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Essential Quality | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

by T.D. Thornton

The weather-related rescheduling of Oaklawn's GIII Southwest S. to the final weekend in February will cause some havoc for downstream prep races. The GII Rebel S. Mar. 13 will now have only a two-week spacing within the Oaklawn series and Southwest participants who figured to run back in the Mar. 20 GII Louisiana Derby also might balk at having just three weeks off between preps and then six weeks until the GI Kentucky Derby itself. But our sport has gotten quite used to unexpected schedule switches over the last year, so the caravan will roll on with everyone making the necessary adjustments. Now let's dive into the rankings:

1) **ESSENTIAL QUALITY** (c, **Tapit--Delightful Quality**, by Elusive Quality)

O/B-Godolphin (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt & GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$1,335,144.

Last Start: 1st **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, KEE, Nov. 6

Accomplishments: '**TDN Rising Star**', 1st **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**

Next Start: GIII Southwest S., OP

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 30.

We've waited 3 1/2 months, so another small extended layoff will only add to the anticipation for the Southwest S. showdown between GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile champ Essential Quality and Jackie's Warrior, the fourth-place 9-10 fave in that race. **Cont. p7**

FASIG-TIPTON CATALOGUES 184 ENTRIES FOR GULFSTREAM SALE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 184 entries for the Gulfstream Sale of Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training, to be held Wednesday, Mar. 31, in the racetrack's walking ring. The sale will begin at 2 p.m. The under-tack show is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 29, beginning at 9 a.m. Fasig-Tipton was forced to cancel last year's Gulfstream Sale due to the coronavirus pandemic. "We are excited to be returning to Gulfstream Park in March to conduct the nation's premier 2-year-olds in training sale," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "The Gulfstream Sale annually provides an unrivaled concentration of quality, and this year's catalogue is loaded. In a short period of time, Gulfstream grads have won 13 different Grade I races, including the Kentucky Derby, Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Met Mile, and the Florida Derby twice. If you want to play at the top of the game, this sale--and its dirt racetrack--will get you there." **Cont. p3**

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"I thought today's breeze was quite exceptional," said Neil Poznansky after Tuesday's three-furlong breeze aboard Tacitus (Tapit), pictured above on Monday. "He continues to mature all the time and he is mentally more focused. He's really coming into himself." See page 3 for Emma Berry's Saudi Cup coverage. | Emma Berry

WINTER WEATHER KO'S MORE OAKLAWN RACING 6

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SLIGHT DELAY IN HHR BILL'S SIGNAGE 13

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear on Tuesday reaffirmed his vow to sign the historical horse race (HHR) gaming bill that passed both chambers of the state legislature last week, but he explained that a decision by the Senate to adjourn through this week means that the HHR-enabling measure won't become law until the end of the month at the earliest.

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Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale cont. from p1



Nadal (Blame), last year's winner of the split-division GI Arkansas Derby, was a \$700,000 Fasig-Tipton Florida 2-year-old graduate | *Coady*

The catalogue may now be [viewed online](#) and will also be available via the Equineline sales catalogue app. Print catalogues will be available from Fasig-Tipton offices in late February. Fasig-Tipton will also offer a supplemental catalogue once again

this year. Supplemental entries will be accepted on an approval basis.

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U.S. QUINTET TUNES UP FOR SAUDI CUP

by *Emma Berry*

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia—A number of trainers with horses engaged in Saturday's Saudi Cup have been unable to travel but their horses and exercise riders have shipped in, mostly over last weekend, for the second running of the \$20-million contest at King Abdulaziz Racecourse.

The 14-strong field includes two locally-trained horses, Great Scot (GB) (Requinto {Ire}) and Alzahzaah (KSA) (Worldly), who face competition from Britain, Japan and Bahrain as well as five runners from the United States.

For most of the American contingent, stronger work had taken place on the dirt track during Monday morning, meaning a walk or jog at the quarantine barn was the order of the day as a small gathering of international media and connections arrived trackside Tuesday.

There would be perhaps no more poignant winner of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's biggest race than **Tacitus (Tapit)**, bred and owned by the late Prince Khalid Abdullah, a member of the

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Channel Maker and Tacitus on the track | Emma Berry

country's royal family and greatly admired in the wider family that is the international racing community.

The 5-year-old has rarely been far from the heat of the battle in his 15 starts. His sole finish outside the top four has been when fifth in this race last year. And if prizes were dished out on the racecourse for manners and beauty, then the stallion would rarely be headed.

While his fellow greys and Saturday rivals **Knicks Go** (Paynter) and **Sleepy Eyes Todd** (Paddy O'Prado) walked the barn, the eye-catching Tacitus paraded out onto the main track Tuesday morning in company with stablemate **Channel Maker** (English Channel) to take up his customary observation post on the outside of the far bend. Admittedly, Tacitus, unlike his European counterparts, is accustomed to being trained at the track so the morning's activities in relatively quiet Riyadh will be nothing like the hullabaloo he might face at Saratoga. Nevertheless, his near-inanimate stance for a good five minutes each morning in the company of trainer Bill Mott's assistant Neil Poznansky is quite something to behold.

Once asked to move off and complete his morning's exercise, Tacitus pleased his rider in a three-furlong breeze on the widely-praised dirt track.

"I thought today's breeze was quite exceptional," said Poznansky. "He continues to mature all the time and he is mentally more focused. He's really coming into himself."

Tacitus and Poznansky completed their exercise alongside Channel Maker and Umberto Gomez. The 7-year-old, who was voted last season's Eclipse Champion Male Turf Horse, is set to line up for one of the key races on Saturday's undercard, the 2,100-metre Neom Turf Cup. Tacitus and Channel Maker will be given an easy Wednesday and will be kept to walking before returning to stronger exercise on the track Thursday.

Few horses have arrived in Riyadh with more rip-roaring form

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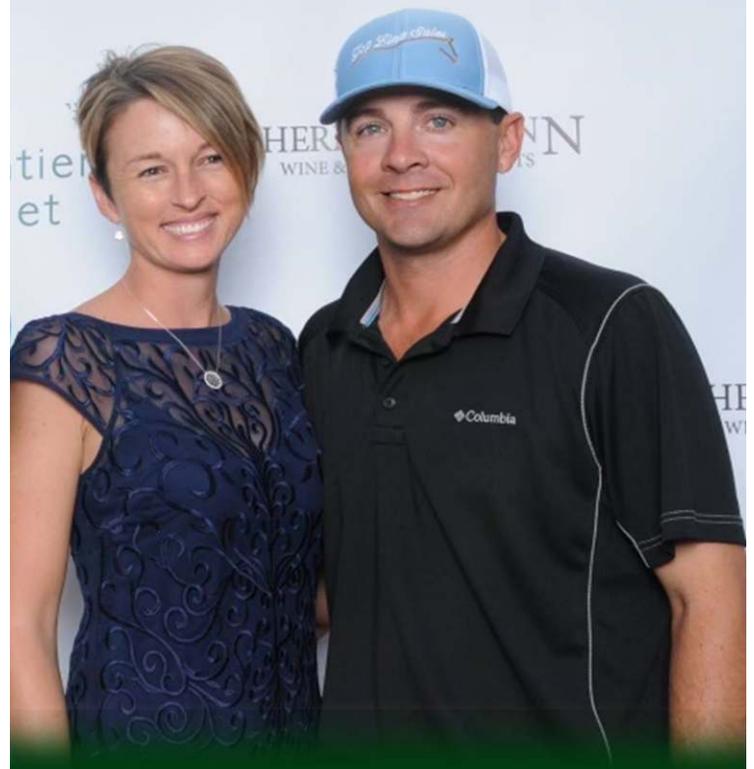
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Knicks Go | Emma Berry

that Knicks Go, who added last month's GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. to his unbeaten 2020 season, which culminated in victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

The 5-year-old, who also adds another international element to proceedings as a color-bearer for the Korea Racing Authority, had an easy day following a 48-second four-furlong breeze to blow out the Monday morning cobwebs.

His rider and Brad Cox's assistant trainer Dustin Dugas said he was happy with the horse following that spin. "He jogged up the road really well this morning and is acting like he should," Dugas reported. "The breeze seems to have woken him up since being here and his coat looks great."

Cox added via telephone that he was, understandably, hoping for Knicks Go's progressive form to continue. He said, "We've had him a while now and he's really always trained with a lot of energy and has been aggressive. I don't know if I'm looking to see him progress as much as I am just looking for more of the same--he's been that good."

Bob Baffert rarely misses a big international meeting with a runner but he has not accompanied the lightly-raced **Charlatan (Speightstown)**, who atoned for his subsequent disqualification from the Arkansas Derby with a comeback win almost eight months later in the GI **Runhappy** Malibu S. The 4-year-old, who has finished first past the post in all four starts to date, heads for a jog Wednesday before returning to the main track on Thursday morning. He is reported to be in good order by Baffert's assistant Jimmy Barnes, who is in Riyadh with the colt.

The trio of American greys in town for the big race is completed by Sleepy Eyes Todd, whose trainer Miguel Angel Silva has travelled with him.

"Yesterday [Monday] the horse galloped one lap and then did a two-minute mile on the dirt track," said the trainer. "He nearly did three miles on the track on his own ridden by my assistant,



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Thumbs Up Racing's 5-year-old has a bit to find with Knicks Go, having finished more than nine lengths adrift of him when fourth in the Pegasus World Cup off the back of victory in the GIII Mr Prospector S. just before Christmas.

American-trained runners filled four of the first five places in the inaugural Saudi Cup and Steve Asmussen will be hoping to go one better than his runner-up finish last year with Midnight Bisou (**Midnight Lute**). This time the trainer fields **Max Player** (**Honor Code**), who joined his stable last August and subsequently ran fifth in both the belated GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S.

Communicating via text message from the United States, Asmussen indicated that he was happy with how Max Player had taken the long journey to Saudi Arabia.

“Anxiously awaiting the post position draw,” said the trainer, who also runs GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint runner-up **Cowan** (**Kantharos**) in the \$1.5-million Al Rajhi Bank Saudi Derby over a mile.

The draw takes place in Riyadh Wednesday evening.

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OAKLAWN CANCELS RACING WEEK

After canceling its stakes-filled Presidents' Day Weekend cards due to inclement weather last week, Oaklawn Park has once again canceled racing for this coming week, which totals four lost days of racing from Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 21. The track announced in a tweet that the five stakes scheduled for this weekend will be moved to next week with further details to follow. Among the races that have now been postponed twice is the GIII Southwest S., which was expected to feature the 3-year-old debut of champion Essential Quality (**Tapit**).

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Derby Top 12 cont.

This 3-for-3 **'TDN Rising Star'** by **Tapit** won back-to-back Grade I routes over Keeneland's short-stretch 1 1/16 miles configuration last autumn. His GI Breeders' Futurity S. win was a confident display of professional pace pressing, and this gray Godolphin homebred's late-closing Juvenile score earned the top two-turn Beyer Speed Figure (95) by any 2-year-old in 2020. Has any Kentucky Derby winner ever broken his maiden on the previous year's Derby undercard? I doubt it but could not ascertain that's never happened (input welcomed from readers with deeper historical resources). Yet the pandemic-delayed Derby of 2020 could produce that very scenario, as Essential Quality broke his maiden on the Sept. 5 undercard of the rescheduled Run for the Roses. Another bit of trivia: Did you know that 30 consecutive grays have gone to post and lost the Derby since the last gray, Giacomo, roared home first at 50-1 in 2005?

2) CADDO RIVER (c, **Hard Spun--Pangburn**, by **Congrats**)

O/B-Shortleaf Stable (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-2-0, \$166,092. Last Start: 1st **Smarty Jones S.**, OP, Jan. 22.

Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**

Next Start: GII Rebel S., OP, Mar. 13

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Among the current Top 12 contenders, the trait that sets apart **'TDN Rising Star'** Caddo River is his demonstrated ability over four lifetime races to fluidly reach a high cruising speed and to carry it comfortably up to a mile. He stalked and withstood serious pace pressure in two well-stocked MSW sprints over seven furlongs in New York to start his learning curve. Then he broke out with a 9 1/2-length maiden score in a one-turn Churchill mile (83 Beyer) after carving out demanding splits of :22.38 and :44.59. Caddo River cudged the Smarty Jones S. crew by 10 1/4 lengths on opening day at Oaklawn (92 Beyer), and trainer Brad Cox said last Thursday this **Hard Spun** homebred for Shortleaf Stable remains on track for the GII Rebel S. "Probably going to miss a work [because of the spate of unseasonable icy weather in Hot Springs]. But his race is not



Greatest Honour | *Adam Coglianesse*

until, really, the middle of next month, so I don't feel like we're in any trouble as far as missing a race or anything."

3) GREATEST HONOUR (c, **Tapit--Tiffany's Honour**, by **Street Cry {Ire}**)

O/B-Courtlandt Farms (KY). T-Claude R. McGaughey III. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-1-2, \$175,240.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Jan. 30

Next Start: GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 27 or GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 27

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Greatest Honour was back on the Payson Park work tab Saturday, two weeks after his smashing late run in the GIII Holy Bull S. stamped him as the horse to beat in the Florida preps. In an under-wraps maintenance breeze for both sophomores, trainer Shug McGaughey worked him to the inside of the 2-for-3 Creed (**Honor Code**), and both were credited with the same :50.60 (29/58) half-mile clocking even though Creed pulsed ahead by a neck at the wire. This Courtlandt Farms homebred by **Tapit** isn't light on experience. He has five lifetime races (including two at 1 1/16 miles and a MSW at nine furlongs) and has never been out of the money, so there's no big push to get

him ready for the Feb. 27 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. if the Mar. 27 GI Florida Derby ends up being a better fit, timing-wise. One shining aspect of Greatest Honour's past-performance cut is that twice now as a 3-year-old he's won closing from well off the tailgate at 1 1/16 miles, which at Gulfstream is configuration that usually plays to the advantage of early speed because the start is close to the turn and the finish is at the sixteenth pole.

4) LIFE IS GOOD (c, Into Mischief--Beach Walk, by Distorted Humor)

O-CHC Inc & WinStar Farm LLC. B-Gary & Mary West Stable (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$525,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$94,200.

Last Start: 1st GIII Sham S., SA, Jan. 2

Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 6

Accomplishments: 'TDN Rising Star'

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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'TDN Rising Star' Life Is Good retained his 7-1 favored status among the 23 individually ranked horses in Derby Future Wager Pool 3 that closed on Sunday (the "all others" field was 3-1). The West Coast's top-ranked Triple Crown threat breezed five furlongs at Santa Anita in 1:00.80 (4/33) Monday in preparation for a scheduled start in the Mar. 6 GII San Felipe S. Trainer Bob Baffert had noted after a bullet move the previous week that this \$525,000 KEESEP Into Mischief bay is "starting to mature and fill out; he just floats over the ground." The winning prep sequence of the GIII Sham S. and San Felipe is the same blueprint Baffert used last spring to get Authentic ready for the Kentucky Derby. But, of course, Authentic's non-traditional path to the Derby winner's circle also included the benefit of four additional months of seasoning because the pandemic rescheduled the Derby from May to September. Baffert has said

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Jackie's Warrior | Sarah Andrew

that, like **Authentic** at this stage of his career, Life Is Good needs to relax and learn to leverage his main weapon (raw speed) in a manner that will be effective over 10 furlongs. Can this colt manage to figure that out before the first Saturday in May? A schedule that includes the San Felipe and (presumably) just one nine-furlong Grade I (Apr. 3 Santa Anita Derby or Apr. 10 Arkansas Derby) leaves little room for error.

5) JACKIE'S WARRIOR (c, Maclean's Music--Unicorn Girl, by A. P. Five Hundred)

O-J Kirk & Judy Robison. B-J & J Stables (KY). T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$95,000 ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-0-0, \$502,564.

Last Start: 4th **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, KEE, Nov. 6
Accomplishments: 1st **GII Saratoga Special**, 1st **GI Runhappy Hopeful S.**, 1st **GI Champagne S.**

Next Start: GIII Southwest S., OP
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 12.

The Essential Quality-Jackie's Warrior rematch will be the closest thing we've had to a real rivalry so far this season. Yes, they've only met once previously, but that Breeders' Cup clash amounted to the season championship and neither has raced since, so the Southwest S. takes on more gravitas. I'm prognosticating an edge to "Jackie" over the speed-leaning Oaklawn surface at 1 1/16 miles, but longer distances later could swing the advantage in "EQ's" direction. How have horses from last year's Juvenile fared in their next races? So far eight have started, but only Keepmeinmind (**Laoban**) and Rombauer (**Twirling Candy**) were next-out winners; both ran Beyers lower than what they had earned in the Juvenile. In fact, six of the eight Juvenile run-backs failed to increase their Beyers the next time they started, which is not a promising sign of that race's strength. This \$95,000 KEESEP colt was 4-for-4 in one-turn races

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2	War Front	\$150,000	2	\$325,000	\$325,000
3	Tapit	\$185,000	2	\$295,000	\$295,000
4	Into Mischief	\$225,000	9	\$281,666	\$310,000

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at age two, and his immediate pedigree is a fascinating study in length-of-career contrasts: Sire Maclean's Music (like Jackie, also trained by Steve Asmussen) wired a Santa Anita sprint in his debut by 7 1/4 lengths. He earned a 114 Beyer--the highest debut Beyer ever--yet never raced again after being retired over complications related to a fractured splint bone. Dam Unicorn Girl, conversely, was a robust starter-allowance stalwart who raced 54 times with a 19-7-8 record over seven seasons on the mid-Atlantic circuit.

6) PREVALENCE (c, Medaglia d'Oro--Enrichment, by Ghostzapper)

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

Last Start: 1st Maiden Special Weight, GP, Jan. 23

Next Start: Possible for GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 27

Accomplishments: 'TDN Rising Star'

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

The Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. (FOY) has been identified as a likely next-race target for 'Wowza!' maiden-breaker Prevalence, but trainer Brendan Walsh also noted the Godolphin homebred's team could call an audible and instead opt for a nine-furlong allowance/optional claimer two days earlier at Gulfstream as Plan B. This Medaglia d'Oro-sired 'TDN Rising Star' won his Jan. 23 debut by 8 1/2 geared-down lengths after sparring through a five-way fight for the lead in a "loaded" seven-furlong MSW (beating Justify's half-brother and a \$1.05 million KEESEP buy). "I thought he was a good horse before he ran, but did I expect him to do what he did? Absolutely not, especially one of mine first time out," Walsh said. "They generally improve, so I would like to think that this guy has some improvement in him. We won't get too carried away. We'll move on to the next one, and he'll be given plenty of chances to prove himself as we go forward ... If we go to the FOY or the allowance race, he'll probably [work] Friday or Saturday and that should set him up right."

7) MANDALOUN (c, Into Mischief--Brooch, by Empire Maker)

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-1, \$351,252.

Last Start: 1st GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 13

Next Start: Possible for GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 20

Accomplishments: 'TDN Rising Star', 3rd GIII Lecomte S.

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 52.

Mandaloun was facing a make-or-break point in his Derby campaign Saturday when favored to win the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds. Trainer Brad Cox had said pre-race he was not wild about running back so soon off a subpar showing in the

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Jan. 16 GIII Lecomte S., but he felt the need to “push him along a little more.” Cox then equipped this **Into Mischief**-sired Juddmonte homebred with a one-inch blinker cup for the first time and the result was not only a 1 1/4-length victory but a nine-point jump in Mandaloun’s career-best Beyer to a 98. Mandaloun was three wide on both turns while stalking in third, and he wore down two duelers and the running-in-spots closer Proxy (**Tapit**) to register a workmanlike victory. “He’s always been a little funny down the lane,” said jockey Florent Geroux, citing the blinkers as a help. “He’s never given me his full potential. We had the same kind of trip we had in the Lecomte, but when I pushed on the gas, he responded right away. Last time I feel like he wasn’t giving me his best. He was a little more focused.” Cox said post-race the GII Louisiana Derby “is definitely going to be in play.”

8) PROXY (c, Tapit--Panty Raid, by Include)

O/B-Godolphin (KY). T-Michael Stidham. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 5-2-3-0, \$187,700.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 13

Next Start: Possible for GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 20

Accomplishments: 2nd **GIII Lecomte S.**

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 24.

It’s difficult to get a true read on the one-two performances by Mandaloun and Proxy in the Risen Star S. because of the drying-out nature of the Fair Grounds track on Saturday. Quick times and big winning margins dominated speed-favoring races

early in the day, but the track appeared to slow down and play more evenly to horses rating from farther back by the time the stakes races rolled around (overall there were five dirt wire winners, two pace pressers, two stalkers, and two closers). Proxy was a midpack fourth at the rail for most of his trip under new rider John Velazquez, then seemed to lose steam when nudged along seven-sixteenths out. But the colt sparked back to interest when Johnny V. swung him widest for the drive, and although this **Tapit** homebred for Godolphin only ran along in spots down the lane, he continued his four-race trend of upping his Beyer number every time out, clocking in with a career-top 97. “He’s inching in the right direction,” said trainer Michael Stidham.

9) HIGHLY MOTIVATED (c, Into Mischief--Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward)

O/B-Klaravich Stables, Inc (KY). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$240,000 wlg '18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-1-0, \$124,050.

Last Start: 1st **Nyquist S.**, KEE, Nov. 6

Next Start: GIII Gotham S., AQU, Mar. 6

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

If current prep-race schedules hold (and they seem to change every few days lately thanks to Mother Nature), this \$240,000 KEENOV **Into Mischief** colt figures to be the last horse among the Top 12 to debut at age three if he goes in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 6. Highly Motivated hasn’t raced since winning the **Nyquist S.** on the Breeders’ Cup undercard Nov. 6, meaning he’ll have a 121-day gap between starts. He set a track record for 6 1/2 furlongs in what later turned out to be a key race (three next-out winners), but that “record” designation has to be considered in the context of five other Keeneland main-track records also being established on a speed-centric surface; plus Keeneland’s small sample of main-track records only dates to the autumn of 2014, when synthetic got changed back to dirt. Assuming Highly Motivated runs well enough in his next prep to remain on the Derby trail, he’s still going to be challenged by having only one (likely) true route race under his belt by the time May 1 arrives, because the Gotham is a one-turn mile.

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10) MEDINA SPIRIT (c, Protonico--Mongolian Changa, by Brilliant Speed)

O-Zedan Racing Stables. B-Gail Rice (FL). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$1,000 ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$35,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$105,200.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Robert B. Lewis S.**, SA, Jan. 30

Next Start: Uncommitted

Accomplishments: 2nd **GIII Sham S.**

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 14.

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A GARY YOUNG 2YO-IN-TRAINING SALES RECOMMENDATION

As the least expensive Top 12 candidate (\$1,000 OBSWIN, \$35,000 OBSOPN), this Protonico colt out of a Brilliant Speed mare has earned underdog rooting status for the tenacious way he took pressure on the lead through swift fractions in the GIII Lewis S., then never let another horse get by him in a three-way, length-of-stretch fight that had him a neck in front at the wire. Private clocker and bloodstock agent Gary Young, who purchased the Florida-bred for owner Amr Zedan, told the Santa Anita notes team that Medina Spirit “was OK, but he wasn’t going to be the sales topper or anything ... He had worked three-eighths in :33 flat which was decent time, but he had a nice rhythm and a stride like a route horse.” Young added that prior to the colt’s debut win at Los Alamitos in December, he was “outworking more expensive and better-bred horses and definitely holding his own.” Young said Medina Spirit’s connections are still mulling whether to plot a one- or two- prep race plan to get to the Derby, but he also emphasized that the colt is likely more effective chasing a target (like in his Sham S. second behind Life Is Good) rather than setting the pace like he did in the Lewis.

