

# THE TDN KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR MAR. 25



**Travel Column** reclaims the top spot after her convincing GII Fair Grounds Oaks victory | *Hodges Photography*

by *Bill Finley*

For most of this year, this has been a division where no one necessarily stood out. That all changed last Saturday at the Fair Grounds, where Travel Column (**Frosted**) won the GII Fair Grounds Oaks, soundly beating her rival, Clairiere (**Curlin**). Not only did she defeat a top horse, it was a dominating performance. There are still a bunch of preps to go, but unless someone steps up with a phenomenal effort in a prep, Travel Column will be your favorite in the GI Kentucky Oaks.

After running sixth in the Fair Grounds Oaks, Zaajel (**Street Sense**) drops off our list. We're also taking out Vequist (**Nyquist**). Though her connections have not announced that she is out of the Oaks after her poor performance in the GII Davona Dale S. on Feb. 22, she has not had a workout since that race, an indication she will not make the Oaks.

The highlight this weekend will be the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, which will feature Malathaat (**Curlin**) and Simply Ravishing (**Laoban**), both of whom will be making a belated 3-year-old debut.

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## MOREY BARN READY TO MAKE SOME NOISE

by *Steve Sherack*

Trainer William Morey picked up three for his stable while shopping the 2-year-old sales in Ocala last spring. Two of them, led by the streaking Gill Jeff Ruby Steaks-bound **Hush of a Storm** (**Creative Cause**), will compete on Saturday's loaded program at Turfway Park.

"Two have won stakes, and, of course, the other filly hasn't made the races," Morey said. "We've had some bitter and sweet, but lots of sweet along the way."

Hush of a Storm, a \$75,000 OBS Spring purchase (:21 3/5; consigned by de Meric Sales) by the Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust, is one of the main contenders from a full field of 12 in the \$250,000 road to the GI Kentucky Derby prep race, carrying qualifying points of 100-40-20-10. **Cont. p3**

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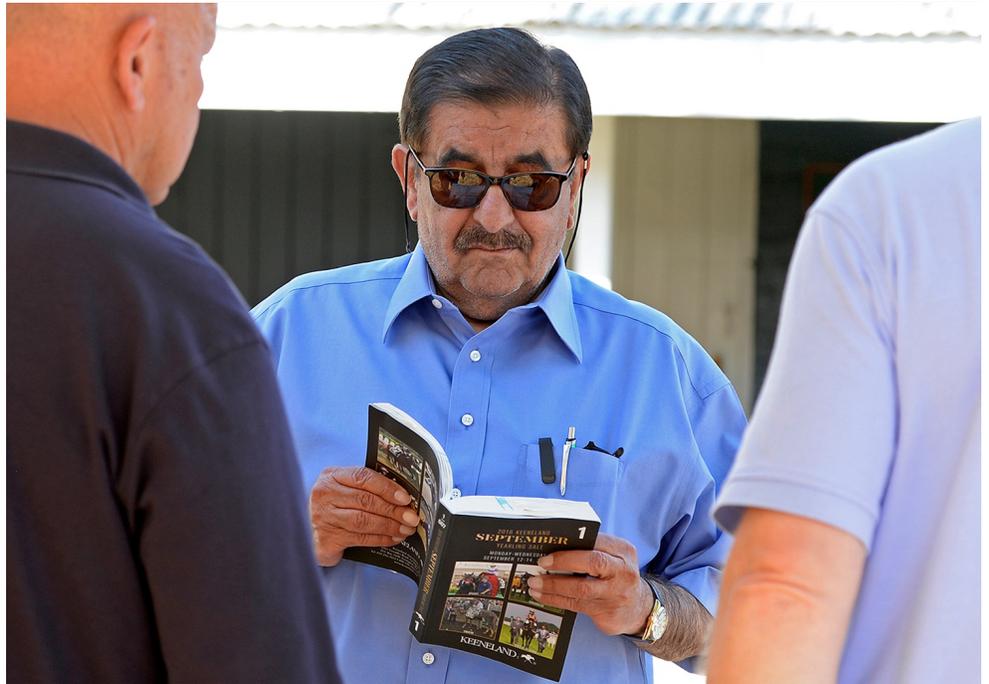
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**Morey cont. from p1**

A well-beaten eighth in his Churchill debut last November, Hush of a Storm is a perfect three-for-three over the Turfway synthetic since, including a good-looking, come-from-behind win in the local prep John Battaglia Memorial S. Feb. 26 (video). The field that day included the re-opposing GISW Gretzky the Great (Nyquist).



**William Morey** | *Coady*

Bred by Berkshire Stud, Hush of a Storm is the first foal out of the winning Flatter mare Hush Now, a full-sister to MSW & MGSP Brigand and a half-sister to SW Sky Music (Sky Mesa).

The New York-bred completed his Jeff Ruby preparations with a five-furlong breeze in 1:02.60 (38/46) at Turfway last Saturday.

“He’s training like a monster,” Morey said. “I know he’s gonna have to be with the waters getting deeper and deeper as we go on, but he’s training like a good horse. All systems are a go for the Jeff Ruby.”

Morey will also saddle Sandin Syndicate Stable’s Pico d’Oro (Curlin), a \$255,000 OBS March acquisition (:21 1/5; consigned by Eddie Woods), in the \$65,000 Animal Kingdom S. on the Jeff Ruby undercard. Last year’s Runhappy Juvenile S. winner cuts back to 6 1/2 furlongs after flashing speed and tiring to eighth behind his stablemate in the Battaglia. He was a close third as the favorite in Aqueduct’s Jimmy Winkfield S. two back.

Other entrants on Saturday’s 12-race card for Morey include: Queen of God (Paynter) in the Latonia S. and Visitant (Ghostzapper) in the Kentucky Cup Classic.

“Tough little horse, but not quite a route horse,” Morey said of Pico d’Oro. “Pico’s got a big heart and a great stride. He’s a hard trier.”

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**Morey cont.**

The son of the late, CTBA Hall of Fame trainer William J. Morey, Jr. relocated to the bluegrass with his wife Elizabeth two years ago from his native California. Highlights from his 1,700-plus career victories include wins in 2018 by Ollie's Candy in the GII Summertime Oaks and Coniah in the GIII Las Cienegas.

"I worked for dad [as an assistant] through high school and college," Morey said. "I went on my own in '01. Surprisingly enough, it's been 20-21 years now all of sudden. It's crazy how time flies. I can remember the days working for him."

He added with a laugh, "The good days and the bad days, that's for sure."

Morey trains approximately 30 head, split currently between Turfway and Keeneland with plans to head to Churchill later this spring. The 46-year-old will also have a division at Del Mar this summer.

"We're enjoying our time and our life here in Kentucky," Morey said. "It's a beautiful place to live and to train. Hoping to continue to get better and better horses. We've got some good



**Hush of a Storm** | Coady

ones on the way."

One of those in the pipeline to keep an eye on--a colt from the first crop of the much buzzed-about MGISW **Practical Joke**--was selected by Morey on behalf of Gerry Sandin's aforementioned operation for \$210,000 at last week's OBS March Sale.

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent VIII, as **Hip 113**, the son of the multiple stakes-winning City Zip mare Mystic City breezed a quarter in **:21 1/5** at the under-tack show.

"He's got that Classic, Derby colt look to him," Morey said. "Let's hope he's that good. But that's the look he has. And that's the look that sells. That was the same kind of look I saw last year in Hush of a Storm."

Morey concluded, "Maybe Hush will take us some places that we haven't been yet. I've won a few graded races, but haven't run in any of the Classics. Maybe a horse like Hush will take us somewhere like that."

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# TOP KENTUCKY OAKS CONTENDERS

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## 1) TRAVEL COLUMN (Frosted--Swingit, by Victory Gallop)



'**TDN Rising Star**' O-OXO Equine. B-Mr. & Mrs. Bayne Welker, Jr. & Denali Stud (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$850,000 ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 5-3-1-1, \$517,184.

Last Start: 1st [GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks](#), FG, Mar. 20

Accomplishments **Include:** 1st [GII Golden Rod S.](#), CD, Nov. 28, 2nd [GII Rachel Alexandra S.](#) presented by Fasig-Tipton, FG, Feb. 13, 3rd [GI Darley Alcibiades S.](#), KEE, Oct. 2

Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, CD, Apr. 30

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 132



Having trained so many outstanding fillies, Brad Cox is starting to become to the Kentucky Oaks what Bob Baffert is to the GI Kentucky Derby. He's won two of the last three runnings and has the likely favorite this year in Travel Column. It looks like her connections went back to the drawing board after she was defeated by Clairiere in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Florent Geroux rode her more aggressively as she was never more than a length off the lead. Meanwhile, Clairiere was last at the first call and, from there, had too much to do to catch Travel Column. Travel Column, an \$850,000 purchase at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, could give owner Larry Best, a very big spender at the sales over the last few years, his biggest win yet.

## 2) CLAIRIERE (Curlin--Cavorting, by Bernardini)

O/B-Stonestreet Stables (KY). T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-2-0, \$350,492.

Last Start: 2nd [GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks](#), FG, Mar. 20

Accomplishments **Include:** 1st [GII Rachel Alexandra S.](#) presented by Fasig-Tipton, FG, Feb. 13, 2nd [GII Golden Rod S.](#), CD, Nov. 28

Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, CD, Apr. 30

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 94

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**— STONESTREET**

Is an outstanding filly, but can she beat Travel Column? It's been good to see the two go after one another and create a

rivalry that started last year in the GII Golden Rod S. Travel Column has won two of their three meetings and, simply, looked like a better horse in the Fair Grounds Oaks. With both running well this year and with a bunch of others stubbing their toe, it would be no surprise if the Oaks exacta was Travel Column-Clairiere. A horse with no early speed, Clairiere may need a fast pace to set up her run in the Oaks.

## 3) WILL'S SECRET (Will Take Charge--Girls Secret, by Giant's Causeway)

O/B-Willis Horton Racing (KY). T-Dallas Stewart. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-0-2, \$343,300.

Last Start: 1st [GIII Honeybee S.](#), OP, Mar. 6

Accomplishments **Include:** 1st [Martha Washington S.](#), OP, Jan. 30

Next Start: Possible for GIII Fantasy S., OP, Apr. 3

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 60

Trainer Dallas Stewart is always dangerous in these big races, but it's usually with longshots. This time around, he has a quality filly who may be one of the favorites in the race. She took four starts to break her maiden, but once she made it to the winner's circle she has never looked back. Her win last time out in the GIII Honeybee S. was her third in a row and her second straight stakes win. She has never faced Travel Column, but did finish third behind Clairiere in a maiden race last fall at Churchill. The jockey is 60-year-old Jon Court, who, presumably, would become the oldest jockey ever to win the race.

## 4) MALATHAAT (Curlin--Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy)

'**TDN Rising Star**' O-Shadwell Stable. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History: \$1,050,000 ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$172,150.

Last Start: 1st [GII Demoiselle S.](#), AQU, Dec. 5

Accomplishments **Include:** 1st [Tempted S.](#), AQU, Nov. 6

Next Start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, Mar. 27

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 10

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**Malathaat cont.**

Because she had a minor setback and missed the Davona Dale S., the connections have had to put all their eggs in one basket in the Gulfstream Park Oaks. Unraced since December, Malathaat will need to move forward off of this race to have a chance in the Oaks. She will also need the points, as the 10 she has accrued so far may not be good enough to get her into the field. A beautifully-bred filly who sold for \$1.05 million at the sales, she is undefeated in three career starts, but may not have been beating the top guns in this division. Has been working steadily at Palm Beach Downs for her return.

**5) SIMPLY RAVISHING (Laoban--Four Wishes, by More Than Ready)**



O-Harold Lerner, Magdalena Racing & Nehoc Stables.  
B-Meg Levy (NY). T-Ken McPeek. Sales History: \$50,000  
y/g '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-0-0, \$414,200.

Last Start: 4th **GII Golden Rod S.**, CD, Nov. 28

Accomplishments **Include:** 1st **GI Darley Alcibiades S.**, KEE, Oct. 2, 1st **P.G. Johnson S.**, SAR, Sept. 3

Next Start: **GII Gulfstream Park Oaks**, GP, Mar. 27

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 13



Trainer Kenny McPeek will take an unusual route to the Oaks, starting this filly in just one prep race. A filly who was very good in the GI Alcibiades S. and not so good in the GII Golden Rod S., she is a bit of an enigma. Like so many other top horses trainer Kenny McPeek has developed, she has turned out to be quite a bargain. She cost just \$50,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling sale. Broke her maiden on the turf, so if things don't work out for her on her way to the Kentucky Oaks, there's always the option that she could go back to the grass.

**6) BEAUTIFUL GIFT (Medaglia d'Oro--Sea Gift, by A.P. Indy)**

O/B-Baoma Corporation (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-1, \$99,600.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Santa Ysabel S.**, SA, Mar. 7

Next Start: **GII Santa Anita Oaks**, SA, Apr. 3

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 50



The likely favorite in the GII Santa Anita Oaks, a win there would cement her status as the top 3-year-old filly in California. She comes from the Bob Baffert barn, but was not a typical Baffert overnight sensation. She broke her maiden in her second career start after stretching out from 5 1/2 furlongs to a mile and took things to another level when winning the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Baffert will be after his fourth Oaks win and his third since 2011.

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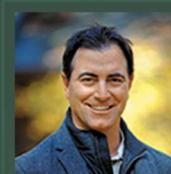
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Last Start: 1st **Busher Invitational S.**, AQU, Mar. 6

Next Start: GII Gazelle S., AQU, Apr. 3

**Equineline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 50

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Chad Brown is not just a grass trainer. With a filly who could turn out to be one of the better dirt horses he has ever trained, Brown sent her back to New York from Florida for the Mar. 6 Busher Invitational, a move that paid off with a half-length win. She has stayed in New York and is headed to the GII Gazelle S. at Aqueduct. But even if she is to win there, there will be the question of what kind of horses she has been racing against. The New York route to the Kentucky Oaks looks like one of the weakest.

**8) PAULINE'S PEARL (Tapit--Hot Dixie Chick, by Dixie Union)**

O/B-Stonestreet Stables LLC (KY). T-Steve Asmussen. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-1-1-1, \$101,500.

Last Start: 2nd **GIII Honeybee S.**, OP, Mar. 6

Next Start: Possible for GIII Fantasy S., OP, Apr. 3

**Equineline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 20

Bred and Raised by **STONESTREET**

May not be as good as stablemate Clairiere, but certainly belongs in the discussion after finishing second behind Will's Secret in the Honeybee S. at Oaklawn. It was a big effort as it was her first start after breaking her maiden. She probably will need to improve to have a shot in the Oaks, but that is not at all out of the question. Goes out for the team of Steve Asmussen and Stonestreet Stables, which enjoyed so much success with Rachel Alexandra (**Medaglia d'Oro**).



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O/B-Sabana Farm (KY). T-Juan Avila. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-3-0-1, \$175,922.

Last Start: 1st GII Davona Dale S., GP, Feb. 27

Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, CD, Apr. 30

**Equineline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 52

Hard to know what to make of this filly, who is coming off a win at 52-1 in the Davona Dale. Not only did she win, she blew the field apart, winning by 6 1/2 lengths. Is she that good or was the race a fluke? We won't get the results until the Oaks itself as trainer Juan Avila has elected to skip what are, for most, the final round of preps. Will be a big long shot in the Oaks, but if she runs back to the Davona Dale, anything is possible.



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solid win in a maiden race and followed that up with a runaway win in the Ruthless S. She didn't win in her next start, the Busher, but did pass an important test. In her first start beyond seven furlongs, she set the pace and did not give way until the final yards, losing the one-mile race by a half-length. Has never gone around two turns, so that is another question she will have to answer. If she makes it that far, could be the pacesetter in the Oaks.

**10) MISS BRAZIL (Palace Malice--Bay Street, by Forestry)**

O-Team D & Madaket Stable. B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY). T-Anthony Dutrow. Sales History: \$170,000 ylg '19 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-1-1, \$158,600.

