TIME TO BRING BACK DOWN-THE-HILL TURF SPRINTS AT SANTA ANITA

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

There was a rare and welcome sight Saturday at Santa Anita when the field of five scampered across the down-the-hill turf course to begin the 1 1/2-mile GIII San Luis Rey S. There were no incidents in a perfectly clean race where no one was hurt. So why can’t the course also be used for what were iconic 6 1/2-furlong downhill grass races?

They haven’t carded a turf sprint on that course since a horse named Arms Runner (Overdriven) broke down and had to be euthanized in the running of the GIII San Simeon S. Mar. 31, 2019. La Sardane (Fr) (Kingsala) fell over Arms Runner, but was not seriously injured. The accident came at the height of the controversy that swirled over Santa Anita at a time when an unusually high number of horses had broken down. There was nothing to suggest that the downhill races were more dangerous than normal races, but management was in a position where it couldn’t afford to take any chances.

The future of these races looked bleak when Santa Anita recently installed a chute on the main course that can accommodate six and 6 1/2-furlong grass races. But it appears that the races, a favorite of fans, gamblers and horsemen, will be back soon.

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HARRISON RAISING NEXT GENERATION OF CHAMPIONS by Katie Ritz

Pulling up to the gates of Hurricane Place Farm, you can’t miss the large white and blue sign with a bold headline reading, “Birthplace of Authentic—2020 Kentucky Derby winner.”

The farm, located just outside of Cynthiana, Kentucky, has been run by Bridie Harrison along with her husband and sons Jonathan and Daniel for the past six years. Together, the family manages the broodmare band for their sole client, breeder Peter Blum.

Bridie isn’t quite yet fond of the attention that comes with raising a Horse of the Year, preferring to keep hidden in the feed room filling medications while the cameras are rolling. Instead she quietly raises the next generation in racing as her sons take on more responsibilities on the farm and the next Hurricane Place-raised crops take on the racetrack. Cont. p5

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The Stronach Group Chief Operating Officer Aidan Butler said management is close to giving the green light for a return of the downhill sprints.

“We’ve always wanted to bring them back,” Butler said. “I’ve gone on the record a couple of times talking about how special those races are. I get a text at least every other day from a trainer or owner informing me of why it was such a stupid idea to end those races. I am really hopeful we will be getting them back at some point.”

In the nearly two years since the 2019 San Simeon, The Stronach Group has looked at the data and found that the downhill races were just as safe as normal races.

“We are all comfortable that those races are as safe as any races,” Butler said. “When the race was last run there was a pretty nasty spill. We were a little gun shy. We’ve been on a good run on safety. Now, it’s just a matter of timing. When we feel the perfect time has come, we’ll start running them again. It would be a nice option to be able to run those races again and I think we will when every single one of us is comfortable with it.”

Caution is fine, but sometimes you can be too cautious. These races can’t come back soon enough.

Another Strong Showing From a California Shipper

The California-based 3-year-olds lost a star Saturday when it was announced that Life Is Good (Into Mischief) had suffered what appears to be a minor injury that will keep him out of the GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby and the GI Kentucky Derby. He has a small chip in his left hind ankle and will undergo surgery on Friday at the Rood & Riddle clinic in Kentucky.

(How would you like to own some of those tickets on Life Is Good in the Derby Future at 2-1? Worst bet ever).

But even with that loss, the California group is deep and very well could win another Derby.

A week after Santa Anita shippers Concert Tour (Street Sense) and Hozier (Pioneerof the Nile) ran one-two in the GII Rebel S., the West was best again when Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow) won the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby Saturday at Fair Grounds. On paper, he looked no better than the third or fourth best colt in California, but had no problem defeating a solid group of opponents. Showing more speed than normal, he led most of the way on his way to a two-length win.

On Saturday, the Baffert-trained Spielberg (Union Rags) will try to give the Californians another out-of-town win in the GI Curlin Florida Derby.

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Largely because of Bob Baffert, the California group has had a nice run in Louisville. Five of the last seven Derbies have been won by California-based trainers. That may soon be six of the last eight.

The Problem With Whipping Penalties

Jockey Robby Albarado was handed a three-day suspension last week by the Santa Anita stewards for violating the whipping rules when riding Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) in the GI Beholder Mile. Albarado hit his mount just once, but when he did so, he used the traditional overhanded method, which is no longer allowed in California. On the same day that the Albarado suspension came out, Flavien Prat was fined $500 for whip violations and Juan Hernandez was handed a $1,000 fine.

With the fines and suspensions, the stewards are obviously trying to deter riders from violating the whipping rules, which, in California, are the most restrictive in the nation. But they may be fighting a losing battle. In some races, the incentive to use the whip is just too great.

Take the case of Albarado. Being that he is someone who rarely rides in California, it’s possible that he was unaware of the rule. Or it could have been a matter of weighing the punishment versus the crime. The Beholder Mile was a Grade I race and the winner’s share of the purse was $180,000. That means that a victory put $18,000 in Albarado’s pocket. If Albarado, or any jockey, feels they need to go to the whip in order to secure a victory, what’s stopping them from doing so? There’s just too much temptation to go to the whip when that may mean the difference between a win and a loss. Cont. p5
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At least that’s the case when the likely fine or suspension amounts to a minor penalty or a few hundred dollars and the stewards have shown no signs of disqualifying a horse because of the way it was whipped.

Would a jockey locked in battle in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, where a win means about $400,000 for the rider, really put away his whip in the stretch over concerns of a three-day suspension or a $1,000 fine? That’s hard to imagine.

Short of taking the whips away from the riders all together, which isn’t going to happen any time soon, there is this inherent flaw in the system and no easy answers as for how to deal with it.

Harrison Raising Next Generation of Champions (cont. from p1)

Last month, Bridie and her crew celebrated the arrival of Authentic’s full-brother. The son of Into Mischief was foaled on Feb. 7.

“He’s a leggy, strong colt,” Jonathan Harrison, who serves as the farm’s assistant manager, said. “We have no complaints so far. This foal is stronger than Authentic was, but still has that nice slope of the shoulder, a good girth and hip and a great attitude.”

Jonathan said the similarities end there when comparing the two as foals.

“Authentic was skinny, immature and kind of tough,” he explained. “He was always nice, just what we call a little bit backwards. But we always liked him.”

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Jonathan remembers how as a yearling, the colt was days away from shipping out for the Keeneland September Sale when he injured himself in the stall and the vet had to be called out for stitches.

So when Authentic sold for $350,000 to SF Bloodstock/Starlight West, the Bridie Harrison consignment was more than pleased.

“We were very happy with the sale,” Jonathan said. “Into Mischief was just starting to come along. Even the guys at Keeneland didn’t know what we had. Nobody knew. But talking to Donato [Lanni, agent for Starlight], he said when he saw Authentic for the first time, he knew that was his horse.”

And so the Harrison family experienced the journey of a lifetime as they followed Authentic’s dazzling sophomore campaign last year.

“We were very fortunate that we got to go to the Breeders’ Cup,” Jonathan said. “When we got into the paddock, it was the first time I’d seen Authentic in person since we sold him and he looked incredible. It was a day and night I don’t think we’ll ever forget.”

Jonathan’s younger brother Daniel is quick to share how he was the one who took Authentic’s dam, Flawless, to the breeding shed for the mating that produced Authentic, but he also added that one of his favorite memories was watching the Kentucky Derby on television with his mother.

“When Authentic was coming down the stretch, before the race was even over, Mom just started running around the room,” he said, laughing. “I was like, ‘whoa, slow down, he hasn’t won yet.’ But obviously then he did win, and that was crazy.”

The Harrison brothers said their entire family had been present for Authentic’s foaling early in the morning on the eve of the 2017 Kentucky Derby.
"The most important sire son of one of the great sires of the last 30 years, Danehill. That’s a pretty high rating."

– Bill Oppenheim on Redoute’s Choice

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“My mother, father, Daniel and I were all there when Authentic was born,” Jonathan said. “That doesn’t normally happen. Usually only two or three of us are here for every foaling, but all four of us were there for Authentic.”

Everyone has their own duties at Hurricane Place, according to Daniel, to fulfill the farm’s many day-to-day tasks.

“Mom’s the manager, obviously, she runs the show,” he said. “Jonathan’s the assistant manager, Dad is sort of the handyman, you know, he goes around fixing things, and then me, I kind of just work mucking stalls and if Mom needs help, she’ll come get me. The four of us all work together but we all have our little areas.”

Hurricane Place has been under the Harrison’s management for six years now, with the family handling Blum’s broodmare band, raising the foals and managing the sales. The Harrison brothers said they have shared the story of how Bridie met Blum more than once.

“My mother met Peter Blum probably 40 years ago at Murty Farm,” Jonathan said. “She was showing one of Peter’s horses to him and he tried to give her 20 dollars, just being nice like a little tip, and she wouldn’t take it. From then on, they were connected. After Murty Farm, they went with Gerry Dilger to Dromoland for probably 30 years.”

During Bridie’s time at Dromoland Farm, her sons began to follow in her footsteps.