11) KEEPMEINMIND (c, Laoban--Inclination, by Victory Gallop)

O-Spendthrift Farm, Cypress Creek LLC & Arnold Bennewith.

B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY). T-Robertino Diodoro.

Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 4-1-2-1, \$394,320.

Last Start: 1st **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 28

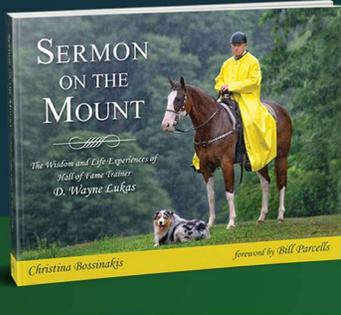
Accomplishments: 2nd **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**,

3rd **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**

Next Start: GIII Southwest S., OP

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 18.

Keepmeinmind was entered but scratched out of the Risen Star S. three days prior to last Saturday’s Fair Grounds race, but trainer Robertino Diodoro’s desire to “run him out of his own stall” at Oaklawn has yet to come to fruition because the date of the Southwest has now been moved three times. This is an off-the-pace specialist (and a grandson of stay-all-day Victory Gallop) who might not fire his best shot going 1 1/16 miles over a speed-friendly surface like Oaklawn’s, but he bears watching



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for the day down the road when he can more comfortably uncoil over a longer distance--ideally with several early-pace types setting up the fractions to his advantage.

12) CANDY MAN ROCKET (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Kenny Lane, by Forestry)

O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc; B-R S Evans (KY). T-Bill Mott.

Sales History: \$190,000 RNA wlg '18 KEENOV; \$70,000

RNA yrl '19 KESEP; \$250,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record:

GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$144,824.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 6

Next Start: Uncommitted

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

\$ SIX K's TRAINING & SALES GRADUATE

Candy Man Rocket’s 85-Beyer win in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 6 represented a decent step up for a colt who had just broken his maiden in start number two and had never faced winners nor raced around two turns. But the fact that he’s trained by the very patient but realistic Bill Mott is what truly edges him into this week’s Top 12, because Mott doesn’t bother with the Derby trail if he doesn’t believe his horses truly belong. This colt RNA’d for \$190,000 (KEENOV) and \$70,000 (KESEP) prior to hammering for \$250,000 (OBSAPR), and his connections acknowledged in a **detailed TDN profile last week** that Candy



Candy Man Rocket | *Ryan Thompson*

Man Rocket still needed seasoning when he debuted seventh at Churchill Nov. 22. But this colt sure was ready for prime time in start number two, a 9 1/4-length Gulfstream blowout, and in the Davis he got first run at a pacemaker who set legit splits. Mott said the GII Tampa Bay Derby is a possibility, although owner Frank Fletcher is an Arkansas native and has indicated he wouldn't mind seeing his top sophomore race at Oaklawn.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Concert Tour (Street Sense): 'TDN Rising Star' scored a 94-Beyer stalking win in the GII San Vicente, but this 2-5 fave had a bit more tussle than expected getting by stablemate Freedom Fighter (**Violence**) in the stretch.

Dream Shake (Twirling Candy): You don't see too many 20-1 winning firsters earning 'TDN Rising Star' status. Big confident march past leaders in 96 Beyer Santa Anita romp. But that race did feature a hot 3-5 firster who never fired, so the quality of that field is in question until we see more from this intriguing prospect.

Fire At Will (Declaration of War): GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf victor will make 2021 debut on dirt in the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream. "He won on [the main track] at Saratoga, even though it was muddy and against a short field," trainer Mike Maker said.

Freedom Fighter (Violence): Ran a better race than winning 2-5 stablemate Concert Tour when second in the San Vicente S. Feb. 6. Fast from gate, took pace heat, wouldn't quit in stretch. Gotham S. at Aqueduct likely next.

Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow): Slips out of the Top 12 after so-so third in Risen Star. Trainer Steve Asmussen, however, believes third time off layoff will be the charm for this \$525,000 KEESEP colt in the Louisiana Derby.

Risk Taking (Medaglia d'Oro): Advanced when ready off a comfortable midpack stalk to reel in tiring pacemaker in 89-Beyer GIII Withers over nine furlongs.

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SLIGHT DELAY IN HHR BILL'S SIGNAGE; 'EXTENSION FACILITY' GREENLIGHTED FOR KENTUCKY DOWNS *by T. D. Thornton*

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear on Tuesday reaffirmed his vow to sign the historical horse race (HHR) gaming bill that passed both chambers of the state legislature last week, but he explained that a decision by the Senate to adjourn through this week means that the HHR-enabling measure won't become law until the end of the month at the earliest.

Beshear's remarks came via videoconference at the start of the Feb. 16 KHRC meeting. After the governor spoke, commissioners unanimously voted in a series of "emergency" measures contingent on the bill getting signed into law that are designed to keep HHR churning in the interim so the revenue that helps to pay for purses in the state continues to accrue.

The KHRC on Tuesday also gave the preliminary go-ahead for Kentucky Downs to begin the process of planning to open an "extension facility" that will operate HHR gaming and simulcasting, similar to the satellite location that opened 12 miles from Turfway Park under that track's licensure late in 2020.

State regulations allow each licensed racing association to operate an extension betting facility that's located within a 60-mile radius of its track.

Beshear and KHRC chairman Jonathan Rabinowitz spent the opening part of Tuesday's meeting lauding racing industry participants and regulators and thanking long lists of politicians for working toward the passage of SB 120. But it was not until the close of his seven minutes of remarks that Beshear dropped the only newsworthy nugget of his speech.

"It was unfortunate on Thursday that the Senate went ahead and recessed, which meant when [SB 120] passed the House, they couldn't enroll it and send it to my desk," Beshear said. "They can't do that until they come back into session. With the news [Tuesday] that they're not coming back this week, it looks like it's going to be all the way into next week.

"That's regrettable," Beshear continued. "I was certainly here

in the [capitol] building Thursday night, and I know it's something that we would have all liked to have [had signed into law]. But, we did get the bill through, and my commitment—I'll make it today publicly—I will sign that bill as fast as it reaches my desk."

The most telling comment from Rabinowitz underscored that in exchange for the legislature's redefining of "pari-mutuel wagering" so it now includes HHR, the tracks will now be under political pressure to cooperate on pending legislation that will raise Kentucky's taxes on HHR.

"I assured the legislators that this commission is committed to holding the [tracks] to their commitment to work constructively to revise and raise the tax structure of HHR," Rabinowitz said. "Knowing the leaders that made those commitments, there's no doubt in my mind that the [tracks] will fulfill those promises."

Prior to the unanimous voice vote that ratified the KHRC's conditional approval of the Kentucky Downs request to expand its licensed premises so it can include a to-be-built extension facility, it was revealed that no location for the HHR/simulcast business has been publicly disclosed, and that no firm timetable has been established for its opening.

Marc Guilfoil, the KHRC's executive director, told commissioners that "My understanding is that they've got it down to two, maybe three [locations as of] a month ago. They did not want to disclose those because of competition."

Guilfoil added that "I think a timeline is very close to being started now that we got SB 120 passed."

Jennifer Wolsing, the general counsel for the KHRC, said the Kentucky Downs request came to the commission back on Dec. 4, and she noted that the new facility will not be within a 60-mile radius of another track or 40 miles from an existing simulcast facility.

Beyond the HHR business that made up the bulk of Tuesday's agenda, the KHRC unanimously approved a live racing request by Keeneland Race Course to drop Thursday, April 1, from its upcoming spring meet. This move allows the track to revert to a traditional Friday opening day; the request had the approval of recognized Kentucky horsemen's groups.

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BELTERRA WANTS TO DISMISS OHIO HBPA LAWSUIT OVER \$2.7M IN 'DEPRIVED' VLT MONEY

by T. D. Thornton

The present and former owners of Belterra Park have filed a motion to toss out a federal lawsuit filed by the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA) that seeks to recoup more than \$2.7 in gaming revenues that the OHBPA alleges the track wrongfully withheld between 2014 and



Belterra Park | *Coady*

2018.

According to a motion to dismiss filed Feb. 16 in United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division), the defendants are alleging that "OHBPA has failed to state any viable claims against Defendants. OHBPA's cleverly labeled claims are nothing more than an attempt to plead around the fact that there is no private right of action under the relevant Ohio statute or regulation. Quite simply, OHBPA has no right to receive the "catch up" payments and only the Racing Commission is authorized to enforce [the relevant state codes] and the Resolution."

Back on Dec. 18, the OHBPA's suit contended that Belterra never made good on a four-year difference between a placeholder rate first established for video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming and the eventually revised rate, which it claims totals \$2,769,652.

"The OHBPA has been deprived of these funds, which go directly toward the benefit of horse breeding and horse racing in Ohio," the OHBPA contended in its suit (which is explained in greater detail [here](#)).

On Tuesday, the defendants outlined a four-plank argument for dismissing the lawsuit:

"First, OHBPA has no right to the claimed payments under the relevant statutory or regulatory scheme, and even if it did, there is no private right of action for it to enforce the statute or regulation. Although OHBPA crafts its attempt at enforcing the statutes and regulations as tort claims, those claims fail.

"Second, the applicable statute, rules, and resolution regulating the payment of the VLT commission percentage rates to the horsemen's associations are not retroactive. Therefore, in contravention of an express contract and statutory and rule authority vested in the Racing Commission, OHBPA is asking this Court to order Defendants to go back in time and pay OHBPA

additional funds for the time period between May 1, 2014 and July 1, 2018. Quite simply, OHBPA has no right to any extra payments and no authority to bring this action.

"Third, because OHBPA has no right to possess the payments Defendants' retention of those payment cannot be wrongful, and therefore, its claim for conversion fails.

"Finally, OHBPA's claim for unjust enrichment fails because (a) there is an express contract covering the same subject, which precludes the unjust enrichment claim, (b) OHBPA has not conferred a benefit on Defendants, and (c) Defendants' non-payment of the purported extra VLT commission rate payments is not "unjust" because OHBPA has no right to those payments... Defendants have paid all amounts required to be paid and distributed according to Ohio law. As such, Defendants respectfully request that the Court dismiss OHBPA's Complaint."

Belterra Park itself is named as a defendant, as is the racino's current owner/operator, Boyd Gaming Corporation. Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., (which, according to the suit, owned Belterra between 2011 and 2018) and Penn National Gaming, Inc. (which, according to the suit, briefly had an ownership interest in Belterra in 2018), are also listed as defendants.

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KHRC AWARDS \$14.3 MILLION TO KENTUCKY BREEDERS FOR 2020



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The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has awarded \$14.3 million to qualified breeders through the Thoroughbred

Breeders' Incentive Fund for Kentucky Thoroughbreds' wins in 2020. The incentive fund requires owners to board mares in Kentucky from the time of breeding until the birth of the foal. Incentive payments are based on the foal's eventual winnings on the racetrack. Last year, nearly 3,500 races were won by a Kentucky-bred receiving a breeder award.

Kentucky-breds won over 245 graded stakes in the United States and 18 group races in Canada, England, France and Ireland last year, victories that included **Authentic (Into Mischief)**'s success in the GI Kentucky Derby, **Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil)**'s win in the GI Kentucky Oaks and **Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil)**'s win in the GI Preakness S.

"We need the commonwealth's signature horse industry to stay strong and engaged as we sprint out of the COVID-19 pandemic. On top of being part of our history, the industry supports many Kentucky families today and will continue to draw new visitors to the state in the future," said Governor Andy Beshear. "Thanks to Kentucky breeders and a strong racing circuit enhanced by historical horse racing, Kentucky remains a leader in breeding with more stallions than any other state, and representing 42% of the foal crop in North America."

