Cont.

After picking up black-type when a short-head second in the G3 Prix de Reux at Deauville the following summer, Walton Street ran just twice last year, finishing second in a Lingfield handicap on Sept. 12 off 13 months' rest before winning the Listed Godolphin S. at Newmarket 13 days later. Leading stablemate Ispolini (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by a half-length down the backstretch under William Buick, Walton Street kicked two lengths clear at the quarter pole and was never threatened thereafter, drawing clear to win by five lengths.

"Really good performance, obviously he has had a bit of a break, he was really dominant when he won at Newmarket towards the backend, in a competitive listed race," said jockey William Buick. "He is lightly raced for his age and he really felt like had a lot of zest there. Tonight he really seemed to enjoy himself in front, I was just a bit worried at a couple of stages that we might be doing too much, but he was in his comfort zone and he finished up really good."

Walton Street is the fifth foal out of Australian Group 2 winner Brom Felinity, who did her best running at ages five and six. Brom Felinity is out of the G2 Edward Manifold S. winner Brompton Cross (Aus) (El Qahira), and therefore a full-sister to the G1 Cadbury Guineas victor Delago Brom (Aus). It is also the immediate family of G2 Fillies Classic winner My Poppette (Aus) (Snippetson {Aus}), G2 Wellington Guineas scorer Neo (NZ) (One Cool Cat) and Hong Kong Derby winner Ping Hai Star (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu {NZ}). Brom Felinity produced a colt by Oasis Dream last year. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). VIDEO.**

DUBAI DASH SPONSORED BY AURA BY AZIZI-Listed, \$88,000, Meydan, 1-21, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:57.62, gd.
1--EQUILATERAL (GB), 132, g, 6, Equiano (Fr)--Tarentaise (GB),

by Oasis Dream (GB). O-Fitri Hay; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills; J-Frankie Dettori. \$52,800. Lifetime Record: 23-6-3-2, \$373,602.

2--Mutaraffa (Ire), 117, g, 5, Acclamation (GB)--Excellent View (GB), by Shamardal. (70,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Messrs Mark Hanly & James Hanly (IRE); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. \$17,600.

3--Lazuli (Ire), 132, g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Floristry (GB), by Fasliyev. O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby. \$8,800.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, SHD.

Also Ran: Ekhtiyaar (GB), Caspian Prince (Ire), Fanaar (Ire), King Ragnar (GB), Kilfrush Memories (Fr), Dream Today (Ire), Drummore (Ire), Riflescope (Ire), Speed Chance (Ire), Roussel (Ire), Acclaim The Nation (Ire). Scratched: Eshaasy (GB).

Fitri Hay's Equilateral put his stamp on opening day of the Dubai World Cup Carnival with a come-from-behind victory in the Listed Dubai Dash, his second win in the race. Away in good order in this turf sprint, the bay tracked the leader Drummore (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) who was in a three-way fight for that position through the early stages. Moving up to contest the lead in the final 1 1/2 furlongs, Equilateral wore down a determined Mutaraffa to win narrowly.

"I've been watching this horse for the last three years, what he likes is a very fast, slick, five furlong track," said reinsman Frankie Dettori who was winning his second race on the card after Land of Legends (Ire) in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort. "Sometimes the English tracks are too demanding for him, but this is tailor-made for him.

"I'm really enjoying my time here, maybe because I'm running out of years but I'm trying to taking it all in. Most people are locked in their houses doing nothing, and at least I get to do what I love. I am going to stay here in the United Arab Emirates until Super Saturday." **Cont. p9**



Equilateral and Frankie Dettori | DRC

Listed Dubai Dash Cont.

A listed winner at Doncaster in 2019, Equilateral's two-start 2020 Meydan campaign resulted in a win in this race first up in January and a solid second in the G2 Meydan Sprint one month later. Returned to the UK, he reported home second to grey speedball Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot and, although off the board in three subsequent starts, signed off with a third in the G3 Dubai International Airport World Trophy S. at Newbury on Sept. 19.

The first foal out of his unraced dam, Equilateral is joined by his 4-year-old winning half-sister Tampa Dream (Ire) (Champs Elysees {GB}), a 2-year-old colt by Siyouni (Fr) and a yearling full-sister. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). VIDEO.**

1st-Meydan, Hcp, \$65,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.69, fs.