“We grew up on the farm and we’ve been carrying pitchforks since the time we could, doing stalls and working with the babies,” Jonathan said. “We’ve just been around it our whole lives. I think at least for me, I always will be doing this.”

In 2015, Bridie came across the farm in Cynthiana that was a perfect size to house Blum’s breeding band.

“We’ve been here for six years,” Jonathan said. “This will be the seventh group of foals that we’re going to have on this farm out of Peter’s mares.”

Authentic’s dam Flawless (Mr. Greeley), Jonathan notes, is a perfect representation of Peter’s breeding program. She was purchased in utero at the 2007 Keeneland January Sale. Her unraced dam, Oyster Baby (Wild Again), sold for $160,000.

While Oyster Bay passed away after producing just a few foals, Flawless failed to meet her six-figure reserve as a yearling and was raced in Peter Blum’s silks.

After a blowout 13 1/4-length debut, she ran second against allowance company next out, but it was soon discovered that she had bowed a tendon and was subsequently retired to Blum’s breeding program.

“Peter’s program is unique in the sense that he bought his first mare probably in the seventies and we have generations on this farm that are out of that line of breeding,” Jonathan said. “It’s what Peter does, he keeps his families. He’ll buy a couple of nice mares here and there that aren’t from his families, but he likes to breed from his families and sell his babies. If they don’t do much or even if they do well, there’s a good chance he’s going to go try and get his fillies back just to keep his line going.”

He added “My grandfather did night watch for Peter’s mares, so I’m the third generation raising the eighth or ninth generation of Peter’s mares.”

The hands that tie all these connections together, of course, belong to Bridie. Her sons give all credit to her for what has been accomplished by the horses who took their first steps at Hurricane Place. While Bridie is quick to step away from the spotlight, Daniel and Jonathan are eager to give the horsewoman some well-deserved praise.

“Mom is the best in the business,” Daniel said. “Everybody respects her. She works hard, she’s strong, she’s honest and she does it the right way. Just last night a foal was born that was having a little trouble standing. So Mom was up here five or six times trying to give it a bottle.”

“My mother’s the best horsewoman I’ve ever come into contact with,” Jonathan added. “I mean, I’ve only ever worked for her, so I guess I can’t say much, but any question you have she has an answer for. She’s tough, but not mean. I’ve never heard her use a curse word in anger. It sometimes not fun to work with your mother, but I have to have respect for her knowledge because it’s endless. I like to say that she’s forgotten more than I’ll ever know.”

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SURGERY FOR LIFE IS GOOD

WinStar Farm and CHC's Life is Good (Into Mischief) has officially been taken out of consideration for the GI Kentucky Derby, trainer Bob Baffert confirmed on Los Angeles radio Sunday morning.

“He couldn’t have worked more beautifully,” Baffert told Mike Willman on Thoroughbred LA radio. “It was a great, nice cruising work like he usually does. He’s so light on his feet. He came back, the rider said he felt great...Then all of a sudden later in the morning, you could tell something was bothering him in the hind leg. He took a couple funny steps, so that’s when we realized he had done something to his hind leg. He’ll be fine, he’ll be back. It wasn’t anything serious, but it’s enough that he’ll need some time off.”

Later Sunday, XBTV’s Millie Ball quoted Baffert in a tweet, “He has a very small chip in his left hind ankle. Dr. [Larry] Bramlage will do the surgery on Friday in Kentucky at Rood & Riddle.”

Life is Good is unbeaten in three starts, most recently romping behind Medina Spirit (Protonico) and Roman Centurian (Empire Maker) in the Mar. 6 GI San Felipe S. runner-up Louisiana Derby runner-up Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow) and possibly Defunded (Dialed In), a Mar. 6 maiden winner at Santa Anita in the Apr. 3 race.

HOT ROD CHARLIE ON TO DERBY

Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow) exited his win in Saturday’s GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby in fine shape and will ship back to trainer Doug O’Neill’s California base Tuesday to prepare for the May 1 GI Kentucky Derby.

“Charlie looked great this morning,” O’Neill said. “He flies back to California on Tuesday. I love the spacing [six weeks] leading up to the Kentucky Derby. It’s ideal. He’s proven to travel well. I’m very proud of my nephew Patrick [with co-owner Boat Racing]. He’s a real good young man and I’m very excited for him and all of the owners.”

Hot Rod Charlie was second as a 94-1 longshot in last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. He was beaten a neck when third behind Medina Spirit (Protonico) and Roman Centurian (Empire Maker) in the Jan. 30 GIIl Robert B. Lewis S. before his front-running victory Saturday at Fair Grounds.

Louisiana Derby runner-up Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow) will also be heading to Louisville.

“It was a big effort and he’s another horse that’s just going to continue to improve,” Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen said of the Winchell Thoroughbreds runner. “I don’t think distance will be an issue with him and the timing back to the Derby off this series here, there will be plenty of time to freshen up and run his best race. We’ll train here for a week and ship a week from Sunday [the 28th].”

Of O Besos (Orb)’s third-place effort Saturday, trainer Greg Foley said, “We all want to go forward after yesterday. The only question we had was the distance, and he answered that pretty good. He galloped out past the winner. We’ve got 25 [Derby qualifying] points. If we got second, we wouldn’t have to think about it, but now we have to hope we get in. We just have to wait and see. I don’t want to run him back [before the Derby]. I don’t think it will affect our training. He’s a dead-fit horse. We’ll get him back home next week [to Churchill Downs] and we’ll just wait and see. If it gets us in, great, if it doesn’t, oh well, we’ll go from there. I’d like to try and get in the big one and hopefully that will get it done. At least we’re not wondering any more [about the distance].”

Favored Mandaloun (Into Mischief) was a lackluster sixth in the Louisiana Derby.

“We couldn’t come up with any reasons for the dull performance,” trainer Brad Cox said of the beaten favorite. “We’ll get him back to Kentucky, see how he trains, and then go from there. I’ve thought about it, but I think right now I’ll probably nominate him to the [Apr. 10 GIIl Stonestreet] Lexington [S. at Keeneland] and we’ll see. He was done at the half-mile pole, so I don’t think the distance was the reason. He ran out of horse fairly quickly. He handled everything in the paddock, so to show up and get beat by those horses we had run so well against, that was obviously disappointing.”

Cox was pleased with the effort of Travel Column (Frosted), winner of Saturday’s GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks.

“She came out of it good, scoped good, looked good,” Cox said. “I was super happy with her. She’s had two races and that was our plan all along, to come down here and run twice and have a horse who is the third race off the layoff [in the GI Kentucky Oaks].”

Travel Column has been exchanging blows with Clairiere (Curlin) all winter and that filly also heads into the Kentucky Oaks after her runner-up effort Saturday.

“I love Clairiere stretching out to a mile and an eighth,” Blasi said of the Asmussen trainee. “The pace yesterday was very moderate and it really didn’t benefit her running style. I thought it was an A-effort considering everything and she should move forward a lot off of it. With her breeding and her running style, the distance at Churchill should really benefit her.”

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9th-Oaklawn, $105,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 3-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.87, ft, 2 lengths.

BOB’S EDGE (g, 3, Competitive Edge--Catticus, by Bluegrass Cat) ran eventual GII Risen Star S. winner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Mandaloun (Into Mischief) to a half-length in their respective unveilings at Keeneland last October, and broke through next out at Churchill Nov. 22. He was third in both of his most recent outings in spots like this one, Jan. 23 and in the slop Feb. 28, and was 7-5 to clear the condition this time around. Perched in third out in the clear early, the bay sidled up to the leaders ominously entering the turn. He out-kicked all challengers in the lane, reporting home two lengths to the good of Saffa’s Day (Carpe Diem). The winner is half to Watch Me Burn (Hold Me Back), SW, $146,757, a 2-year-old filly by Cupid and a foal colt by Audible. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, $140,432. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Aqueduct, $80,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.92, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

LATIN CASINO (c, 3, Liam’s Map--Hearts of Red (GSP, $154,867), by Lion Heart) flashed speed in a five-furlong gate breeze Feb. 20 on the Belmont training track, going in 1:00 2/5 (2/17), and drifted up to 87-10 off a 5-1 morning-line quote in this unveiling. Dueling through a lively :22.57 quarter, the $170,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy took charge past the three-eighths pole, turned aside a brief challenge from King James (Nyquist) approaching the lane and stayed clear for a 2 3/4-length graduation. Pace rival Take a Chance (Munnings) dug in well to be a clear second. The winner’s dam, who sold to Cove Springs with the winner in utero for $100,000 at Keeneland November in 2017, has a juvenile filly by Mineshaft and was bred to Street Boss last spring. Sales History: $80,000 Ylg ’19 KEESPEP; $170,000 2yo ‘20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $44,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

5th-Santa Anita, $62,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo, f, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.48, fm, 1/2 length.