Since its inception in 2006, more than \$184 million has been awarded to Kentucky breeders for winning eligible races across the globe. The fund receives 80% of the 6% sales tax paid when breeding a stallion to a mare in the commonwealth. In addition, the 2020 fund received \$1.1 million from wagers on historical horse racing.

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Saturday, Laurel, post time: 3:46 p.m. EST

RUNHAPPY BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sharp Starr	Munnings	Barry K. Schwartz	DePaz	Cintron	120
2	Club Car 🌿	Malibu Moon	Ball, Michael and Katherine G.	Colebrook	Carrasco	120
3	Dontletsweetfoolya 🌿	Stay Thirsty	Five Hellions Farm	Gaudet	Toledo	120
4	Estilo Talentoso	Maclean's Music	Juan Arriagada	Arriagada	Crispin	120
5	Suggestive Honor (Arg)	Suggestive Boy (Arg)	Juan Oscar Llobell	Salazar	Ruiz	120
6	Hibiscus Punch	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Nixon	Karamanos	120
7	Needs Supervision 🌿	Paynter	Howling Pigeon Farms, Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable & Madaket Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Lynch	120
8	Hello Beautiful	Golden Lad	Madaket Stables LLC, Frassetto, Albert, Parkinson, Mark, K-Mac Stable and Magic City Stables, LLC	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-Stonewall Farm, 2-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner, 3-BHMFR, LLC, 4-Mile High Bloodstock LLC, 5-La Esperanza, 6-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 7-Mike Abraham, 8-Hillwood Stables, LCC

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:19 p.m. EST

GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Laki	Cuba Hillside Equestrian Meadows		Dilodovico	Karamanos	122
2	Funny Guy	Big Brown	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable	Terranova II	Russell	120
3	Lebda	Raison d'Etat	Euro Stable	Gonzalez	Cintron	120
4	Majestic Dunhill 🌿	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Lynch	120
5	Fortunate Friends	J P's Gusto	William D. McCarty	Morrow	Toledo	120
6	Share the Ride 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Silvino Ramirez	Penaloza	Carrasco	120
7	Informative 🌿	Bodemeister	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Chirinos	120
8	Arthur's Hope 🌿	Smart Bid	Raul DelValle	Salazar	Cortez	120
9	Chilly in Charge	Take Charge Indy	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	Vera	Acosta	120
10	Tattooed	Etched	Holt, Kenneth, Montuori, Theodore & Palumbo Racing Stable	Keefe	Cruz	120

Breeders: 1-Tom Michaels & Lorna Baker, 2-Hibiscus Stables, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 5-Nicholas J. Downes, 6-Dixiana Farms LLC, 7-Rose Hill Farm & John Trumbulovic, 8-Monhill Farm, LLC, 9-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC, 10-Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Holt, Theodore Montuori & Mr. & Mrs. Richard Palumbo



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1	Frosted (2012) by Tapit FYR: 2018	--	3	--	2	--	--	43	4	60,000 Travel Column	339,803
2	Air Force Blue (2013) by War Front FYR: 2018	--	1	--	--	--	--	28	7	55,959 Kitten's Waltz	323,535
3	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018	1	3	--	1	--	--	39	6	55,000 Secret Love	303,216
4	Exaggerator (2013) by Curlin FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	52	8	30,200 A Real Hero	277,458
5	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	7	53,600 Mo Desserts	275,813
6	Runhappy (2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2018	1	2	--	--	--	--	25	7	55,000 Nicky the Vest	273,944
7	Outwork (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018	--	3	--	--	--	--	28	5	58,500 Coffee Bar	266,561
8	Speightster (2012) by Speightstown FYR: 2018	--	1	--	--	--	--	43	5	48,400 Doctor K	257,488
9	Brody's Cause (2013) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018	1	1	1	1	--	--	21	2	160,000 Kalypso	230,570
10	Laoban (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018	--	1	--	--	--	--	23	5	38,500 Breakfastatbonnies	207,194
11	Upstart (2012) by Flatter FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	5	33,600 Zoom Up	198,385
12	Jess's Dream (2012) by Curlin FYR: 2018	1	2	1	1	--	--	24	4	61,380 Chess's Dream	196,219
13	Tourist (2011) by Tiznow FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	7	32,760 Journeytothemoon	174,891
14	Mosler (2011) by War Front FYR: 2018	1	1	--	--	--	--	14	6	55,000 Hello Hot Rod	161,226
15	Mshawish (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	6	44,400 Sainthood	139,546

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

MARDI GRAS S., \$75,000, Fair Grounds, 2-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.81, ft.

1--**ELLE Z, 122, f, 4, City Zip--Court Appeal, by Candy Ride (Arg).** (\$7,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$72,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O-M Bar O LLC; B-W. S. Farish & Lazy F Ranch (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman; J-Mitchell Murrill. \$49,500. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, \$195,524.



2--**Into Mystic, 122, m, 5, Into Mischief--Loveofalifetime, by Medaglia d'Oro.** (\$650,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR). O-George Chris Coleman & Brad King; B-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Catesby W. Clay Investment 2 LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$15,000.



3--**She's My Gem, 118, m, 5, Into Mischief--Our Unbridled Gem, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC.; B-Don & Pam Mattox (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$7,500.



Margins: 4, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.30, 0.70, 3.00.

Also Ran: Misty Day. Scratched: Change of Control, Dalika (Ger), In Good Spirits, Jeanie B (GB), Ready for Change, Winning Envelope.

Elle Z, whose only previous main-track win came in her debut at Will Rodgers Downs last May, won a 5 1/2-furlong allowance over the Keeneland lawn Oct. 15 and added a front-running score in the Pan Zareta S. over that distance of the Fair Grounds lawn Dec. 5. She was coming off a runner-up effort behind re-posing favorite Into Mystic over that same course and trip in the Jan. 9 Nelson J. Menard Memorial S. Elle Z zipped out to the early lead and was loose on the front end through an opening quarter in :23.07. Into Mystic was last of the compact quartet, but rallied up the rail nearing the stretch where she tipped out a path and attempted to reel in the pacesetter, but Elle Z found another gear and skipped away from the favorite for an authoritative victory.

Court Appeal, in foal to **Karakontie**, sold for \$40,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. The 10-year-old mare, a half-sister to Grade I placed Closing Bell (**Tapit**), graded winner Hear the Ghost (**Ghostzapper**), and Grade I winner Mani Bhavan

(Storm Boot), has a **Tonalist** 2-year-old filly who sold for \$50,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale and RNA'd for \$57,000 at the Fasig October sale. Her **Karakontie** yearling filly sold for \$8,000 at last month's Keeneland January sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Elle Z | Hodges Photography/Jan Brubaker



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Fair Grounds, \$56,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-16, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.95, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SAVE (f, 3, Violence--Sustain, by Vindication) opened her career with a 1 1/2-length victory over this track and trip on New Year's Day. With Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners added to the ownership line for this second go, the 3-5 favorite sprinted out to the early lead and battled through an opening quarter in :22.60. The bay filly asserted control entering the far turn and was clear after a half in :46.30. She held Makeajoyfulnoise (**Dialed In**) at bay down the lane to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Sustain, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Fantastic Fellow (Lear Fan), produced a colt by **Cairo Prince** in 2019 and a colt by **The Factor** last year. She was bred back to Fast Anna. Her **Cairo Prince** colt sold for \$4,500 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$63,600. O-Mineola Farm II, LLC & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Mineola Farm II, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.





IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Fair Grounds, \$55,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.76, ft, neck.

WARRANT (c, 3, Constitution--Whisper Number, by First Samurai) was third over this track and distance in his Jan. 16 unveiling. The 5-2 shot chased pacesetter Wild for Wycliff (Danza) three wide while that favorite tugged his way through a quarter in :22.74. Warrant moved up to challenge for the lead at the top of the lane, but began drifting out as the pacesetter kept to his task along the rail. Warrant finally straightened out inside the final sixteenth and closed powerfully to overtake Wild for Wycliff on the line. The winner is a half-brother to Ms Locust Point (**Dialed In**), GSW, \$675,975. Whisper Number produced a colt by **Constitution** in 2019 and a colt by Good magic last year. She was bred back to **Constitution**. Her **Constitution** colt RNA'd for \$370,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,500.

O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 2-16, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.34, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

ADVENTURING (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Questing {GB} {Ch. 3-year-old Filly, MGISW-US, MGSP-Eng, \$876,876}, by Hard Spun) opened her career with a pair of off-turf maiden special weights at this oval, finishing third going one mile and 70 yards Nov. 29 and second going 1 1/16 miles Dec. 20. Sent off at 5-2 in yet another rained-off affair, the bay filly sat within stalking distance of the leader through a quarter in :24.10 and a half in :47.39. She ranged up three wide to take the lead in upper stretch and powered clear to graduate by 6 1/2 lengths. Speed Lane (**Union Rags**), squeezed slightly by the winner as she straightened out in upper stretch, finished second and a claim of foul by the runner-up's rider was disallowed. Favored Peace Broker (**War Front**) was a neck back in third. Adventuring is a half-sister to Romantic Pursuit (**Medaglia d'Oro**), MGSP, \$292,804. She is the last foal out of 2012 Eclipse champion 3-year-old filly Questing (GB), who died in 2019. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$43,020.

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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2021 Stud Fees Listed

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000
158 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, Welshman, 6-1
\$17,000 KEE NOV wnl

Juba (Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$1,500
45 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Nocashrefunds, 15-1

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
199 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Penn National, Msw 6f, Jimmy the Kid, 2-1
\$165,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$172,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$80,000 OBS APR 2yo

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000
132 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Golden Key, 1-1

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia, \$0
146 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, Straight Up Guy, 9-2
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$11,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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CLASICO JORGE WASHINGTON S., \$43,920, Camarero, 2-14, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.16, my.

1--**RESURRECTOR, 120, c, 3, Upstart--Ron's Girl, by Lawyer Ron.** (\$7,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Clinton Stable; B-Brereton Jones (KY); T-Salvador Correa; J-Joshua Navarro. \$25,474. Lifetime Record: 6-1-4-0, \$37,792. *First stakes winner for sophomore sire (by **Flatter**).

2--**Super Kojak, 120, c, 3, Liaison--Alaska Miss, by Officer.** (\$5,500 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$13,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR). O-Skull Stable PR; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Arderson Santiago. \$8,784.

3--**Seven Away, 120, c, 3, Oxbow--Teammate, by A.P. Indy.** (\$20,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Establo Rafanil; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jonathan Astacio. \$4,392.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 24.90, 0.40, 8.15.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-16, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.29, ft, 3/4 length.

YES HE CAN (g, 4, Can the Man--Rally the Troops, by War Chant) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$94,517. O/B-Allied Racing Stable, LLC (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

10th-Parx Racing, \$52,090, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.75, my, 3/4 length.

IRISH CORK (g, 4, Flat Out--Circustown Rose {SW}, by Wimbledon) Lifetime Record: 13-4-6-3, \$196,254. O-Irish Three Racing LLC; B-Two-Turn Farm LLC (PA); T-John C. Servis. *\$15,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV.

4th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-16, 4yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.48, ft, 3/4 length.

GUITAR TRIBUTE (g, 4, Star Guitar--Sunday's Child {SW, \$141,370}, by Any Given Saturday) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-3-3-5, \$149,738. O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo.

9th-Parx Racing, \$35,750, (S), 2-16, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.24, my, 1/2 length.

G DADDY (g, 5, Smarty Jones--Mohonour, by Honour and Glory) Lifetime Record: 15-3-0-1, \$64,936. O-Top Notch Racing; B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA); T-Joseph Taylor. *Full to Res Judicata, GSW, \$489,840.