GOLDEN GOAL (IRE) (g, 7, Dark Angel {Ire}--Golden Rosie {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-1, \$115,990. **VIDEO.**

O-Dale Brennan; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson.

*£240,000 Ylg '15 DNPAUG. **1½ to Rosie's Premiere (Ire)

(Showcasing {GB}), SP-Eng.

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They added, "A longer-term piece of work has been ongoing since October to look at the additional resource, technology and funding required to implement a further ID check once horses are saddled.



Aidan O'Brien | Emma Berry

"It is particularly challenging in the current environment due to the additional resourcing requirements that the BHA's Covid-19 protocols already place upon staffing levels, but additional checks are being carried out on a discretionary basis.

"We will continue the work looking at the feasibility of implementing an additional check following saddling permanently and communicate any changes to participants and the public as necessary."

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PHOENIX NOT PERMITTED TO RACE IN UAE

Phoenix Thoroughbreds and Phoenix Ladies Syndicate have been barred from racing in Dubai, the *Racing Post* reported on Thursday. Phoenix, which is already prevented from racing in [the UK](#) and [France](#), does not have any runners in Dubai yet and last raced in the UAE in 2020. In November of 2019, Phoenix's founder, [Amer Abdulaziz Salman](#) was named in an alleged money laundering and fraud scandal in New York in connection to the crypto currency Ponzi scheme OneCoin. [Phoenix](#) denies all claims.

"We have the horses in the stable but we're not able to run them," trainer Satish Seemar, who trains for Phoenix in Dubai, told *Racing Post*.

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DONCASTER JANUARY NH FOAL SESSION MOVED TO AUGUST

The weanling portion of the Goffs UK January Sale has been moved to the Doncaster August Sale on Aug. 4-5, Goffs UK announced on Thursday. The foal session has become a yearling session and it was transferred due to continued COVID-19 restrictions. The Goffs UK January Sale was originally split into two parts—the online horses-in-training and National Hunt breeding stock portion was part one on Jan. 26 and Part II was a physical sale of NH weanlings at Doncaster on Feb. 17. After this rescheduling, Part I of the sale will continue in its online format and on its Jan. 26 date. To view the online catalogue for Part I, please visit www.goffsonline.com.

"It was hoped that we would be in a place to hold a physical sale of NH Weanlings at Doncaster in February and we have been planning as such since our announcement earlier this month," said Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent. "However, with the recent changes in government announcements, the current scale of the pandemic and the issues in getting overseas buyers to the UK, we feel that holding a physical sale next month is not in the best interests of everyone involved."

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Doncaster January NH Foal Sale Moved Cont.

He added, “We have spoken to all vendors who have entered NH weanlings and most have committed to offer their entries at the later date. We have also received some very positive comments from vendors who understand why we need to make this change so we would like to extend our thanks to our clients for working with us. The August Sale is a proven and growing NH sale, having sold the likes of Tiger Roll, and recording prices of up to £230,000.

“As stated, we will be holding our Part 1 Online January Sale of Horses-in-Training and NH Breeding Stock as scheduled next Tuesday 26 January from 10 a.m. The catalogue for that sale is online and anyone wishing to bid online must register to bid with Goffs 48 hours prior to the sale.”

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SIRE'S FIRST FOAL

MAGNA GRECIA (IRE)

- Dual Group 1 winner Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) welcomed his first foal, a filly, out of Intizara (GB) (Dansili {GB}).
- Intizara is out of a half-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Zambezi Sun (GB) (Dansili {GB}).
- Bred by Humber Bloodstock, the filly arrived under the Suffolk-based Redgate Bloodstock banner which is run by Damian and Emma Flynn.
- “We’re really pleased with her, she’s athletic and correct with a great temperament,” said Redgate’s Damian Flynn.
- Magna Grecia, who won the G1 Vertem Futurity S. at two and the G1 2000 Guineas at three, stands for €18,000 at Coolmore this year.