EQUILOVE (IRE) (f, 3, Equiano (Fr)--Arosha (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire)) had been on the board in four or five starts in Ireland for Jessica Harrington, most recently finishing third over a mile at The Curragh in September. She was backed down to even-money here for a barn that has been on quite the tear with European imports. Off last, the bay tugged her way through horses into a midpack position. She had some work to do to reel in longshot Xmas Surprise (More Than Ready) in the lane, but kept on coming to get up in the shadow of the wire. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by War Command and a yearling colt by Into Mischief. She died last May after foaling. Sales History: €1,000 RNA Ylg ’18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-3, $44,028. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Strand Beach, LLC; B-Mr Gerry Byrne (IRE); T-Philip D’Amato.
3rd-Santa Anita, $61,500, (S), Msw, 3-21, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.50, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

BIG CLARE (f, 3, Mr. Big--Sadie Clare, by Grazen) was third in her turf sprint debut here Jan. 17 and went one better Feb. 13 going the same trip. Pounded all the way down to 1-2 on the stretch out here, she hopped at the start and was back to last before being steadied entering the first turn. Those hiccups didn’t phase the aptly named filly, however, as she inhaled her competition out wide to defeat longshot Mensa On Tap (Smart Bid) by a deceptive 1 3/4-length margin. The winner is half to Sadie Bluegrass (Bluegrass Cat), SP, $168,740 and a 2-year-old colt by Stanford. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $56,120.

2nd-Fair Grounds, $55,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.68, fm, neck.

GAM’S MISSION (f, 3, Noble Mission {GB}--Auntie Martha, by War Pass) was runner-up to undefeated Breeders’ Cup heroine Aunt Pearl (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) at 42-1 debuting over a mile on the Churchill turf Sept. 1 and was pegged at 18-5 in this return. Trailing the septet through splits of :23.73 and :48.41, the homebred drew closer three deep past six furlongs in 1:12.43 and just wore down stubborn 22-1 pacesetter Speed Lane (Union Rags) in the closing strides to prevail by a neck. The winner’s dam, a daughter of GISW turfer Auntie Mame (Theatrical {Ire}), has a 2-year-old Tonalist colt named Tricky Lee and foaled a filly by Cat Burglar last season before being bred to Dads Caps. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $52,400.

8th-Fair Grounds, $55,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, :55.35, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

URSULINA (f, 3, More Than Ready--Happy Motoring, by Harlan’s Holiday) was a speed-and-fade fifth in a rained-off event here Feb. 20, and was backed at 3-1 getting on what figured to be her preferred surface Sunday. Taking up a perfect stalking spot in third behind an embattled duo, the bay pounced at the top of the lane, bobbed briefly while switching leads but strode out well from there to notch a one-length score. Let’s Skedaddle (Quality Road) got up for second. The winner is the first foal out of a half-sister to GII Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint winner and $1.8-million earner Regally Ready (More Than Ready) as well as the 2-year-old GSW Sir Truebadour (More Than Ready). Her 2-year-old half-sister Classiness (Classic Empire) is in training at Keeneland with Jason Barkley. She has a yearling half-brother by Frosted and her dam most recently visited Catholic Boy. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $34,500.

5th-Gulfstream, $45,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55.35, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

BYE BYE (f, 3, Into Mischief--Garnet, by Smart Strike) checked in sixth in her main-track unveiling Feb. 7, but returned to work three times over the Payson Park turf and was pounded down to 9-5 off a 4-1 morning line. Ridden along early and eventually into third along the rail, the bay was full of run heading for home and was guided into the two path nearing the straight so as not to run into the back of pacesetter What a Trick (Magician {Ire}). She put the frontrunner away by midstretch, and scampered clear with ease for a good-looking 2 3/4-length score.
The winner’s second dam is a stakes-winning full-sister to GISW Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy). Her third dam is therefore MGISW Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold). Dam Garnet, the $1.25-million Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old topper of 2015 and $550,000 KEENOV '16 buy while in foal to Uncle Mo, has a yearling filly by Bolt d’Oro and most recently visited Goldencents. Sales History: $140,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $27,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, MARCH 22 2021 Stud Fees Listed**

**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private 196 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, California Rone, 10-1 $20,000 FTK JUL yr

**Frosted** (Tapit), Darley, $25,000 238 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, Frosted White Face, 15-1 $300,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $200,000 RNA KEE SEP yr; $9,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Peace and Justice** (War Front), Blackstone Farm, $3,500 62 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Parx Racing, Aoc 1m, Louie’s Law, 8-1 8-Parx Racing, Aoc 1m, Smokum Peace Pipe, 7-2

**Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, $4,000 132 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Parx Racing, Aoc 1m, Just a Thought, 7-2

**STAKES RESULTS:**

**SENSATIONAL STAR S.**, $101,000, Santa Anita, 3-21, (S), 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.51, fm.

1--BRANDOTHEBARTENDER, 124, g, 8, Tribal Rule--Frysland, by Stravinsky. O-Flawless Racing, Brian Flanagan & Michael Jarvis; B-John R. Haagsma & Wesley Ward (CA); T-Craig Dollase; J-Umberto Rispoli. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 42-7-6-15, $608,364. *1/2 to Lost Bus (Bring the Heat), GSW, $412,818.

2--Jamming Eddy, 122, g, 5, Square Eddie--Walkingonadream, by Tapit. ($15,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). O-Alydom Racing, LLC; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Andrew Lerner. $20,000.

3--Desmond Doss, 122, h, 5, Grazen--Malley Girl, by Malek (Chi). O/B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Steven Miyadi. $12,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NO. Odds: 2.70, 4.30, 3.10.

**SPIRIT OF TEXAS S.**, (NB) $100,000, Sam Houston Race Park, 3-20, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.01, ft.

1--GUNNERSCELESTICMAN, 118, h, 5, Celestic Night--Lady Hi Teck (SW), by Hi Teck Man. O/B-Layem Down Racing II (TX); T-Teofilo Garcia, Jr.; J-Ernesto Valdez-Jimenez. $58,200. Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-3-1, $114,635.

2--Gold Pilot, 123, g, 4, My Golden Song--Formal Flyer, by Early Flyer. ($15,000 Ylg ‘18 TTAMIX). O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Ronald & Margaret Ellerbee (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun. $19,400.

3--Dr. Bohrer, 123, g, 6, Silver City--Vigorous Feelings, by Personal Flag. O/T-Clifford Dodson; B-Springhill Farm (TX). $10,670.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NO. Odds: 2.70, 4.30, 3.10.

**Latin Casino** (Liam's Map) scores on debut at Aqueduct
STAR OF TEXAS S., (NB) $100,000, Sam Houston Race Park, 3-20, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.35, ft.

1--DIRECT DIAL, 118, h, 6, Too Much Bling--Fast Find, by Mineshaft. ($105,000 Ylg '16 TTAMIX). O/B-W.S. Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Stewart Elliott. $60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 27-10-4-7, $490,237. *Full to Shaded, SW, $133,405; and Scooter's Choice, SW, $113,006.

2--Kenai Bob, 123, g, 5, Shackleford--Blue Ivy, by Distorted Humor. O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX); T-Francisco Bravo. $20,000.

3--Trumps Revenge, 118, g, 5, I Want Revenge--Cookin’s Cast, by Fashion Find. O/B-Ken Pullen & Christi Love (TX); T-Alan Love, Sr. $11,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3HF, 3. Odds: 0.60, 1.20, 26.10.

SAN JACINTO TURF S., $100,000, Sam Houston Race Park, 3-20, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.66, fm.

1--DISCREET SMILE, 118, m, 5, Discreet Cat--Smiles Golden Song (MSW, $194,969), by My Golden Song. O/B-Sylvia Baird (TX); T-Larry Stroope; J-Sophie Doyle. $59,400. Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-1, $151,176.

2--No Mas Tequila, 118, f, 4, Northern Afleet--Foxy Boss, by Street Boss. ($29,000 RNA Ylg '18 TTAMIX; $21,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR). O-James Sills & Ronald A. Ellerbe; B-Ronald & Margaret Ellerbee (TX); T-Karen E. Jacks. $19,800.

3--Avery’s Miss, 118, m, 6, Interactif--Itisi, by Joe Who (Brz). O/B-David L. Davis (TX); T-Danny Pish. $10,890.

Margins: HD, 3 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.80, 1.30, 23.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, $105,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m, 2:33.64, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

DARREN’S FORTUNE (g, 5, Temple City--Giant Redwood, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 20-7-4-1, $147,771. O-Samuel Almaraz; B-Erv Woolsey, Ralph Kinder & Brad Thomas (KY); T-Thomas L. Van Berg. $4,500 RNA Ylg '17 KEJEEAN; $10,000 Ylg '17 FTKTUR.
5th-Aqueduct, $74,000, (S), (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 3-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.83, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
ELOQUENT SPEAKER (f, 4, Flatter--Spoken Not Broken, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-3, $148,330. O-Anthony Mitola, White Owl Stable, Jeff Drown & Stephen Mitola; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (NY); T-Anthony W. Dutrow. *$100,000 Ylg ’18 SARAUG; $200,000 3yo ’20 KEERHA.

7th-Aqueduct, $72,000, (S), 3-21, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.63, ft, nose.
DANCING KIKI (f, 4, Blame--Justenufappeal (SW, $111,200), by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: 18-2-3-6, $161,055. O-Cammarota Racing LLC; B-Dutchess Views Farm, Inc. & SGO Thoroughbred LLC (NY); T-James T. Ryerson. *$35,000 Wlg ’17 FTNMIX; $47,000 RNA 2yo ’19 OBSAPR.