CAN THE MAN, Yes He Can, g, 4, o/o Rally the Troops, by War Chant. AOC, 2-16, Fair Grounds

CITY ZIP, Elle Z, f, 4, o/o Court Appeal, by **Candy Ride (Arg).** Mardi Gras S., 2-16, Fair Grounds

CONSTITUTION, Warrant, c, 3, o/o Whisper Number, by **First Samurai.** MSW, 2-16, Fair Grounds

FLAT OUT, Irish Cork, g, 4, o/o Circustown Rose, by Wimbledon. AOC, 2-16, Parx Racing

PIONEER OF THE NILE, Adventuring, f, 3, o/o Questing (GB), by **Hard Spun.** MSW, 2-16, Fair Grounds

SMARTY JONES, G Daddy, g, 5, o/o Mohonour, by Honour and Glory. ALW, 2-16, Parx Racing

STAR GUITAR, Guitar Tribute, g, 4, o/o Sunday's Child, by Any Given Saturday. AOC, 2-16, Fair Grounds

UPSTART, Resurrector, c, 3, o/o Ron's Girl, by Lawyer Ron. GIII Clasico Jorge Washington S., 2-14, Camarero

VIOLENCE, Save, f, 3, o/o Sustain, by Vindication. AOC, 2-16, Fair Grounds

WEIGELIA, Our Dixie Blue, f, 4, o/o Dixiewood, by Dixie Union. WMC, 2-16, Parx Racing

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PIVOTAL PENSIONED FROM STUD DUTIES



Pivotal at Cheveley Park Stud | racingfotos.com

By Kelsey Riley

Pivotal (GB) (Polar Falcon–Fearless Revival {GB}, by Cozzene), the Group 1-winning sprinter who has excelled as both a sire and broodmare sire, has been pensioned from stud duty at Cheveley Park Stud at the age of 28. The chestnut had remained in service at his birthplace up until last year, covering reduced numbers of mares in recent years, and will live out his remaining life at the Newmarket nursery.

Bred by David and Patricia Thompson's Cheveley Park Stud, Pivotal was a member of the first crop of the G1 Sprint Cup victor Polar Falon and out of Fearless Revival, whom the Thompsons had bought in utero when they purchased the G1 Premio Lydia Tesio winner Stufida (GB) (Bustino {GB}) for \$150,000 at Keeneland November in 1986.

Retained to race by the Thompsons, Pivotal went into training with Sir Mark Prescott and won two of his three starts at two. He made a belated start to his 3-year-old campaign but soon made up for lost time, beating elders in the G2 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot in 1996.

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TRADE STRONG AT ARQANA FEBRUARY

The two-day Arqana February Sale came to a close on Tuesday with figures up across the board. After a strong opening session on Monday led by the €250,000 AQPS gelding Hardi Du Mesnil (Fr) (Masterstroke), the sale continued apace during Tuesday's session of fillies, mares and yearlings and was topped by the 5-year-old **Princess Isla (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) (lot 309), who was bought by Anne-Sophie Yoh of Yohea for €110,000 on behalf of Xavier Marie of Haras de Hus. Marie is a more recent investor in racing stock and bought Anabasis (Ger) (High Chaparral {Ire}), the dam of Grade I winner A Raving Beauty (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), for €320,000 at Arqana December. Princess Isla is in foal for the first time to dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**. "I've bought her for Xavier Marie of Haras de Hus," said Anne-Sophie Yoh. "He's a new owner that is well-known for investing in sports horses, who is now turning towards racing." **Cont. p5**

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Pivotal ran just twice more, finishing sixth in the G1 July Cup before going out on a high with a win in the G1 Nunthorpe S., in the process earning champion sprinter honours and becoming Cheveley Park Stud's first homebred Group 1 winner.

Chris Richardson, managing director of Cheveley Park Stud, said, "The story associated with the 'Mighty' Pivotal is truly extraordinary, considering he was the result of the very first covering his sire, Polar Falcon, was given. Thankfully, as a yearling, it was decided to retain him to race rather than offer him for sale, as we did with the other yearling colts by Polar Falcon that year. Whilst in the hands of trainer Sir Mark Prescott, Pivotal truly put Cheveley Park Stud on the map, giving owners David and Patricia Thompson their first Group 1 winner in the stud's famous red, white and blue colours."

Pivotal debuted at Cheveley Park Stud in 1997 for £6,000, and his first four crops yielded no more than 58 foals apiece. Nonetheless, he had 13 winners from 29 starters in 2000, his first year with runners, including two stakes winners, good enough to be the leading British-based first-season sire of his cohort.

As he had done himself, Pivotal's progeny made it a habit of improving with age, and that first crop only got better, eventually yielding three Group 1 winners and nine stakes winners, headed by the GI Beverly D. S., GI Yellow Ribbon S. and GI Del Mar Oaks scorer Golden Apples (Ire); Kyllachy (GB), who emulated his sire with a win in the Nunthorpe before joining him at Cheveley Park Stud; and the G1 Preis der Diana winner Silvester Lady (GB). Pivotal's subsequent two crops included the G1 Pretty Polly S. victress Chorist (GB), the G1 Sprint Cup, G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret scorer Somnus (GB) and the Yellow Ribbon S. and GI John C. Mabee S. winner Megahertz (GB).



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Thus by the time Pivotal was covering his sixth book in 2003 the secret was well and truly out. He was courted by 100 mares that season and he wouldn't cover less than that again until 2012, although the biggest book he ever covered was 122 in 2007.

Pivotal was twice Britain's leading sire by earnings and eight times the nation's leading sire by individual winners. His first British/Irish Classic win came courtesy of Saoire (GB) in the 2005 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas. Halfway To Heaven (Ire) took that same race in 2008 before going on to a celebrated career as a broodmare, while Sariska (GB) took their sire to the next level with an Epsom/Irish Oaks double in 2009. Falco won the 2008 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, while Buzzword (GB) took the G1 Deutsches Derby of 2010.

Other standouts by Pivotal have included the dual Group 1-winning mares Izzi Top (GB), Immortal Verse (Ire) and Peeress (GB); G1 Dubai World Cup scorer African Story (GB); G1 Champion S. and G1 Lockinge S. winner and popular sire Farhh (GB); G1 Prix Jean Luc Lagardere victor Siyouni (Fr), who is also keeping Pivotal's line safe with an excellent start at stud; triple Australian Group 1 winner Avilius (GB); dual Group 1-winning sprinter Regal Parade (GB); and G1 St James's Palace S. winner and sire Excellent Art (GB). **Cont. p3**



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Pivotal proved a rare ability to throw runners of the highest class from five furlongs all the way up to a mile and a half, and his progeny have become known for their longevity, too. Nowhere was this more apparent than last year on British Champions Day, when Pivotal scored a Group 1 double in his 20th season with runners courtesy of Addeybb (Ire) in the Champion S. and Glen Shiel (GB) in the British Champions Sprint S. Both are six, and Addeybb was earning his third win at the highest level, having taken two Group 1s in Australia earlier in the year. He stays in training as a 7-year-old with plans to defend his titles in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Ranvet S. Down Under should Covid protocols allow it. And while Addeybb and Glen Shiel are both geldings, there is plenty of sire power within the Pivotal line, led by Siyouni and also including Kyllachy, Farhh, Excellent Art (GB) and Falco. Kyllachy stood alongside his sire for 15 years before preceding him in retirement in 2017, and today his dual Group 1-winning son Twilight Son (GB) holds the mantle. Pivotal's G1 Sussex S.-winning son Lightning Spear (GB) has his first yearlings this year.

Pivotal has thus far left behind 32 Group 1 winners, but it could still be that his greatest legacy comes through his daughters, who have provided 23 Group 1 winners. The aforementioned Halfway To Heaven is responsible for two of those, both daughters of Galileo (Ire): Magical (Ire), the winner of seven Group 1s including the Champion and Irish Champion S. (twice) and the highest earner out of a Pivotal mare with over £4.9-million in the bank; and the G1 Fillies' Mile, G1 Lockinge S. and G1 Prix de l'Opera scorer Rhododendron (Ire).

Other products of the Galileo/Pivotal cross include last year's champion 3-year-old filly Love (Ire) and full-siblings Hermosa (Ire), Hydrangea (Ire) and The United States (Ire). **Cont. p4**

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Pivotal's daughters have likewise developed an affinity with Galileo's best son **Frankel (GB)**, the best from that cross being the dual Champion S. and four-time Group 1 winner Cracksman (GB), one of the highest-rated horses of the past decade. The **Frankel/Pivotal** cross has also been responsible for Cheveley Park's homebred G1 Falmouth S. winner Veracious (GB). Other standouts out of Pivotal mares include the American champion turf horse Main Sequence (Aldebaran), triple Group 1-winning sprinter Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), triple G1 Prix de la Foret winner One Master (GB) (**Fastnet Rock {Aus}**), French Classic winners Precieuse (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) and Olmedo (Fr) (Declaration Of War), Group 1-winning sprinters Mayson (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Mabs Cross (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) and Golden Horde (Ire)



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(Lethal Force {Ire}), and G1 Cheveley Park S. and G1 Flying Five S. scorer Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

While wrapping up his 50th season with a license last November, Sir Mark Prescott **spoke about Pivotal** in an interview with the *TDN*.

"Pivotal is a much better stallion than I ever thought he would be," Prescott said. "I suppose his great quality was that he was infinitely faster than his pedigree. The only time we tried him over six [furlongs] was the only time we had a disaster. And I have since watched and believe that all sorts of horses who've been infinitely more successful than one thought have been faster than their pedigrees. Not many have been successful at stud that were slower than their pedigree."

Prescott admitted that Pivotal didn't make a memorable first impression, but that the chestnut quickly began to make amends. **Cont. p5**

Fine weekend continues for Australia as Counterparty Risk strikes in Florida

RACING POST, 7th Feb 2021

The Grangecon Holdings-bred Counterparty Risk won the Gr.3 Endeavour Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs, on just her fourth career start, for owners Klaravich Stables.

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“He fell off the box when he came here but the first time we worked him, he absolutely flew,” Prescott said. “And it was a complete shock; normally you’ve got an idea.”

Pivotal’s story has truly been an extraordinary one, he having been responsible for so many milestones for his dedicated owner/breeders and having outbattled a four-figure fee and modest early numbers to stand for as high as £85,000. He has sired 153 stakes winners worldwide (10.8% of starters) and his daughters have produced 111 stakes winners. And there is more to come: Pivotal has 48 3-year-olds of 2021, 47 2-year-olds and 31 yearlings and covered 28 mares in his final season last year.

Richardson said of Pivotal’s legacy at stud, “Having covered a relatively small book of mares in his first year, his resulting progeny excelled and inspired at all levels, which they have continued to do throughout his career, both domestically and internationally. On the world stage, Pivotal has excelled as a sire, a sire of sires and as a broodmare sire, to the highest level and all of us at Cheveley Park Stud have been so blessed to have been part of his life for 28 years. I think Triple Crown winner, Isinglass, whose stable Pivotal occupies, would have been very proud and we all wish Pivotal a well-deserved and happy retirement.”

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Yoh continued, “We really liked the mare’s pedigree and she is the only one in foal to the sire in the catalogue. We’re very happy. We don’t know yet who she’ll be covered by next--she’ll go to the stud first.”

Bred by Dayton Investments, Princess Isla was a winner in March of 2019 at Deauville for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. Her second dam is Peinture Bleue (Alydar), whose four stakes winners are headed by the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe and Classic winner and sire Peintre Celebre.



Princess Isla winning at Deauville | Scoop Dyga

Princess Isla had been a €420,000 buyback at the Arqana August Yearling Sale of 2017, and Langlais Bloodstock had purchased her for €62,000 out of Arqana’s Summer Sale of 2019. Her elder sister Persian Sky (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was bought by Mandore International Agency for €65,000 at the latest edition of Arqana’s December Breeding Stock Sale.