Last Start: 2nd **Busher Invitational S.**, AQU, Mar. 6

Accomplishments **Include:** 1st **Ruthless S.**, AQU, Feb. 8

Next Start: Possible for GII Gazelle S., AQU, Apr. 3

**Equineline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 20

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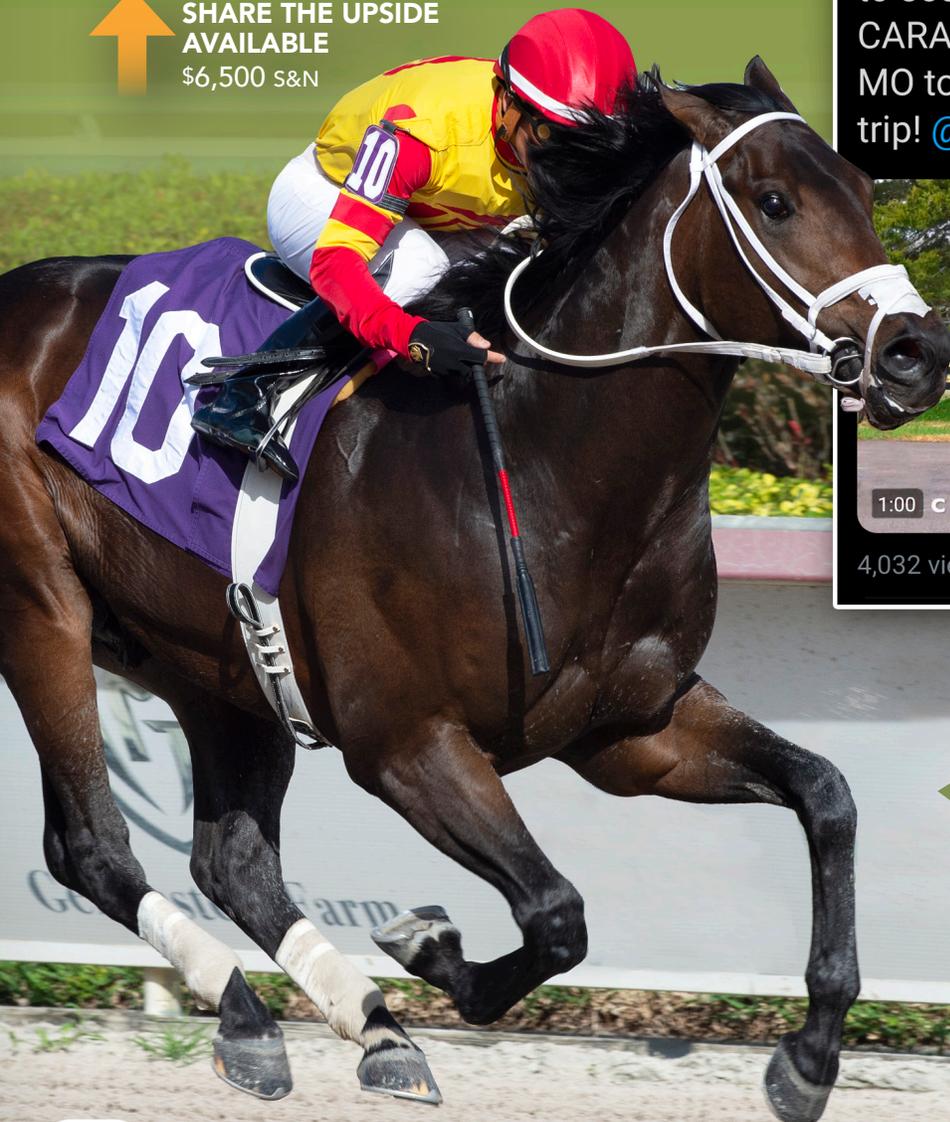
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by T.D. Thornton

On Mar. 16, Ahmed Zayat asked a federal judge not to grant the trustee in his bankruptcy case extra time that had been requested to scrutinize Zayat's finances so the trustee could make sure the owner and breeder of Triple Crown champ **American Pharoah** was telling the truth about not being able pay \$19 million in debts because he allegedly only had \$314.22 to his name.

Now, one week later, MGG Investment Group, LP, the lender who is separately suing Zayat and his family members for allegedly obtaining a \$24 million loan by fraud and then not repaying it, told the same court that the trustee's probe must be allowed to go forward because Zayat's attempt to put an end to the discovery process "does nothing more than establish that Ahmed Zayat is a perpetual liar determined to hinder and obstruct the Trustee, the Court and creditors at every turn."

MGG's Mar. 23 filing in United States Bankruptcy Court (District of New Jersey) is rooted in the New York-based lending company's desire not to have Zayat's debts declared legally forgiven under the Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection he is seeking.

MGG has previously asserted in court that loans it made in 2016 to Zayat's racing and bloodstock business were the product of years of systematic fraud that Zayat allegedly orchestrated, including Zayat Stables' desperate selling-off of equine assets that had been pledged to MGG as collateral.

"There is only one reason the statutory meeting of creditors commenced in this Case...has been kept open and must remain

open--namely, notwithstanding Ahmed Zayat's unsupported assertions of cooperation, he has done everything in his power to frustrate the process," MGG wrote in its objection to Zayat's recent cross-motion to move the case toward conclusion.

MGG's filing continues: "Far from being the 'honest but unfortunate debtor' that the Chapter 7 process aims to protect, Ahmed Zayat has demonstrated time and again that his ultimate goal is to manipulate the bankruptcy process to shield himself at the expenses of the Trustee and creditors."

According to MGG, since Zayat filed for bankruptcy protection back in September, he has delayed the administration of his case by 1) Refusing to produce documents prior to the initial hearing; 2) Refusing to respond to "numerous questions" on the basis that he did not have the necessary documents in front of him; 3) Promising, then subsequently refusing, to produce requested materials; 4) Providing paperwork that was so heavily redacted that the documents made no sense.

"Ahmed Zayat should not be able to impede the Trustee's analysis or derail his investigation, all of which is being conducted for the ultimate benefit of the Debtor's creditors," MGG wrote.

The primary role of a trustee in bankruptcy cases is to ensure that a debtor who files for federal bankruptcy protection is not hiding assets that could instead be used to pay creditors. An objection can be filed to the proceedings if a trustee believes aspects of the filing are not on the up-and-up. A judge can either dismiss a case on his own or by acting on a trustee's objection. A judge can also deny the discharge of a particular debt.

And if alleged fraud is uncovered in a bankruptcy filing, the Federal Bureau of Investigation can investigate, and the U.S. Department of Justice can prosecute if it believes a crime has been committed.

MGG wrote that in addition to supporting the trustee in his request for one more month to sift through documentation, the lender also wanted to "advise the Court of significant recent developments" that arose out of Zayat's testimony under oath at a Feb. 25 hearing.

Specifically, MGG alleged, documents pertaining to bank accounts in the names of Zayat's wife (Joanne Zayat) and son (Justin Zayat) are now "indisputably relevant to the Trustee's investigation and analysis, as they appear to have been used as conduits through which Sherif El Zayat, the Debtor's brother, loaned money to Ahmed Zayat. '

Last week, Ahmed Zayat's cross-motion included a letter from his attorney, Jay Lubetkin, who wrote that the trustee's request for the banking documents of family members didn't "have any apparent relevance to the Trustee's decision whether to file an objection to discharge complaint."

**Zayat cont.**

Lubetkin also wrote Mar. 16 that, "The Debtor has been extremely cooperative with the Trustee [and has] provided to the Trustee significant documentation respecting his financial affairs...The Debtor has responded with voluminous documents in satisfaction of the Trustee's three very extensive document requests, and temporarily withheld only a small portion of those documents for legitimate, good faith, objectively supportable reasons...The Debtor [eventually] provided the Trustee with the temporarily withheld documents, and the Trustee has been in possession of all the requested documents for more than 60 days."

MGG wrote in its Mar. 23 filing that, "Ahmed Zayat has attempted to create a record based on false and misleading assertions."

MGG's filing contained excerpts from email exchanges between Ahmed Zayat and MGG that date to Jan. 12, 2020, which was 10 days before MGG filed its bombshell lawsuit against him in a Kentucky court.

"It kills me and tore me part, not being transparent with you," Zayat allegedly wrote at the time, apparently in an effort to stave off the impending legal action.

"I did not disclose to you why we had to sell some assets in order for us to fund and continue to operate Zayat Stables and allowing myself the time to find the capital to get you paid in full...I did not want you to panic knowing that I still have a chance to save the day..."

"There is still a glimpse of light that a miracle can happen," Zayat allegedly wrote.

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**GUILD'S REQUEST TO HOLD OFF ON STRICT MONMOUTH WHIP RULES DENIED BY NJ COMMISSION**

*by T.D. Thornton*

An attempt by The Jockeys' Guild to get the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) to hold off on implementing the most restrictive anti-whipping rules in the nation until an appeal gets decided in court failed Wednesday when the NJRC voted that the Guild couldn't show that not imposing a stay would create irreparable harm or hardship to riders, horses and the public.

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Multiple Grade 1 winner Uni (GB) (**More Than Ready**) was covered by Juddmonte's **Kingman** (GB) Sunday. The son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) stands at Banstead Manor for £150,000 this season. | *Juddmonte Farms*

**Whip Rules cont.**

So when the Monmouth Park meet opens May 28, whipping a Thoroughbred will not be allowed by any New Jersey jockey or exercise rider except for the express purpose of ensuring the immediate safety of the horse or rider.

Back on Sep. 16, the NJRC voted 4-0 to implement three new rules that made the state the first in the nation to ban whipping beyond protection in an emergency situation. It was decided at the time to hold off implementing them until the start of the 2021 season.

If a jockey or exercise rider uses the riding crop in a manner contrary to the new rules, he or she will be subject to a fine, suspension, or forfeiture of the jockey's share of the purse "if, in the opinion of the stewards, the unauthorized use of the whip caused the horse to achieve a better placing."

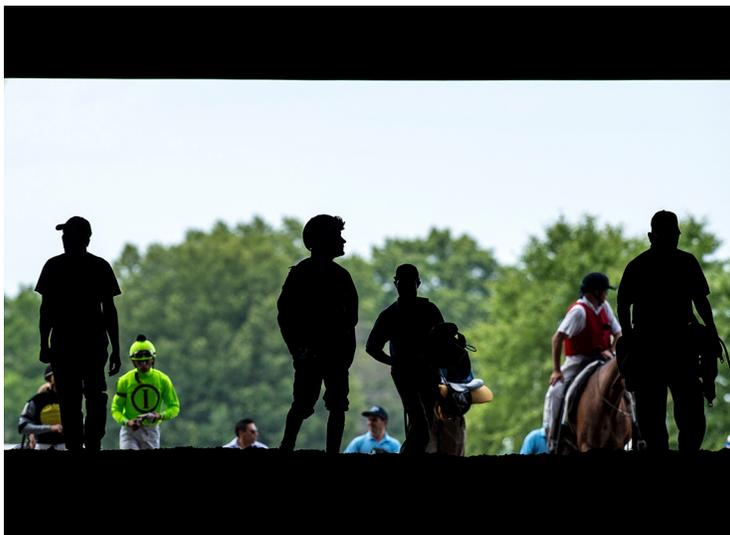
On Nov. 5, the Guild filed a notice of appeal in Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, based on the position that the Guild's comments and concerns were not considered during the rulemaking process. The Guild also claimed that the NJRC rushed through adopting rules that are unsafe for the horses and jockeys while creating a "dangerous precedent" that is inconsistent with any other jurisdiction in America.

"This is, indisputably, the harshest restriction in the nation.

It's more restrictive than the racing crop rules in neighboring states," said Nancy Del Pizzo, a New Jersey-based attorney representing the Guild, during the Mar. 24 NJRC teleconference meeting. "This rule is like no other rule in the nation regarding abuse of the crop."

Del Pizzo said that implementation of the new rules could trigger a "domino effect" of economic harm based on jockeys and horse owners not wanting to race at Monmouth. She claimed that Monmouth might not even be able to fill 12-horse races because so few jockeys will be based in New Jersey this year, and that the adverse financial effects that stem from not being able to whip horses will trickle down to farms and agricultural businesses. She expressed a belief that racing might even have to shut down over the new whip rules.

Del Pizzo said that in terms being able to differentiate between a jockey's use of the whip for safety (which is allowed) or for encouraging a horse to run faster (which is not), "there's just no way the stewards will be able to comprehend these instances."



*Sarah Andrew*

Del Pizzo contended the NJRC voted in the new rules contrary to a state law on quorums because only four members are seated on the commission instead of the required nine. She also said that since the rules are not yet in effect, maintaining the status quo makes sense while the court appeal is pending.

Del Pizzo additionally expressed dismay that the NJRC did not allow jockeys to address the commission on this issue during Wednesday's meeting.

Steven Gleeson, a deputy attorney general who advises the NJRC, said that "The request for a stay simply hasn't shown any irreparable harm that would come about [by] having the new rules go forward this spring when racing reopens. Basically, what they've been arguing is that this rule is different from other jurisdictions. Well that's not irreparable harm."

As for the jockeys' concerns about safety, Gleeson said, "The rules themselves directly address safety. They permit the use of riding crops when necessary for the safety of the rider or the horse."

Gleeson also said that the Guild and riders did indeed participate in the public commentary process, and that some of their concerns did, in fact, make it into the final versions of the rules.

Gleeson said the Guild's court appeal has no likelihood of success on legal merits, and that the quorum issue is moot because common-law rule states that a majority of however many

members are seated on the board is what constitutes a quorum.

Just prior to the vote, NJRC chairperson Pamela Clyne argued that the commission couldn't just roll back the rules to those that were in place previously.

"When the commission adopted the new rules we repealed the prior rules, which prohibited using the riding crop in an abusive or reckless manner," Clyne said. "If the commission grants the stay, there will not be any rule in place to protect the horses from the use of the riding crop."

Commissioner Glen Vetrano said he was disturbed to learn via the Guild's attorney that jockeys who had wanted to testify during the meeting were told they couldn't.

Judith Nason, the NJRC's executive director, replied that the jockeys had been excluded on the advice of the NJRC's counsel based on the determination that the Guild's attorney would be representing them at the meeting.

**Whip Rules cont.**

"We're not tying the hands of jockeys," Vetrano said, emphasizing that safety usage is still permitted. "And I hope that [stewards] allow them to use that riding crop [for safety] when need be."

Clyne made a motion for the NJRC to reject the request of the stay. She voted yes, to keep the rules in place, as did Vetrano and commissioner Francis Keegan, Jr.

When Nason asked commissioner Michael Arnone for his vote, he replied, "I don't understand the vote here. To deny it is a no vote?"

No one corrected Arnone or made any clarification that a yes vote was required to deny the stay. It was unclear how his vote was counted; Nason only said, "The motion carries."

TDN asked Del Pizzo via email after the meeting to comment on the decision. She replied that the Jockeys' Guild "is unable to respond while involved in litigation."

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**NYRA CONTINUING EFFORTS TO BRING BACK SPECTATORS**

The New York Racing Association issued a statement Wednesday regarding its ongoing efforts to welcome fans back for the upcoming Belmont Park and Saratoga Racecourse meets. Horse and auto racing were omitted from **New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's guidance** last week relating to reopening sporting events to the public in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic.

"Governor Cuomo's decision to expand capacity limits for sports fans beginning this April is incredibly positive news as we look toward the spring and summer," said NYRA's Pat McKeena. "NYRA will work closely with the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Gaming Commission to secure the requisite approvals to welcome fans back to Belmont Park this spring and to Saratoga Race Course this summer. As COVID-19 cases continue to decline and vaccines become more widely available, we are optimistic that capacity limits will increase in the coming months.

"NYRA has conducted live racing for the past eight months without the energy and excitement that the fans bring, and we have missed them dearly during this time. We look forward to turning the page, and opening the doors to these historic venues in the very near future.

"Considering the size and scope of the COVID-19 vaccination site on the first floor of Aqueduct Racetrack, where New York State will soon be distributing more than 4,000 doses per day, NYRA hopes to re-open Aqueduct to spectators in the fall of 2021."

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## CANTERBURY VP ANDREW OFFERMAN JOINS WRITERS' ROOM



With smaller tracks gradually disappearing over time, it takes a concerted effort to build a fan customer base that can sustain your business in a non-marquee racing state. Minnesota's Canterbury Park is one of those outliers, a track whose management has put in the work to run a profitable enterprise while managing to attract novice fans and satisfy horseplayers alike, all without the buttressing revenue of slots.

Wednesday morning, Canterbury's VP of Racing Operations Andrew Offerman joined the TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland** to talk about the track's blueprint for standing out on a lesser circuit. Calling in as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**, Offerman discussed the track's decision to drop its Pick 5 takeout to an industry-low 10%, what it's trying to do to attract new owners and trainers and how to still bring fans to the track in 2021.