8th-Santa Anita, $63,500, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 3-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.46, ft, 5 lengths.
FRATELLI (g, 5, Munnings--Awesome Annie (SP, $105,840), by Awesome Gambler) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, $103,040. O-Slam Dunk Racing & Roger H. Newman; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Peter Miller. *$27,000 RNA Ylg ’17 KEESEP.

7th-Fair Grounds, $61,000, (S), 3-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.66, ft, head.
DIXIE STREET (g, 4, New Year’s Day--Scootles, by Macho Uno) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, $84,250. O-Jerry T. Wheeler; B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-Karl Broberg. *$5,500 Ylg ’18 ESLMIX.

7th-Laurel, $48,300, 3-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.69, ft, nose.
SILENT MALICE (g, 4, Palace Malice--Sunshineandsilence, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 17-4-5-5, $135,815. O-J R Sanchez Racing Stable; B-Millennium Farms (KY); T-Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon. *$60,000 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT.

10th-Gulfstream, $45,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.89, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.
BERNIE’S MISTRESS (m, 5, Bernardini--Roman Mistress, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, $66,020. O/B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY); T-J. Kent Sweezey.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, $42,100, 3-20, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.14, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
TONI TWO POCKET (f, 4, Marino Marini--Grey Lassie, by Siberian Summer) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, $64,870. O-Paul Conley & Anthony Randazzo; B-Randy Randazzo & Paul Conley (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. *Full to Breakaway Dixie, SP, $165,235.

3rd-Sam Houston Race Park, $40,000, 3-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.73, fm, neck.
HOLY VOW (c, 3, Broken Vow--La Manica, by Medaglia d’Oro) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $56,532. O-Scotty Caroom; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Scott E. Young.

8th-Laurel, $38,850, (C), 3-21, (C), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.46, ft, 5 lengths.
WHISKEY AND YOU (c, 4, Friesan Fire--Tizling, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-4, $138,754. O-Terry H. Overmier; B-Winding Creek Farm (MD); T-Roy M. Peacock, Jr.

7th-Charles Town, $38,850, (S), 3-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.06, ft, 4 lengths.
NEVER COMPROMISE (g, 4, Graydar--Ghost Canyon, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $49,600. O-Debbie Rhodes; B-John D. McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Hidden Canyon (Fiber Sonde), MSW, $319,338; and Bullets Fever (Fiber Sonde), MSW, $227,424.

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, $25,000, 3-21, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.34, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.
KENTUCKY GHOST (g, 4, Ghostzapper--Closing Range (GSW, $214,353), by After Market) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, $71,622. O-BBN Racing, LLC; B-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. *$180,000 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT.

3rd-Hawthorne, $25,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 3-21, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.12, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
STRONG WILL (h, 5, Strong Mandate--Magestic Stinger, by Majestic Warrior) Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-0, $132,961. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Golden Pedigree LLC (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *$37,000 Wlg ’16 KEENOV; $47,000 RNA Ylg ’17 OBSWIN; $775,000 2yo ’18 OBSMAR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Man Friday, c, 3, American Pharoah--Emma’s Encore (GISW, $398,248), by Congrats. Santa Anita, 3-20, 1mT, 1:35.47. B-Narola, LLC (KY). *$325,000 Wlg ’18 FTKNOV.
Cedars Bulls Eye, f, 3, Bullsbay—Cedar's great notion, by Great Notion. Charles Town, 3-20, (S), 6 f 1/2f, 1:22.95. B-Timothy C. & Judith A. Grams (WV).

Hilllary G, f, 3, Even the Score—Letters in Silver, by Silver Hawk. Oaklawn, 3-21, (S), 6f, 1:11.89. B-McDowell Farm (AR).

*1/2 to Sister Ginger (Student Council), MSW, $336,966; 1/2 to Gemonteer (Distorted Humor), SW, $236,013.

Cry No More, g, 3, Great Notion—Weeper (MSP, $252,340), by Domestic Dispute. Laurel, 3-21, 6f, 1:09.96. B-Charles C. D. McGill (MD).

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Winners Club, r, 4, Bayern—Key Is to Win, by Dixie Union. Fair Grounds, 3-21, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.77. B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY). *$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $90,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

Gold Finch, f, 4, Golden Lad—Slow and Steady, by Malibu Moon. Laurel, 3-21, (WC), 1m (AWT), 1:39.38. B-WTP Stable & Non Stop Stable (MD). *$120,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT. **1/2 to Steady Warrior (Cherokee's Boy), MSW, $253,876; Steady N Love (Not For Love), SW, $241,305; Lucky in Malibu (Lookin At Lucky), MSP, $224,368; and Hanky Doodle (Cherokee's Boy), MSP, $206,762.

American Pharoah, Man Friday, c, 3, o/o Emma's Encore, by Congrats. MSW, 3-20, Santa Anita

Backtalk, Raspberry Ballet, m, 6, o/o Oceanic Queen, by Invasor (Arg). Gulfstream, 3-21, 7f, 1:25.18. B-Martin J Keogh & Tanya Johnson (FL). *$6,000 Ylg '16 OBSWIN.

Bernardini, Bernie's Mistress, m, 5, o/o Roman Mistress, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AOC, 3-21, Gulfstream

Blame, Dancing Kiki, f, 4, o/o Justenufappeal, by Exchange Rate. ALW, 3-21, Aquedcut

Broken Vow, Holy Vow, c, 3, o/o La Manica, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 3-20, Sam Houston

Bullsbay, Cedars Bulls Eye, f, 3, o/o Cedar's great notion, by Great Notion. MSW, 3-20, Charles Town

Celestic Night, Gunnerscelesticman, h, 5, o/o Lady Hi Teck, by Hi Teck Man. Spirit of Texas S., 3-20, Sam Houston

Competitive Edge, Bob's Edge, g, 3, o/o Catticus, by Bluegrass Cat. AOC, 3-21, Oaklawn

Discreet Cat, Discreet Smile, m, 5, o/o Smiles Golden Song, by My Golden Song. San Jacinto Turf S., 3-20, Sam Houston

Discreet Cat, Ima Discreet Lady, m, 5, o/o Ima Three Blinger, by Too Much Bling. Yellow Rose S., 3-20, Sam Houston

Equiano (Fr), Equilove (Ire), f, 3, o/o Arosha (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). MSW, 3-21, Santa Anita

Even the Score, Hillary G, f, 3, o/o Letters in Silver, by Silver Hawk. MSW, 3-21, Oaklawn

Flatter, Eloquent Speaker, f, 4, o/o Spoken Not Broken, by Broken Vow. AOC, 3-21, Aquedcut

Friesan Fire, Whiskey and You, c, 4, o/o Tizling, by Tiznow. ALW, 3-21, Laurel

Gallant Son, Gallant Guy, g, 3, o/o Quick Glory, by Swiss Yodeler. MSW, 3-21, Golden Gate

Ghostzapper, Kentucky Ghost, g, 4, o/o Closing Range, by After Market. ALW, 3-21, Tampa Bay

Golden Lad, Gold Finch, f, 4, o/o Slow and Steady, by Malibu Moon. WMC, 3-21, Laurel

Graydar, Never Compromise, g, 4, o/o Ghost Canyon, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 3-20, Charles Town

Great Notion, Cry No More, g, 3, o/o Weeper, by Domestic Dispute. MSW, 3-21, Laurel

Into Mischief, Bye Bye, f, 3, o/o Garnet, by Smart Strike. MSW, 3-21, Gulfstream

Liam's Map, Latin Casino, c, 3, o/o Hearts of Red, by Lion Heart. MSW, 3-21, Aquedcut

Marino Marini, Toni Two Pocket, f, 4, o/o Grey Lassie, by Siberian Summer. ALW, 3-20, Golden Gate

Medaglia d'Oro, La Kara Mia, f, 4, o/o La Verdad, by Yes It's True. MSW, 3-21, Aquedcut

Midshipman, Happy Sailor, f, 3, o/o Forest Path, by El Corredor. Bara Lass S., 3-20, Sam Houston

Midshipman, Steph's Spirit, f, 3, o/o Just Like Kaki, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 3-21, Fair Grounds

More Than Ready, Ursulina, f, 3, o/o Happy Motoring, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 3-21, Fair Grounds

Mr. Big, Big Clare, f, 3, o/o Sadie Clare, by Grazen. MSW, 3-21, Santa Anita
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**Munnings**, Fratelli, g, 5, o/o Awesome Annie, by Awesome Gambler. AOC, 3-20, Santa Anita

**Munnings**, Munn She's Pretty, f, 4, o/o Ain't She Pretty, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 3-21, Golden Gate

