THE WEEKLY WRAP: FOOLS RUSH IN

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By Emma Berry

If there was a lesson to be learned in the last week, it is not to issue press releases on April Fool's Day.

The great news that the Derby has a new multi-year sponsor, after being dropped by Investec last year as the pandemic took hold, was sidetracked by its release date. It can be hard to tell real news from fake news these days but Cazoo, an online car dealership with an amusing name but serious credentials, is indeed the new sponsor of the 'Derby festival' (if we must--I still prefer the word meeting) and it can only be seen as a welcome development, despite sniffiness in some quarters as to the company's line of business. Cont. p2

PHILOMENE THE FOCUS AT SAINT-CLOUD

Saint-Cloud stages the first Pattern-race Classic trial of 2021 on Tuesday, with the G3 Prix Penelope featuring Godolphin, Ecurie des Monceaux and Ecurie Skymarc Farm’s exciting Philomene (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). A half-sister to the G1 Irish Oaks heroine and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the G1 MacKinnon S. and G2 Ribblesdale S. heroine Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the Andre Fabre-trained filly was the €1.625-million topper of the 2019 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale and was off the mark by a short neck from the subsequent G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Tasmania (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) in a debutantes contest over a mile at ParisLongchamp on her sole start in September.

Godolphin’s Lisa-Jane Graffard said, “Philomene is a quality filly who has wintered well but is from a late-maturing family, so Andre Fabre expects her to continue to improve. She has only one run under her belt and goes straight into this Group 3 as the least-experienced in the field.”

Others who step out on the Prix de Diane trail are Al Shaqab Racing and Coolmore’s unbeaten Divertissement (Ire) (Shalaa {Ire}), who has two provincial wins behind her and is the chosen representative of Jean-Claude Rouget, and the Wertheimers’ Anasia (GB) (Intello {Ger}). Another Fabre trainee, she took the 10-furlong Listed Prix Rose de Mai here Mar. 11 and sets a decent standard for her stablemate to meet.

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Frankly, though, who cares? Of far greater concern is that racing regularly fails to attract big-name sponsors beyond the betting and breeding industries. Investec was an excellent partner for the Derby and was a huge loss to one of the most important meetings in Britain, as was Magners to the Cheltenham Gold Cup, which was run last month without a sponsor.

The fact that Cazoo, which was recently floated on the New York Stock Exchange with a value of $7 billion, wishes to add racing to its sports sponsorship portfolio of two Premier League football clubs, the forthcoming Rugby League World Cup, cricket and snooker can only be good news. Only a fool would think otherwise.

The Look Of Eagles Again?

The Prix Tourbillon was named after the 1931 winner of the Prix du Jockey Club, and heading to that French Classic this year could well be this year's Tourbillon winner Baby Rider (Fr) (Gleneagles {Ire}).

His family has already claimed a European Classic in recent years when Wings Of Eagles (Fr) Pour Moi {Ire}) delivered a 40-1 shock in the Derby in the hands of Padraig Beggy. Like that colt, Baby Rider was bred by Gilles and Aliette Forien of Haras de Montaigu from a half-sister to Wings Of Eagles. His listed-placed dam Gyrella (Ire) is among a growing band of good broodmare daughters of Oasis Dream (GB), who was advertised even more flamboyantly as a damsire over the weekend by Sir Dragonet (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) in the G1 Tancred S. in Sydney.

Trained by Pascal Bary, who has won the Jockey Club six times, most recently with Study Of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Baby Rider has done little to disappoint his owner Jean-Louis Bouchard to date. He was second to subsequent G3 Prix Thomas Byron winner and Group 1-placed Normandy Bridge (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) on debut last September before winning his only other start last year at Fontainebleau.

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NO TRICKS, JUST MAGIC

5 ROYAL ASCOT WINNERS SINCE 2016
6 STAKES WINNERS IN 2020

The numbers speak for themselves...

Doncaster Breeze Up Sale
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Havana Gold (Ire) made a decent impression with his first crop of 2-year-olds back in 2017, when his 24 winners were led by Havana Grey (GB), winner of the G3 Molecomb S. and runner-up in the G1 Prix Morny at two before going on to land the G1 Flying Five the following season.

As his support dwindled in ensuing years at stud—as is so often the case for young stallions—those crucial juvenile winners started to dry up. From 11 in 2018, Havana Gold had eight 2-year-old winners in 2019 and just one last year. The good news for his supporters is that he has already doubled that tally in 2021, from his only two juvenile runners of the nascent season and from his biggest crop of foals since year one.

Chipotle (GB) was fast out of the blocks for trainer Eve Johnson Houghton to win the Brocklesby S., and Anadora (GB) followed up by striking on her debut on Friday at Newcastle, where Havana Gold was also represented by 3-year-old novice winner Havagomecca (GB). Cont. p4
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Twenty-four hours later, Crohanne (GB), bred on the same Havana Gold-Makfi (GB) cross as Chipotle, set a smart standard when winning the Prix Durban at Saint-Cloud for her young trainer Mario Baratti, a former assistant to Marco Botti and Roger Varian. The first five fillies who finished behind Crohanne all hold entries for the G1 Prix de Diane.

Havana Gold’s sire Teofilo (Ire) enjoyed an outstanding year in 2020 with six Group 1 winners in France, Germany, Hong Kong and Australia. Perhaps this year it will be the turn of the son to rise.

Little Money For Jamm

Last year’s G1 South Australian Derby winner Russian Camelot (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) was recently retired with a tendon injury following his runner-up finish in the All-Star Mile at Moonee Valley on Mar. 13. Another globetrotting son of Camelot, the aforementioned Sir Dragonet, finished ninth behind him that day and has been kept busy since. A fortnight later he was beaten just over two lengths when fourth in the G1 Ranvet S., and he bounced out a week later to win Saturday’s G1 Tancred S. back at Rosehill. This of course follows his victory in the 100th running of the G1 Cox Plate last October for the Anglo-Australian training partnership of Ciaron Maher and David Eustace.

Camelot’s day improved later on in the Northern Hemisphere when the Paddy Twomey-trained Moll (Ire) got the better of the statuesque Flor De La Luna (GB) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) in the listed Noblesse S. at Cork. The 4-year-old was notching her third win from seven starts and this first black-type success, coupled with a decent pedigree, makes it all the more surprising that she raised a bid of only €3,000 when sold by Coolmore though the Castlebridge Consignment at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale.