"We've had a couple different forays into takeout reduction," Offerman said regarding the successful Pick 5 experiment. "We did some more across-the-board cuts a few years ago, and that didn't work as well as the Pick 5 takeout reduction did. Last year, when we were kind of forced to change our business strategy from being really on-track centric to trying to focus more on off-track betting markets, we knew we had to do something to become more attractive, beyond just running through the middle of the week. So looking at our Pick 5 and trying to do something unique with that wager as it continues to grow in popularity seemed like a good opportunity. The results were great. It enhanced our visibility, did a lot for our other pools around those races and really showed us a new ability to generate interest in a pool that ended up averaging around \$80,000, which for us is pretty substantial."

Faced with the difficulty of drawing owners, trainers and horses to a relatively remote part of the country, Offerman laid out some new incentive programs Canterbury is trying out for the 2021 meet, which starts May 18.

"We've always tried to come up with unique things," he said. "We realized that when you look at the normal areas that race across the country, Minnesota's not necessarily on their map. So we came up with an early-meet incentive program that gives everyone who starts in an open overnight race an extra \$1,000 throughout the month of May to try to help offset the costs of shipping, because we acknowledge that most people have a long van ride to get here from wherever they might be during the winter. We also guarantee stipends per starter over the course of the meet. It's tiered by purse level, but starts at \$200 and works its way up from there. We've also been able to offer an interest-free loan program for qualified applicants where people can basically sign a zero-interest shipping loan that they can pay back over the course of the summer."

Elsewhere in the podcast, the writers responded to the reaction from Bill Finley's critical **op/ed** about horsemen's groups' suit over HISA, and, in the **West Point Thoroughbreds** news segment, analyzed the delinquent Ramseys story and positive returns from OBS March. [Click here to watch the podcast](#); [click here for the audio-only version](#).

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## 'CHAMPIONS TALK' TO FEATURE FIVE CHAMPION JOCKEYS



Angel Cordero & Irad Ortiz Jr. | Sarah Andrew

The New York Race Track Chaplaincy announced the 2021 renewal of its Champions Talk fundraiser will feature five retired champion jockeys--Angel Cordero Jr., Chris McCarron, Richard Migliore, Laffit Pincay Jr. and Jorge Velasquez. The quintet has won over 34,000 races. The fundraiser will premiere on the organization's YouTube Channel and Facebook page Aug. 11, 2021. **Cont. p14**

**Champions Talk cont.**

Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr., a three-time Eclipse award winner, will also be honored in recognition of his dedication and support of the backstretch community in New York. Durkin, the former New York Racing Association announcer, will once again serve as the moderator for the panel and the discussion will be held in the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion in Saratoga Springs.

“Champions Talk was so popular that we decided to make it a permanent part of our calendar,” said Ramón Domínguez, the President of the Board of the New York Race Track Chaplaincy. “We are thrilled to have this star-studded lineup of riders and we know that fans will thoroughly enjoy hearing their tales and recollections from some of the most memorable races in the history of the sport.”

Tickets and sponsorships are available for the taping of the event which will be followed by a cocktail reception July 19 at Fasig-Tipton. In accordance with health protocols, a limited number of seats for the taping will be sold to the public and made available to sponsors.

As was the case last year, this event will be the sole Saratoga fundraiser for the organization.

“The needs of the backstretch workers over the past year have been even greater due to the pandemic and we hope racing fans will once again demonstrate their generosity by supporting this event,” Rev. Humberto Chavez said.

For more information on tickets, or make a contribution to the NY Chaplaincy, visit [www.rtcany.org](http://www.rtcany.org).

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**ENHANCEMENTS TO DEL MAR'S 'SHIP & WIN'**

Del Mar's 'Ship & Win Program' will increase for the seaside track's 82nd season, beginning Friday, July 16. Ship & Win will provide horsemen and horsewomen who bring in out-of-state runners to race at Del Mar this summer a \$4,000 starter bonus for their initial outing with a further 50% purse supplement for all dirt starters and a 40% purse supplement for all races run on turf. Those are the highest incentives provided since the program began in 2011. The purse bonuses extend to additional starts at the summer meet and are designed to enhance all purses won by first through fifth finishers.

“The Ship & Win program has been essential to Del Mar's racing program and for racing in California,” said Del Mar's racing secretary David Jerkens. “Our local owners and trainers are our biggest backers of the program, providing over 70% of the runners. Doubling the bonus levels this year has got people really excited. My phone is ringing off the hook.”

Del Mar, working in conjunction with Santa Anita to attract runners to Southern California, will extend purse benefits to a horse which makes its initial Ship & Win start in either May or June at Santa Anita. The same horse may make up to two starts during that period and still have its purse benefits extended through the Del Mar summer meet.

**Ship & Win Rules:**

- Horses must have made their last start outside of California
- Horses cannot have raced in California in the past 12 months
- First-time starters are not eligible
- \$4,000 first-race starter fee to all qualifying horses 50% purse bonus for dirt finishers first through fifth; 40% purse bonus for turf finishers; bonuses stay the same for subsequent starts at the meet
- If a Ship & Win horse is acquired (or claimed) after its initial S & W start, the original owner earns purse bonuses for subsequent outings through the summer meet
- Stakes runners (including overnight stakes) are not eligible for the 50% or 40% purse supplement, but will receive the \$4,000 starter bonus

Del Mar's 31-day summer meet concludes Labor Day Monday, Sept. 6. For more information, click [here](#).

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**GRIFFIN NAMED NEW PARX ANNOUNCER**

**Chris Griffin** | *Vassar*

Chris Griffin has been named as the new voice of Parx Racing. Following the retirement of announcer Keith Jones in December, Parx launched an extensive search for their next track announcer. **Cont. p15**

**Griffin cont.**

“Keith was here for 34 years,” said Joe Wilson, Chief Operating Officer for Parx Racing. “This was a new process for all of us. Chris is a rising star in our industry with a tremendous work ethic. We are thrilled to welcome him to the Parx family.”

Griffin added, “This is my opportunity to enter a booth that saw a legend like Keith Jones call for so many years. I am grateful to the management at Parx for this incredible opportunity. Being able to call two million-dollar races as well as several other graded races is very exciting.”

A native of Santa Monica, California, Griffin got his start as an announcer for the National Hot Rod Association. After four years of traveling the country, Chris expanded his travels internationally as the full time announcer for the Harlem Globetrotters. While at a tour stop in Little Rock, Arkansas, Griffin’s talent captured the attention of veteran race caller Frank Mirahmadi, who was calling the races at Oaklawn Park. Mirahmadi mentored Griffin and helped secure him his first full time racing job at the Humboldt County Fair in Ferndale in 2015. He ended up calling races at the various California fair meets, Portland Meadows, Los Alamitos and Gulfstream Park West.

In the fall of 2018 Griffin was named the track announcer at Sam Houston while pulling double duty as Marketing Manager.

Parx Racing runs Monday through Wednesday first with first post at 12:55pm

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**MIDNIGHT BISOU IN FOAL TO CURLIN**

**Midnight Bisou** (*Midnight Lute*), 2019’s champion older mare and a five-time GISW with earnings of nearly \$7.5 million, has been pronounced in foal to Hill 'n' Dale stalwart, two-time Horse of the Year and fellow Steve Asmussen trainee **Curlin**.

“Midnight Bisou was a mare with extraordinary ability. One can only imagine the possibilities from the mating of two such Greats of the breed,” said John G. Sikura, President of Hill 'n' Dale. Midnight Bisou sold for \$5 million at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale to Chuck Allen, who was partners with Bloom Racing Stable and Madaket Stables during Midnight Bisou’s racing career.

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**THE DEPUTY RESCUED FROM KILL PEN**



The Deputy | Horsephotos

**The Deputy (Ire)** (Petardia {GB}), winner of the 2000 GI Santa Anita Derby and second choice in that year’s GI Kentucky Derby, was rescued from a kill pen in Texas earlier this month by his old connections, Barry Irwin’s Team Valor, Gary Barber and trainer Jenine Sahadi. The 24-year-old, who had stood stud in several states, was reportedly bought cheaply in Iowa and sent to a feedlot north of Dallas, at which point word quickly spread on the internet and made its way to The Deputy’s past connections. By utilizing the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance network, Irwin, Barber and Sahadi enlisted Donna Keen to pick up and transfer The Deputy to her TAA-approved Remember Me Rescue in Burleson, TX, where he will live out his days.

“We decided to have Donna quarantine The Deputy for a while, do some diagnostic work including bloods and a fecal and not reveal anything about the rescue until we were certain that he was healthy, as Donna warned us that horses from feedlots can contract diseases quite readily,” Irwin said. “When the tests all came back negative [Wednesday] and the vet-check proved unremarkable, we decided it was time to tell the story, not to portray ourselves as heroes, but to put an end to the salacious, untrue and unfounded tales that had been circulating online. We want to thank those horse lovers who helped us in our endeavors.”

“We are thrilled to have been able to help the original connections and to be able to take care of the horse and share him with visitors to our rescue,” Keen said, “He is, as could be expected, a bit underweight at this time, but when he fills back up and once again looks the part we look forward to showing him off here in Texas. We are very honored and proud to have been selected as his forever home.” **Cont. p16**

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**The Deputy cont.**

Barber said, "I have always had a soft spot in my heart for The Deputy. He was my first Grade I winner."

Sahadi added, "He was the easiest horse to be around. All class. He meant a lot to me and my barn."

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## HBPA FIRES BACK AT BELTERRA'S ATTEMPT TO DISMISS 'DEPRIVED' VLT MONEY SUIT

by T.D. Thornton

The Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA) told a federal judge Mar. 23 that the present and former owners of Belterra Park are attempting to get out from under a \$2.7-million lawsuit over gaming revenues that the track allegedly wrongfully withheld between 2014 and 2018 on the grounds that Ohio's statutory construct for racino revenue sharing offers horsemen no legal remedy when they are denied their fair share.

But in fact, the OHBPA states in a memorandum opposing Belterra's motion to dismiss the case, both common law and the state statute are on the side of the horsemen in allowing for exactly the sort of relief the OHBPA is seeking.

That's also what the OHBPA stated in its original Dec. 18 complaint that contended Belterra never made good on a four-year difference between a placeholder rate that was first established for video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming and an eventually revised rate.

The court filing states that the defendants "are holding [\$2,769,652] in funds owed to [the OHBPA]. Belterra asserts that no claim can be made, or even exists under the law, so it gets to keep the money. An injury, perhaps, but no available relief, says Belterra. In essence, Belterra acknowledges it is the beneficiary of the windfall, then attempts to find cover from the General Assembly, the Ohio State Racing Commission, and an escrow agreement to which the OHBPA was not a party."

The OHBPA states that Belterra's theory for dismissing the suit "rises and falls on the faulty notion that the statute at issue-- Ohio Revised Code Section 3769.087(C)--essentially 'preempts the field,' and thus leaves a horsemen's association no recourse in cases of mishandled funds or revenue-sharing disputes between race tracks and horsemen. But Belterra has utterly failed to show that the statute forecloses private rights of action or common-law claims, citing no statutory language and no case law requiring such a result.

"Second, the OHBPA's Complaint states valid common-law causes of action upon which relief may be granted," the filing continues.

"Lastly, the OHBPA states valid claims under a private-right-of-action theory. For these reasons, and those further set forth below, the Court should deny Belterra's Motion to Dismiss."

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.

According to the defendants' motion to dismiss filed Feb. 16 in United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division), the Belterra collective alleged that the "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."

According to the OHBPA's complaint, when VLT gaming was first legalized by Ohio in 2009, the state authorized racinos to retain 66.5% of revenues, with "between 9% and 11%" of those net-win proceeds to then be paid to Thoroughbred and Standardbred entities.

Those percentages were set five years before any actual VLT gaming happened at Belterra, and in 2012 the state authorized the Ohio State Racing Commission to set the actual rate that would go to purses, based upon that 9-11% range. But until a new, firm, rate got set, 9% was to be used as the placeholder to determine purse proceeds.

"At all relevant times, the OHBPA and Belterra Park each understood that, pursuant to the statute, the actual percentage rate was to be set at some future time, and that Belterra Park would need to make a 'true-up' payment to the OHBPA for any difference between the 9% placeholder rate and a statutorily-set rate that was greater than 9%," the suit contended.

Belterra didn't open for VLT gaming until May 1, 2014, largely because the former track known as River Downs was undergoing a substantial renovation to rebrand the property as Belterra Park Gaming & Entertainment Center. The capital expenditures for that project were to be a factor in determining the new calculation rate for purse money, but the suit alleged Belterra stalled and tried to overstate the costs it incurred fixing up the property.

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### FS1 TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF DUBAI WORLD CUP

FS1 will offer live coverage of the G1 Dubai World Cup, with post time scheduled for 12:50 p.m. EST, Saturday, Mar. 27. Additionally, the deep undercard features six stakes, which will air live from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST on FS1. Coverage of the Dubai World Cup card on FS1 is presented by Star Guitar.

Rishi Persad, Tom Stanley and Angus McNae will be hosting the action from London, while Nick Lightfoot and Bernard Condren will bring viewers all the latest from Meydan Racecourse. The race call will be provided by Craig Evans. Laffit Pincay III will offer stateside updates live from Aqueduct Racetrack. Wagering is available in the United States via [NYRA Bets](#).

In addition to the Dubai World Cup, the telecast will include live coverage of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic [12:10 p.m.]. The Dubai World Cup undercard includes the G2 Godolphin Mile; G2 Dubai Gold Cup; G1 Al Quoz Sprint; G2 UAE Derby; G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen and G1 Dubai Turf.

Free Equibase-provided past performances are available for races that are part of the broadcast and can be accessed at <https://www.nyra.com/aqueduct/racing/tv-schedule>.

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### M G WARRIOR RETIRED, TO STAND IN ARKANSAS



M G Warrior | Sarah Andrew

**M G Warrior** (Majestic Warrior--Marvel Gaye, by Bowman's Band) has been retired from racing to stand his first season at stud at Charter Oak Farm LLC in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He will stand as property of Chrysalis Stables LLC for an introductory fee

of \$750 for the 2021 breeding season.

Trained by Brad Cox, M G Warrior won five of 17 starts before retiring with earnings of \$298,226. The bay broke his maiden going 1 1/16 miles at Fair Grounds and then recorded four wins against allowance and allowance/optional claiming company at Churchill Downs and Oaklawn at distances from six furlongs to 1 1/16 miles.

"M G Warrior was a very nice horse to train and be around," said Cox. "He was a solid runner and would be a nice fit in the Arkansas breeding program."

For more information, contact Shea Stuart at (405) 226-0589 or Jill Neece at (561) 289-9323.

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### FIRST MARES IN FOAL TO OCALA STUD STALLIONS

New Ocala Stud residents **Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}), **Win Win Win** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) and **Dak Attack** (**Ghostzapper**) have each had first mares scanned in foal.

Charles Fipke's Mine's Perfect (**Mineshaft**), from the family of Fipke's Grade I winners Forever Unbridled (Unbridled's Song) and Unbridled Forever (Unbridled's Song) and his GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Lemons Forever (Lemon Drop Kid), is in foal to Seeking the Soul. Also a Fipke homebred, Seeking the Soul racked up nearly \$3.5 million with his signature win coming in the 2017 GI Clark H.

Bespoken (**Bernardini**) has been confirmed in foal to Win Win Win, a jaw-dropping victor of last year's GI Forego S. for Live Oak Plantation. Bespoken is out of the Grade I winner Well Chosen (Deputy Minister), who is also responsible for MGISW Telling (A.P. Indy).

Scat Daddy mare My Sweet Dani Girl is in foal to stakes-winning juvenile and \$625,000 yearling Dak Attack.

For more information on Seeking the Soul, Win Win Win, or Dak Attack, contact David or Joe O'Farrell at (352) 237-2171 or visit [OcalaStud.com](http://OcalaStud.com).