**My Golden Song**, Sunlit Song, g, 6, o/o Fly So True, by Early Flyer. Richard King Turf S., 3-20, Sam Houston

**New Year's Day**, Dixie Street, g, 4, o/o Scootles, by Macho Uno. ALW, 3-21, Fair Grounds

**Noble Mission (GB)**, Gam's Mission, f, 3, o/o Auntie Martha, by War Pass. MSW, 3-21, Fair Grounds

**Palace Malice**, Silent Malice, g, 4, o/o Sunshineandsilence, by Speightstown. ALW, 3-21, Laurel

**Run Brother Ron**, Cowboy Kisses, g, 4, o/o Maddie Moo, by Idiot Proof. MSW, 3-20, Golden Gate

**Silentio**, Silence d'Oro, c, 3, o/o Flair for Fashion, by Old Fashioned. Groovy S., 3-20, Sam Houston

**Strong Mandate**, Lovelorn Lady, f, 3, o/o Clever Dancer, by Old Fashioned. MSW, 3-21, Gulfstream

**Strong Mandate**, Strong Will, h, 5, o/o Magestic Stinger, by Majestic Warrior. AOC, 3-21, Hawthorne

**Temple City**, Darren's Fortune, g, 5, o/o Giant Redwood, by Pleasant Tap. AOC, 3-21, Oaklawn

**Too Much Bling**, Direct Dial, h, 6, o/o Fast Find, by Mineshaft. Star of Texas S., 3-20, Sam Houston

**Tribal Rule**, Brandothebartender, g, 8, o/o Frysland, by Stravinsky. Sensational Star S., 3-21, Santa Anita
EASY COMEBACK FOR SKALLETI

Skalleti & Pierre-Charles Boudot winning for fun in the Prix Exbury
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Freshened up since his foray to Sha Tin for the G1 Hong Kong Cup, Jean-Claude Seroul’s Skalleti (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)) was all class in Saint-Cloud’s deep ground as he sauntered to a confidence-restoring win in the G3 Prix Exbury.

Having taken his tally of group wins to five when landing back-to-back renewals of the G2 Prix Dollar at ParisLongchamp in early October, the grey had moved up a notch when second in Ascot’s G1 Champion S. before his seventh in the Dec. 13 Hong Kong Cup. Penalised here, he was always in his comfort zone and intent on imposing his superiority on overmatched rivals on his official 2021 relaunch.

Unperturbed by a bump leaving the stalls, he was restrained to race with one behind early and stayed on the inner turning for home. Swooping on the front in an instant passing the two-furlong pole, Pierre-Charles Boudot was near motionless to the line as the popular grey did it all himself and the 3 1/2-length margin to Grand Glory (GB) (Olympic Glory (Ire)) served as serious flattery to the mare.

“That was pretty easy and there was never any doubt,” his rider commented. “It was a real nice ride around. He had a hard time in Hong Kong with the travel and the ground and really needed the break he had. It’s nice that he’s back to his old self with the same old sparkle. We all know he’s ground-dependant and so today was perfect. Hopefully he’ll get his Group 1 win this year.” Cont. p2

MOGUL ON SONG FOR SHEEMA CLASSIC

Mogul (GB) (Galileo (Ire)) is in good form ahead of a start in the $5-million G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan on Mar. 27. Last seen in action taking the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin in December, the Coolmore partners-owned 4-year-old also saluted in the 2020 G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood in July, ran second in the Aug. 19 Great Voltigeur S. and returned to the winner’s circle in the G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris at ParisLongchamp in September. Fifth in the G1 Longines Breeders’ Cup a month prior to his Hong Kong triumph, the 3.4-million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling will fly to Dubai on Monday and step out for morning trackwork after clearing 48 hours of quarantine on Thursday.

“We’re happy with everything he’s done,” trainer Aidan O’Brien, who won the race with the late St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu (Ire)) in 2013, told the Tamarkuz Media notes team. Cont. p3

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY
TIME TO BRING BACK DOWNHILL RACING AT SA
In the latest The Week in Review, Bill Finley calls for the turn of down-the-hill turf sprints at Santa Anita. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Since 2013, 7 outstanding stallion prospects have emerged from Arrowfield’s Inglis Easter yearling drafts.
G3 Prix Exbury Cont. from p1

Skalleti, who was successful in the Listed Prix Occitanie, runner-up in the G3 Prix Fille de l’Air and third in both the G3 Prix Penelope and G3 Prix Andre Baboin, has proven a revelation as a broodmare. Producing three black-type performers from her first three visits to Kendargent, her fourth offering by that sire is the 2-year-old colt Skalli (GB).

Sunday, Saint-Cloud, France
PRIX EXBURY-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-21, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:11.11, hy.
1--SKALLETI (FR), 130, g, 6, by Kendargent (Fr)
   1st Dam: Skallet (Fr) (SW & MGSP-Fr, $181,946), by Muhaymin
   2nd Dam: Siran (Fr), by R. B. Chesne (GB)
   3rd Dam: Surubinha (Fr), by Solicitor (Fr)
   (€85,000 Ylg ‘16 ARAUG). O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jerome Reynier; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €40,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity & G1SP-Eng, 18-13-1-2, €625,071. *Full to Skalleto (Fr), SP-Fr, $152,412; and Skazino (Fr), SP-Fr, $130,199. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
2--Grand Glory (GB), 125, m, 5, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Madonna Lily (Ire), by Daylami (Ire). (€18,000 Ylg ‘17 AROCT). O-Albert Frassetto, John d’Amato & Mike Pietrangelo; B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville (GB); T-Gianluca Bietolini. €16,000.
3--Ecrivain (Fr), 126, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Sapphire Pendant (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €12,000.
Margins: 3HF, 2, HF. Odds: 0.50, 10.00, 6.90.
Also Ran: Grocer Jack (Ger), Pontille (Fr), Ateem (Fr), Cnicht (Fr), Makzeem (GB). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.
Mogul Cont. from p1

“He had a little break after Hong Kong and then he got going again and seems to be in good form,” added the Ballydoyle handler. “He’s a horse who takes his racing very well and we think he’s ready to start back again.

“I suppose it is his first run of the season, but he ran in December and that’s hopefully an advantage. He wouldn’t have had as long a break as he would have had last year, so we’re hoping he’s well enough and fit enough to do himself justice, really.”

Comparing Mogul and his year-older full-brother Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) who won the 2019 G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Juddmonte International S., O’Brien added, “Mentally they’re a bit the same, but physically they’re different. Mogul is probably a stronger, more powerful type of horse than Japan. Japan looks like a mile and a quarter, mile and a half horse, physically, whereas this horse looks more like a sprinter-miler. They’re relaxed horses who sleep and eat well.

“He’s a big, strong, powerful horse and there’s a lot of Danehill in him, so he [Japan] carries plenty of condition. Even though he is fit and has done plenty of work, he still looks round and strong and looks more like a horse who will improve with the run, but that’s the way he always looks.

“The quicker the ground the better. The flat track will suit him and a nice even pace will suit him. He likes to take his time and he comes home well. He’s flying out on Monday and we will be on the track as soon as we can.”

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

WOOTTON BASSETT WILL SHUTTLE TO AUSTRALIA

Wootton Bassett (GB) (Ifriaj {GB}) will shuttle to Coolmore Australia this year. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.
REBECCA BASTIMAN PASSES AT 40

Trainer Rebecca Bastiman passed away following a long illness according to her Facebook page, Rebecca Bastiman Racing. The trainer was 40.

A statement on Bastiman’s Facebook page read, “It comes with extreme sadness and heartache that I’m posting this, but sadly Rebecca Bastiman has peacefully passed away after a long illness.

“Being a trainer was her dream her life, her everything, she put 110% into the love and care of her four-legged friends.

“Rebecca was a dedicated trainer and a hard worker, she was first on the yard and last to leave, she mucked out and rode out and loved the challenge of problem horses and sweetening them up.

“Rebecca will leave a hole in many people’s hearts, but her legacy will go on and never be forgotten. The world has lost a special, beautiful person but the heavens have gained an angel.”

Bastiman was the daughter of trainer Robin Bastiman, who trained dual Nunthorpe S. victor Borderlescott (GB) (Compton Place {GB}). Also a three-time winner as an amateur jockey, she took over from her father in 2015. Throughout her seven seasons as a trainer, Bastiman saddled over 100 winners. Her best runner was Thirsk Hunt Cup hero Hayadh (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).
GOSDENS TO HAVE FIRST RUNNERS ON MAR. 27

John and Thady Gosen will have their first runners under a joint licence on Saturday, Mar. 27, after announcing their imminent partnership earlier this year. Several horses, among them Haqeeqy (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) in the Doncaster Unibet Lincoln Heritage H., will step forward for the Clarehaven duo on Saturday. The news was first reported by the Racing Post.

John Gosden told Racing Post, "It was always the plan to launch the dual-licence for the start of the Flat season and only delays on BHA modules due to Covid-19 prevented it being in place on Jan. 1. We'll make our first entries under the new licensing arrangements for next Saturday.

"Haqeeqy breezed around Waterhall on Friday morning and went nicely. He's yet to score beyond seven furlongs but shapes as if he should get a mile and goes there with a nice chance. We've had the Lincoln in mind for him for some time."