Magna Grecia | Coolmore

FLAG OF HONOUR (IRE)

- 2018 G1 Irish St. Leger hero Flag of Honour (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) celebrated his first foal, a colt out of Madame Rouge (GB) (Major Cadeaux {GB}) at Wayne and Sarah Clifford’s Byerley Stud.
- “He’s a very strong, attractive colt with plenty of size and quality,” said Byerley Stud’s Ian Bradbury. “We are delighted with him and he is undoubtedly a great advert for the stallion.”
- The 2018 Classic winner stands for £3,000 at The National Stud in Newmarket for 2021.



Classic winner Flag of Honour’s first foal, a colt out of Madame Rouge at Byerley Stud | The National Stud

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Double Dealing (Ire), c, 3, **Estidhkaar (Ire)**--Deal (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lingfield, 1-21, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.05. B-Mrs M M Mangan (IRE). *€19,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 20,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.

Captain Cooper (Ire), g, 3, **Muhaarar (GB)**--Miss Delila, by **Malibu Moon**. Newcastle, 1-21, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.36. B-Highbank Stud LLP (IRE). *145,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT. **1/2 to Ashadihan (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$124,482.

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CONDITIONS RESULT:

1st-Pau, €18,000, 1-21, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:01.60, st.
MON OURAGAN (FR) (h, 5, Toronado {Ire}--Lady Of The House {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 15-5-0-4, €72,150. O-Laurent Dassault; B-Framont Limited, M Matthew & M Beaumont (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€38,000 Ylg '17 AROCT.



IN QATAR:

Lauded (GB), c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Thatsallimsaying (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Dandy Man (Ire). Al Rayyan, 1-20, Cond., 1200m, 1:11.95. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud. *GSP-Eng. **24,000gns Wlg '18 TATDEF; €46,000 Ylg '19 TISEP; 62,000gns HRA '20 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

Perfect Empire (GB), c, 4, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Pink Tequila, by Teofilo (Ire). Al Rayyan, 1-21, Cond., 2000mT, 2:06.78. B-Newsells Park Stud. *17,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

She's Our Queen (Ire), f, 4, Toronado (Ire)--Dyna Bowl, by Dynaformer. Al Rayyan, 1-21, Cond., 2000mT, 2:05.82. B-Mr H A A M Al-Abdulmalik. **VIDEO**



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Friday, Jebel Ali, Dubai, post time: 3:15 p.m.

JEBEL ALI MILE-G3, AED575,000, NH 4yo/up/SH 3yo/up, 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	8	Above Normal (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Beasley	Seemar
2	7	Alkaamel (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheir
3	1	Blown By Wind (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer
4	11	Canvassed (Ire)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Watson
5	2	Court House (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Doyle	Crisford
6	3	Deemster (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Curatolo	Al Mheiri
7	6	Gabr (GB)	Intello (Ger)	O'Neill	Watson
8	5	Galvanize	Medaglia d'Oro	Hitchcott	Watson
9	9	Grand Argentier (Fr)	Palace Episode	de Vries	Watson
10	12	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer
11	4	Ode to Autumn (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Mullen	Seemar
12	10	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar

*All carry 125 pounds.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.

STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,128,669/€1,275,325/A\$1,996,071/US\$1,548,035), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Golden Sixty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Ho	Lui	126
2	2	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Teetan	Fownes	126
3	8	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
4	1	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Purton	Cruz	126
5	7	Rise High (Fr)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Soumillon	Fownes	126
6	5	Mighty Giant (NZ)	Power (GB)	Callan	Yiu	126
7	4	More Than This (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Leung	Lui	126
8	3	Champion's Way (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Badel	Size	126

Breeders: 1-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); 2-Corumbene Stud (NSW); 3-Shane Molan; 4-Kingsclere Stud; 5-Mme Marie-Claude Biaudia; 6-Mrs C & L R Beckett; 7-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; 8-G Bunt (NSW)

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:00 p.m.

CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G1, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,128,669/€1,275,325/A\$1,996,071/US\$1,548,035), 3yo/up, 1200mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
2	1	Voyage Warrior (Aus)	Declaration of War	Purton	Yiu	126
3	8	Jolly Banner (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Poon	Yiu	126
4	5	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Soumillon	Yip	126
5	9	Computer Patch (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Chadwick	Cruz	126
6	11	Fat Turtle (Aus)	Smart Missile (Aus)	Badel	Lor	126
7	7	Big Party (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Teetan	Lor	126
8	4	Amazing Star (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Ho	Ting	126
9	10	Stronger (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Picccone	Whyte	126
10	6	Buddies (Aus)	So You Think (NZ)	Leung	Cruz	126
11	3	Regency Legend (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Hamelin	Shum	126

Breeders: 1-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 2-R A Emery (Vic); 3-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 4-J Davies (Qld); 5-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW); 6-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW); 7-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); 8-Mrs H G & W G Bax; 9-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred (NSW); 10-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, C O'Brien (NSW); 11-Waikato Stud Ltd

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.

HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,128,669/€1,275,325/A\$1,996,071/US\$1,548,035), NH/SH4yo, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Sky Darci (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Moreira	Fownes	126
2	10	Excellent Proposal (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Shinn	Size	126
3	2	Enrich Delight (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Soumillon	Fownes	126
4	14	Healthy Happy (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Ho	Lor	126
5	9	Lucky Express (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Teetan	Size	126
6	11	Tourbillon Diamond (Aus)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Badel	Shum	126
7	5	Shadow Hero (Aus)	Pierro (Aus)	Purton	Hayes	126
8	13	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Yeung	Whyte	126
9	6	The Summit (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Hamelin	Hayes	126
10	4	Lucky Patch (NZ)	El Roca (Aus)	Poon	Lui	126
11	1	Celestial Power (Aus)	Star Witness (Aus)	Leung	Lor	126
12	3	Maximus (Ger)	Ivawood (Ire)	Schofield	Millard	126
13	12	Beauty Joy (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Callan	Hayes	126
14	8	Tsar (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Piccone	Tsui	126

Breeders: 1-M W Freeman & D G Price; 2-Holloway Equine Pty Ltd (Vic); 3-Godolphin Australia (NSW); 4-Lachlan River Bloodstock (Vic); 5-C Jackson (Vic); 6-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd (NSW); 7-Lightning Thoroughbreds, Mrs D Kolivos (NSW); 8-Coolmore, Lauri Marci & Partners; 9-Jedburgh Stud; 10-G Harvey; 11-J W Kelly Suffolk Vale & Co (NSW); 12-Scuderia Waldeck SNC; 13-Impressive Racing Pty Ltd (WA); 14-Juddmonte Farms Ltd

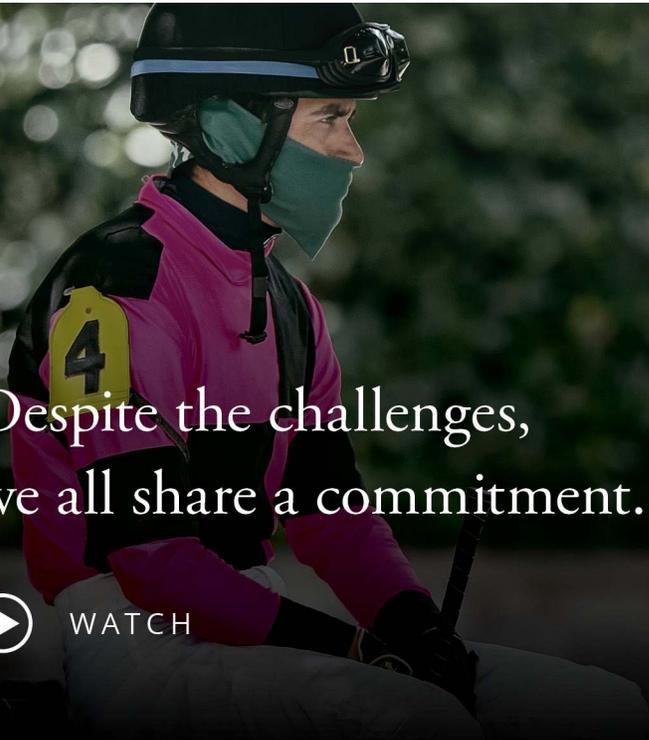
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STRONG BUYER APPETITE TO CONTINUE



David Eustace, Harry Mitchell & Ciaron Maher | *Magic Millions*

by Bren O'Brien

A highly competitive market at the recently completed Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale has left many buyers with cash to splash and orders to fill through the remainder of the sales season.