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**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT**

**CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY PRESENTED BY HILL 'N' DALE FARMS AT XALAPA-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nova Rags 🌿	Union Rags	Michael P. Shanley	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	Quantum Leap 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Vasquez	122
3	Jirafales	Social Inclusion	OGMA Investments, LLC and Off The Hook LLC	Delgado	Zayas	122
4	Southern Passage 🌿	Super Saver	Robert J. Baron	Romans	Lanerie	122
5	Known Agenda	Curlin	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
6	Sigiloso	Khozan	Gelfenstein Farm	Sano	Reyes	122
7	Greatest Honour	Tapit	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Ortiz	122
8	Soup and Sandwich	Into Mischief	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	122
9	Collaborate	Into Mischief	Three Chimneys Farm and e Five Racing TBs	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
10	Spielberg 🌿	Union Rags	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC and Masterson, Robert E.	Baffert	Castellano	122
11	Papetu 🌿	Dialed In	Magic Stables LLC	Sano	Jaramillo	122

**Breeders:** 1-Michael Shanley, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Off The Hook Partners LLC, 4-William Saba & WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 6-Brent Fernung, Crystal Fernung & Mike Sebastian Sr., 7-Courtlandt Farm, 8-Live Oak Stud, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 10-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 11-Almar Farm LLC

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT**

**GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Con Lima 🌿	Commissioner	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Graffeo, Joseph F., Del Toro, Eric Nikolaus and Johnson, Troy	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Bow Bow Girl	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Romans	Lanerie	122
3	Crazy Beautiful	Liam's Map	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	McPeck	Ortiz	122
4	Pens Street 🌿	Street Sense	Smith, Dennis G. and Walters, Daniel L.	Crichton	Vasquez	122
5	Len Lo Lady 🌿	Speightstown	Robert J. Baron	Romans	Velazquez	122
6	Millefeuille	Curlin	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Gaffalione	122
7	Competitive Speed 🌿	Competitive Edge	John C. Minchello	Gonzalez	Reyes	122

**Breeders:** 1-Lisa Kuhlmann, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Carolyn R. Vogel, 4-Stonehaven Steadings, 5-Spruce Lane, Grand Crue, Copper Beech, Lynn, Quickel, Robbins, Ward, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-White Fox Farm

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**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:09 p.m. EDT****PAN AMERICAN S. PRESENTED BY ROOD AND RIDDLE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	122
2	Temple 🌿	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	Sadler's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Ortiz	120
4	Rijeka (Ire)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	Slam Dunk Racing and Nentwig, Michael	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	118
5	Angelus Warrior	Jersey Town	Gelfenstein Farm	Delgado	Reyes	118
6	Sir Sahib	Fort Larned	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Zayas	118
7	Moon Over Miami	Malibu Moon	Summer Wind Equine	Mott	Alvarado	122
8	Churn N Burn 🌿	Liam's Map	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Leparoux	118

**Breeders:** 1-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 2-Mark Toothaker & Dan White, 3-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 4-Ms A. Sammon, 5-Charles Fipke, 6-Adena Springs, 7-Summer Wind Equine, 8-Double K LLC

**Saturday, Turfway, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT****JEFF RUBY STEAKS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Like the King 🌿	Palace Malice	M Racing Group, LLC	Ward	Van Dyke	123
2	Hush of a Storm	Creative Cause	Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust	Morey	Gonzalez	123
3	King's Ovation 🌿	Not This Time	West Point Thoroughbreds & Peacock Stable	Romans	Jimenez	123
4	Awesome Gerry 🌿	Liam's Map	John Fanelli, Cash is King LLC, LC Racing LLC, Paul Braverman & Timothy Pinch	Joseph, Jr.	Garcia	123
5	Sainthood 🌿	Mshawish	WinStar Farm LLC & CHC INC.	Pletcher	Corrales	123
6	Smiley Sobotka	Brody's Cause	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Cannon	123
7	Tarantino 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC & Robert E. Masterson	Brisset	Geroux	123
8	Moonlite Strike 🌿	Liam's Map	Sonata Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Hernandez	123
9	Hard Rye Guy 🌿	Hard Spun	Bourbon Lane Stable	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	123
10	Gretzky the Great	Nyquist	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Gary Barber	Casse	Landeros	123
11	Dyn O Mite	Goldencents	Brad Allshouse	Desormeaux	Parker	123
12	Hockey Dad	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Bejarano	123

**Breeders:** 1-Horseshoe Racing LLC, 2-Berkshire Stud, 3-Roxanne Martin Stable Inc., 4-John Liviakis, 5-Edward Taylor & Springland Farm, 6-Track West Racing Inc., 7-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 8-Brushy Hill, LLC, 9-Godolphin & John R. Penn, 10-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 11-Thoroughbred Acadiana, 12-Reddam Racing, LLC

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 1:57 p.m. EDT****KITTEN'S JOY APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gray's Fable	Gio Ponti	Goldfine, Steve, Provost, Kari and Zlonis, Jeff	Attfield	Alvarado	118
2	Perfect Speighty	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Lanerie	118
3	Frostmourne 🌿	Speightstown	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Gaffalione	120
4	Ever Dangerous 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Zayas	122
5	Renaissance Frolic 🌿	Paynter	Sir David Seale	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	120
6	Little Menace	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Ortiz	118
7	Forever Mo 🌿	Uncle Mo	Tedesco Racing, LLC	Hills	Reyes	118
8	Seismic Wave 🌿	Tapit	Dubb, Michael, Caruso, Michael & Nice Guys Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118

**Breeders:** 1-Jeff Zlonis, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 4-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 5-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., 6-Gabriel Duignan, Crosshaven Bldsk, Petaluma Bldsk & Hazelmere Bldsk, 7-Farfellow Farms Ltd., 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:57 p.m. EDT****GHOSTZAPPER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Last Judgment	Congrats	Dubb, Michael, Hornstock, Steve, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Ortiz	124
2	Eye of a Jedi 🦋	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Castellano	122
3	Just Whistle 🦋	Pioneerof the Nile	Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust	Matz	Zayas	118
4	Superfecto	Constitution	Irving M. Cowan	Nicks	Jaramillo	118
5	King Slew (Arg)	Campanologist	San Jose De Ecuador and Luis Duco Stables Inc.	Duco	Vasquez	120
6	War Stopper 🦋	Declaration of War	Salerno Stables	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Violent City 🦋	Violence	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Leparoux	118

**Breeders:** 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Irving Cowan, 5-Firmamento, 6-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT****ORCHID S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	War Like Goddess 🦋	English Channel	George Krikorian	Mott	Leparoux	117
2	Enjoyitwhilewecan 🦋	Quality Road	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	117
3	Dizzy	Curlin	Arindel	Alvarado	Gonzalez	117
4	Morning Molly 🦋	Morning Line	Willow Lane Stable, Inc.	Proctor	Ortiz	120
5	Sorrel (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Augustin Stable and Wigan, James	Clement	Castellano	120
6	Crystalle 🦋	Palace Malice	Gary Barber	Kimmel	Velazquez	117
7	Delta's Kingdom 🦋	Animal Kingdom	Maram, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	117
8	Belle Laura	Mucho Macho Man	GU Racing Stable, LLC	Avila	Zayas	120
9	Always Shopping	Awesome Again	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
10	Sister Hanan	Orb	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Colebrook	Lanerie	117

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Jamm et al, 3-Arindel, 4-Willow Lane Stables, 5-Mr J. Wigan & Mr G. Strawbridge, 6-Glendalough LLC, 7-H. Allen Poindexter, 8-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, 9-Repole Stable, Inc., 10-Int'l Equities Holdings, Inc.

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT****SANTA ANA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mucho Unusual 🦋	Mucho Macho Man	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Prat	124
2	Silberpeil (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Mrs. Emma Kennedy	Powell	Baze	122
3	Going to Vegas	Goldencents	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Medallion Racing & MyRacehorse	Baltas	Rispoli	120
4	Tapwater	Tapit	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Smith	120
5	Red Lark (Ire)	Epaulette (Aus)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Gallagher	Gonzalez	122
6	Neige Blanche (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Laura De Seroux, Marsha Naify & Mathilde Powell	Powell	Hernandez	122
7	Altea (Fr) 🦋	Siyouni (Fr)	MyRacehorse	McCarthy	Cedillo	120
8	Colonial Creed 🦋	Jimmy Creed	Doug Branham,, Richard Baltas & Jerry McClanahan	Baltas	Gutierrez	120

**Breeders:** 1-George Krikorian, 2-William J Kennedy, 3-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison, 4-LNJ Foxwoods, 5-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington, 6-Ecurie du Sud, 7-Carlos Vazquez Gonzalez, 8-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	13	1,779,897	2,421,941
	Crops: 14									Golden Sixty (Aus)	
	Stands: Darley KY									Fee: \$150,000	
2	<b>War Front</b> (2002) by Danzig	2	4	2	4	1	1	49	9	692,788	1,195,344
	Crops: 12									Homesman	
	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY									Fee: \$150,000	
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	4	7	--	2	--	1	75	20	183,000	1,160,868
	Crops: 10									Largent	
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY									Fee: \$225,000	
4	<b>English Channel</b> (2002) by Smart Strike	2	5	2	5	--	1	65	14	200,000	1,011,705
	Crops: 11									Channel Maker	
	Stands: Calumet Farm KY									Fee: \$27,500	
5	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo	1	5	1	2	1	1	67	10	300,000	973,442
	Crops: 18									Hit the Road	
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY									Fee: \$65,000	
6	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by War Front	1	2	1	1	--	--	69	14	180,000	908,813
	Crops: 6									Charmaine's Mia	
	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY									Fee: \$17,500	
7	<b>Liam's Map</b> (2011) by Unbridled's Song	1	2	1	2	1	1	19	5	729,000	894,400
	Crops: 3									Colonel Liam	
	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY									Fee: \$30,000	
8	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> (2007) by Smart Strike	--	1	--	--	--	--	34	8	534,160	780,986
	Crops: 8									Look Pen (Chi)	
	Stands: Ashford Stud KY									Fee: \$20,000	
9	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	1	3	1	2	--	--	94	14	99,700	643,378
	Crops: 13									Domain Expertise	
	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY									Fee: \$60,000	
10	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit	2	3	1	2	--	--	30	11	119,040	529,289
	Crops: 3									Venezuelan Hug	
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY									Fee: \$85,000	
11	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West	--	2	--	1	--	--	45	7	220,404	517,963
	Crops: 14									Detroit Tesoro	
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY									Fee: \$90,000	
12	<b>First Samurai</b> (2003) by Giant's Causeway	1	1	1	1	--	--	24	6	378,586	514,578
	Crops: 12									Shivaji	
	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY									Fee: \$15,000	
13	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> (1998) by Machiavellian	1	1	1	1	--	--	17	4	178,760	498,984
	Crops: 12									Volcanic Sky (GB)	
	Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)										
14	<b>Hard Spun</b> (2004) by Danzig	2	3	1	2	--	--	64	11	90,000	492,036
	Crops: 11									Summer in Saratoga	
	Stands: Darley KY									Fee: \$35,000	
15	<b>Street Boss</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire)	2	2	--	--	--	--	37	11	58,300	482,147
	Crops: 10									Lontano	
	Stands: Darley KY									Fee: \$15,000	

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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$61,800, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500),**  
3-24, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.85, my, 2 lengths.

**MOLIERE (c, 4, [Curlin](#)--Comedy, by [Theatrical {Ire}](#))**, a narrow maiden winner in the Fair Grounds mud in his 4-year-old debut Jan. 23, came within a neck of making it two straight Feb. 25. The 3-5 favorite broke out and bumped with a rival at the start. Fifth through fractions of :24.71 and :48.89, he began to make his move with a quarter of a mile to go and came charging down the center of the course while drifting out to win going away by two lengths. Luck of the Draw ([Lookin At Lucky](#)) was second. The winner is a half-brother to the late 'TDN Rising Star' [Taris \(Flatter\)](#), GISW, \$1,086,260; and Theatre Star ([War Front](#)), SW & MGSP, \$259,750. [Taris](#) produced last term's [Street Sense S.](#) winner [King Fury \(Curlin\)](#). [Comedy](#), a \$1.5-million purchase by Stonestreet at the 2015 KEENOV sale, produced a colt by [Medaglia d'Oro](#) in 2020 and was bred back to [Curlin](#). Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$87,255. [Click for the \[Equibase.com\]\(#\) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by \[Fasig-Tipton\]\(#\).](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



**Jess's Dream** | *Sarah Andrew*

\$4,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Jess's Dream (Curlin)**, Ocala Stud, \$4,000  
131 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Charles Town, Alw 7f, Golden Answer, 9-2

**Outwork (Uncle Mo)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
210 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners  
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, Captain Ziggy, 10-1

**Speightster (Speightstown)**, WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
228 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Delta Downs, Alw 6 1/2f, Greatest Love, 7-5  
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro)**, Coolmore Australia  
146 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, Delta Gamma Cats, 3-1  
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$21,000 OBS OPN 2yo



## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MARCH 25 2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy)**, Calumet Farm, \$5,000  
74 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, Mairsils First, 30-1  
\$1,200 KEE SEP yrl

**Bradester (Lion Heart)**, Valor Farm, \$3,000  
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
10-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, Lumberjack Leslie, 9-2

**Firing Line (Line of David)**, Crestwood Farm, \$5,000  
66 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, Firing Carol, 8-1



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**9th-Gulfstream, \$48,000, (S), 3-24, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.31, ft, 2 lengths.**

**MON PETIT CHOU (f, 3, **The Big Beast**--Take Me to Zuber {SP}, by Toccet)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$67,240. O-Lowwood Farm, LLC & Fernando Abreu; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Fernando Abreu. \*\$110,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,500, (S), 3-24, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.21, ft, 1/2 length.**

**BRIG (g, 3, **Midshipman**--Visual Arrest, by Pollard's Vision)** Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-2-1, \$80,020. O/B-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$22,700, 3-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.57, ft, 7 lengths.**

**BAREBACK FUN (f, 4, **Value Plus**--Passionate Romance, by Untutttable)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$30,084. O-Urieta's Racing Stable; B-Arboritanza Racing LLC (FL); T-Johanna Urieta.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$21,200, 3-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.14, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**GRANDGRAN (g, 5, **Super Saver**--Gran Lioness {MSW & MGSP, \$263,984}, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 19-2-5-2, \$65,946. O-Keys to Riches Stable; B-Redmon Farm, LLC (KY); T-Shane Meyers. \*\$125,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Kettle King, g, 3, **Kettle Corn**--Theana, by **Uncle Mo**.** Mahoning Valley, 3-24, (S), 1m 70y, 1:48.80. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-3, \$37,675. B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH). \*\$10,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

**Baby Gundin, f, 3, **Oxbow**--Minx, by **Tapit**.** Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, 1m 40y, 1:42.74. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$22,540. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$4,500 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$5,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. \*\*1/2 to Jungle Runner (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), SW, \$110,840.

**Beto's Girl, f, 3, **Paynter**--Courageous Julie, by Pioneer of the Nile.** Parx Racing, 3-24, (S), 6f, 1:11.81. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$25,860. B-Maria & Mary Haire (PA). \*\$4,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$57,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSOPN. \*\*Full to Amandrea,

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SP, \$184,834.

**Cowboy At Heart, g, 3, **Ride On Curlin**--Color My Heart, by Marquetry.** Gulfstream, 3-24, (S), 5fT, :55.90. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,740. B-Stephen H. Smith (FL). \*1/2 to Oh Deanne O (Dynaformer), SP, \$154,291.

**Novgorod the Great, c, 3, **Temple City**--Coconut Shrimp (MSP, \$107,981), by Giant's Causeway.** Fair Grounds, 3-24, (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.49. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$22,660. B-Malibu Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$45,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**LEGACY Bloodstock SALES GRAD**

**Pythoness, f, 4, **Liam's Map**--Seattle Shimmer, by Seattle Slew.** Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, 1mT, 1:36.14. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-3, \$37,063. B-Mark Stansell & Cindy Stansell (KY). \*\$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Sway Away (**Afleet Alex**), MGSP, \$206,800.

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**Boy Who Cried Wolf, g, 4, **Race Day**--Wolf Letter, by **Midnight Lute**.** Parx Racing, 3-24, (WC), 6f, 1:11.42. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,600. B-Wesley Melcher (TX). \*\$4,000 Ylg '18 ESLMIX. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\*Won by 8 1/2 lengths.