Sunday's Results:

1st-Curragh, €16,500, Mdn, 3-21, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.87, s/h. MISSING MATRON (IRE) (f, 2, Vocalised--Bring Back Matron {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), one of the sharpest from the gates in this turf season opener, led after a furlong and travelled easily away from the fence. Applying the pressure approaching the final furlong, the 16-1 shot was not fully extended to inflict a 4 3/4-length beating to It'll Do My Day (Ire) (The Last Lion {Ire}). "She has a big future. She did it very well, she handled the ground well and did it like a pro," Jim Bolger's daughter Una Manning said.

A She has a big future. She did it very well, she handled the ground well and did it like a pro," Jim Bolger's daughter Una Manning said. “She’s something to look forward to and it’s great to be back racing.” The winner is a half-sister to the ill-fated Listed Eyrefield S. winner Dubai Sand (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). The dam’s yearling colt is also by Teofilo, who appears under the third dam. She is also connected to the Listed Silver S. and Listed Zetland S. scorer Glamorous Approach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and last year’s G3 Killavullan S. winner Poetic Flare (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $11,825. O-Mrs J. S. Bolger; B/T-Jim Bolger (IRE).

3rd-Curragh, €12,000, Mdn, 3-21, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:33.26, s/h. JOAN OF ARC (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--You're So Thrilling {GSW-Eng, GSW-Ire, $219,415}, by Storm Cat), a full-sister to the Guineas-winning duo Gleneagles (Ire) and Marvellous (Ire) who is entered in the Newmarket Classic, had been beaten a nose on her sole start over this trip at Dundalk in November and tracked the early leader. Cajoled to the front approaching the two-furlong marker, the 4-6 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Approach the Dawn (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}).
3rd-Curragh Cont.

“Ryan said she’d be happier on nicer ground and won’t mind going up to a mile either,” commented Aidan O’Brien after welcoming his first winner of the season. “We might have a look at the Guineas trial at Leopardstown for her. It’s tough going out there first time. He said he was very comfortable on her.” As well as being a smart performer in her own right, the G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner You’re so thrilling—a full-sister to Giant’s Causeway—can lay claim to being one of Coolmore’s most important broodmares with her first six foals by this sire all able to hold their own at the top level. The benchmark performer is the G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas hero Gleneagles, Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ire, Hwt. 3yo-Eur at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng/Ire, G1SP-Fr, $1,427,036, while the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Marvellous, G1SW-Ire, $262,665, and the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and G1 Moyglare Stud S. scorer Happily (Ire), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, G1SW-Eng/Ire, G1SP-Ire, $878,482, also takes high rank. There has also been Taj Mahal (Ire), MG1SW-Aus, G1SP-US, GSP-Ire, $838,037, Coolmore (Ire), GSW-Ire, G1SP-US, $238,593, and Vatican City (Ire), G1SP-Ire, with their near-misses in the highest grade. Waiting in the wings is a 2019 filly by the Stud’s reigning monarch. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $11,747.
O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

5th-Curragh, €12,000, Mdn, 3-21, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:33.65, s/h. HOROSCOPE (IRE) (c, 3, No Nay Never--Inca Wood (UAE), by Timber Country), runner-up when last seen over this trip at Leopardstown in October, broke well from his wide draw to follow the early pace racing without cover. Admirably professional throughout, the 9-4 favourite gained the lead with 150 yards remaining and asserted to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Meishar (Arg) (Exchange Rate). “He had a lovely run the first day here but then he went to Leopardstown and was beaten very easily,” Aidan O’Brien said. “Ryan was very happy with him there and we might have a look at the Guineas trial at Leopardstown for him. He said he’d be better on better ground, he’s a good-moving horse, but he got through it.” The dam, who has 2-year-old and yearling full-sisters to the winner with the former named Everybody Dance (Ire), is a granddaughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Sussex S. and G1 Prix du Moulin heroine Sonic Lady (Nureyev) from a family that has served the stable excellently. Cont. p7
5th-Curragh Cont.
Her most accomplished half-siblings Furner’s Green (Ire) (Dylan Thomas (Ire)) and Lady Lupus (Ire) (High Chaparral (Ire)) were placed in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains and G1 Irish Oaks respectively, while another is the listed-winning and group-placed Palace (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)) whose recent sons of Galileo (Ire) are the G2 Beresford S. winner and G1 Futurity Trophy runner-up Innisfree (Ire) and High Definition (Ire) who took last year’s Beresford and currently occupies poll position in the reckoning for the 2021 Epsom Derby. Another of Inca Wood’s half-siblings Mystical Lady (Ire) (Halling) was also a listed scorer and group-placed before producing another notable son of Galileo in the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Ascot Gold Cup runner-up Kingfisher (Ire). Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg of Galileo in the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Ascot Gold Cup runner-up and group-placed before producing another notable son Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Lynch Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

HANDICAP RESULT:
6th-Curragh, €90,000, 3-21, 4yo/up, 8ft, 1:45.31, s/h.
LAYFAYETTE (IRE) (g, 4, French Navy (GB)--Scala Romana (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-2, $134,163. O-Mrs Patricia Hunt; B-Matthew Duffy (IRE); T-Noel Meade. *€4,000 Ylg ‘18 TARSEP; €54,000 2yo ‘19 TARGOT.

FRANCE

Sunday’s Results:
PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-21, 3yo, c/g, 8ft, 1:46.11, hy.
1--GALIK (FR), 128, g, 3, by Galiway (GB)
1st Dam: Revedargent (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Kendargent (Fr)
2nd Dam: Matwan (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB)
3rd Dam: Spain (Fr), by Bering (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Christophe Ferland; J-Julien Auge. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, €62,045.
2--Easter (Fr), 128, c, 3, Exosphere (Aus)--Excellent Girl (GB), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). O-Solomon Kumin, Samantha Amar & Jean-Etienne Dubois; B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. €11,000.
3--Perseverants (Fr), 128, c, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Perle Rare, by Distorted Humor. (€3,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 AROCT). O-Cofinvest, Haras D’Etreham & Meridian International SARL; B-Haras d’Etreham, Cofinvest & Yacatec SARL (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. €8,250.
Also Ran: Dahiya (Fr), Buzzing (GB), Lou Warrior (Fr).
Successful on his first two starts over six furlongs at La Teste de Buch last June, Galik came up short in better company when last of five in the seven-furlong Listed Prix Roland de Chambure at ParisLongchamp in July and also beat no rivals reverting to the course and distance of his two wins in the Listed Criterium du Bequet later that month. Gelded and upped to this trip this year, the homebred had shown the benefit of both when scoring at Bordeaux le Bouscat Mar. 5 and put that race-sharpness to full effect to break his duck at this level. Quickly at the head of affairs, the chestnut shook off the attentions of Easter in the straight and was always out of reach as Perseverants stayed on best of the remainder.

“This horse had shown quality as a 2-year-old early last year, but then had some problems and we had to geld him,” trainer Christophe Ferland explained. “That was the key. He spent some time on the farm after the operation and when he came back he was wiser and stronger. He loves that kind of [heavy] ground, broke well and was travelling in front, so there were no problem being there. Obviously, he can’t go for the Classics but we’ll keep going and make a plan.”

The winner is the first runner for the useful dam, who is a full-sister to last year’s G3 Prix de Saint-Georges scorer Batwan (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)) and a half to the listed-winning Wanaway (Fr) by Galik’s sire Galiway and to the G2 Prix du Muguet runner-up Matorio (Fr) (Oratorio (Ire)). The second dam Matwan was also successful at this level and is a half to the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise and G3 Prix de Meautry winner Myasun (Fr) (Panis) and also to the dam of the G3 Ormonde S. winner Morando (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)) and last year’s Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr scorer and G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Speak of the Devil (Fr) (Wootton Bassett (GB)). Next up from Revedargent is a 2-year-old full-brother to Galik named Galord (Fr), while she also has a yearling full-sister to them to follow.

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2--Cash Equity (Fr), 126, c, 3, Toronado (Ire) -- Funny Crazy (Fr), by Chichicastenango (Fr). (€20,000 Ylg ‘19 AROCOT). O-Briscoe Levaigue & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-S.C.E.A. Des Prairies, B-Jeffroy & T-Jeffroy (Fr); T-Ludovic Gadbin. €11,000.

3--Media Stream (GB), 126, c, 3, Frankel (GB) -- Very Good News, by Empire Maker. O-Exors of the Late K Abdullah; B-J-Mickael Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €58,980. *1/2 to Pretty Boy (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)), GSP-Fr.

Also Ran: Tawfan (Fr), Mystery Angel (Ire), Alexina (Fr), Fourviere (Ire).
**Listed Prix La Camargo Cont.**

“It’s always a worry when you bring a filly to the races first time out and you hope for the best, but she has shown some quality and I’ve always had a high opinion of her,” he said. “Even though she ran badly first time at Deauville, that was a very strong renewal of that particular race and she had won twice since. Maybe I made a mistake sending her to the Criterium de Saint-Cloud, but I thought she’d stay that 10-furlong trip. It was probably too early for her and she’s done well and strengthened a lot over the winter, so I was keen to see how she would do here. I wasn’t concerned about the ground, as I think she can quicken on any ground and I was more fearful of a tactical race with those who had had a run this season but she showed all her class. She’s in all the major races for fillies and we’ll keep her over a mile with the [G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches] Poulichers as a target. We’ll see how she comes out of this and if she runs in between in the [G3] Prix de la Grotte.”