Her 9-year-old dam Jamm (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade (Ire)) didn't make it to the racecourse but she is the only blot on the record of her own dam, Starship (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Mated exclusively with Danehill-line sires, the treble winner Starship is a half-sister to the brilliantly fast and precocious Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel (GB)). The family has provided much success for William Haggas and his father-in-law Lester Piggott, who bred Starship and Superstar Leo with Tony Hirschfield.

Starship's seven multiple winners are headed by the G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Rivet (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and, notably, they have made 160 starts between them, with Booming Delight (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Packing Tycoon (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) both being Group 3 winners. The pair were formerly known as Out And About and Alexander Pope before being exported to Hong Kong, where Rivet also ended up and is now known as Rivet Delight.

A few months after Moll was sold as a yearling, Jamm went to the Goffs November Sale and was sold in foal to War Command to Oakley Stud for €7,000. That same season, Superstar Leo's granddaughter One Master (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) posted the first of her three wins in the G1 Prix de la Foret. A relatively small investment in a family with such depth means there is always the chance of jam tomorrow.

Out Of The Woods

Sean Woods spent most of the lockdown in 2020 refurbishing Shalfleet Stables in Newmarket, which he bought from Jeremy Noseda following his return from Hong Kong.

The trainer has restarted his career in Britain with a team of 23 horses, mostly juveniles, and he certainly has them in good form. His first runner, the Woods family homebred General Panic (GB) (Outstrip {GB}), impressed on debut at Southwell on Sunday, and 24 hours later Meng Tian (GB) (Territories {Ire}) was denied by just a nose when lining up for the first time at Kempton.

One of the stable's few older representatives, the 4-year-old Caspian Queen (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}), is declared to make her first start for the trainer at Lingfield on Wednesday and she will be partnered by his nephew, Sebastian Woods, son of former leading jockey in Hong Kong, Wendyll Woods. Cont. p5
Hollie Doyle will participate in the Racing League

One For The Team

From July 29, the Racing League will commence its inaugural six-week run. The competition, which will be staged at the Arena Racing tracks of Newcastle, Windsor, Doncaster and Lingfield, features 12 teams made up of 30 horses from the stables of between two and four trainers, with three assigned jockeys and a manager.

Eleven of the teams of jockeys were announced last week, with the ongoing Covid-related travel restrictions meaning a delay in the announcement of the three French jockeys who will comprise the final team.

With £1.8 million in prize-money up for grabs—or £50,000 for each of the 36 races—the competition is a significant addition to the calendar, despite the fact that racing in teams is somewhat against the ethos of the sport. However, the jockeys involved, which include Frankie Dettori, Hollie Doyle, James Doyle, Oisin Murphy and Jim Crowley, will doubtless face some tough decisions right from the start of the competition, particularly if the rule of riding at only one meeting per day is upheld as the British lockdown eases.

The first leg of the Racing League at Newcastle on July 29 clashes with the Thursday of Glorious Goodwood, that day’s racing including the G1 Nassau S., G2 Richmond S., and G3 Gordon S. The fourth of the six meetings, at Windsor on Aug. 19, is on the same day as the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G2 Lowther S. at York’s Ebor Meeting.

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ADLERFLUG DEAD IN GERMANY

Leading German sire Adlerflug (Ger) (In the Wings {GB}–Aiyana {Ger}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}) died shortly after covering a mare at Gestut Schlenderhan, Galopponline.de reported on Monday. The Schlenderhan homebred covered a mare at 4:45 p.m., and, returned to his box, grew restless before passing away at 5:50 p.m. Owned by studs Harzburg, Schlenderhan, Brummerhof, Gorlsdorf, Bona and Gregor Vischer, the 17-year-old, Germany’s 2020 Champion Sire, stood for €16,000 in 2021.

A champion in Germany at three from 11-14 furlongs, Adlerflug saluted in the 2007 G1 Deutsches Derby, as well as the G1 Deutschland-Preis. Placed in a further three Group 1 races in his native land and France for trainer J. Hirschberger, he was retired to stud with a record of 11-4-2-2 and $908,322 in earnings.

From small crops, the half-brother to Group 2 winner Arrigo (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}) is the sire of 16 black-type winners, 12 of them at the group level. His five Group 1 winners are Iquitos (Ger), Ito (Ger), Lacazar (Ger), In Swoop (Ire) and Torquator Tasso (Ger). The latter pair were first and second in the 2020 G1 German Derby, with In Swoop also running second in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe and G1 Grand Prix de Paris. Lacazar scored in the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) in 2017. Another colt, French Group 2 winner Savoir Vivre (Ire), was runner-up in the Deutsches Derby in 2016. It is fairly early days yet for Adlerflug as a broodmare sire, but he does have one black-type winner in that sphere, German listed winner Apadanah (Ger) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Cont. p6
**Adlerflug Dead at 17 Cont.**

Adlerflug’s second dam, the dual-group-placed Alya (Ger) (Lombard (Ger)), is a full-sister to the dam of Arc winner and breed-shaping matriarch Urban Sea (Miswaki).

**ABERNANT NEXT FOR OXTED**

Group 1 winner **Oxted (GB)** (Mayson (GB)) is aiming to defend his title in the Apr. 15 G3 Abernant S. at Newmarket, trainer Roger Teal revealed on Monday. Oxted, who won the G1 July Cup S., was unplaced in the Riyadh Dirt Sprint on dirt in Saudi Arabia on Feb. 20. An alternative option for the gelding is the G2 Duke of York S. if the ground is too quick at Newmarket.

Teal said, “At the moment the plan is to go to Newmarket as long as the ground is not rattling fast. Newmarket can get very quick so we will be guided by the weather. He is on track for Newmarket, but he is entered in the Duke Of York and if we feel the ground is too quick for him next week we will wait for that instead.

“He took the travelling to Saudi Arabia really well but he lost quite a bit of weight on the journey back. However, he put that back on quickly and he looks in great order—I could not be happier with the way he looks.”

“I just think we got our tactics wrong in Saudi Arabia and we should have been a bit more patient,” he added. “We chased the pace early and ran out of gas at the end. We should have let him find his way into the race instead of going the break-neck pace they do on the dirt.”