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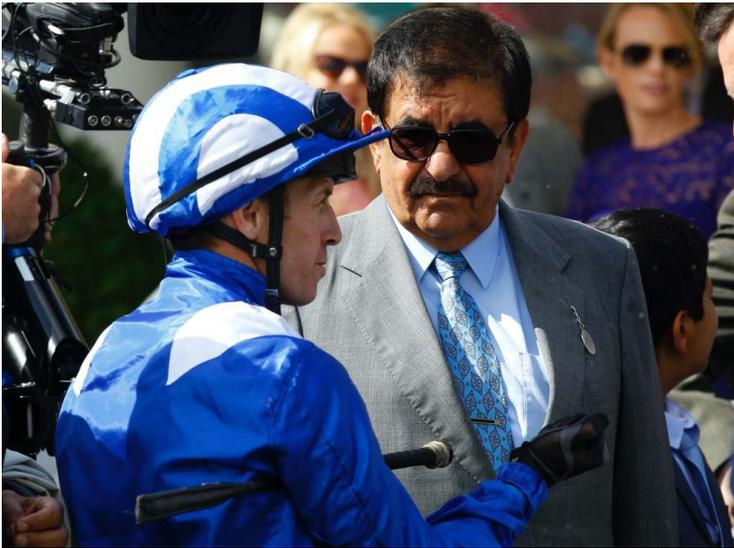


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By Kelsey Riley and Emma Berry

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who founded a worldwide breeding empire under the Shadwell banner and who has campaigned champions and Classic winners across the globe in his more than 40-year involvement in the industry, has died aged 75. Sheikh Hamdan raced 19 European Classic winners, including the Derby winners Nashwan (Blushing Groom {Fr}) and Erhaab (Chief's Crown), while his other major victories include the Breeders' Cup Classic, two Melbourne Cups and two Dubai World Cups. Sheikh Hamdan had been leading owner in Britain in 2020 for the ninth time, and was last year leading owner at Royal Ascot with six winners.

Shadwell released a statement on Wednesday that read, "It is with great sadness that Shadwell announces the death of His Highness, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. He died peacefully on Wednesday, Mar. 24, 2021.

"It is a time to reflect on his achievements and his enormous contribution to the global Thoroughbred and Arabian industries. His legacy will live on through his horses. Everyone at Shadwell is so proud to have worked for such a loyal, generous, humble and wise man."

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## MYSTIC GUIDE DRAWS SIX FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP

Godolphin's **Mystic Guide** (**Ghostzapper**), the current favourite to give Sheikh Mohammed a tenth victory in the Dubai World Cup, has drawn gate six for Saturday's \$12 million contest. His trainer Michael Stidham, who is making his Dubai debut, was clearly delighted with his 4-year-old's starting position. He said at Wednesday's draw at Meydan, "It's perfect. I couldn't be happier." Mystic Guide is one of three runners for the owner each trained in different countries, with the Andre Fabre trainee **Magny Cours** (**Medaglia d'Oro**) having drawn 12 and Saeed Bin Suroor's representative **Gifts Of Gold (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) widest of all in 14.

Recent GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational runner-up **Jesus' Team** (**Tapiture**) will jump from stall nine and will have **Sleepy Eyes Todd** (Paddy O'Prado) next to him in 10.

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Sheikh Hamdan's long-term racing manager Angus Gold led the tributes from a wide range of those in the global racing industry to have benefitted from the owner-breeder's great passion for the sport of horseracing.

Interviewed on *Sky Sports Racing*, Gold said, "It's a very sad day. From my point of view he was an amazing man, and we spoke for the first 25 years nearly every day--whether about horses or just about what was going on in the world."

He continued, "To have the sort of success he had you've got to have the passion--and he had that in abundance. He absolutely loved the business, particularly the breeding, as everyone knows. A homebred Classic winner was the highlight for him. That's why Nashwan was so special and close to his heart, as he always said.



**Sheikh Hamdan and longtime racing manager Angus Gold | Zuzanna Lupa**

"He was absolutely passionate about the business. He loved going to look at the foals and the yearlings and to see them on the racecourse. I'm sure that's what kept him going for so long. He was so passionate about it."

Gold added, "It was wonderful to talk to a man who was so immersed in the whole thing, the fact he was very busy in his own right in Dubai and obviously a rich and powerful man, yet what he loved was talking about his horses. He would often ring me about the smallest thing that you wouldn't think he had time to notice--but he watched every runner and had very strong opinions.

"It's too early to talk about what the future will bring. We will wait and see what Sheikh

Hamdan's family want to do, but I think just from the breeding point of view some of the families he has helped develop over the last 40 years will be around for a long time to come."



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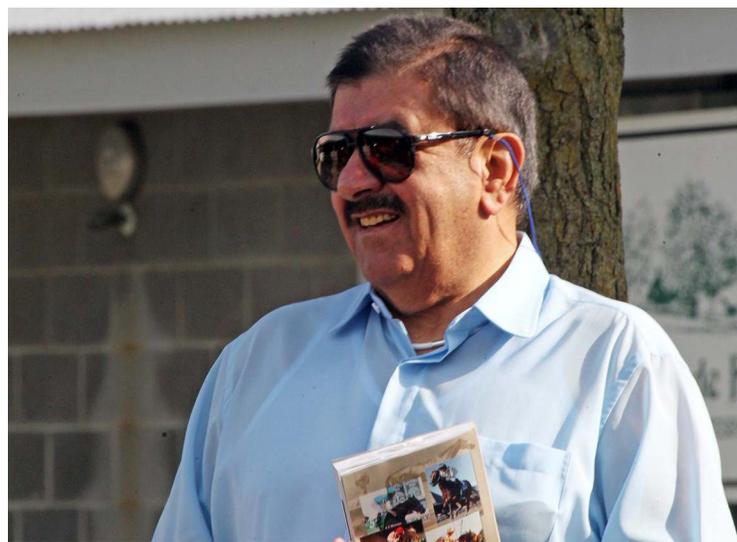
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### Sheikh Hamdan Dies At Age 75 cont.

Sheikh Hamdan was the second of four sons of the late ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, all of whom have helped revolutionize the Thoroughbred industry: Sheikh Maktoum, the eldest brother and another late ruler of Dubai, was a prolific owner/breeder in both Europe and America under the Gainsborough Stud banner; Sheikh Mohammed is one of the largest and most dominant owner/breeders worldwide the industry has ever known under his Godolphin and Darley brands, and Sheikh Ahmed is a Classic-winning owner who founded Dubai's Jebel Ali Racecourse.

On Wednesday, Sheikh Mohammed posted a photograph of Sheikh Hamdan on Twitter with the message, "We belong to God and to Him we shall return...May God have mercy on you, my brother, my support and my companion."



Sheikh Hamdan at Keeneland | Keeneland

Sheikh Hamdan—who had served as minister of finance and industry of the United Arab Emirates since 1971 and deputy ruler of Dubai since 2006, when Sheikh Mohammed succeeded Sheikh Maktoum as ruler—was born on Dec. 25, 1945. Sheikh Hamdan was raised around horses, but it was while studying at the Bell School of Languages in Cambridge in the late 1960s that the young Emirati royal developed an interest in racing, and the passion really took hold when Sheikh Hamdan and Sheikh Mohammed attended the 1967 2000 Guineas at Newmarket together. It would be another 14 years before Sheikh Hamdan dove into ownership, and on July 30, 1980, he registered his first win as an owner when Mushref saluted at Redcar.

It didn't take long for Sheikh Hamdan to signal his intentions at the upper echelons of the game. At the same time in the early 1980s that his younger brother took the American breeding business by storm with his bidding wars with team Coolmore,

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Sheikh Hamdan was there too battling for the best bloodstock. One of his first big public auction purchases in 1982 was a colt by Roberto that cost \$800,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Yearling Sale. Named At Talaq, the bay won once at two for Newmarket-based trainer Harry Thomson Jones and took the G1 Grand Prix de Paris at three. He failed to thrive at four; however, rather than pulling the plug, Sheikh Hamdan opted to send him down to trainer Colin Hayes in Australia. That change of scenery proved pivotal: in 1986, At Talaq won the G1 Mackinnon S. and the G1 Melbourne Cup, giving his owner his first of two wins in The Race That Stops A Nation—the other, Jeune (GB) in 1994, was trained by Hayes's son David.

All the while, a chestnut filly that Sheikh Hamdan had spent \$650,000 at the 1983 Keeneland July Sale was thriving with Thomson Jones: her name was Al Bahathri (Blushing Groom {Fr}), and after winning the G2 Lowther S. and finishing third in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at two, she was second in the G1 1000 Guineas in the spring before taking the Irish equivalent in addition to Royal Ascot's G2 Coronation S. and the G3 Child S. As a broodmare, she was perhaps even more remarkable. Al

Bahathri is best known as the dam of Sheikh Hamdan's homebred 2004 G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Champion S. winner Haafhd (GB) (by Sheikh Hamdan's G1 Dewhurst S. winner Alhaarth {Ire}), but her daughters have likewise proven influential producers: she counts among her descendants G1 Gold Cup winner Big Orange (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}); Group 1 winner and globetrotting stayer Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}); G1 Dubai Duty Free scorer Gladiatus (Silic {Fr}); and Hong Kong champion Military Attack (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}).

At the same time that Al Bahathri was making her mark on the racecourse, Sheikh Hamdan was laying the foundations for his breeding programme with the 1984 purchase of Shadwell Estate in Norfolk, including Nunnery Stud, which became the face of Shadwell's British breeding operations and the home of its stallions. He was also expanding further afield with the purchase of Derrinstown Stud in Co. Kildare, Ireland and Shadwell Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. For the latter, he had the perfect mare to

begin things with a bang: Height Of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}).

Bred and raced by The Queen, Height Of Fashion was Britain's champion 2-year-old filly of 1981 on the merit of wins in the G3 May Hill S., G3 Fillies' Mile and Acomb S. She added the G2 Princess of Wales's S. and the Lupe S. at three before being purchased privately by Sheikh Hamdan and sent to America to visit Northern Dancer. Her first of two colts by the great sire was the Group 3-winning Alwasmi. Then along came Unfuwain (Northern Dancer), winner of the G2 Jockey Club S. and Princess Of Wales's S. For the first crop produced from Shadwell Farm, however, Height Of Fashion would reserve her best: Sheikh Hamdan's homebred Nashwan (Blushing Groom {Fr}), winner of the G1 Derby, G1 2000 Guineas, G1 King George VI and Queen



Sheikh Hamdan and Nashwan | Keeneland Association

Elizabeth Diamond S. and G1 Coral-Eclipse, for whom the stallion station at Shadwell Farm is now named. The Dick Hern-trained Nashwan was Sheikh Hamdan's first Derby winner, the second being the John Dunlop-trained Erhaab (Chief's Crown), who was also foaled at Shadwell Farm, in 1994. Nashwan would go on to make his mark as a sire, most notably through the Niarchos Family's five-time Group 1 and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Bago (Fr) and Sheikh Hamdan's homebred Swain, a two-time

winner of the King George as well as the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Irish Champion S.

After throwing the stakes-winning and Group 2-placed Danzig colt Mukddaam, Height Of Fashion foaled five consecutive fillies, of which four became the dams or second dams of stakes winners. Those female line descendants of Height Of Fashion include Sheikh Hamdan's homebred G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf and G1 Flower Bowl Invitational S. winner Lahudood (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), the second dam of Sheikh Hamdan's 2020 Royal Ascot winner Hukum (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}); G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. scorer Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway); G3 Cumberland Lodge S. winner and G1 Champion S. second Mawathee (Danzig); G2 Queen Mary S. winner Maqaasid (GB) (Green Desert); G1 Sydney Cup winner Shraaoh (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}); and G2 Temple S. winner Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}).

In 1998, Height Of Fashion book-ended an excellent broodmare career with a colt good enough to join the ranks of

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her first champion: the G1 Juddmonte International, G1 Champion S. and G1 Prince Of Wales's S. scorer Nayef (Gulch). Like his elder brother, Nayef would go on to be a sire of note, producing for Sheikh Hamdan the likes of G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix Jean Prat victor Tamayuz (GB), now a Group 1 sire based at Derrinstown.

All the while, Sheikh Hamdan continued to plunder the American sales, and the \$1.65-million he shelled out for a colt by Danzig at the 1988 Keeneland July Sale would prove money well spent: trained by Hern, Dayjur would prove an all-time great sprinter with a track-record setting win in the 1990 G1 Nunthorpe S. and scintillating scores in the G1 Sprint Cup and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye before missing victory by a neck in the G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint after jumping a shadow late on.



Champion sprinter Battaash | Tattersalls

That season proved a fruitful one for the Hern/Sheikh Hamdan axis, they having also combined to take that season's G1 Coral-Eclipse and G1 Phoenix Champion S. (now Irish Champion S.) with Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}).

Dayjur retired with an official rating of 131, and his Nunthorpe record would stand for 29 years until Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) came along in the blue and white to break it in 2019. A gelding, Battaash has won four Group 1s since 2017 beginning with that year's Prix de l'Abbaye. The Charlie Hills charge proved as good as ever in 2020 at the age of six, defending his Nunthorpe title and taking the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot as well as a fourth consecutive G2 King George S. at Glorious Goodwood, and he remains on course for a 2021 campaign.

In terms of body of work in a single season, Dayjur and Battaash have both been outpointed by Shadwell homebred

Muhaarar (GB), who in 2015 took four Group 1 sprints for Charlie Hills: the Commonwealth Cup and the July Cup, Prix Maurice de Gheest and British Champions Sprint S. against elders. Like his grandsire Green Desert, Muhaarar has taken up stud duty at Nunnery Stud. The 1998 July Cup winner Elnadim (Danzig) was another outstanding sprinter in the blue and white.

Sheikh Hamdan enjoyed a purple patch in the early 1990s particularly with fillies; during the first seven years of the decade he celebrated five 1000 Guineas winners in Britain, Ireland and France. The first of those was Salsabil (GB) (Sadler's Wells), a daughter of Kilcarn Stud's excellent producer Flame Of Tara (GB) (Artaius), who won the 1989 G1 Prix Marcel Bousac and raised her game at three to take four consecutive Group 1s: the 1000 Guineas, Oaks, Irish Derby and Prix Vermeille. Sheikh Hamdan also scooped up Salsabil's year-younger half-brother Marju (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), and he won the 1991 G1 St James's Palace S. in the blue and white before becoming a productive sire at Derrinstown Stud.

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COULD GET TO KNOW HIM THE WAY  
I KNOW HIM. TO ME, HE'S BEEN A  
FATHER FIGURE. SOMETIMES LIKE A BIG  
BROTHER. SOMETIMES LIKE A FRIEND.

*Rick Nichols, TDN December 2019*

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Salsabil produced three stakes winners from five foals for Sheikh Hamdan, the best of those being the G2 Rockfel S. scorer Bint Salsabil (Nashwan), before prematurely dying in 1996.

While Salsabil failed to factor in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at the end of her 3-year-old campaign and was subsequently retired, another Shadwell filly, this time a homebred, came along on the same card to pick up the baton for the John Dunlop stable. Named Shadayid (Shadeed), she emulated Salsabil with the Boussac/1000 Guineas double—it was Sheikh Hamdan's third win in four years in the Boussac, with Ashayer having also saluted at Longchamp for Dunlop in 1987. Shadayid, like Salsabil, went on to produce three stakes winners and is the third dam of Sheikh Hamdan's homebred G1 Vosburgh S. winner Takaful (Bernardini). Dunlop's Mehthaaf (Nureyev)—now the third dam of four-time Group 1 winner and young Darley sire Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB})—used a third in

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the 1993 Boussac as a springboard to Irish 1000 Guineas glory the following spring, while the Hern-trained Harayir (Gulch) led home the Dunlop-trained G1 Fillies' Mile winner Aqaarid (Nashwan) for a Shadwell one-two finish in the 1995 1000 Guineas. Shadwell's Classic crop that year also included the G1 St James's Palace and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. scorer Bahri (Riverman), and he would go on to sire the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Sakhee, who was bred by Sheikh Hamdan but won at Longchamp in the Godolphin blue. Sheikh Hamdan's roster of trainers by that point had expanded to include Dunlop's son Ed, and it was he who sent out Ta Rib (Mr. Prospector) to win the 1996 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches just nine days after breaking her maiden at Newmarket. Rick Nichols, longtime vice president and general manager of Shadwell Farm in Kentucky, where Ta Rib was born, recalled the moments after Ta Rib's maiden victory when her owner dictated that she would back up quickly in a Classic in a 2019 interview with the *TDN's*

Chris McGrath. Standing in the winner's enclosure, Sheikh Hamdan said to his trainer and managers, "Gentlemen, next week I'm going to be in Chantilly, and so is this filly. Would you like to join us?"

Nichols said of his boss in the same interview, "He's an incredible man. He's done so much for me and the people at Shadwell. I lost my father when I was 18--and he was my best friend. Sheikh Hamdan...I wish people could get to know him the way I know him. To me, he's been a father figure. Sometimes like a big brother. Sometimes like a friend.