Tiger Tanaka’s trainer Charley Rossi is intending to head straight to the May 16 ParisLongchamp Classic with the runner-up. “It didn’t go too well at the break and I feel that some of the jockeys were not too courteous with my jockey, but all went quite well afterwards,” he said. “I’d prefer to win, but maybe she needed the race and I’m happy with the way she fought for second. We’ll stick to the initial plan and head straight to the Poulichers.”

Sweet Lady is the last known foal out of the talented Christopher Wright-bred High Heel Sneakers, whose stakes success came in the Hermosa Beach H. From the family of the US Fillies’ Triple Crown heroine Chris Evert (Swoon’s Son) which also features the GII Yerba Buena Breeders’ Cup H. winner and G1 Premio Oaks d’Italia runner-up Hallowed Dream (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}), her previous black-type performer was the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial winner Toujours L’Amour (GB) (Authorized {Ire}).

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**ITALY**

Sunday’s Results:

**PREMIO NATALE DI ROMA-Listed, **€38,500, Capannelle, 3-21, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.07.


2--**Badram (GB), 124, c, 4, Mukhadram (GB)--Baratella (Fr), by Orpen.** O-Razza Dormello Olgia Di Cita. B-Societa Agricola C.I.T.A.I. Spa (GB). T-Riccardo Santini. €6,545.


Also Ran: Out Of Time (Ity), Cacciatore (Ire), Pensiero D’Amore (Ire), Fulminix (Ity).

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**PREMIO CIRCO MASSIMO-Listed, **€38,500, Capannelle, 3-21, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.64.

1--**BRASILIAN MAN (IRE), 124, h, 5, Teofilo (Ire)--Alfa Fedelta (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Ity, $157,658), by Oasis Dream (GB).** O-Socuddia Incolinx Di Romeo Diego. B-Incolinx (Ire). T-Emilio Biondi. J-Fabio Branca. €14,875. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 13-5-3-1, €142,375. *1/2 to Aquila Solitaria (Ire) (Raven’s Pass), SW & GSP-Ity; and Villabate (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), MGSP-Ity, $131,645.

2--**Baptism (Ire), 124, c, 4, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Holy Salt (GB), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire).** (€460,000 Wlg ‘17 GOFNOV; 68,000gns HRA ‘19 TATOCT). O-Scuderia Del Giglio Sardo SRL. T-Tullpark Ltd. (Ire). J-Germano Marcelli. €6,545.


Margins: 2HF, NO, 2. Odds: 2.35, 1.33, 4.87.

Also Ran: Pentaiaide (Fr), Thunderman (Ity), Bridge Jazzaraat (Ire), Unique Diamond, Only Time (Ire), Aldrodovar (Ity), Light of Cristo (Fr), Oleksander (GB), Spirit Noir (Ire).

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**FOALING NEWS**

**Amorella (Ire), m, 6, Nathaniel (Ire)--Anaita (Ger), by Dubawi (Ire)**

Foal born Mar. 14, a colt by Sea The Stars (Ire). Will be bred back to **Kingman (GB)**

Owned by TINK GmbH. Boarded at Schlossgut Itlingen in Germany.

Accomplishments: Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, GSW & G1SP-Ger, $130,537.

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**Charity Fun (Ire), g, 4, War Command--Patuca (GB), by Teofilo (Ire).** Sha Tin, 3-21, Hcp. (C3) (£139k/=162k), 2000mT, 2:02.41. B-M Downey & Kildaragh Stud. *Formerly Pontchateau (Ire). **55,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TATOCT. VIDEO

**HEART’S CRY COLT POUNCES AT NAKAYAMA**

The progressive Victipharus (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)) narrowly secured a first group victory in the G2 Fuji TV Sho Spring S. at Nakayama on Sunday.

Bearing the G1 Racing silks, the 6-1 third choice was floated very wide into the right-handed turn and ended up second last through the early stages. He steadily improved from there with a sustained run up into ninth midway on the second bend and was steered widest of all into the home straight by pilot Ryuji Okubo.

Displaying a stellar set of gears with 200 metres remaining, he passed pacesetter World Revival (Jpn) (Epiphaneia (Jpn)), as well as the hard charging duo of Asamano Itazura (Jpn) (Victoire Pisa (Jpn)) and 2-1 crowd’s pick Boden (Jpn) (Harbinger (GB)). A few jumps from the wire, Victipharus bettered Asamano Itazura, winning by a head with Boden 1 3/4 lengths back in third. World Revival faded to sixth.

A Hanshin newcomer winner in November going this trip, Victipharus was second to Efforia (Jpn) (Epiphaneia (Jpn)) in the G3 Kyodo News Hai at Tokyo on Valentine’s Day.

**Pedigree Notes**

Shadai Stallion Station’s Heart’s Cry is now the sire of 51 black-type winners and 35 group winners after Victipharus’s win. However, the winner is the only Heart’s Cry black-type winner with Galileo (Ire) as a broodmare sire. The Coolmore Stud supremo’s daughters have foaled 191 black-type winners and 103 group winners to date.

The second foal and second winner for his three-time winning dam, Victipharus is the last reported foal for Virginia. The daughter of two-time French Group 3 winner Silverskaya (Silver Hawk) and full-sister to G1 Metropolitan victor and G1 Irish Derby runner-up Seville (Ger) (Galileo (Ire)) was covered by Kitasan Black (Jpn) last spring.
Sky Darci beats home Russian Emperor in Sunday's BMW Hong Kong Derby | HKJC photo

Any time you hand the car keys to Joao Moreira, you have a fair bit of confidence that good things are to come. Still, entering Sunday's HK$24-million BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) at Sha Tin, there were questions aplenty as to whether Sky Darci (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), the race's highest-rated galloper, would see out the trip, having underperformed in the two lead-up events. But, one race after bringing up his 100th winner for the season, the 'Magic Man' put a brilliant steer on the Kiwi-bred and the pair just lasted, as Russian Emperor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Panfield (Chi) (Lookin At Lucky) were zeroing in late.

Only sixth as the favourite to Excellent Proposal (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the Jan. 24 Hong Kong Classic Mile and seventh behind Healthy Happy (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}) in the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) Feb. 21—and albeit with imperfect trips—Sky Darci drew two for the Derby to the delight of trainer Caspar Fownes, who admitted his charge would benefit from a low gate. The NZ$160,000 NZB Premier Yearling (Book 1) bounced well and settled in about fifth spot early as Healthy Happy and Silver Express (Aus) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) put several lengths on the well-backed Shadow Hero (Aus) (Pierro {Aus}) going to the backstretch. Moreira was only too happy to play the hand he'd been dealt and remain glued to the paint, and when the forwardly placed Russian Emperor slid away from the fence and the pace dropped passing midway, Sky Darci immediately seized upon the opportunity to improve, a move that would prove decisive in the end.

Pinching ground on the turn, Sky Darci was on the heels of the leading duo as Silver Express overhauled Healthy Happy nearing the straight. Cont. p12
**HK Derby Cont.**

Pulled out around that duo, Sky Darci hit the front with a bit more than a furlong to travel and knuckled down late to become the fourth New Zealand-bred Derby winner in the last six years. Last year’s G3 Hampton Court S. hero Russian Emperor proved his Classic Cup effort (at 80-1) was no fluke, just missing as the $4.70 (37-10) choice, while treble Chilean Group 1 winner Panfield hit the line hard for third. Excellent Proposal rallied down the center for fourth.

“I had to angle my way out, but once I got into the straight, I had taken the lead a little bit too early, but I knew I was on the best horse in the race and I had a lot of confidence in the horse,” said Moreira, adding to his victory aboard the late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) in 2017. “I knew they were coming, they were good horses as well. He’s not a specialist 2000-metre horse, in my opinion, but he’s got heart and even if they were coming, he was giving his best.”

It was also a second Derby success for Fownes, who saddled Super Satin (NZ) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) to success in the 2010 renewal.

“It was the longest [last] 200 metres I’ve ever seen in a race, that’s for sure,” the always-accessible Fownes told the HKJC notes team. “It felt like an eternity there and I’m glad he stuck his neck out and got the winning result. All in all, it’s a magic day--massive satisfaction. This horse with the owners [the Kwan family], it’s magic, they’ve been incredible people to train for.”

Sky Darci was the only member of the 14-horse field who was untried overseas prior to his import, similar to 2020 winner Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro).

**Pedigree Notes**

Sky Darci--the third and most successful of his dam's produce to race in Hong Kong--is the 52nd black-type winner for his sire, whose 11 Group 1 winners include D B Pin (NZ), winner in Hong Kong of the Centenary Sprint Cup and twice runner-up in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. Despite his sire’s propensity to throw a top sprinter, there is plenty in Sky Darci’s pedigree to suggest he could stay the 2000 metres. His half-brother Chocante (NZ) was a Group 3 winner in New Zealand going an extended mile and a quarter and won the G2 Brisbane Cup over 2200 metres while finishing third in the G1 The Metropolitan H. (2400m) in Sydney. Sky Darci’s second dam was a daughter of Red Chiffon, who annexed the G3 Canterbury Gold Cup going 2000 metres and was third in the 1988 G1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m).