**‘ZOE’ CAMP CONSIDERING VINTAGE CROP**

Trainer Tony Mullins is pointing Group 1 winner **Princess Zoe (Ger)** (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) to the Apr. 25 G3 Vintage Crop S. at Navan. The grey, who won last season’s G1 Prix du Cadran and was fourth in the G1 Prix Royal-Oak in later October, ran an uncharacteristic ninth in the Listed Noblesse S. on Apr. 3.

Mullins said, “We had a suspicion that she was in season, but we brought her to the vet this morning and she wasn’t. She’s coming into season now, so whether that unsettled her, I don’t know. I’d say it was a combination of ground and trip and it being her first run of the season. Joey [Sheridan] said she was just going as fast as she was able to most of the time.

“We’ll wait for a bit of rain. We’re still looking at the Vintage Crop, but if the rain doesn’t come she won’t run. She’s in good form and we’re just hoping that things will improve for the run.”

**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Tuesday, Apr. 6, 2021:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Ardad (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Overbury Stud
91 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:40-BATH, 5f, Blue Collar Lad (GB)
1,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2020
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DAUGHTER OF TREVE UNVEILED AT SAINT-CLOUD

2.20 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, f, 8fT
PARIS (FR) (Shalaa (IRE)), the second foal and the first filly out of the remarkable dual G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator (GB)), starts out holding an entry in the G1 Prix de Diane which acted as the launchpad for her famous dam. Andre Fabre has charge of the March-foaled Al Shaqab homebred, whose 13 peers include another daughter of a true French legend in the Wertheimers’ Goldistyle (IRE) (Dubawi (IRE)), the fifth progeny out of Goldikova (IRE) (Anabaa) and therefore a half-sister to the G3 Prix Cleopatre winner and Prix de Diane third Terrakova (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)) who debuts for the Carlos Laffon-Parias stable. Also in the mix is Forbidden (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), LNJ Foxwoods’ €650,000 purchase at the 2019 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale, an Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained half-sister to the GII Sheepshead Bay S. runner-up Lottie (Arch).

Monday’s Results:
UNIBET SNOWDROP FILLIES S.-Listed, £28,000, Kempton, 4-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT), 1:38.55, st/sl.
1--LAVENDER’S BLUE (IRE), 126, m, 5, Sea the Stars (IRE)--Beatrice Aurore (IRE) (GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Ity, GSP-Ire & Nor, SP-Tur, $351,751), by Danehill Dancer (IRE).
O-Mr Benny Andersson; B-Chess Racing (IRE); T-Amanda Perrett; J-Robert Havlin. £15,879. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 12-3-2-2, $140,051.
2--Fooraat (IRE), 126, f, 4, Dubawi (IRE)--Nahrain (GB), by Selkirk.
O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Roger Varian. £6,020.
3--Amniarix, 126, f, 4, Speightstown--Bold Lass (IRE), by Sea the Stars (IRE). O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (KY); T-Ed Walker. £3,013.
Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 3.00, 3.30, 4.00.
Also Ran: Huboor (IRE), Made In Italy (IRE), Tomorrow’s Dream (Fr), Leafhopper (IRE), Perfect Inch (GB), Pretty In Grey (GB), Glengowan (IRE).

After connections had gone down the Oaks trail during the early part of her 3-year-old career, Lavender’s Blue proved her metier was at this trip when successful in the G3 Atalanta S. at Sandown and when fourth in Newmarket’s G1 Sun Chariot S.

Returning to the former contest to post her best subsequent effort when third last August, she signed off in 2020 with a second in the Listed Fleur de Lys Fillies’ S. on Lingfield’s Polytrack in October and was enthusiastic from the outset as she first led and then followed the moderate pace set by Fooraat. Grinding down that rival a furlong from home, the homebred asserted her superiority to get her latest campaign off to a flyer.

“We never got on the right leg with her after the first lockdown last year and the ground was always a bit tacky for her,” trainer Amanda Perrett said. “She has been training really well and she showed she liked the all-weather at Lingfield. We’ve had a good run-in and that is great to get her back on the board again, as she is a very talented filly. It’s definitely the [G2] Dahlia [at Newmarket on May 2] now. There is the option of the [Listed] Conqueror S., but she would have a penalty in that. She loves Newmarket and she runs really well there. As long as the ground is okay she will go there then on to Royal Ascot, but my plan is still at our local track [Goodwood] if all goes well. We’ve always thought she would get a mile and a quarter and Mr. Andersson would love to win the [G1] Nassau, so we will have another try this year.” Cont. p8
Listed Snowdrop Fillies’ S. Cont.
Lavender’s Blue is the second foal out of the G3 Prix Chloe winner Beatrice Aurore whose multiple group placings include a second in the G1 Premio Lydia Tesio. Also connected to the G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano winner and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup runner-up Highdown (Ire) (Selkirk), she has the unraced 3-year-old filly Mirrie Dancers (Ire) (Harzand {Ire}) and a 2-year-old filly by Australia (GB). Click for the Racing Post result.

4th-Kempton, £19,000, Novice, 4-5, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:38.15, st/sl.
MOSTAHDAF (IRE) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}–Handasssa {GB} {SW-Ire}, by Dubawi {Ire}), who scored by 4 1/2 lengths on debut at Newcastle Mar. 16, was agitated in the stalls but professional in the race, settled under cover in third. Moved up to take a narrow lead approaching the furlong pole, the 10-11 market-leader asserted to score by half a length from Imperial Sands (IRE) (New Approach {Ire}), herself a full-sister to G3 Weld Park S. victrix New York Girl (Ire). Sales history: £65,000 Ylg ‘20 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,974.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-J K Powell Racing; B-The Broadway Partnership (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
3rd-Kempton, £19,000, Cond, 4-5, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.04, st/sl.
LILAC ROAD (IRE) (f, 3, Mastercraftsman { Ire}–Lavender Lane {Ire} {MGSP-Fr}, by Shamardal) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $23,140. O/B-Jon & Julia Aisbitt (IRE); T-William Haggas.

4th-Wolverhampton, £5,300, 4-5, 4yo/up, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:37.67, st.
LOSTWITHIEL (IRE) (g, 4, Camelot {GB}–Hespera {GB}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $8,346. O/B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-George Boughey. *1/2 to Lady Penko (Fr) (Archipenko), SW & G1SP-Fr, $107,705.