"He's always the boss, but he'll sit around here and we'll talk just like you and I are talking. In a lot of ways, he's like my father. I think, outside of my father, he's the best friend I've ever had. My father used to take me hunting. Sheikh Hamdan takes me hunting. I've been afforded to do things that kings and queens can't do. He's very relaxed. There's not ever any pressure. He knows that as long as he takes care of his people, his people will take care of his horses."



Sheikh Hamdan's five-time Group 1 and triple Classic winner Salsabil | [racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

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Sheikh Hamdan closed the 90s with his first of two wins in the G1 Dubai World Cup when the Saeed bin Suroor-trained Almutawakel (Machiavellian), winner of the prior year's G1 Prix Jean Prat, saluted at Nad Al Sheba under Richard Hills. Sheikh Hamdan didn't have to wait long to again taste glory in his nation's greatest race, but the next time it came courtesy of a colt that he plucked privately from Uruguay: Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes), who had won that nation's 2005 Triple Crown. Joining Sheikh Hamdan's longtime trainer Kiaran McLaughlin thereafter, Invasor won five straight Grade I races in the U.S.—the Pimlico Special, Suburban H., Whitney H., Breeders' Cup Classic and Donn H.—before taking the 2007 edition of the Dubai World Cup.



Invasor winning the Dubai World Cup | Horsephotos

Invasor was America's Horse of the Year and champion older horse in 2006, the same year that Jazil (Seeking The Gold)—a \$725,000 yearling purchase out of the champion broodmare Better Than Honour—won the GI Belmont S., and Sheikh Hamdan was named the Eclipse champion owner in America in 2007, the year that Lahudood won the Flower Bowl and Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

McLaughlin, who trained for Sheikh Hamdan in Dubai for 10 years before moving back to the U.S. and sending out both Invasor and Jazil, said, "Everybody that's in our business dreams of winning the Kentucky Derby but to go back to Dubai and win the world's richest race for Sheikh Hamdan in his presence and country, it doesn't get any better than that. I was blessed to be able to do that with my wife and two kids and he was there that night so it was always the highlight of my career. Even if I had won the Kentucky Derby, it couldn't have gotten better than that."

"I was lucky enough to be with him for 10 years in Dubai. I saw him every day while I was there and he was a special man. He was a great horseman and had a great wealth of knowledge of everything but I loved talking with him about the horses and breeding and racing. He was a wonderful man."

"He made me and other people in his presence always feel so important. He was like a second father to me and I loved visiting with him and being around him. Every September once I moved back to America in 2003 I looked forward to seeing him at the sales. He was a wonderful, wonderful man. Very kind and just a super person to be around."

The turn of the century saw Classic success for Shadwell continue to flow in Europe, too. Sheikh Hamdan's homebred son of Height Of Fashion, Unfuwain, supplied him a pair of Classic-winning fillies in the early 2000s, with Lahan (GB) taking the 2000 edition of the 1000 Guineas and Eswarah (GB) clinching the 2005 Oaks. Height Of Fashion's female line descendant Ghanaati supplied victory in the 2009 editions of the 1000 Guineas and Coronation S. for trainer Barry Hills.



Sheikh Hamdan leads Taghrooda in after the Oaks | Getty Images

In 2014, Taghrooda (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Tarfasha (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) provided Sheikh Hamdan with another Classic quinella in the Oaks, and Taghrooda would go on to best males by three lengths in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. and place in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and Arc before joining the Shadwell broodmare band. Third in Taghrooda's King George was Shadwell's Mukhadram (GB) (Shamardal), who three weeks earlier had won the Coral-Eclipse. The year 2016 saw further Classic and Breeders' Cup success for the white and blue, with Awtad (Ire)—now a young sire at Derrinstown Stud—winning the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas for trainer Kevin Prendergast, and Tamarkuz (Speightstown)—who stands at Shadwell Farm—besting the next year's American Horse of the Year **Gun Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) to win the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

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Sheikh Hamdan was leading owner at Royal Ascot in 2020 with six winners on the week, including Battaash in the King's Stand S., Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. and Molatham (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) in the G3 Jersey S. Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) checked in seventh of 15 in the G1 Queen Anne S. at the Royal meeting, but struck a different chord next out when 3 3/4 lengths the best in the G2 Summer Mile S., and when a three-quarter length winner of the G1 Sussex S. in what was hailed as one of the performances of the summer in Britain. He is currently serving his first book at Shadwell Stud.



Last year's Sussex S. winner Mohaather | Shadwell Stud

Sheikh Hamdan's six wins at Royal Ascot last year were supplied by five different trainers, which is indicative of the widespread support he has provided for a wide range of racing's participants. From his initial patronage of Thomson Jones, his British string expanded to the stables of John Dunlop, Robert Armstrong, John Benstead, Peter Walwyn, Alec Stewart and Major Dick Hern. Over the years the names William Haggas, John Gosden, Marcus Tregoning, Barry Hills, Charlie Hills, Ed Dunlop, Owen Burrows, Richard Hannon and Roger Varian have been added to the list of his trainers in the UK. Kevin Prendergast and Dermot Weld have been Shadwell's long-term trainers in Ireland, while in France he utilised John Hammond, Freddy Head, Jean-Claude Rouget and Francois Rohaut. Naturally, Sheikh Hamdan also supported the growth of horseracing in his native country, where his trainers include Doug Watson, Erwan Charpy and Ali Al Rayhi. He was also a key patron of Kieran McLaughlin in the U.S. and Colin and David

Hayes in Australia, and he was also a staunch supporter of South African racing and trainer Mike de Kock. His flagbearers for that yard included Soft Falling Rain (SAf) (National Assembly), who was a Group 1-winning 2-year-old in his native country before traveling to win the G2 Godolphin Mile in Dubai and the G2 Joel S. in Newmarket; and Hawwaam (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}), who has won five Group 1s in South Africa and has recently joined William Haggas's stable in the UK. Shadwell announced in February that the 59 mares, fillies and weanlings that comprise Shadwell's Australian breeding portfolio will be dispersed at the Magic Millions National Sale in May and June.

The greatest measure of Sheikh Hamdan is perhaps evident in the duration of service of so many of his key personnel worldwide. Shadwell Stud Director Richard Lancaster and Racing Manager Angus Gold have been by his side since nearly the start. His close relationship with Nichols was established at the same time as Shadwell Farm itself nearly 40 years ago. Since 1988, he has had just four retained riders: Willie Carson, Richard Hills, Paul Hanagan and Jim Crowley.

Rarely, if ever, has there been someone to touch the Thoroughbred industry so deeply and across so many facets as Sheikh Hamdan did. He had Group 1 winners and champions on five continents. He supported the sport he loved through sponsorships and charitable endeavours, and affected the lives of many of his closest confidants on a personal level. He is not only one of the most outstanding breeders the business will ever see, but he was a great supporter of other breeders through his enthusiastic participation at the sales. The Thoroughbred industry has lost a true giant in Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum and he will be sorely missed.

### 'The whole of Horseracing should be wearing a black armband'

**William Haggas**, who trained Mukhadram to win the 2014 G1 Coral-Eclipse S., said, "He has enriched the lives of all who knew him, and many who didn't. He has been a fantastic supporter of 'Racing PLC', not only on the racecourse and for the trainers lucky enough to train for him, but also at the sales, where he has been relentless for years.

"He was very loyal, very sporting and very generous. He was also kind, wise and humble, and he was always very approachable, which not many people knew. He had an aura about him, and when you met him in Dubai he was surrounded by lots of people but often in England he would come to see the horses with very few people. It was great to have him when he came because he knew everything about the horses and he loved them."

Haggas continued, "The tragedy was that last year, through Covid, he didn't get to Royal Ascot. He'd been going to Ascot

### Sheikh Hamdan Dies At Age 75 cont.

every year and he didn't have much success latterly. Then last year he had six winners and it was tragic for him that he couldn't be there.

"He was great to train for and he had great respect for his trainers. Whatever the jockey said, his line was always, 'What does the trainer think?' And that's quite rare. He was an extraordinary man and I don't think we will see his like again."

**Willie Carson**, rider of Nashwan and Dayjur among other great horses during his time as Sheikh Hamdan's retained jockey, reflected on his involvement with the owner/breeder on the *Nick Luck Daily Podcast*. He said, "One year I had 13 Group 1 winners and they were nearly all his. He was a quiet man, very loyal; he gave his views of course. He loved the good horses and would often ring up when you had ridden work on one of the stars to ask how it had gone. That's where he got his enjoyment.

He was a very passionate owner. The whole of horseracing should be wearing a black armband. I can't believe he's gone. I always liked having my little hug with him at the sales, a sort of yearly reunion as it were."

Carson added, "Nashwan was obviously a fantastic horse. The record books don't give him credit because you had to see this horse, to see his majestic movement going to post. I was the lucky person who had to sit on him and I used to feel like I was floating on air with that long stride of his. He did what no other horse did."

**Charlie Hills**, who succeeded his father Barry in training for Sheikh Hamdan and who has been responsible for the careers of Battaash and Muhaarar, said, "He has been a tremendous supporter of ours. It goes back to 1999 when my father had his first stakes winner for him so he has been here for a long time.

"[His support] was instrumental when I took over, otherwise the operation wouldn't have happened, so it was great having Muhaarar early on. Winning those four consecutive Group 1s as a 3-year-old was a big part of my life and I was so pleased to have a champion for Sheikh Hamdan. To train for someone like him has just been an enormous privilege."

**Marcus Tregoning**, trainer of four-time Group 1 winner Nayef and last year's G1 Sussex S. winner Mohaather, said, "Our

association started in the early 1980s when Sheikh Hamdan bought Height Of Fashion from The Queen. That was the start of the horses coming to West Ilsley, which was where Dick Hern was training."

He added, "The early ones were Unfuwain and Nashwan--both out of Height Of Fashion. It was a tremendous excitement getting those, and it snowballed from there."

He added, "He was always good fun, and loved it--he had great passion for racing.

A couple of years ago he was here with me at Whitsbury, having the usual banter and usual fun. What a lot of people didn't see, which I was very lucky to see, was his sense of humour.

"He had a great love, a passion for racing, and he loved talking about the horses and looking at them and talking about their

pedigree, their temperaments, and what they might do. I have to say he was very easy to train for, because generally speaking he'd leave most of it to me. But obviously he had tremendous input too, and it was just always good fun."

Among the horses trained by **Kevin Prendergast** for Sheikh Hamdan during their long association were his most recent Classic winner Awtaad (Ire) and Derby runner-up Madhmoon (Ire).

Prendergast said, "He was with me for more than 30

years. He was a great man, a great owner, and he will be sadly missed by all.

"I think I trained the last winner for him, Alhaazm (GB), on Friday night. I won the Irish 2000 Guineas for him with Awtaad in 2016 and I was second in the Derby for him two years ago. They were two highlights, but I had an awful lot of luck for him over the period of time he was with me, and I found him nothing but a gentleman and very loyal owner."

**John Gosden** provided Sheikh Hamdan with his third Oaks winner, Taghrooda (GB), following Salsabil (GB) and Eswarah (GB), and also saddled the sheikh's most recent Group 1 winner in October, Nazeef (GB).

Paying tribute to "a truly great international owner, breeder and philanthropist", the champion trained said, "I have been fortunate to train for Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum since the 1980s when I was in California. He has always been an absolute



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gentleman with a true passion for his horses and a profound and intimate knowledge of them.

"He enjoyed being close to his horses whether on the stud farm, the racecourse or the stables. Sheikh Hamdan was a most respected, loyal, kind and humorous man of great depth and judgement.

"A huge contributor to the development of his country and a truly great international owner, breeder and philanthropist in the worldwide racing industry, he will be greatly missed."

**Jim Crowley**, Sheikh Hamdan's retained rider since 2016, said, "It was a huge honour and a privilege to be able to ride for him. He was extremely knowledgeable about his horses. He had a lot of horses in training, but he knew their pedigree inside and out. It was a huge passion for him, he loved it.



Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan | *Horsephotos*

"He was very kind and generous, and loyalty is a word that stands out more than the others. You only have to look at his trainers, jockeys--everybody has been with him for the long haul. It's just a real pleasure to have ridden for him."

Reflecting on Shadwell's championship year in 2020, Crowley added, "It was such a shame last year Sheikh Hamdan couldn't come to Royal Ascot due to Covid and watch the horses run. He had the most unbelievable year in 2020. But before that we'd had some great days. When Sheikh Hamdan came to the races we always had luck. It was great he could be at York to see Battaash win in 2019. That was probably one of the most satisfying days. It was great he could be there as well."

**Richard Hills**, Sheikh Hamdan's retained rider from 1997 until his retirement in 2012, said, "It's really sad. We're all devastated. From 17 years old, throughout my whole career to now. He was such a great man, he was like a father to me.

"We had some great times. I was in a lucky position. He was my friend, and I was riding his horses, which was his passion. It was joy all the way through. Every one of the Classic winners I rode him meant everything to me--four Guineas, an Oaks and a Leger. All of them were special.

"Nayef was great because he was out of Height Of Fashion. He was tough and he won six Group 1s. There was Almutawakel who won the Dubai World Cup. I rode 550 winners in Dubai. I don't think I took a week off for 15 years. It was a joy to get up in the morning and ride those horses."

**Annamarie Phelps**, chair of the British Horseracing Authority, described Sheikh Hamdan as "a colossus, both here in Britain and on the international stage."

She said, "Through his vision and passion he built Shadwell Stud from its base in Norfolk to a truly global racing and breeding operation. Thoroughbred and Arabian racehorses as breeds have benefitted inestimably from his determination for constant improvement, as well as his long-held love of the horse and the sport. He will be truly missed."



Sheikh Hamdan and Ghanaati | *Horsephotos*

Keeneland President and Chief Executive Officer **Shannon Arvin** said in a statement, "Sheikh Hamdan was a beloved figure around the world, cherished for his grace, humanity, loyalty, knowledge and sportsmanship. While he achieved great success as a Thoroughbred breeder and owner through his global Shadwell Farm operation, he made innumerable contributions to the sport--many of which were behind the scenes. Keeneland is grateful for his strong support of our sales and racing programs, including Shadwell's involvement in our philanthropic activities. Sheikh Hamdan's yearling purchases here include such standouts as Group 1 winner Dayjur and Belmont winner Jazil, and he also participated significantly in our November Breeding

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Stock Sale. On the race track at Keeneland, Shadwell won nine stakes led by the 2008 [GI] Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup with Alwajeeha. Because of Shadwell's encouragement, Keeneland began the Best Turned Out Awards program to recognize hard-working grooms when Shadwell started to sponsor Keeneland's one-mile turf race during the 1999 Fall Meet. Keeneland is extremely proud of that race, the [GI] Shadwell Turf Mile, which became our first million-dollar event in 2014, anchors our Fall Stars Weekend and is a key stop on the road to the Breeders' Cup."



Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum | *Horsephotos*

Churchill Downs Racetrack President **Mike Anderson** said in a statement, "Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's lifelong passion to compete at the highest level on an international stage was epitomized by Invasor, who won the 2006 Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs to clinch Horse of the Year honors. His legacy and famed royal blue and white-striped silks will be fondly remembered by Thoroughbred racing and breeding fans around the world. On behalf of the entire Churchill Downs family, we extend our deepest sympathies to Sheikh Hamdan's family and friends and the entire Shadwell Stable team."

**Alex Waldrop**, president and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, said in a statement, "Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's passing leaves a huge void in the world of Thoroughbred breeding and racing. The royal blue and white-striped Shadwell colors epitomized excellence and were represented globally by some of the world's finest racehorses. We extend our deepest sympathies to Sheikh

Hamdan's family and the entire Shadwell Stable team."

A statement from **Breeders' Cup** read, "We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who for many decades was one of our sport's most prominent and influential owners and breeders, represented by his horses capturing many of the world's most prestigious Thoroughbred races. Those outstanding horses include Breeders' Cup Champions Lahudood, Tamarkuz, and Invasor, his Classic winner and 2006 Horse of the Year. In his absence, our community is left with his storied legacy, which includes countless contributions to the Thoroughbred business and bloodlines that will have a lasting positive impact on the breed for generations to come. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and the entire Shadwell Stable team."