Sky Darci is the third winner of the Hong Kong Derby in six years to be raised at Highden Park in New Zealand. Sam and Libby Bleakley’s operation was also responsible for 2018 Derby hero Ping Hai Star (NZ) (Nom du Jeu {NZ}), who was unsold on a bid of NZ$40,000 when consigned by Highden Park to the 2015 NZBSEP sale. They also had their hands on 2016 Derby winner and future Horse of the Year Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}), as well as Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}), two-time Horse of the Year who was third to Rapper Dragon in 2017 and became a two-time winner of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

Sky Darci is the fourth consecutive Derby winner to go under the hammer at the Karaka sales. In addition to Ping Hai Star, Furore (NZ) (Pierro {Aus}) was sold for NZ$210,000 as a yearling in 2016 and current Hong Kong king of the hill Golden Sixty fetched NZ$300,000 at the auction house’s Ready To Run sale in 2017.

The dam of Chocante's gelded 2-year-old full-brother El Vencedor (NZ), Strictly Maternal is represented by a yearling full-brother to Sky Darci and missed to Shocking for 2020 before returning to the same stallion.

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**BMW HONG KONG DERBY 2021-LR**, HK$24,000,000 (C$2,221,667/C£2,593,350/AS$3,975,501/US$3,090,927), Sha Tin, 3-21, NH/SH4yo, 2:01.32, gd.

1--**SKY DARCI (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, by Darci Brahma (NZ)

1st Dam: Strictly Maternal (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ)
2nd Dam: Take Silk (NZ), by Star Way (GB)
3rd Dam: Red Chiffon (Aus), by Sovereign Red (NZ)

1ST STAKES WIN

(NZ$160,000 Ylg '18 NZBJAN). O-Jessica Kwan Mun Hang; B-M W Freeman & D G Price; T-Caspar Fownes; J-Joao Moreira; HK$13,680,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-HK, 12-6-3-0, HK$21,037,965. *1/2 to Chocante (NZ) (Shocking {Aus}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, GSW-NZ, HK$315,590.

2--**Russian Emperor (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, *Galileo (Ire)*--Atlantic Jewel (Aus), by *Fastnet Rock (Aus)*. O-Mike Cheung Shun Ching; B-Coolmore, Lauri Macri & Parnters; T-Douglas Whyte; J-Karis Teetan; HK$5,280,000.

3--**Panfield (Chi)**, 126, c, 4, *Lookin At Lucky*--*Esterina* (Arg), by Orpen. O-Yue Yun Hing; B-Agricola Taomina Ltda; T-Tony Millard; J-Chad Schofield; HK$2,400,000.

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Sunday, Abu Dhabi, UAE

ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP-G3, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 3-21, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2200mT, 2:17.44, gd.

1--IRISH FREEDOM, 125, g, 7 Pioneerof the Nile
   1st Dam: Island Striker, by Smart Strike
   2nd Dam: Danzig Island, by Danzig
   3rd Dam: Angel Island, by Cougar II (Chi)


2--Majestic Mambo (SAf), 125, g, 6, Mambo in Seattle (SAf)--Regal Classic (SAf), by Al Mufti. (R40,000 2yo ’16 CAPOCT). O-Mrs. M Slack & J T Peter. B-Moutonshoek (SAf). T-Mike de Kock. AED76,000.

3--Aydon Castle (Ire), 125, g, 6, Teofilo (Ire)--Northern Melody (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). (25,000gns HRA ’20 TATOCT). O-Harmash Racing. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Ahmad bin Harmash. AED38,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, HF, NK.
Also Ran: Seniority (GB), Mudaarab, Zaman (GB), Mordin (Ire), Poet’s Prince (GB), Firms (GB), Oasis Charm (GB), Corsen (GB).

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3--Aydon Castle (Ire), 125, g, 6, Teofilo (Ire)--Northern Melody (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). (25,000gns HRA ’20 TATOCT).
Margins: 2 1/4, HF, NK.
Also Ran: Seniority (GB), Mudaarab, Zaman (GB), Mordin (Ire), Poet’s Prince (GB), Firms (GB), Oasis Charm (GB), Corsen (GB).

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WOOTTON BASSETT WILL SHUTTLE TO AUSTRALIA

by Bren O’Brien

Coolmore Australia has further strengthened its rich array of international quality by adding one of Europe’s emerging star stallions, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**, for the 2021 season.

As a racehorse, **Wootton Bassett**, a son of Iffraaj (GB), was the unbeaten 2-year-old champion of France, and as a stallion his career took off at a similar rate, producing the champion Almanzor (Fr) from his first crop.

**Wootton Bassett** has produced an impressive 17 stakes winners from his six crops of racing age in Europe, and after tremendous success at Haras d’Etreham in France, was purchased by Coolmore to stand in Ireland for the 2021 Northern Hemisphere breeding season.

He will now join Coolmore’s outstanding Australian roster in 2021, in another feather in the cap of the buoyant Australian industry.

"We are very excited by this opportunity to offer Australian mare-owners a proven sire of **Wootton Bassett**’s calibre," Coolmore Australia’s Tom Magnier said.

“He is a magnificent dark brown horse with a fabulous head and eye—a deep-girthed individual with very good hindquarter and hip and a really good, purposeful action.”

**Wootton Bassett** comes to Australia from a sireline very much familiar to local breeders through Iffraaj, who stood at Haunui Farm in New Zealand from 2008 until 2019.

Iffraaj produced four Group 1 winners from his time at Haunui, G1 VRC Derby winner Jon Snow (NZ), G1 New Zealand Derby winner Gingernuts (NZ), triple Group 1 winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) and G1 Captain Cook S. winner Wyndspelle (NZ). Jungle Cat (Ire), now a resident at Telemont Stud in Queensland, is also an Australian Group 1-winning son of Iffraaj. Haunui now stand his multiple Group 1-winning son Ribchester (Ire).

**Almanzor**'s first crop have been amazingly well-received by yearling buyers in 2021 and have averaged over $200,000 across 56 purchases, including a top price of $800,000 for one of his colts. He has been the leading first-season sire on average at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, the New Zealand Bloodstock National Sale, the Inglis Classic Sale and the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale.

**A Star on the Track and at Stud**

Bred by Laundry Cottage Stud in Hertfordshire, **Wootton Bassett**, who is out of stakes-placed mare Belladonia (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), was purchased by Bobby O’Ryan for 46,000 gns (AU$86,457) at the 2009 Doncaster Bloodstock St. Leger Yearling Sale.

He debuted for trainer Richard Fahey with a comfortable win at Ayr in June 2010 and followed up with two wins at Doncaster and a win at York before he headed to the G1 Prix Luc Lagardere at Longchamp, where he crowned himself the champion colt of France, defeating a strong field, including star French filly Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

He was unable to add to his record as a 3-year-old but retired to Haras D’Etreham to begin his breeding career in 2012.

At a fee of €6,000 (AU$9,266), he would only produce 23 foals in that first crop, but significantly one of them was Almanzor, who would come out and win the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Champion S. and G1 Irish Champion S. in a stellar 11-start career which featured eight wins and which supercharged his sire’s reputation.

**Wootton Bassett** has also produced 2020 G1 Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf and G1 Prix Jean Romanet-winner Audarya (Fr) and G1 Prix de l’Abbeye-winning sprinter and now Haras de Bouquetot stallion Wooded (Ire).
Among his 14 other stakes winners is the G2 Champagne S. winner Chindit (Ire), considered a leading chance for the G1 English 2000 Guineas.

While Wootton Bassett has had most of his racetrack success in France, with 88 winners, including 13 at stakes level, he has also had four stakes winners in the United States, two in Great Britain and one in each of Ireland, Italy and Canada.

His amazing ascent has seen his Northern Hemisphere service fee rise from a low point of €4,000 (AU$6,177) in his second season in France to €100,000 (AU$154,587) in his first season with Coolmore in Ireland in 2021. His Australian service fee for 2021 will be confirmed at a later date.

Magnier has no doubt that with a pedigree which is free of Galileo (Ire), Montjeu (Ire), Danehill (USA) and Invincible Spirit (Ire), Wootton Bassett will appeal greatly to Australian breeders.

“Wootton Bassett is by a sire well known to Australasians, Iffraaj, who's the sire already of 10 Group 1 winners, five in each hemisphere, including Australian and New Zealand Group 1 winners like Jungle Cat, Jon Snow, Turn Me Loose, Gingernuts and Wyndspelle,” he said.

“We can’t wait to show Wootton Bassett off and are confident that Australasian mare-owners will see him for the great opportunity and great value he represents."

He becomes the second confirmed addition to the Coolmore Australia roster in 2021 after dual Group 1-winning 2-year-old son of Redoute’s Choice, King’s Legacy, arrived at the Jerrys Plains property earlier this month.
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