1st-Redcar, £5,300, Nov, 4-5, 3yo/up, 7f 219y, 1:41.41, g/f.
HEADINGLEY (IRE) (c, 3, Dawn Approach {IRE}–Gold Bubbles {GSP-Eng & MSP-Ire}, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $10,322. O-Gallop Racing; B-Tullpark Ltd (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. *12,000gn Ylg ‘19 TADEYG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Ilza’em (Fr), c, 3, Olympic Glory (Ire)–Money Time (Ire), by Arch. Redcar, 4-5, 7f 219yT, 1:40.77. B-Ecurie Biraben & Antoine Gilibert (FR). *€20,000 Wlg ‘18 ARQDE; €21,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFFPR; £260,000 Ylg ‘20 GOFARQ.
Atiyah (GB), f, 3, Swiss Spirit (GB)–Jofranka (GB), by Paris House (GB). Wolverhampton, 4-5, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.23. B-Harrowgate Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *£800 RNA Ylg ‘19 GOFUKD.
Monday’s Results:

**PRIX RIGHT ROYAL-Listed**, €52,000, Chantilly, 4-f, 4yo/up, 1ST, 3:07.39, gd.
1—**BIG FIVE (GB)**, 125, g, 4, **Frankel (GB)**—Louvain (Ire) (GSW-US & MSP-Fr, $223,883), by Sinndar (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, Mst, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, MGSP-UAE, Stud (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Olivier Peslier. O-H H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania 2-- $1,066,282.

2—**Christopher Berglar (IRE)**, T-Frederic Rossi.

3—**Medicean (GB)**, by Sinndar (Ire)

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**VOLTAIRE FRONTIER (IRE)**, by Mastercraftsman

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**1st-Chantilly**, €27,000, Mdn, 4-5, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:03.59, gd.

**IVRESSE (IRE)** (f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)—Burma Sea (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Lope de Vega (Ire)), a Mar. 23 first-up fourth tackling seven furlongs on the synthetic track here last time, broke sharply from the outside stall and was on the front end throughout this turf bow. Inching ahead with 350 metres remaining, the 24-5 second choice was in command thereafter and kept on strongly under mild coaxing to easily hold Schooner Ridge (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)) by a length. She is the second foal and scorer produced by Listed Prix Finlande runner-up Burma Sea (Fr) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), herself kin to G3 St Leger Italiano victor Burma Gold (Ire) (Java Gold). The March-foaled homebred bay is a half-sister to G3 Prix Eclipse winner Devil (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Sober (Fr) (Camelot (GB)).

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €16,200. Video, sponsored by TVG.

**O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Freddy Head.**

**4th-Chantilly**, €27,000, Mdn, 4-5, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:03.59, gd.

**BARATTI (GB)** (c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**—Binche, by Woodman), recovered from an early bump to race in a handy third after the initial strides of this first go. Niggled along as his saddle slipped rounding the home turn, the 6-4 favourite was under pressure for the length of the straight and kept on gamely once joining the front rank passing the eighth pole to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Cosmas (Fr) (Soldier Hollow (GB)) with equipment intact. Full to MGSW dual G1 Turnbull S. placegetter and G1 Melbourne Cup fourth Finche (GB), he is the 14th foal and eighth winner out of Binche (Woodman), herself a half-sister to GSW multiple Scandinavian champion Binary File (Nureyev).

The May-foaled homebred chestnut is also kin to MGISW distaffer Provisio (GB) (Dansili (GB)) and G1 Prince of Wales’s S.-winning sire Byword (GB) (Peintre Celebre). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

**1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Exors of the Late Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre.**
5th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 4-5, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:05.73, gd.
ADHAFERA (IRE) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}–Rusty Slipper (MGSW & GISP-US, $332,393), by Lemon Drop Kid), runner-up on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs on Deauville’s Polytrack in November, broke well from her outside draw to hold a narrow lead. Professional throughout, the 6-1 shot stayed on strongly in the final furlong to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Romantic Rival (Ire) (Shamardal). The talented dam, who captured the Gill Violet S. and Gill Red Carpet H. and was third in the GI Rodeo Drive S., is a sibling of three other graded-stakes performers headed by Gulch (Gulch) who took the Gill Oceanport H. and Gill Appleton H. and was runner-up in the GI Maker’s Mark Mile and third in the GI Shadwell Turf Mile. Another of her half-sisters Moyne Abbey (Charismatic) produced the GI Wood Memorial and Gill Jim Dandy S.-winning sire Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), while this is also the family of the GI Pacific Classic S. hero Student Council (Kingmambo). Rusty Slipper’s 2-year-old filly is by Invincible Spirit (Ire), while she was bred to Uncle Mo and Justify in 2020 and to Medaglia d’Oro this year. Sales history: €220,000 Ylg ‘19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,460. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Ralphy Meahjohn & Ecurie des Monceaux; B-R Meahjohn (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

4th-Marseille-Borely, €19,000, Mdn, 4-5, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:05.24, gd.
MIDNIGHT SPECIAL (FR) (f, 3, Muhtathir {GB}–Beynotown {GB}, by Authorized {Ire}), second on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in November, was anchored in last early. Making smooth progress to enter the fray in midstrait, the 3-5 favourite was in front 100 metres from the line and only needed hand riding to secure an authoritative 2 1/2-length verdict over Business Plan (Fr) (Penny’s Picnic {IRE}). The winner is the last known foal out of the dam, a half to the stable’s GI Prix Saint-Alary heroine and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Germaine (Silver Hawk) whose sole black-type performer was the triple listed-placed Out of Town (Fr) (Kentucky Dynamite). Sales history: €12,000 Ylg ‘19 ARFEB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €12,660. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Haras Voltaire & Laurent Benoit; B-S.C.E.A. Haras de Manneville (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Lesslepasser (Fr), c, 2, Penny’s Picnic (Ire)–Ekatea (Fr), by Power (GB). Marseille-Borely, 4-5, 950mT, 0:56.65. B-Haras du Hoguenet (FR). *€24,000 Ylg ’20 AROCT.