With a record sale aggregate of over \$210 million, and near records for both average and clearance rate, just getting your hand up for a bid on the Gold Coast proved a challenge.

The knock-on effect could make the upcoming sales at Karaka, Sydney and Melbourne competitive for buyers as well, with money undoubtedly left on the table last week.

The Gold Coast buyers' bench was dominated by Ciaron Maher Bloodstock, with 38 purchases, twice as many as he bought last year, and the highest by an individual buyer at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale since Gai Waterhouse and James Harron combined to buy 39 at the 2014 January Sale.

All in all, Maher and David Eustace's stables in Victoria and New South Wales can expect to be bolstered by well over 50 horses from this dale, which proved a serious statement of intent for them to claim the mantle of Australia's leading training operation.

A further breakdown of the list of the top buyers on the Gold

Coast points to some interesting year-on-year trends. *TDN AusNZ* compiled a list from the top 100 buyers (by volume) at the sale from the past two January sales, and separated each of those buyers into four different categories, trainers, syndicators, bloodstock agents and investors.

Buyers' lists can be tricky to categorise, with agents working with trainers and syndicators alike, but for the purposes of this exercise, the category each buyer fell into was their primary role of business. Where bloodstock agents purchased under their own name, they fell into the 'agents' category, but where they purchased in partnership with a specific trainer or syndicator, then it was counted in that particular category.

The 'investor' category accommodates those buying for specific long-term investment, such as colts' funds, as well as those owners purchasing for overseas clients. As an example, the sale's leading buyer in terms of overall spend, Tony Fung Investments/Phoenix Thoroughbreds, is considered an 'investor'.

Trainers to the Fore

The most noticeable trend was that of the top 100 buyers, 54 of them were trainers as compared to 46 last year. Those 54 trainers purchased an average of 7.11 horses, up from the average investment of 6.44 horses-per-trainer in 2020. The overall percentage of 'trainer-purchased' horses (from those sourced by the top 100 horses) was 60%, up nearly seven percentage points from last year.

Undoubtedly, Maher's spending splurge influenced this increase, but the fact the number of trainers inside the top 100 increased is a sure sign of their willingness to step up and be involved more on the Gold Coast.

Warwick Farm-trainer Bjorn Baker, who works with Clarke Bloodstock, maintained an identical level of investment to 2020 in terms of numbers with seven purchases, and a very slight increase in terms of overall spend.

"It was great to be up here for a start after a tough year. Obviously, I had to do those two weeks out of Sydney. It was a strong market, but it probably reflects how well racing is going at the moment," Baker said.

"The demand for good horses was exceptional. In saying that, the prices held up. It was a very good catalogue despite there being extra horses, and it was just great to be up there and I'm looking forward to getting these youngsters up and going."

Baker said having pretty much stuck to his budget on the Gold Coast, he has got plenty left to spend in the upcoming sales at Karaka and Sydney.

"It was around what we wanted to spend. Come the rest of the season. We've got plenty to come. We've got the sales in New Zealand next week and the Classic Sale," he said.

"With Magic Millions back a week, we need to be a bit better organised for everything. It does make it a bit tough for New Zealand, but I'm lucky I have Murray (father) over there, who I can run a few horses past as well.

"We will get through Classic and then maybe look at setting our sights on Easter."

Syndicators Keep Their Heads in Hot Market

The overall number of syndicators involved in the top 100 buyers also increased from 12 to 17 year-on-year, although the percentage of the catalogue purchased by those buyers largely remained the same (15.8% up from 15.2%), as did their total investment. That was due to the fact that the average number of horses purchased by the top syndicators dropped from 7.08 to 5.94.

Triple Crown Syndications has been a significant player in that syndication market for many years and seven years ago, sourced dual The Everest champion Redzel (Snitzel) from the Gold Coast Yearling Sale for just \$120,000.

As one of the few Sydney-based syndication operations to get to the sale, Triple Crown purchased five horses in 2021, a reduction of one from its haul in 2020. While it was a tough buying market, Chris Ward felt he was able to get the business done that he wanted.