At the end of Tuesday’s session, figures for the two-day sale reflected positive trade. A total of 261 horses were sold for €3,028,000 at a clearance rate of 80.8%—a big improvement over last year’s clearance rate of 66%, when 239 horses were sold for €2,331,100. The average and median were likewise up, by 18.9% (€11,602) and 37.5% (€5,500), respectively.

It was another 5-year-old mare, **Jet Setteuse (Fr)** (Makfi {GB}) (lot 315) who found favour on Tuesday with Sylvain Vidal, and she is set to visit Le Havre (Ire) for her first covering after being scooped up for €95,000. A winner in her lone start at two for trainer Francois Rohaut, Jet Setteuse was placed in the G3 Prix Imprudence and a pair of listed races at three and was last seen winning a seven-furlong conditions race at Dax last June, after which she was a €90,000 buyback at the Arqana Summer Sale. Jet Setteuse is out of the listed-placed Pretty Panther (Fr) (Hurricane Run {Ire}).

“She’s a lovely mare from a nice family of sprinters that were very tough on the racetrack,” said Vidal. “She’ll go to Le Havre.”

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• Average (% change)	€9,780 (+17.7%)	€8,305
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CUMULATIVE	2021	2020
• Catalogued	380	430
• Number Offered	323	362
• Number Sold	261	239
• Not Sold	62	123
• Clearance Rate	80.8%	66%
• High Price	€250,000	€135,000
• Gross	€3,028,000	€2,331,100
• Average (% change)	€11,602 (+18.9%)	€9,754
• Median (% change)	€5,500 (+37.5%)	€4,000

Trade Strong At Arqana February Cont.

BBA Ireland was the name on the ticket for the 10-year-old mare **Honor Bound (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) (lot 233), who was sold for €60,000 by Haras des Cruchettes on behalf of Al Shahania Stud. Honor Bound won Lingfield’s Listed Oaks Trial S. at three but beat just one home in the G1 Epsom Oaks and never won again. Her first foal, Rowland Ward (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), was a winner over the flat and jumps, while her second foal, the now 4-year-old Bound Edition (GB) (Dansili {GB}), is unraced. Honor Bound has a 2-year-old filly by Sea The Stars, a yearling filly by Lope De Vega (Ire) and is empty for 2021.

The G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner **Al Wukair (Ire)** has his first runners this year, and it was a mare in foal to him who found favour with Artemis Bloodstock Investments for €50,000: **Swan Valley (Fr)** (Manduro {Ger}) (lot 330). Unraced herself, the 6-year-old Swan Valley comes from a top-class family, her winning dam Saga d’Ouilly (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) being a full-sister to the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe winner Sagamix (Fr) and the G2 Prix de Malleret scorer Sage Et Jolie (Fr), and a half to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Sagacity (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}) and to Shastye (Ire) (Danehill), the dam of Group 1 winners Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Mogul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Swan Valley’s first foal, a filly by Sidestep (Aus), died as a yearling, and

she has a yearling daughter of Pedro The Great (Fr).

Trois Rivières’s **Leaf Blower** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) (lot 238) was another young mare offered in foal to a stallion with his first runners this year, in her case **Caravaggio**, and the winning full-sister to the dual Grade III winner Tricky Escape was picked up by Mandore International Agency for €44,000. The 6-year-old is carrying her second foal, having produced a colt by **Karakontie (Jpn)** last year. That colt, bought in utero by Samuel Blanchard when the mare was picked up for \$13,000 at Keeneland November in 2019, was sold for €28,000 at Arqana December last year to Stroud Coleman Bloodstock.

Upon the conclusion of trade for the Arqana February Sale, Arqana President Eric Hoyeau said, “We’re extremely pleased with this first sale of the season. The market showed itself to be dynamic throughout the two days, and aside from the final figures, there was also a real atmosphere. These results are very encouraging at this stage in the year, when the entries for the yearling sales are taking place and we’re putting together the Breeze-Up catalogue. All the racing countries of Europe were represented with both buyers and vendors. The bidding online also worked very well. There has been real progression in the activity online since the Autumn. We have adapted it as we have evolved. This has borne its fruit and should continue to progress.”

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WHAT BREEDERS SAY ABOUT HARRY ANGEL’S FIRST YEARLINGS



She is a fabulous yearling, stunning with a good walk. The star of the paddock.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

ARQANA FEBRUARY MIXED SALE DAY 2 TOP THREE LOTS

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
309	Princess Isla (GB) <i>(m, 5, Frankel {GB}–Peinture Abstraite {GB}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})</i> Bred by Dayton Investments (Breeding) Limited (GB) Consigned by Haras des Rouges Terres Purchased by Yohea	I/f to Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	110,000
315	Jet Setteuse (Fr) <i>(m, 5, Makfi {GB}–Pretty Panther {Fr}, by Hurricane Run {Ire})</i> Bred by Patrick Sabban (Fr) Consigned by Haras du Berlais Purchased by Sylvain Vidal	Broodmare Prospect	95,000
233	Honor Bound (GB) <i>(m, 10, Authorized {Ire}–Honorine {Ire}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire})</i> Bred by Ashley House Stud (GB) Consigned by Haras des Cruchettes Purchased by BBA Ireland	Broodmare	60,000

AGATHE CAPDEPON APPOINTED ARQANA COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

Agathe Capdepon has been promoted to Arqana Communication Director, the sales company announced on Tuesday. Capdepon began in the company's communication department in 2016. She holds degrees in literature and communication and is a qualified riding instructor. In addition, Capdepon, who previously worked at a news agency, is taking over from Alix Choppin, who will continue to collaborate with Arqana on a free-lance basis, organizing events to promote racehorse ownership in business circles. Megan Martins, in charge of digital communication, and Pauline Ritter, responsible for press relations and advertising, also work on the Arqana communications team.

"It is very much a seamless transition," said Arqana CEO Eric Hoyer. "We opted to promote internal resources as we are lucky to have a competent, creative and complementary team ready to take up all the required tasks." [Cont. p8](#)



Raven's Pass — stud fee just €7,500 — has a higher percentage of Stakes winners than any Irish stallion standing for up to €20,000. And his career yearling average is much the highest, too.

IRISH STALLIONS STANDING FOR UP TO €20K BY STAKES WINNERS TO RUNNERS, WITH CAREER YEARLING AVERAGE AND FEE

1	Raven's Pass	8.4%	€92k	€7,500
2	Belardo	6.7%	€30k	€10,000
	Mastercraftsman	6.7%	€62k	€15,000
4	Tamayuz	6.5%	€51k	€8,000
5	Holy Roman Emperor	6.4%	€51k	€12,500
	Rock Of Gibraltar	6.4%	€68k	€5,000
7	Make Believe	5.4%	€36k	€15,000

50+ runners, to 16-2-21

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Agathe Capdepon | Arqana

Agathe Capdepon Cont.

Hoyeau continued, “Agathe has been working consistently hard for the past four year and we are delighted to appoint her as head of communication.”

Added Agathe Capdepon, “I wish to thank Alix, alongside whom I have been learning the ropes during my first four years on the communication team, as well as Eric Hoyeau and Freddy Powell for their confidence. I am thrilled to be given this opportunity with the support of a skillful, dynamic and cohesive team.”

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on the European racing scene

CORONET'S HALF-SISTER DEBUTS AT KEMPTON

4.15 Kempton, Mdn, £5,300, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT)

REGENT (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is a half-sister to the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Prix Jean Romanet heroine Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) who starts out for the same Denford Stud-John Gosden axis. Also a half to the G1 Irish Derby and G1 St Leger runner-up Midas Touch (GB) by Frankel's sire Galileo (Ire), the May-foaled grey has the widest draw to overcome as she takes on 10 rivals.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Kempton, £5,300, Novice, 2-16, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), 1:00.93, st/sl.

DILIGENT HARRY (GB) (c, 3, Due Diligence--Harryana To {GB}, by Compton Place {GB}), who made a smooth winning debut over six furlongs at Wolverhampton Jan. 6, was again placed straight on the front end before accepting a lead. Back in command two out, the 1-7 favourite was in a class of his own en route to a 4 1/2-length success from Miss Bella Brand (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}). The dam, whose 2-year-old colt is by Adaay (Ire) and who also has a yearling full-brother to the winner, is a half to the G2 Mill Reef S. scorer Temple Meads (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}) and to Sneak Preview (GB) (Monsieur Bond {Ire}) who was runner-up in the G3 Firth of Clyde S. Sales history: £38,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,144.

O-The Dilinquent; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Clive Cox.



Diligent Harry | Racingfotos.com

4th-Kempton, £5,300, Novice, 2-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:40.46, st/sl.

KESTENNA (GB) (f, 3, Pride of Dubai {Aus}--Lamyaa {GB}, by Arcano {Ire}), off the mark over an extended mile at Wolverhampton Jan. 29, was second after breaking best. Allowed to coast to the lead with two furlongs remaining, the 5-4 favourite surged clear to score impressively by nine lengths from Colour of Light (Ire) (Shamardal). The dam is a half-sister to three black-type performers headed by the G2 Goldene Peitsche winner Electric Beat (GB) (Shinko Forest {Ire}) and to the dam of the G3 Curragh S. and GIII Seniorita S. scorer Treasuring (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}). **Cont. p4**

4th-Kempton Cont.

She has the 2-year-old colt Likeawind (GB) (**Highland Reel {Ire}**) and a yearling filly by **Gleneagles (Ire)**. Sales history: 28,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; €95,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$10,859. O-Mr M Alqatami & Mr K M Al-Mudhaf; B-The Pocock Family (GB); T-John Gosden.

3rd-Newcastle, £5,300, Novice, 2-16, 3yo/up, c/g, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:42.66, st/sl.

FLYIN' HIGH (GB) (c, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Zee Zee Top {GB} {G1SW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$270,501}, by Zafonic), who traded at 1-4 to back up the impression of his latest performance when successful over this course and distance Jan. 15, cruised in behind the leading duo early. Looming to the leader Kehailaan (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) passing the two-furlong pole, the homebred was shaken up to assert his superiority and was hand ridden to the line to account for that rival by a comfortable 1 1/2-length margin. The dam, who captured the G1 Prix de l'Opera for Meon Valley, also produced the G2 Prix de la Nonette winner and Opera runner-up Jazz Top (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, SW-Eng, \$275,616; and Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) who took the G1 Pretty Polly S. and G1 Prix Jean Romanet and was also runner-up in the Opera, G1SW-Ire, G1SW-Fr, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$734,076. Izzi Top later produced the dual Group 3-placed Prince Eiji (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and listed-placed Willie John (GB) (Dansili {GB}) as well as the smart sprinter Dreamfield (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). Zee Zee Top is a daughter of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Colorspin (Fr) (High Top {Ire}) and therefore a half to the champions Opera House (GB) and Kayf Tara (GB). Her 2-year-old colt by Muhaarar (GB) was bought by this trainer for 75,000gns at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 and is named Schmilsson (GB). Sales history: 150,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$12,288. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Castle Down Racing; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Sound Reason (GB), g, 3, Hot Streak (Ire)--Brown Eyed Honey (GB), by Elusive City. Newcastle, 2-16, 5f (AWT), 1:00.39. B-The Brown Eyed Honey Partnership (GB). *22,000gns Wlg '18 TAFOA; £28,000 Ylg '19 DBSPRM.

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FRANCE**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

1st-Chantilly, €21,000, 2-16, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.53, st. BURIDAN (FR) (g, 6, Choisir {Aus}--Lady McKell {Ire}, by Raven's Pass) Lifetime Record: 22-6-3-0, €73,060. O-Melissa O'Neill; B-SCA La Perrigne (FR); T-Eoghan O'Neill. *€47,000 Ylg '16 AROCT; €360,000 2yo '17 ARMA; 18,000gns HRA '20 TAAUT.