GERMANY

Monday’s Results:
RACEBETS.DE - GRAND PRIX AUFGALOPP-Listed, €15,000, Cologne, 4-5, 4yo/up, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.23, gd.
1--ADRIAN (GER), 126, c, 4, Reliable Man (GB)–Anna Desta (Ger), by Desert Style (Ire). (€52,000 Ylg ’17 BBAGS), O-Gestut Auenquelle; B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Lukas Delozier. €8,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 7-3-2-1, €25,800. *1/2 to Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto (Ger)), GSW-Ger; and Attica (GB) (Tai Chi (Ger)), SW-Ger.
2--Dato (GB), 126, h, 5, Mount Nelson (GB)--Dear Lavinia, by Grand Slam. (€49,000 Ylg ’17 BBAGS). O-Stall Grafenberg; B-Newells Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Tascha Smrczek. €3,000.
3--Only the Brave (Fr), 123, c, 4, Iffraaj (GB)–Crystals Sky (Fr), by Hernando (Fr). (€37,000 Ylg ’18 AROCT). O-Eckhard Sauren; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (FR); T-Henk Grewe. €2,000. Margins: 2HF, HF, SHD. Odds: 13.30, 16.90, 30.00.
Also Ran: Nerium (Ire), Wonderful Moon (Ger), Soul Train (Fr).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Liban (Ger), c, 3, Protectionist (Ger)–Laeya Star (Ger) (SW & GSP-Ger), by Royal Dragon. Cologne, 4-5, 11fT, 2:20.94. B-Gestut Haus Zoppenbroich (GER). *1/2 to Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto (Ger)), GSW-Ger.
Sassoon (Ger), c, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)–Salve Estelle (Ger) (MSP-Ger), by Dansili (GB). Cologne, 4-5, 8fT, 1:39.94. B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER).
**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

**IN HUNGARY:**
Friendly Fenomen (Ire), c, 3, Gutaifan (Ire)--Friendly Heart (Can), by Tagula (Ire). Kincsem Park, 4-4, Maiden, 1100m (AWT).
B-Michael G Daly. *800gns RNA Wlg '18 TATDEF; i 2,000 Ylg '19 GOFOCT. VIDEO (7. futam)

**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**
Yong Qiang Xuan Feng (Ire), h, 6, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Jumbo Romance (Ire), by Tagula (Ire). Wuhan, 4-3, RMB120k, (A$23,923), 1000m, sand track, :58.80. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-Mrs Claire Doyle (Ire). *11,000 Ylg >16 GOFSEP.

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**Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY-G2**, HK$4,500,000 (£417,325/€492,023/ A$758,524/US$578,686), 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.06, gd.

1--**MIGHTY GIANT (NZ)**, 123, g, 5, by Power (GB)--Donna's Appeal (Aus), by Carnegie (Ire). (A$280,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS). O-Grinders' Racing Club Syndicate; B-Mrs H G & W G Bax; T-Jimmy Ting; J-Vagner Borges; HK$2,565,000. Lifetime Record: 22-7-2-1, HK$9,062,690. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Stronger (Aus)**, 123, c, 4, Not A Single Doubt (Aus)--Star Pupil (Aus), by Starcraft (NZ). (A$1,050,000 Ylg '18 INGEAS). O-Cheung Hon Kit, Joanna Cheung Wai Sze & Jonathan Cheung Yu Shing; B-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbreds (NSW); T-Douglas Whyte; J-Vincent Ho; HK$990,000.

3--**Beauty Applause (Aus)**, 123, g, 5, Stratum (Aus)--Easy Step (Aus), by Arena (Aus). (A$90,000 Ylg '17 INGFEB). O-Junbon Chan Chun Bong; B-F Peisah (NSW); T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK$517,500. 
Margins: SHD, 3/4, 1. Odds: 178-1, 23-1, 43-10. Also Ran: Wishful Thinker (Aus), Wellington (Aus), Computer Patch (Aus), Voyage Warrior (Aus), Big Party (Aus), Sky Field (Aus), Fat Turtle (Aus), Winning Dreamer (NZ), Buddies (Aus), Regency Legend (NZ). Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.

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**IN HONG KONG:**

Hurry Hurry Gain, g, 3, Press Statement--Stolen Girlfriend, by Canny Lad. Sha Tin, 4-5, Hcp. (C3) ($253k), 1200m, 1:09.17. B-Dr A Jackson (NSW). *Formerly De Manara. **1/2 to One For One (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), SW-Aus, US$543,907.*** $55,000 Ylg '19 MMJUN. VIDEO

Pleasant Endeavor, g, 3, Redoute's Choice--Via Africa (SAf) (Ch. Sprinter & MG1SW-SA f, $244,723), by Var (USA). Sha Tin, 4-5, Hcp. (C4) ($168k), 1200m, 1:09.70. B-Nordic Racing & Breeding (NSW). *$320,000 Ylg '19 MMGCYS. VIDEO

Trader, g, 3, Unencumbered--Choose Wisely, by Falvelon. Sha Tin, 4-5, Hcp. (C4) ($168k), 1200m, 1:09.61. B-Stonehouse Thoroughbreds (Vic). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$26,000 Ylg '19 INGAPR; $80,000 2yo '19 INGRTR. VIDEO
IN MAINLAND CHINA:
Wei Zhen Tian Xia (Aus), h, 6, Poet's Voice (GB)--Noanova (Aus), by Reset (Aus). Wuhan, 4-3, RMB120k (A$23,923), 2000m, sand track, 2:07.91. O-Chen Hongwei. B-Dr. I Duckworth (NSW). VIDEO. *A$30,000 Ylg '16 INGFEB; NZ$40,000 HRA ‘16 NZBNOV.

JAPANESE GROUP 1 RACES

Date Race Track
Apr. 11 Oka Sho (1000 Guineas) Hanshin
Apr. 18 Satsuki Sho (2000 Guineas) Nakayama
May 2 Tenno Sho (Spring) Hanshin
May 9 NHK Mile Cup Tokyo
May 16 Victoria Mile Tokyo

IN HONG KONG:
Mighty Giant, g, 5, Power (GB). See ‘TDN Europe--Worldwide News’
Amazing Star, g, 6, Darci Brahma. See ‘TDN Europe--Worldwide News’

IN MAINLAND CHINA:
Ba Nai Te (NZ), c, 4, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--Bonnie Tyler (NZ), by Dance On The Moon (Ire). Wuhan, 4-3, RMB120k, (A$23,923) 2850m, sand track, 3:06.44. O-Xiao Yu. B-Llanhennock Trust (NZ). VIDEO.
Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 4:20 p.m.

**PRIX PENELOPE-G3**, €80,000, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT

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Leading General Sires by Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Apr. 4.