"It was a strong market that's for sure, it was very healthy. We managed to do well out of it and with a few of the usual faces missing, there were a few opportunities there," Ward said.

"We maintained our usual discipline and waited for the right opportunities to pop up. We targeted those horses and when they came up in our range we were there to strike. It was strong, we did miss out on a few, but we were very happy with what we walked away with."

Ward said there was still a strong sense of opportunity in the market moving further forward in 2021 in the quality and

opportunities on offer.

"I think the whole industry is progressing well, and I think that will be reflected in the coming sales. There are plenty of good horses still to come," he said.

"We're usually active at Magics, Classic and Premier and will be back up to look at Easter if there are opportunities there and will be back up to the Gold Coast for the June Sale for Magics again."

Investors up the Ante

The amount of 'investors' in the top 100 buyers dropped from 26 in 2020 to 19 in 2021 as was the average number of horses they purchased, but those investors were prepared to spend more on average with each purchase they made. Colts' funds and the major international farms such as Coolmore drove considerable growth in this area, with the average price of a

horse purchased by those classified as an 'investor' up from \$358,595 last year to \$414,928 in 2021. That more than made up for the drop in international buyers' present at the sale.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club was one of the international buyers that was active at the sale, through its Australian representative, Craig Rounsefell of Boomer Bloodstock, who was made to work hard to get the ones he did.

"We got five and had a crack at a few others that went quite a bit over. It seemed like if you came up against a stallion fund, they were the ones that were very difficult to buy at the upper end," Rounsefell said.

"In the middle, it was also tough buying. Trying to stick to proven sires, the competition was thick and fast, particularly on anything that was a nice type. They just sold really well."

Rounsefell feels confident in the quality that is available at other sales in 2021, which enabled him to maintain a disciplined approach when it came to bidding on the Gold Coast.

"We had our values on them and stuck to them, knowing there is plenty more sales coming up. We are well positioned going into Classic, Melbourne and Easter, with the orders I have," he said.

"I thought the horses were going well over value on a number of occasions. We got close on quite a few, but we were still on the upper ends of our limit.



Bjorn Baker | Bronwen Healy



Craig Rounsefell | *Magic Millions*

"It seemed like those horses that maybe needed a bit of time, you had a chance on those, but the ones that were forward, they well and truly made overs."

Agents Negotiate Through Hectic Week

The amount of bloodstock agents buying under their own name in the top 100 buyers fell from 16 to 10, but as mentioned earlier that was probably a reflection of a higher number of them working in partnership with trainers or syndicators. The average number of horses purchased by them increased from 3.3 to 5, meaning their overall contribution to the sale in terms of spend was quite similar to what it was in 2020.

The majority of the 16 horses that Julian Blaxland of Blue Sky Bloodstock purchased on the Gold Coast were in partnership with Anthony Freedman Racing. His perspective was that it was hard work in the first few days, but as the week progressed, he was able to adapt his planning.

"The first couple of days, it wasn't easy to buy an early 2-year-old type, so we looked at more milers and Derby-type horses, we got a Churchill, a So You Think and a Ribchester, three more staying types," he said.

"By day three, if you looked hard enough, you could buy some decent ones at value."

What has been heartening has been the subsequent desire for people to get involved in the horses that were purchased through the sale.

"The market was strong, but more encouraging for us is that we have basically sold all 11 (bought with the Freedmans). We've got 25% left in one. It's one thing that you have a record sale, but I don't think we've had a year where we've sold the horses so quickly," he said.

That engenders a particularly strong level of confidence for all buyers heading into the rest of the sales season, according to the Blaxland.

"If you are getting them away, then you are happy to go and speculate more and buy horses, because there is a ready market there. If we'd bought 15 horses (rather than 11) for Anthony, I'm pretty sure we'd have most of them done, that's the really encouraging thing," he said.

"I know there were a lot of trainers and syndicators who couldn't get horse and no doubt they will be in the market strongly at Classic, Melbourne and Adelaide and these sorts of sales.

"I think it's a great indication of how Australia is going in its economy and its probably a reflection of the fact that in a lot of areas, property prices are still going up and no-one has been able to go overseas for 12 months."



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