7th-Chantilly, €21,000, 2-16, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:55.30, st. INTELLOGENT (IRE) (g, 6, Intello {Ger}--Nuit Polaire {Ire}, by Kheleyf) Lifetime Record: G1SW-Fr, 21-4-4-4, €549,294. O-Fiona Carmichael; B-Ecurie Des Monceaux (IRE); T-Fabrice Chappet. *€320,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG.

6th-Chantilly, €18,000, 2-16, 4yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:01.50, st. ECRIVAIN (FR) (c, 4, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Sapphire Pendant {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 9-3-2-0, €109,020. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

The Laureate (Fr), c, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Gonwana (Ger), by Lando (Ger). Chantilly, 2-16, 9f (AWT), 1:50.19. B-R Shaykhutdinov (FR). *€35,000 Ylg '19 AROCT.

**IN JAPAN:**

Wild Guess (Ire), c, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Guessing, by Kingmambo. Ohi, 2-17, Cond., 1600m. B-Barronstown Stud. *€75,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB.



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WORLDWIDE NEWS

CLASSIC HERO MISHRIFF RETURNS TO RIYADH *by Emma Berry*

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia--The world is a much different place 12 months on from the inaugural Saudi Cup meeting when the full horror of the Coronavirus crisis was only beginning to become apparent. So many of racing's key events have been disrupted since then and, with many countries still in lockdown or under severe travel restrictions, it is no small wonder that this year's meeting is able to proceed, even though the attendance will be markedly reduced from last year.

Eschewing the obvious travel complications, a posse of 27 European-trained horses has descended on the Arabian desert ahead of the second running of the Saudi Cup at Riyadh's King Abdulaziz Racecourse. Along with a team of local runners, they have been joined by strong contingents from America and Bahrain, and five horses from Japan. A further eight runners from the Godolphin battalions currently wintering in Dubai will ship into town on Wednesday and the scene will be set for round two of the newest major

international race meeting on the circuit.

The European raiders feature a Classic winner among them--last year's Prix du Jockey Club victor **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}), who is in Riyadh for the second time, having been runner-up in last year's Saudi Derby. His presence will no doubt delight his Saudi owner/breeder, Prince A A Faisal, whose contribution to European racing is immense, not least as breeder of the perennially popular stallions and half-brothers Kodiak (GB) and Invincible Spirit (Ire). Their dam, another French Classic-winning homebred, Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), also appears as the third dam of Mishriff, who is by the Prince's Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Make Believe. Mishriff's half-brother **Momkin (Ire)** (**Bated Breath** {GB}) is also set to race in the stc 1351 Turf Sprint on Saturday's undercard for Saudi trainer Abdullah Mushrif.



Global Giant (left) and Mishriff on Riyadh's dirt track on Tuesday

Emma Berry

Mishriff's trainer John Gosden is represented in Riyadh by his son Thady, who said after watching the colt exercise with the stable's fellow Saudi Cup runner **Global Giant (GB)** (Shamardal), "It's wonderful for Prince Faisal to have a runner in the Saudi Cup. He puts a huge amount into the sport and takes a lot of time over his horses and cares about them deeply. He's very passionate and it's brilliant for him to have a horse who is a Classic winner and is now coming back to his home country to hopefully run well in the big race."

He continued, "It was bottomless ground on Champions Day for Mishriff's final run of last year but he had a little break and has been training well since he started back. He's in good form. He knows his way around here a bit and he handles the dirt well. It's a brilliant track here--obviously Mishriff is a turf horse but he handles it well."

Isa Salman Al Khalifa's Global Giant comes into the Saudi Cup from his second-place finish in the Bahrain Trophy and he will reoppose the winner of that race, **Simsir (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}). The latter is trained by Fawzi Nass, who was successful at last year's meeting with Port Lions (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

Gosden added, "Global Giant went over to Bahrain and ran very well there. The race didn't quite go to plan as he broke a little bit slowly and was finishing well late on but wasn't quite able to peg back the leader. He's in good form, too. He had a little break over the winter but seems very well in himself."

The Gosden stable's runner in this year's Al Rajhi Bank Saudi Derby, run over a mile, is **New Treasure (Ire)**. The Jim Bolger-bred son of New Approach (Ire) won last year's G3 Heider Family Stables Round Tower S. before being sold to Saudi-based Nads Stud at Tattersalls for 90,000gns and transferred to Newmarket.

The \$1-million Saudi Derby has also drawn an international line-up. New Treasure's fellow Newmarket trainee **Albadri (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) races for Australian-born Jane Chapple-Hyam, while Charlie Appleby and Saeed Bin Suroor field the unbeaten **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and wide-margin UAE 1000 Guineas winner **Soft Whisper (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) for Godolphin. Francis Graffard has sent recent Chantilly winner **Homeryan (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) from France, and Japan, America and the UAE are also represented. **Cont. p11**



Oxted with Harry Teal aboard | Emma Berry

Euros Out in Force in Riyadh Cont.

When **Oxted (GB)** emulated his sire Mayson (GB) by winning last year's G1 Darley July Cup it proved to be one of the most popular results of the disrupted season. The 5-year-old has run just once since then, when fifth in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint, and he enters new territory on Saturday in the Saudi Arabian Airlines Riyadh Dirt Sprint.

Oxted's trainer Roger Teal and his wife Sue stepped off a Saudi Arabian Airlines flight at 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday and, after completing the Covid tests obligatory within the Saudi Cup 'event bubble', came straight to the track to see their stable star canter under their son Harry.

"It's his first try on dirt and his first time round a bend so that's lots of firsts. Hopefully there will be another first come Saturday," said Teal, who said he was delighted with the way Oxted had coped with his debut international flight. "He travelled really well on the plane and that was really good to hear as he's not even been overnight racing at home so it's a lot to take in."

Former jockey Harry Teal, who now assists his father at their Lambourn stable, was also having his first spin on a dirt track and gave his mount the thumbs-up. He said, "Oxted had his first morning out on the track and he loved it. He felt great, moved really well on the dirt and handled the bend well. It was like a carpet out there."

Chasemore Farm's **Brad The Brief (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}), trained by Tom Dascombe, and **Harry's Bar (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), one of two runners at the meeting for Ireland's Adrian McGuinness, will also be tested on the dirt for the first time in the 1200-metre contest.

Following a year when many of the world's most valuable prizes suffered cuts in purse money while so much of the action

was conducted behind closed doors, the already well endowed Saudi Cup meeting has increased in value from \$29.2 million to €30.5 million. It is preceded on Friday by the International Jockeys' Challenge with a 14-strong line-up of top riders that includes last season's first-time Group 1 winners Hollie Doyle and Jessica Marcialis.

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RACE NAMED AFTER PAT SMULLEN AT JEBEL ALI

Following a directive by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Deputy Chief of Dubai Police and Public Security, the Pat Smullen Conditions S. will be held at Jebel Ali on Feb. 19, the racecourse announced on Tuesday.

The late Smullen, a multiple champion jockey in his native Ireland, passed away from pancreatic cancer last September. During his career as a jockey, he was the retained jockey for Jebel Ali Stables in Dubai from 2000-2002, and was also a stable jockey for His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai during the 2004 winter season. Smullen organised the Pat Smullen Champions Race for Cancer Trials Ireland and raised more than €2.5 million in the process.

Mohammed Saeed Al-Shehhi, Director General of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Office said, "Pat Smullen is an icon who has left an indelible mark on the horseracing world. In Dubai, we celebrate and perpetuate legacy, and we are proud to participate in such a laudable event that is sure to bring the international horseracing community together. The race will be held yearly to honor the racing icon and will be sponsored by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum."

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Thursday, Meydan, post time: 7:40 p.m.

CURLIN S. SPONSORED BY NEW JAGUAR F-PACE, \$88,000, 3yo, 2000m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Tailor's Row	Street Cry (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	132
2	10	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dobbs	Watson	130
3	1	New Trails	Medaglia d'Oro	Jara	bin Harmash	127
4	8	Dubai Icon (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	126
5	3	MkFancy (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	124
6	2	Sanad Libya	Tapiture	Mullen	Seemar	124
7	9	Grand Argentier (Fr)	Palace Episode	O'Neill	Watson	122
8	4	Real World (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	121
9	7	Desert Peace	Curlin	Buick	Appleby	120
10	6	Twelfthofneverland	Istan	O'Shea	Seemar	119

Sunday, Abu Dhabi, post time: 8:00 p.m.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Ajwad (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Veron	Bouresly	128
2	15	Boerhan (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Curatolo	Bachalard	128
3	7	Cardsharp (GB)	Lonhro (Aus)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	128
4	16	Kilflush Memories (Fr)	Shakespearean (Ire)	Lecoeuvre	Charpy	128
5	9	King Ragnar (GB)	Hot Streak (Ire)	Cosgrave	de Kock	128
6	3	Laieth (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	128
7	8	Medahim (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mullen	Hashish	128
8	6	Melicertes (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	O'Shea	Salem Elhriari	128
9	11	Moqtarreb (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Paiva	Al Rayhi	128
10	1	Mukalal (GB)	Mawatheeq	O'Neill	Charpy	128
11	14	Mutamaasik (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	SCR	SCR	128
12	13	Nayslayer (Ire)	No Nay Never	Fresu	Ramadhan	128
13	10	Noivado (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Hitchcott	Rahman	128
14	2	Vale of Kent (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	128
15	5	Wings of Time (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Jara	bin Harmash	128
16	12	Yaalail (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Mazur	Al Rayhi	128
17	14	Hakeem (GB)	Exceed & Excel (Aus)	Bentley	Al Rayhi	128
Reserves:						
18	--	Speed Chance (Ire)	Born to Sea (Ire)	No Rider	bin Harmash	128
19	--	Way fo Wisdom (GB)	Lonhro (Aus)	No Rider	Seemar	128
20	--	Moshaher	Goldencents	No rider	Seemar	128

2020/2021 Australian Group Races

Date	Race	Track
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Feb. 20	G2 Hobartville S.	Rosehill
	G2 Silver Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G2 Millie Fox S.	Rosehill
	G1 Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
	G1 Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G2 Angus Armanasco S.	Caulfield
Feb. 24	G2 Caulfield Autumn Classic	Caulfield
	G2 Peter Young S.	Caulfield
	G3 Mannerism S.	Caulfield
Feb. 27	G3 Zeditave S.	Caulfield
	G3 Launceston Cup	Launceston
Feb. 28	G3 Vamos S.	Launceston
	G1 Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
	G2 Guy Walter S.	Randwick
	G2 Skyline S.	Randwick
	G2 Sweet Embrace S.	Randwick
	G3 Liverpool City Cup	Randwick



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06/10	Idn	CHY	Coachello (Fr)	Dunferque (Fr)
06/10	Idn	CHY	Rougir (Fr)	Territoires (Ire)
06/10	Listed Prix Filande	CHY	Wangari (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)
06/10	G3 Prix de Rouamont	CHY	Ebalura	Distorted Humor
06/10	G3 Prix de Guidic	CHY	Chachnak (Fr)	Kingman (GB)
06/09	Idn	NTS	Forefront (Ire)	Estchkaer (Ire)
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ZABEEL MILE SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, \$163,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Art du Val (GB)	No Nay Never	Doyle	Appleby	125
2	2	Bedouin's Story (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
3	3	Bless Him (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Cosgrave	Simcock	125
4	1	Count of Amazonia (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Bentley	Botti	125
5	8	D'Bai (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
6	9	Epic Hero (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Atzeni	Crisford	125
7	10	Eqтираan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
8	7	Escobar (Ire)	Famous Name (GB)	Tudhope	O'Meara	125
9	6	First Contact (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
10	5	Lucius Tiberius (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mullen	Hussain	125
11	4	Velorum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	125

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BALANCHINE SPONSORED BY RANGE ROVER-G2, \$163,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Althiqa (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	129
2	2	Down on Da Bayou 	Super Saver	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
3	6	Dubai Love (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
4	10	Last Look (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Crouch	bin Suroor	125
5	5	Mozzarella (Fr)	Power (GB)	Lecoeuvre	Caulery	125
6	9	Perfect Inch (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Tudhope	Fellowes	125
7	8	Quiet Times (Ger)	Reliable Man (GB)	Veron	Brandt	125
8	4	Silent Night (Swe)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Chaves	Wahl	125
9	7	Stylistique (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	125
10	3	Summer Romance (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Doyle	Appleby	125

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7:05 p.m.