*Earnings represent European figures, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.*

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FOR ALL TDN SIRE LISTS—INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL CROP-YEAR REPORTS—VISIT WWW.THETDN.COM/TDN-SIRE-STATS/
THE TDN DERBY TOP 20 FOR APRIL 6

by T.D. Thornton

The first Saturday in April’s “power trio” of nine-furlong qualifying preps is in the books. We also learned last week that no Japan-based horse will be accepting the “Road to the GI Kentucky Derby” invitation this year, and that none of the qualifying European horses are nominated, meaning they’d have to supplement $200,000 to get in. So at this time it appears that all 20 starting spots will go to American horses. The rankings below are independent from the “Road to the Derby” points leaderboard Churchill Downs uses to determine starting berths. That list can be accessed here.

1) ESSENTIAL QUALITY (c, Tapit--Delightful Quality, by Elusive Quality)
O/B-Godolphin (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt & MGISW, 5-5-0-0, $2,265,144.

Last Start: 1st GII Toyota Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 3
Accomplishments: ‘TDN Rising Star’, 1st GI TVG Breeders’ Cup Juvenile, KEE, Nov. 6, 1st GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity, KEE, Oct. 3, 1st GII Southwest S., OP, Feb. 27
Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 140

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RAMON DOMINGUEZ AND HIS NEW PROJECT, EXACTA BOX by Katie Ritz

Late last year, retired Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez came across some revealing statistics.

According to a Pew Research analysis, nearly six in 10 Hispanic people living in the U.S. are millennials or younger. In addition, a Nielsen report revealed that 94% of Latino males are sports fans and 56% consider themselves to be avid fans.

A nearly untapped market was discovered. An idea was born: Exacta Box.

“These millennials, regardless of who they are, they’re into watching stuff on their mobile phones and now they also watch a lot of sports on their devices,” Dominguez explained. “So there is this need to connect with this audience in a special way.”

Through a friend, Dominguez was introduced to sports analyst Jose Francisco Rivera. A fellow Venezuelan native, Rivera called races there for several years before moving to the States and serving as an MLB play-by-play commentator for ESPN Deportes Radio for 11 years. Cont. p3

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Sam Houston Race Park’s 2021 Thoroughbred meet, which concluded Saturday, used lower takeouts as its recipe for increased handle and purses.

WAGERING, PURSES UP IN FIRST QUARTER
Average wagering and purses increased significantly during the first quarter of 2021, according to figures released by Equibase Monday.

BIND FILLY FASTEST AT TEXAS UNDER TACK SHOW
A Louisiana-bred daughter of Bind worked the fastest furlong of Monday’s under-tack preview ahead of the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park.
Dominguez and His New Project, Exacta Box
(cont. from p1)

“He’s a huge sports fan,” Dominguez said. “But I would say his main sport is horse racing, and he understood that there was a need to provide the Hispanic market with great content for horse racing. He came to me and said, ‘Ramon, I have this idea.’ So we started collaborating and that’s how Exacta Box was born.”

Last November, Exacta Box, a YouTube channel dedicated solely to Spanish-speaking horse racing enthusiasts and hosted by Dominguez and Rivera, released its first video leading up to the 2020 Breeders’ Cup.

Their initial video instantly received hundreds of views and the comment section exploded as viewers expressed their excitement on the new project.

The channel has only grown from there.

“The feedback has been great,” Dominguez reported. “It has been so positive. People say, ‘Oh my gosh, we’re so happy that you guys are doing this.’ This platform is something that certainly we’re happy to bring forward because it encapsulated so many different things that are needed in this sport and are perhaps brought forward by other people, but it’s very fragmented. So to have it all in one place, I think it’s very important.”

Following big weekends in racing, co-hosts Dominguez and Rivera recap major races and discuss their thoughts on the hottest horses in training. Their most recent release reviews Saturday’s performances in the Blue Grass, Wood Memorial and Santa Anita Derby.

“Jose [Rivera] is a racing fan and somebody who has been behind the microphone and the binoculars watching these races,” Dominguez said. “As a jockey who has been in the stirrups for many of these races, I can kind of bring a different perspective.”

Along with racing analysis, Exacta Box also releases weekly interviews with some of racing’s personalities. Special guests have included top jockeys Joel Rosario, Javier Castellano and Eric Cancel, as well as Irad and Jose Ortiz.

Last week’s interview featured trainer Rudy Rodriguez. Cont. p4
“These interviews are interesting not only to our viewers, but also to Rivera and I as horse racing fans ourselves,” Dominguez said. “Despite having spent most of our lives in the industry, each and every one of these professionals bring along so many different sets of skills that are unknown to us. We did one interview with Eduardo Luna, who was groom for, among many amazing horses, American Pharoah, Justify and Arrogate. It was amazing to hear firsthand from someone who takes care of these horses and learn the little details about taking care of these amazing athletes.”

Another popular interview was with up-and-coming jockey and veterinarian Ferrin Peterson.

“Ferrin Peterson is one that was absolutely awesome because of what an amazing person she is and what she has done in her short life. She is still so young, but she brings a great understanding of what is important in this sport in terms of promoting it. She said she wasn’t even big into social media, but she understood that her role could be important in terms of promoting the good of the sport. Somebody like her is amazing because she can serve as a connector to the people who perhaps don’t know much about racing or have the wrong ideas about racing.”

Through these spotlight interviews, Dominguez said they hope to make racing a more approachable sport for newcomers.

“Our goal is to bring a fresh aspect of horse racing to fans in a way that resonates with them,” he said. “Stories sell. To me, stories are so important for us and regardless of what the story is, it’s something that most people can relate to themselves.”

Dominguez said these Spanish-spoken interviews help their audience further connect with the people they may see on the television screen on race days, but have difficulty learning about during an English broadcast.

“It is different when you watch something and it’s sort of beyond your reach,” he said. “But when you feel like there is an understanding of who this person is and that you actually know them because you’ve watched a few interviews, it will give you the ability to really be glued to what you’re watching because there is this connection with the person. That is in essence what we are trying to achieve—for the person to understand these athletes and fall in love with the sport.”

Dominguez added that through this experience, he has learned there are many fans within the Hispanic community who have a lot of confusion on even attending the races.