**Chauncey Morris**, current executive director of Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders, Inc., recalls Sheikh Hamdan's philanthropic nature: "In the 1980's, the Maxwell H Gluck research center was being established at UK's campus. Everyone knows about the Gluck's gift to the University, however around the same time there was another gift in the amount of \$5-million to UK from the Al Maktoum Family which Ted Bassett was very involved in coordinating. It is my understanding Sheikh Hamdan and his American advisors felt very strongly about this gift, and moreover His Highness Sheikh Hamdan was the largest single contributor to Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome research via our foundation. Beyond being an exceptional sportsman, he and his family are synonymous with transformational largesse that has shaped the industry here in Central Kentucky for the better."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### ARQANA MAY BREEZE-UP CATALOGUE ONLINE

A total of 158 2-year-olds have been catalogued for the 2021 Arqana Deauville Breeze-Up Sale, to be held Friday, May 14, beginning at 1pm, one day after all the lots will perform their under-tack breezes at Deauville-La Touques Racecourse.

The catalogue is enriched with pedigrees to appeal to an international buying bench, with many prominent sires from either side of the Atlantic strongly represented. European stalwarts include the likes of Dark Angel (Ire), Dubawi (Ire), Exceed and Excel (Aus), **Galileo (Ire)**, Invincible Spirit (Ire),

Mehmas (Ire), **No Nay Never**, Sea The Stars (Ire), the late Shamardal, successful dual-hemisphere stallion Showcasing (GB), Siyouni (Fr) and **Wootton Bassett (GB)**. The young progeny of first-crop sires such as Almanzor (Fr), **Caravaggio** and **Churchill (Ire)** are also set to go under the hammer in Deauville.

The May Breeze-Up Sale can proudly boast of having sold American Classic winner **War of Will** (€250,000, 2018 sale), who added last year's GI Maker's Mark Mile to his victory in the 2019 GI Preakness S. There is no shortage of American horse power in this year's event, as Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah**--sire of the €1.1-million sales-topping Ocean Atlantique--the reliable **Distorted Humor**, leading sire **Into Mischief**, **Medaglia d'Oro**, **More Than Ready**, **Speightstown** and **War of Will's** sire **War Front** all feature in the catalogue.



**Arqana May graduate Midnight Sands will be one of the favourites for Saturday's G2 Godolphin Mile | DRC/Erika Rasmussen**

Seven of the sale's offerings are either out of Group 1 winners or are related to top-level scorers, including lot 22, a Dark Angel (Ire) son of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) from the draft of Star Bloodstock; and lot 143, a **Caravaggio** half-sister to dual South African Grade 1 winner Queen Supreme (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) from Kilbrew Stables.

Brendan Holland's Grove Stud was responsible for last year's €715,000 sales-topping daughter of **War Front**--Beauty Parlor (Elusive Quality) and that operation will be represented by 10 juveniles, chief among them lot 76, a colt by **American Pharoah** and the second produce of Queen of the Sand (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), a Grade III winner and Grade I placed in America.

A total of 35 vendors will travel from France, Ireland and Britain to Deauville.

Already in 2021, Arqana Breeze-Up graduates have made their mark at the Dubai World Cup Carnival. Al Tariq (Fr) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), a €150,000 graduate of the 2018 sale, took out the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint and is one of 14 entered for Saturday's US\$1.5-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Meydan. Midnight Sands (**Speightstown**) made a successful Dubai return in the G3 Burj Nahaar S. on Super Saturday Mar. 6 and the €80,000 grad figures to take plenty of beating in the G2 Godolphin Mile earlier on World Cup Saturday. Summer Romance (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**), the €800,000 second-dearest lot in 2019 when purchased by Godolphin, added the G2 Balanchine S. to her success in last year's G3 Princess Elizabeth S. at Epsom.

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## TATTS ASCOT SALE RENAMED; MOVED TO PARK PADDOCKS

After a successful 2020 renewal of the Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale at Park Paddocks that returned records for average, median, top lot and turnover, Tattersalls announced on Wednesday that the sale would become a permanent fixture in Newmarket and be renamed the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale. The first renewal of the sale in its new guise will take place on Sept. 7.

The sale, which has developed a reputation for turning out precocious runners, is named in honour of Somerville Tattersall, who began auctioning at the 1885 July Sales and was the last member of the Tattersall family to lead the company.

The last two years, the Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale has produced group-winning 2-year-olds Miss Amulet (Ire), Steel Bull (Ire), Liberty Beach (GB) and Shadn (Ire).

"The catalyst for launching the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale at Park Paddocks was the extraordinary vibrance of last year's relocated Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. "The new Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale will benefit not only from the outstanding facilities at Park Paddocks, but also from Newmarket's unique infrastructure and we are confident that the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale, named in honour of one of the central figures in the history of Tattersalls, will harness the momentum established by its predecessor."

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## MCGARRY TO SUCCEED KILLEEN AT NAVAN

Aidan McGarry will succeed Peter Killeen as the general manager of Navan Racecourse, Horse Racing Ireland announced Wednesday.

Killeen is retiring next week following a career that spanned 40 years in Irish racing. Having joined the Racing Board in 1980, he was involved in the introduction of the Computote betting system adopted by the Tote in the late 80s and was instrumental in the introduction of more recent advances in on-course Tote betting and technology.



Aidan McGarry

Killeen was appointed manager of Tote Ireland operations in 1999 and held that position for 15 years before taking on the role of Navan general manager. He is to remain as an independent director on the board of the Association of Irish Racecourses (AIR).

“It’s hard to believe that it’s 40 years since I walked through the doors of the Racing Board’s offices on Merrion Square, it really does feel like only yesterday,” Killeen reflected. “My first role was preparing the perforated Tote tickets that some people might remember!

“Perhaps people today might shudder at the thought of staying within a specific industry for such a time, but it afforded me opportunities to work in a variety of roles as the industry changed and adapted over the years. I’ve been very lucky in all that time, I worked with so many great people and many more great characters! Thanks to them all.

“I’m delighted with Aidan’s appointment and I know that he will be a great addition to what is a fantastic team at Navan.”

McGarry, who has held a number of managerial roles within Horse Racing Ireland and Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, will assume his new role Mar. 29.

He said: “I can’t thank Peter Killeen enough for the help and guidance he has given me as I prepare for this exciting new challenge. Navan is renowned as a top-class racecourse and the strength of the racing programme, both National Hunt and Flat, is a particular draw for me. I’m joining a great team and am very much looking forward to working with everyone at Navan.”

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## HRI ANNOUNCES IRE INCENTIVE SCHEME

The IRE Incentive Scheme, which sets out to stimulate and fortify Irish Thoroughbred breeding, racing and sales, has been launched by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI).

The scheme will award a bonus of €10,000 to any owner of Irish-bred winners of 150 selected races across the Irish Flat and National Hunt programmes which may then be redeemed at bloodstock auctions in Ireland.

The first nominated race takes place Friday at Dundalk. Qualifying races will include 2-year-old fillies’ maidens; 2-year-old auction maidens and median auction races; 3-year-old median auction maidens; and National Hunt auction races.

The owners of eligible winners--which include the (Ire) suffix and are Foal Levy compliant--will have until the end of the following year to redeem their voucher at any Irish-based sale, with the stipulation that their purchase must also be Irish-bred.

“The racing and bloodstock industry in Ireland has faced unprecedented and simultaneous challenges in the past year in the form of COVID-19 and Brexit, and the storm cannot be weathered by inactivity,” said Brian Kavanagh, chief executive of HRI.

“We believe the IRE Incentive will deliver a strong stimulus to the business, delivering significant funds from the racetrack back to the breeders via Irish-based public auctions.

“We have seen on a regular basis--most recently at Cheltenham--the quality of horses bred in Ireland and their performances on racing’s biggest stages.”

John McEnery, chairman of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association, said: “Events last week at Cheltenham showed just how desirable and formidable the Irish thoroughbred is. But standing still should never be an option from a position of strength. and we commend the investment, motivation and principles behind the IRE Incentive.”

Click [here](#) for additional information on the IRE Incentive.

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## GRAND NATIONAL-BOUND BALKO DES FLOS TOPS GOFFS MARCH

Grade 1 winner Balko Des Flos (Fr) (Balko {Fr}), who holds an entry for the Randox Health Grand National on Apr. 5, topped the Goffs Online March Sale with a bid of €110,000 from Peter Molony.

Acting on behalf of racehorseclub.com, Molony indicated that the former Gigginstown House Stud campaigner, who won the G1 Ryanair Chase at the 2018 Cheltenham Festival, would remain in training with Henry de Bromhead. He said, "Balkos Des Flos is being aimed at the National. He has been bought for an exciting new venture about which there will be further news announced in the coming weeks."



Balko Des Flos | racingfotos.com

Molony added, "I found the Goffs Online site and timed auction format extremely user-friendly. I bid on my phone while halfway up a mountain in the middle of Land Rover Sale inspections."

Held as a timed online auction, the session featured young jumping stock, breeding stock and horses in training, with 32 horses sold for a total of £557,600 and an average of £17,425.

At the conclusion of the day's trade, Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby said, "This was Goffs' second timed online auction, following the Doncaster January Sale which was moved online, and to see both sales topped by six figure sales-£110,000 and £300,000 respectively-is a great endorsement of the role Goffs Online now plays in our overall offering. This method is never the first choice, but time after time since the Covid 19 pandemic began a year ago, Goffs Online has proven to be an invaluable vehicle for our clients with over €8.6 million of business successfully conducted so far."

He added, "Following the January Sale we reviewed the timed format with vendors and purchasers, and launched a number of improvements to the site prior to today's sale. Since the catalogue was released, over 4000 unique viewers visited the online catalogue, and we accepted 197 bids from buyers in Ireland, the UK and France whilst feedback from clients was overwhelmingly positive in relation to usability and the opportunity to trade that the sale provided."

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## LATROBE BREEDING RIGHT FOR SALE ON AUCTAV

A 2021 breeding right to G1 Irish Derby winner Latrobe (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) is among the 12 lots on offer for the inaugural Auctav online sale on Mar. 31. Racehorses, stallion shares, foals and 2-year-olds from the flat, National Hunt and trotting realms will be auctioned on the platform from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. French time. The offerings also include a broken-in filly from the first crop of Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

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## FRANCE

### Wednesday's Result:

**6th-La Teste de Buch, €19,000, Mdn, 3-24, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:41.53, gd.**

**JALWA (FR) (f, 3, Shalaa {Ire})--Al Anqa {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}),** fourth on debut in the 7 1/2-furlong Deauville maiden in which Sunday's Listed Prix la Camargo scorer Sweet Lady (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) was last in August before disappointing when filling the same position in a Clairefontaine maiden over this trip in October, was slowly away before settling in mid-division. Needing cajoling exiting the back straight, the 2-1 favourite was able to get on top in the last 100 metres and finish off strongly to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Heroic Star (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of a half to the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf and GI Diana S.-winning champion grass mare Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune) and to the G2 UAE Derby runner-up Asmar (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Also connected to the sire Titus Livius (Fr) (Machiavellian) and G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine Briseida (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), her 2-year-old colt is by Olympic Glory (Ire) while she also has a yearling filly by Toronado (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, €14,460. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**3rd-Le Croise-Laroche**, €14,000, 3-24, 4yo/up, 12 1/2fT, 2:40.50, sf.

**JAPARANA (IRE) (f, 4, Makfi {GB}--My Wish {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €12,875. O-Haras Bonne Chance & Mikel Delzangles; B-Haras Bonne Chance (IRE); T-Mikel Delzangles.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Ma Noire (Fr)**, f, 2, **American Devil (Fr)**--Kenwysa (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). La Teste de Buch, 3-24, 5fT, :58.52. B-H Soler (FR). \*€4,000 Ylg '20 AROCT.

**Momarasa (GB)**, c, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Farmah (Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Ity & SW-Fr, \$158,256), by **Speightstown**. La Teste de Buch, 3-24, 8fT, 1:42.38. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (GB).

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**SON OF SOLEMIA DEBUTS AT SAINT-CLOUD**

**2.20, Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, c/g, 10fT SEULOMONDE (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})** is a son of the surprise 2012 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}) who debuts for the same Wertheimer-Carlos Laffon-Parias connection. In against him are Hisaaki Saito's **Stonetail (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, a Fabrice Chappet-trained half-brother to the multiple group winner The Juliet Rose (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), and George Strawbridge's **Diverge (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, a Freddy Head-trained son of the G1 Prix d'Ispahan-placed Sparkling Beam (Ire) (Nayef).

**3.50, Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, f, 10fT URBANIA (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})** is another Wertheimer notable on the card, being a daughter of the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) whose son Plumatic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) has proven smart for this Andre Fabre stable. In a contest packed with intrigue, there is another Fabre trainee in Al Shaqab's **Al Jdariya (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a daughter of their dual group-placed 5-million gns purchase Al Naamah (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Godolphin's **Hidden Thought (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a daughter of the \$3.5-million high-class Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), and George Strawbridge's **Vouchsafe (Ire) (Kingman {GB})**, a Freddy Head-trained half-sister to his class act Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Bondi Sands (Ire)**, g, 4, **Australia (GB)**--Thai Haku (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr & US, GSP-UAE, \$205,150), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Sandown (Lakeside), 3-24, Hcp. (£28k/€32k), 2100mT, 2:16.42. B-Rockhart Trading Ltd, China Horse Club. \*1/2 to Sarrochi (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), SW-Ire. \*\*€260,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Mystic Guide Draws Six For Dubai World Cup cont. from p1**

Jose Francisco D'Angelo, trainer of 4-year-old Jesus' Team, said, "When I saw post position nine I was happy because it's in the middle. He doesn't need to make an aggressive move at the beginning. I like the number nine, and I am very sure [about my horse]. It was a relief. In the Breeders' Cup [Dirt] Mile he had to start from gate 11. He can move fast to find a good spot."



Magny Cours | Dubai World Cup/Mathea Kelley

**Great Scot (GB) (Requinto {Ire})**, who took third behind Mishriff (Ire) and Charlatan in the Saudi Cup last month, has the assistance of Frankie Dettori from his inside draw in stall one, with locally-trained **Hypothetical (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})** drawn alongside him in two, just inside Japanese raider **Chuwa Wizard (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn})**.

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Dubai World Cup Draw cont.



Jesus' Team at Meydan | Coady

Ryuji Okubo, trainer of the latter, was also satisfied with the outcome. He said, "It is a good draw. I didn't want a wide gate because [the start] is close to the first turn."

The Fawzi Nass-trained **Salute The Soldier (Ger)** (Sepoy {Aus}) takes his place in the Dubai World Cup line-up on the back of consecutive victories in rounds two and three of the Al Maktoum Challenge. The 6-year-old has drawn 11, while

**Military Law (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who returns at Meydan following his sixth-place Saudi Cup finish, is in five.