MEYDAN SPRINT SPONSORED BY LAND ROVER-G2, \$163,000, NH/SH 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	A'Ali (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Dettori	Crisford	134
2	7	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Tudhope	M. Appleby	131
3	5	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Atzeni	Hills	131
4	1	Good Effort (Ire)	Shamardal	SGR	SGR	134
5	3	Lazuli (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	C. Appleby	131
6	6	Waady (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	131
7	2	Acklam Express (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Scott	Tinkler	122



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UAE OAKS SPONSORED BY NEW JAGUAR F-TYPE-G3, \$125,000, NH/SH 3yo, f, 1900m

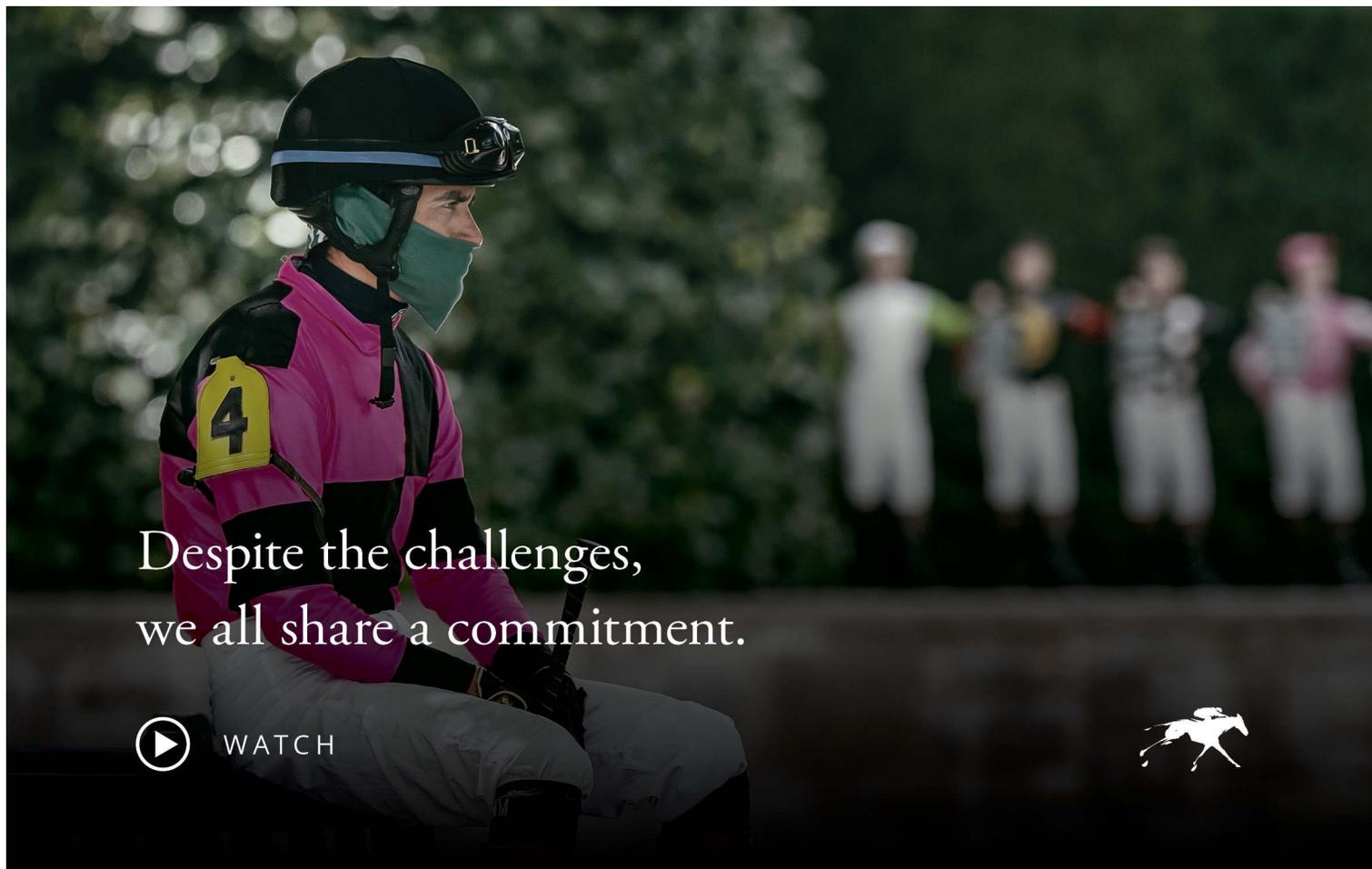
SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Al Maroom	Awesome Again	O'Shea	Seemar	125
2	6	Jumeirah Beach (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
3	5	Khatun (GB)	French Navy (GB)	Chaves	Danehilde	125
4	2	Last Sunset (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
5	1	Mnasek 🦄	Empire Maker	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	4	Nayefah 🦄	Super Saver	Curatolo	Bachalard	125
7	3	Super Chianti	Super Saver	Hitchcott	Watson	125

Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 10:00 p.m.

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT SPONSORED BY NEW LAND ROVER DEFENDER-G3, \$125,000, NH/SH 3yo/up, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Al Tariq (Fr)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dobbs	Watson	125
2	2	Alkaraama 🦄	War Front	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
3	5	Almoradi (Brz)	Top Hat (Brz)	Jara	Cintra Pereira	125
4	8	Behavioral Bias 🦄	Shackleford	O'Shea	Seemar	125
5	4	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
6	6	Gladiator King 🦄	Curlin	Buick	Seemar	125
7	1	Important Mission 🦄	More Than Ready	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
8	9	The Perfect Crown (Ire)	Hallowed Crown (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
9	3	Upper Class (Brz)	Tiger Heart	Leal	Cintra Pereira	122

*All post times are local time.





CAPTIVANT DELIVERS DOMINANT TRIAL WIN



Captivant as a yearling | *Magic Millions*

by Paul Vettise

Paul Snowden left Randwick with a smile on his face after talented colt **Captivant** (Capitalist) delivered a dominant trial win on Tuesday morning, keeping himself in the G1 Golden Slipper S. picture. Snowden, who prepares the youngster with his father Peter, couldn't have been happier with the youngster, who coasted home under James McDonald to claim his 1050 metre heat by 3.3l.

"He's going very easily and is such a relaxed horse. Everything he does is so casual so that's a good thing and he certainly was impressive," he said.

Captivant won the Victory Vein in the spring and was then put aside after finishing fourth in the Golden Gift. He also won a trial earlier this month and will resume in Saturday week's G2 Skyline S. ahead of the Golden Slipper.

"The whole preparation has been around a second-up run in the Slipper and it will be three weeks between runs and it's perfect timing," Snowden said. "Tom Marquand has been booked for the horse on Saturday week and Henry (Field) was rapt to have him on board. He's the type of horse that if you keep working on him he'll produce, which I think he will do under pressure on game day."

Captivant was bought out of Ashleigh Thoroughbreds' Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale draft for \$550,000 by Newgate

Farm, the China Horse Club and Starlight Racing.

Forbes (Capitalist)'s aspirations for the G2 Silver Slipper S. were put under a cloud when he failed to load at the trials for the second time at Randwick on Tuesday. Forbes was set to line up in a 745 metre trial in order to get the green light from stewards to run in Saturday's Rosehill race. However, the Anthony and Sam Freedman-trained colt couldn't be loaded and had to be scratched from the trial.

Speedy Pedigree

A half-brother to two winners, he is out of the Commands mare Speedboat, a half-sister to the multiple stakes winner Cross Current (Keltrice) and the family of the G1 Oakleigh Plate winner River Dove (Hurricane Sky), dam of G2 Silver Slipper S. winner and sire Headwater.

Fellow Golden Slipper hopeful **Mallory** (Not A Single Doubt) finished sixth in Captivant's trial without being knocked around by rider Jason Collett on the soft track.

"She looked good to me and Jason was really happy. He said it was pretty testing out there," co-trainer Gerald Ryan said. "She pulled up well and has got stronger since she won first-up."

Mallory was placed on debut in the G3 Gimcrack S. and landed the G3 Widden S. on her return last month.

"She'll got to the G2 Sweet Embrace S. on Saturday week and if she happened to win or run very well she will go on to the Slipper," Ryan said.

Raced by breeder Arrowfield Stud and partners, Mallory is a half-sister to stakes winner Sassy 'N' Smart (Smart Missile) and their dam is out of the dual European Group 1 winner Nebraska Tornado (USA) (Storm Cat {USA}).

Farnan Impresses

Meanwhile, reigning Golden Slipper champion **Farnan** (Not A Single Doubt) took his first serious steps to putting a forgettable spring behind him with a sharp performance to win his 1050 metre trial. Last season's star 2-year-old was below par last preparation when fifth in the G2 Run To The Roses S. and then failed again when unplaced in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. However, there was an encouraging report delivered by Tim Clark after he rode the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained colt in his trial.

"He's going really well and I've partnered him a fair bit at the track. He showed good speed and got into a nice rhythm bowling along," he said.



Farnan | TDN AusNZ

“I just shook him up for a little bit of the straight, not fully extended, allowed him to quicken for a furlong and then eased down the last bit. He was able to win his trial well.”

Farnan had 1.3l to spare on the post from Mark Newnham’s new recruit **The Irishman (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}), who was a winner from Tony Pike’s Cambridge yard and a last-start second when last seen in the Listed Uncle Remus S. at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

Clark said Farnan had strengthened during a break and had further improvement to come.

“He hasn’t grown any taller, but he has definitely thickened up a bit. He’s had a bit more time and had a good blow after his trial so he’s got a bit to go condition-wise.

“I think they are planning on giving him another trial before he resumes.”

Farnan is slated to return in the G1 The Galaxy at Rosehill on Golden Slipper S. Day.

“I think he’s back to somewhere near his best. He’s such a cool customer and very easy to work with,” Clark said.

“You wouldn’t know he was a colt, he’s happy to stand next to the fillies and nothing seems to worry him. That sort of attitude helps him to be as good as he is.”

ULTRA THOROUGHBRED’S AT CENTRE OF INVESTIGATION *by TDN AusNZ*

Racing Victoria stewards are investigating allegations made against the Sean Buckley-owned Ultra Thoroughbreds. The claims, first made public by the *Herald Sun* on Tuesday, reported the use of embryo transplantation and surrogate mares by a major breeding operation. It has since been reported by *The Age* that a filly out of former champion mare Miss Andretti (Ihtiram {Ire}) and a colt out of Nature Strip’s (Nicconi) dam Strikeline (Desert Sun {GB}), which were sired by Ultra Thoroughbreds’ stallion Addictive Nature in late 2019 are at the centre of the allegations. Neither foal has had paperwork lodged with the Australian Stud Book. Racing Victoria has commenced a probe into the allegations.

“The stewards are in the formative stages of an investigation that relates to thoroughbred breeding,” Racing Victoria spokesperson Shaun Kelly told *The Age*. “We don’t intend to comment on the specifics of that investigation at this time.”

Buckley, the multi-millionaire founder of Ultra Tune, told *The Age* that he will co-operate with any investigation.

“I have bred over 700 foals in 17 years of breeding. I am well aware of the Australian Stud Book rules. I have always rigorously sought to comply with them,” Buckley told *The Age*. “I am aware that a disgruntled employee, against whom I have already commenced Supreme Court action, has made various allegations. The details of those allegations I am at this stage unaware of.”

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