“When you talk to somebody who doesn’t know much about horse racing, a lot of times they think you need to be reached in order to even come to the track,” he explained. “So with little things like that, we can bring more clarity for people to learn that this is an inclusive sport that you can come in and watch and it doesn’t really cost you anything.” Cont. p5
When asked if he believes the Hispanic community often goes forgotten by racing media, Dominguez replied, “Absolutely. It has been an audience and a community that has been overlooked for way too long. It’s a matter of studying what is really important to them. Millennials are big-time into watching sports events on their devices and nowadays I feel like the attention span for people in general is very short, so we have this opportunity to bring them content through streaming.”

Asked of his long-term goals for the project, Dominguez mentioned partnering with major racetracks to stream races in Spanish as well as creating a platform to offer their content in a podcast format.

“We’re certainly full of ideas, but at the same time, very open to collaborate with anyone in the industry who has the same goal of promoting our sport,” he said. “We are one family and that includes anyone who loves this sport, so anyone who perhaps has a story or experience that needs to be told, I would definitely love to know about it.”

Dominguez said potential partnership and feature suggestions can be directed to him at ramon.exactabox@gmail.com.

The *TDN* has recently collaborated with Exacta Box to stream their videos on the *TDN* website at https://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/live/.

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**WITH A SIMPLE FORMULA, SAM HOUSTON CONCLUDES ANOTHER BIG MEET**

*by Bill Finley*

When the 2019 meet at Sam Houston Race Park came to an end there wasn’t much cause for enthusiasm or confidence going forward. The total handle for the night barely cracked the $1-million mark and the purses were some of the worst in the sport. Fast forward to Saturday’s card at Sam Houston, the last of the 2021 Thoroughbred meet, and the handle was nearly $3 million and the allowance races that were going for $20,500 in 2019 were now worth more than double, $42,500.

As impressive as those numbers may be, they don’t necessarily come as a surprise. Sam Houston didn’t do anything extraordinary. Rather, it proved that if a racetrack offers attractive takeout rates and a good racing product the betting dollars will follow.

“We had a meet where it went as good as it possibly could,” said Frank Hopf, Sam Houston Race Park's senior director of racing operations. “Every season throws its curve balls at you. This year we had the winter storm (that cost Sam Houston a week of racing) and issues with COVID, but we were very pleased with the way things shook out this year.”

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For years, the Texas state government had been an impediment to success. Sam Houston had failed in its attempts to get Historical Horse Racing machines and state law prohibits any form of off-track betting, including ADWs. If you want to make a bet in Texas, you have to go to a racetrack.

“Ninety percent of our revenues come from pari-mutuel wagering, either simulcasting or on track,” Hopf said. “In order to have a competitive purse structure we had shrunk our Thoroughbred meet down to 32 days. We were trying to have as good a meet as we could, but it certainly was challenging.”

Things took a turn for the better before the start of the 2020 meet when the state decided it would give the racing industry a $25-million annual payment to bolster purses and breeding funds. Half of the money went to Quarter Horse racing, but there was more than enough left over to fatten the Thoroughbred purses at Sam Houston.

Better purses meant bigger fields and a better quality of racing. That translated into significant increases in handle. Total handle for 2019 was $38.75 million. That number rose to $61.4 million in 2020, a year that ended early because of COVID-19, and to $96.4 million in 2021.

Sam Houston also set a single-day handle record this year when $5.3 million was bet on the Houston Racing Festival card, which was topped by the $300,000 GIII Houston Ladies Classic.

With the 2021 handle numbers exceeding expectations, Sam Houston was able to twice raise purses during the meet. By the end of the season, the purses for all overnight dirt races had gone up by $13,000 per race.

Still, it is hard for a track like Sam Houston to stand out in what is an overcrowded simulcasting marketplace. What set it apart from so many other tracks was the takeout structure. Starting in 2013, Sam Houston dropped its takeout on all multi-race bets to 12%. It may have taken some time for bettors to catch on, but the handle on the horizontal wagers kept going up. More so than any other track in the country, Sam Houston was able to market its product as one of best betting options in the sport. A total of $5.6 million was bet this year on Sam Houston’s Pick 4. The same pool attracted only $1.5 million in wagering in 2019.

“Our racing product has taken positive steps forward and we have made concerted effort to improve the product and focus our marketing efforts on the low takeouts in the multi-race bets,” Hopf said. “I began pushing for the lower takeouts years ago. I was noticing the trends and our product had taken some hits. We were losing racing dates and we needed new ways to promote Sam Houston. That was the original motive for going to the low takeouts.”

The 12% takeouts cast a positive light on Sam Houston and gave the track a major marketing tool, but the takeout in all pools but multi-race remains high.

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Hopf said management will look into reducing takeouts in the single-race bets.

"Each year at the end of a meet we take a look at what went well and what didn't go so well," he said. "Every year we take a look at our wagering format and where the takeouts are at and where they could go. We are always working on things. I don't know if we will go any lower on the multi-leg bets. But there are other pools that we'll look at that could be addressed in some fashion."

It took a long time, but Sam Houston looks like it has finally caught the attention of the average player. More takeout reductions would certainly be welcome.

### WAGERING, PURSES UP SIGNIFICANTLY IN Q1 2021

According to statistics released Monday by Equibase, daily average wagering and average purses per race day each saw significant increases in the period from Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 2021 when compared to the same time frame in 2020.

Total wagering in the three-month period was reported at $2.776 billion, an increase of 10.27% over last year, with daily average wagering at $3,611,092, which represented a 14.15% improvement from 12 months ago. Nearly $215 million in purses were disbursed from January through March, some 4.6% better than last year, with several tracks offering multiple purse increases during their meets. Average purses per race day for the first quarter was $280,677, up 8.45% from 2020.

While the number of live racing days (766) was down 3.4% this year versus last, the number of races staged (6,702) and number of starts (52,211) were fractionally higher. The corresponding figures for the month of March alone showed even more dramatic increases, as the impacts of the coronavirus on racing began to increase in March 2020. A total of 292 U.S. race days took place (+36.45%) encompassing 2,563 races (+43.42%) and 19,452 starts (+39.75%). Average field size of 7.59 was off 2.56% from March 2020, while average wagering per race day over just over $3.3 million represented a 3.25% decline over 2020. Average daily purse money in March was $280,129, an improvement of 7.48% from last year.

### KEENELAND WEBSITE CELEBRATES SEPTEMBER SALE

Keeneland has unveiled an interactive website, TheWorldsYearlingSale.com, which highlights the successes of its September Yearling Sale through video, photography, testimonials and storytelling.