Completing the field are **Title Ready (More Than Ready)** in gate four, **Ajuste Fiscal (Uru)** (Ioya Bigtime) in gate 13, **Thegreatcollection** (Saint Anddan) in eight, and **Capezzano (Bernardini)** has been drawn in seven.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Ajuste Fiscal (Uru)	Ioya Bigtime	Leal	Pereira	126
2	7	Capezzano	<b>Bernardini</b>	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	126
3	3	Chuwa Wizard (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Tosaki	Okubo	126
4	14	Gifts of Gold (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126
5	1	Great Scot (GB)	Requinto (Ire)	Dettori	Misriff	126
6	2	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	126
7	9	Jesus' Team 	<b>Tapiture</b>	Rosario	D'Angelo	126
8	12	Magny Cours	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	Buick	Fabre	126
9	5	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	126
10	6	Mystic Guide	<b>Ghostzapper</b>	Saez	Stidham	126
11	11	Salute the Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	126
12	10	Sleepy Eyes Todd 	Paddy O'Prado	Moreno	Silva	126
13	8	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	Cosgrave	Watson	126
14	4	Title Ready	<b>More Than Ready</b>	Moore	Stewart	126

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:10 p.m.**

**LONGINES DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY LONGINES-G1**, \$5,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2410mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Channel Maker 	<b>English Channel</b>	Rosario	Mott	126
2	7	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	126
3	4	Simsir (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	126
4	6	Star Safari (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	126
5	5	Walton Street (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
6	3	Berkshire Rocco (Fr)	Sir Percy (GB)	Watson	Balding	125
7	10	Mishriff (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Egan	Gosden	125
8	1	Mogul (GB)	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b>	Moore	O'Brien	125
9	8	Chrono Genesis (Jpn) (f)	Bago (Fr)	Kitamura	Saito	121
10	9	Loves Only You (Jpn) (f)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Murphy	Yahagi	121

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7:30 p.m.**

**DUBAI TURF SPONSORED BY DP WORLD-G1**, \$4,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Al Suhail (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
2	11	Court House (Ire)	<b>Dawn Approach (Ire)</b>	Egan	Crisford	126
3	9	Epic Hero (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Cosgrave	Crisford	126
4	12	Eqiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rahyi	126
5	13	Felix (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Murphy	Botti	126
6	3	First Contact (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
7	8	Glen Force (Ire)	<b>Gleneagles (Ire)</b>	de Vries	Nass	126
8	2	Land of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126
9	4	Lord Glitters (Ire)	Whipper	Tudhope	O'Meara	126
10	10	Lord North (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	126
11	7	Regal Reality (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Moore	Stoute	126
12	5	Vin de Garde (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Barzalona	Fujiwara	126
13	1	Zainhom	Street Cry (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	126

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 6:40 p.m.****DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G1, \$1,500,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1200m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Al Tariq (Fr)	Oasis Dream (GB)	de Vries	Watson	126
2	12	Canvassed (Ire)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Watson	126
3	11	Copano Kicking 🦟	Spring At Last	Buick	Murayama	126
4	1	Good Effort (Ire)	Shamardal	Dettori	Mohammed	126
5	10	Important Mission 🦟	More Than Ready	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	126
6	7	Jalen Journey	With Distinction	Saez	Asmussen	126
7	3	Justin (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	126
8	4	Matera Sky 🦟	Speightstown	Tosaki	Mori	126
9	5	Premier Star 🦟	Tapiture	Barzalona	Watson	126
10	13	Red Le Zele (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Moore	Yasuda	126
11	9	Switzerland 🦟	Speightstown	O'Shea	Seemar	126
12	6	Wildman Jack	Goldencents	Jara	O'Neill	126
13	2	Yaupon 🦟	Uncle Mo	Rosario	Asmussen	126
14	14	Zenden 🦟	Fed Biz	Fresu	David	126

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 5:30 p.m.****AL QUOZ SPRINT SPONSORED BY AZIZI DEVELOPMENTS-G1, \$1,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Dettori	Hills	131
2	8	Extravagant Kid	Kiss the Kid	Moore	Walsh	131
3	9	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Crowley	Hills	131
4	13	Man of Promise 🦟	Into Mischief	Mullen	Appleby	131
5	11	Moss Gill (Ire)	No Nay Never	Tudhope	Bethell	131
6	3	Motafaawit (Ire)	Intikhab	Dobbs	Watson	131
7	10	Royal Crusade (GB)	Shamardal	Barzalona	Appleby	131
8	6	Space Blues (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	131
9	5	Speak In Colours (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Egan	J O'Brien	131
10	7	True Valour (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Rosario	Motion	131
11	4	Final Song (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	127
12	2	Acklam Express (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Scott	Tinkler	122
13	1	Cowan 🦟	Kantharos	Saez	Asmussen	122

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 6:05 p.m.****UAE DERBY SPONSORED BY EMIRATES NBD-G2, \$750,000, NH/SH3yo, 1900m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	El Patriota (Uru)	Ecologo (Arg)	Leal	Cintra Pereira	131
2	8	Ambivalent 🦟	Constitution	Saez	O'Neill	121
3	12	Fire Group 🦟	Not This Time	Fresu	Al Mheiri	121
4	10	France Go De Ina 🦟	Will Take Charge	Rosario	Mori	121
5	5	Lugamo	Chitu	Murphy	Sano	121
6	3	Mouheeb	Flatter	Curatolo	Bachalard	121
7	13	New Treasure (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	121
8	6	Panadol	Flatter	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	121
9	14	Pink Kamehameha (Jpn)	Leontes (Jpn)	Tosaki	Mori	121
10	11	Rebel's Romance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	121
11	1	Speight'spercomete	Speightstown	Dobbs	Watson	121
12	7	Takeru Pegasus (Jpn)	Dunkirk	Moore	Kato	121
13	4	Mnasek (f) 🦟	Empire Maker	Hitchcott	Watson	117
14	9	Soft Whisper (Ire) (f)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	117

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 4:15 p.m.**

**GODOLPHIN MILE SPONSORED BY MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MATKOUH CITY-DISTRICT ONE-G2, \$750,000,**

NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Ambassadorial	Elusive Quality	Egan	Chapple-Hyam	125
2	13	Avant Garde	Tonalist	Saez	Delgado	125
3	10	Blown By Wind (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
4	4	Chiefdom 🐾	The Factor	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
5	15	Dieu du Vin (Jpn)	Declaration of War	Dettori	Kato	125
6	5	Dubai Mirage (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
7	6	Golden Goal (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
8	8	Midnight Sands 🐾	Speightstown	Dobbs	Watson	125
9	12	Parsimony 🐾	Dominus	Buick	O'Neill	125
10	11	Rodaini 🐾	Exchange Rate	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
11	7	Roman Rosso (Arg)	Roman Ruler	Moore	Seemar	125
12	2	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
13	14	Snapper Sinclair 🐾	City Zip	Rosario	Asmussen	125
14	9	Tuz 🐾	Oxbow	Fresu	Seemar	125
15	3	Urban Icon (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Murphy	Alkahtani	125

**Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 4:50 p.m.**

**DUBAI GOLD CUP SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS-G2, \$750,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 3200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Cosgrave	Mohammed	127
2	2	For The Top (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	127
3	3	Global Heat (Ire)	Toronado (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	127
4	6	Mekong (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Osborne	127
5	11	Red Verdon 🐾	Lemon Drop Kid	Egan	Dunlop	127
6	1	Royal Marine (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Murphy	bin Suroor	127
7	5	Secret Advisor (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	127
8	8	Spanish Mission 🐾	Noble Mission (GB)	Moore	Balding	127
9	4	Volcanic Sky (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	127
10	9	Walderbe (Ger)	Maxios (GB)	Michel	Rohne	127
11	10	Subjectivist (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Fanning	Johnston	121

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## CHAIRMAN'S SALE CATALOGUE RELEASED, NETTOYER ADDED



Inglis General Manager, Bloodstock Sales & Marketing, Sebastian Hutch  
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by Bren O'Brien

Inglis has released what it describes as the **best-ever catalogue for its Chairman's Sale**, to be held at Riverside Stables on May 7, with G1 Doncaster H. winner **Nettoyer** (Sebring), the latest addition to the 60-strong boutique catalogue.

The Chairman's Sale will take centre stage in Inglis' Breeding Stock Sales Series, which also includes the Australian Weanling Sale and Australian Broodmare Sale, which have also had their catalogues released.

Inglis' General Manager, Bloodstock Sales and Marketing, Sebastian Hutch described the Chairman's Sale catalogue, which contains six Group 1 winners, as the best that it has produced in the short history of the Sale in its current format.

"It's safe to say it's the best catalogue we have ever put together for the Chairman's Sale. It's a fantastic collection of top-class racemares and proven producers, young mares and proven mares, it's a great catalogue," Hutch said.

Inglis has worked hard to build up the Chairman's Sale since its inception in its current format in 2017, and in 2021, its focus was on building the quality of the offering.

"We set out to target specific mares. We had an idea as to what we wanted and the appetite for those mares is strong, both in terms of people trying to access them through the private market and, similarly, through alternative sales as well. It's not an easy market to play in, but we went out and targeted fast, well-bred mares and we've come up with a really strong group of them," he said.

Along with Nettoyer, the catalogue featured multiple Group 1 winners **Pippie** (Written Tycoon), **In Her Time** (Time Thief), who is in foal to I Am Invincible and topped the Sale last year and **Danzdanzdance** (**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**), as well as recent G1 Oakleigh Plate winner **Celebrity Queen** (Redoute's Choice) and 2018 G1 Inglis Sires' winner **El Dorado Dreaming** (Ilovethiscity).

"We want to find mares that have proven top-class form. The market loves to see those race fillies and race mares that showed genuine speed and/or precocity," Hutch said.

"Mares like Celebrity Queen, Pippie, Savanna Amour, In Her time, Mildred, these are mares that fit that criteria. They are not one-hit wonders, they are mares with established top-class form and the market is really excited about that."



**Pippie** | Bronwen Healy

### **Nettoyer To Go Through the Ring...**

Just over a year after her fairytale win in the G1 Doncaster H. for trainer Wendy Roche, Nettoyer will go through the Chairman's Sale. She is out of **Cleanup** (Dehere {USA}), the half-sister of Group 3 winner **She's Clean** (Redoute's Choice), from the family of Japanese star **Kinshasa no Kiseki** (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}), as well as Group 1 winners **Abbie Marie** (Redoute's Choice) and **Absolutely** (Redoute's Choice). **Cont. p2**

## Chairman's Sale cont.

She has won six races on the track, four of them at stakes level, including the G3 Aspiration S. on two occasions and the G3 Angst Quality. She also contests Saturday's G1 Ranvet S. and is set to defend her Doncaster H. title next month.

"She's not just a good racemare, she's been one of the tougher and more consistent racemares in Sydney and Melbourne over the past three seasons. Her form stands up to the closest scrutiny over an extended period of time. To be able to withstand the rigours of racing, in one of the toughest jurisdictions in the world is a testament to her fortitude and her appetite for racing," Hutch said.

"To have reached a career peak in race like the Doncaster is an incredible achievement. She is a fantastically talented racemare, with a really nice pedigree. The dam is a beautifully bred mare by Dehere.

"There is a load of options how to breed a mare like that. It's just exciting to think what she might produce when mated to any number of stallions that people have access to in Australia. She will attract a lot of attention."

Also on offer in the Chairman's Sale catalogue are mares in foal to the likes of Zoustar, Written Tycoon, **Justify** (USA), The Autumn Sun, Too Darn Hot (GB) and a rare Southern Hemisphere-time pregnancy to Night Of Thunder (Ire).

## Market Expected to Be Strong For Marquee Event...

Inglis is eager to make the Chairman's Sale evening a must-attend event for the thoroughbred industry and having confirmed the catalogue, is confident it will attract the audience required to make the night quite special.

"The night of the Chairman's Sale is going to be fantastic. It will be more than just a breeding stock sale, it will be an event. We think people can really look forward to it and for people who still might want to participate, whether it be through a filly that has just come off the track or a mare that someone has decided to take advantage of the market, wildcards can be nominated until April 23," Hutch said.

"That's been a feature of the Sale that has been very popular. The sale topper was a wildcard two years ago and a number of the wildcards sold very well in 2020. It's another opportunity that people have to participate in the Sale and people have used it very effectively in the past and they will do so in 2021."

All signs point to a robust market at the Chairman's Sale, with the economy on the up after the COVID-19 slump of last year, and yearling sales in record-breaking health so far in 2021.

Hutch said the elite product available in a boutique sale like the Chairman's is particularly well-positioned to take advantage of that market confidence.

"Across the world, it has been demonstrated that demand for the exceptional product, that which sits in the top 20 per cent of the market, is insatiable," Hutch said.

"We are in the fortunate position where Australian mares have demonstrated their quality, not just domestically, but right around the world. There is international interest in those best Australian mares, of which there are a number in our catalogue.

"The domestic market has been overwhelmingly robust at all levels right through the year. That will drive demand, not just at the top level in the market but right the way through. We have seen it through our digital sales and whether it be the Chairman's Sale, the Australian Broodmare Sale or the Australian Weanling Sale, we are expecting demand to be solid, because those sales represent a genuine opportunity for people to earn and generate a return."

## Broodmare Sale Creates Opportunities...

A catalogue of 237 has been finalised for the Australian Broodmare Sale, which will complete a big week of selling action at Riverside on May 9.

There are mares on offer in foal to prominent sires such as Snitzel, Exceed And Excel, So You Think (NZ), Written Tycoon and Zoustar as well as new stallions such as Pierata, Yes Yes Yes, Too Darn Hot, Exceedance, Microphone, Castelveccio, Brutal (NZ) and Alabama Express.

Hutch said the opportunities on offer from that Sale have been made evident by several recent results.

"We saw at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale in Melbourne this year that Grenville Stud bought a mare called Bousquet, paid \$40,000 for her and the pregnancy she was carrying them goes and realises \$550,000," he said.

"The year before that, Sean Dingwall buys Asheerah for \$80,000 in foal to Brazen Beau. He sells the yearling for \$135,000 and the mare then subsequently goes out and produces a \$600,000 Capitalist yearling. Those are the opportunities that this Sale presents."

## Foals Ready to Roll...

The Australian Weanling Sale will be held on the day before the Chairman's Sale on May 6 and sees 264 lots catalogued.

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As well as foals by most of the leading sires in the country, there are also representatives of the much anticipated first crops of Triple Crown winner **Justify** (five), four-time Group 1 winner Trapeze Artist (two), as well as Yulong's dual Group 1 winner Grunt (two), G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Written By (six), and shuttle stallions Harry Angel (Ire) (six), **Saxon Warrior** (Jpn) (five) and **Mendelsohn** (USA) (six). **Cont. p3**

## Chairman's Sale cont.

Pinhookers who backed themselves in with the weanling market have fared particularly well out of the buoyant yearling market this year and Hutch expects that confidence to flow through the Australian Weanling Sale.

"People approached the weanling sales in 2020 with some apprehension, which was understandable given the circumstances we found ourselves in. Those people who were brave enough to stick their neck out and bought with the confidence in the opportunities that Sale represented, believed in their ability to be able to generate returns in 2021," Hutch said.

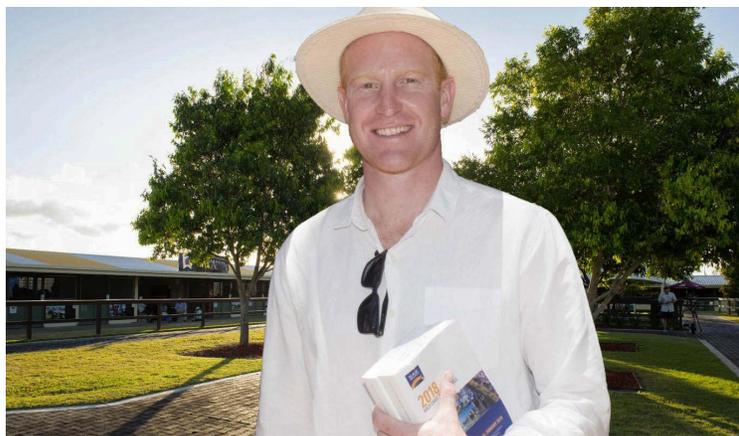
"It's also hard to breed yearlings that are candidates for the best sales, so if you can go to a weanling sale and pick up stock that fits that criteria, the opportunities are outstanding."

Hutch also backed in the racetrack results of those graduates from the weanling sale, including Group 1 winners **Redzel** (Snitzel), **Spright** (Hinchinbrook), **Leicester** (Wanted) and **Begood Toya Mother** (Myboycharlie {Ire}).

"We have seen time and time again the top-class racehorses that come out of these sales, particularly the Sydney Sale. People can buy well-credentialed racehorses for what can transpire to be a fraction of the price they will cost the yearling sales," he said.

## Robinson Steps Into New Role

by TDN AusNZ



Dane Robinson | Magic Millions photo

Dane Robinson will assume the role of Magic Millions' Bloodstock Manager from the start of next month, taking over from Clint Donovan, who is set to wind back his involvement with the sales company.

Robinson joined Magic Millions as its New South Wales Bloodstock Consultant in mid-2019. Prior to that, he'd worked for Highclere Thoroughbreds and Gai Waterhouse, having graduated from the Godolphin Flying Start Program.

"Dane has become an outstanding and industry respected employee in his time here and is the ideal replacement for Clint's role," Managing Director, Barry Bowditch, said.

Robinson was born into the industry as the son of successful trainer Terry Robinson, who is based on the South Coast of New South Wales. He completed a finance degree at the University of Wollongong before embarking on his career in the thoroughbred industry. He has built a strong reputation in his time with Magic Millions, setting him up for what the company described as 'this next prestigious challenge.'

He certainly has big shoes to fill, with Donovan having built significant widespread respect in his role over the past few years. He has worked exclusively for Magic Millions since 2014.

Donovan will still be involved as an auctioneer and a consultant but will pursue his own business opportunities, with the blessing of Magic Millions proprietors Gerry Harvey and Katie Page-Harvey.

"Gerry, Katie and Barry are grateful to Clint for his years of dedication and the relationships he has forged. We wish him the very best of luck in his exciting new endeavour and are delighted he'll still be an integral part of the Magic Millions team well into the future," the Magic Millions statement said.

The other change sees James Hetherington, who previously worked for four years at Kitchwin Hills, join the Magic Millions bloodstock team.

"We also welcome James who I believe is the ideal fit and will complement the outstanding group of people we are lucky to have here," Bowditch said.

The changes are effective as of April 1.

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