"The Keeneland September sale is a common thread that runs through many of the most pivotal moments in racing history," Keeneland President, CEO and Interim Head of Sales Shannon Arvin said. "This website is an innovative platform to showcase these connections and create even more excitement leading into September. Each step of the way, we celebrate the heart-pounding sales with our sellers and buyers, and cheer on our September sale graduates as they compete on racing's biggest stages."

Keeneland will add features to TheWorldsYearlingSale.com in the months leading up to this year's September sale.

"We want to keep the site fresh and vibrant so every time you visit you discover something new," Keeneland Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell said. "From recalling an impactful moment in time or highlighting graduates who make headlines on the Kentucky Derby and Oaks trails, TheWorldsYearlingSale.com provides a destination to share these stories in a unique and powerful way."

### DERBY, OAKS INFIELD TICKETS GO ON SALE

A limited number of infield-only general admission tickets for the Apr. 30 GI Longines Kentucky Oaks and May 1 GI Kentucky Derby day cards at Churchill Downs will go on sale Wednesday at noon at kentuckyderby.com/tickets/2021-derby-week-tickets.

Derby Day Infield-only General Admission tickets, which will not have access to the Frontside of the venue, are $75 if purchased prior to Apr. 18; $80 if purchased between Apr. 19-30; and $85 if purchased on Derby Day.

Oaks Day Infield-only General Admission tickets are $55 if purchased prior to Apr. 18; $60 if purchased between Apr. 19-29; and $65 if purchased on Oaks Day.

Two-day Infield-only General Admission tickets for both Oaks and Derby are $120 if purchased prior to Apr. 18 or $135 if purchased between Apr. 19-29.
**Essential Quality** *(cont. from p1)*

‘TDN Rising Star’ Essential Quality’s relentless GII Blue Grass S. win now rates as the divisional measuring stick for accomplishment under sustained intensity. The undefeated juvenile champ didn’t have to uncork such a highly torqued display of force in his final Derby prep to sail into Louisville as the favorite. But the scary-good nature of his performance is underpinned by trainer Brad Cox’s belief that this Tapit-sired Godolphin homebred is only going to build off such a demanding slugfest. “EQ” veered outward and bumped at the break but quickly righted himself to seize a brief early lead. Jockey Luis Saez then skillfully backed him out of a protracted speed duel with stretch-out pacemaker Highly Motivated *(Into Mischief)*, although EQ was keen to re-engage on the backstretch run. Applying outside pressure about a neck back, Saez edged incrementally closer until EQ ranged up on even terms with his rival 2 1/2 furlongs out, and the cadence quickened with Highly Motivated continually repulsing the champ’s threatening surges. They shifted and drifted in lockstep through the lane, and only in the final 50 yards did the determined gray finally edge away, earning a 97 Beyer Speed Figure. The final furlong of the Blue Grass was clocked in :12.53, the fastest in seven editions of that stakes since Keeneland’s main track switched from synthetic back to dirt.

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

O/B-Courtlandt Farms (KY). T-Claude R. McGaughey III. Lifetime Record: MGSW & GISP, 7-3-1-3, $422,440.

Last Start: 3rd GII Curlin Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 27


**LANE’S END FOALED & RAISED**

Long-striding Greatest Honour ran three visually impressive races at Gulfstream this winter and has always figured to be a “longer the better” type of colt who should excel over 10 furlongs. But he can’t quite match the tactical toolbox of new No. 1 kingpin Essential Quality, who commands races with speed-oriented pressure instead of launching one prolonged bid from the back of the pack. This Tapit-sired Courtlandt Farms homebred tried to follow the rail-running winner in the Florida Derby, but holes that opened for Known Agenda *(Curlin)* closed before Greatest Honour could fly through them; that’s the inherent risk of being a trip- and pace-dependent stayer. I’m not a “numbers guy,” yet I do have to admit it’s concerning this colt has never cracked 89 (and even regressed to an 85 last time out) on the Beyer scale. But trainer Shug McGaughey’s main goal was never about getting Greatest Honour to peak on the final Saturday in March, and you can’t quantify in any sort of numerical figuration the value that this patient Hall-of-Fame conditioner brings to the equation in terms of having this colt tighter for May 1.

3) **CONCERT TOUR** *(c, Street Sense--Purse Strings, by Tapit)*

O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, $756,600.


The more I look at Concert Tour’s past performances, the more I think he’s capable of punching through in a big way in Saturday’s GI Arkansas Derby, which could stamp him as a horse to beat on the first Saturday in May. This undefeated ‘TDN Rising Star’ looms large off a front-running GII Rebel S. score that was accomplished professionally and all under his own power. The ultra-confident, can-do-no-wrong way that Joel Rosario has been riding through the first quarter of 2021 adds immeasurably to the overall package, and he is a nice fit for a horse like Concert Tour, who likes to be close to the pace but doesn’t absolutely need to be on the lead to fire his best shot. Will history also be on Concert Tour’s side? The only horses to pull off the Arkansas/Kentucky Derby double since 1980 have been American Pharoah (2015), Smarty Jones (2004) and Sunny’s Halo (1983). But keep an eye on whoever finishes second at Oaklawn: Horses who have been the runner-up in the Arkansas Derby during that same time frame have also won three Kentucky Derbies—Super Saver (2010), Grindstone (1996) and Lil E. Tee (1992).

4) KNOWN AGENDA (c, Curlin—Byrama {GB}, by Byron {GB})
O/B-St Elias Stable (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History: $135,000 RNA Ylg ’19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, $541,700.
Last Start: 1st GI Curlin Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 27
Accomplishments: 3rd GII Remsen S., AQU, Dec. 5
Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1

Known Agenda now has three wins at nine furlongs and has beaten No. 2-ranked Greatest Honour twice, but what was most impressive about his 94-Beyer Florida Derby victory was how he settled at the rail and came through inside of horses to launch into contention off the final turn. The addition of blinkers two starts back has noticeably increased this Curlin colt’s comfort level with racing in tight quarters, and he generally seems to be focused in his stretch runs (beyond some excusable drifting under left-handed stick work in his final prep at Gulfstream). But in no races at age three has this $135,000 RNA at FTSAUG faced a really stern challenge through the final two furlongs of his races. His Feb. 26 allowance win by 11 lengths at 1-2 odds more or less equated to a public workout, and in the Florida Derby, the only rival he had to nail in deep stretch was a 12-1 shot who had been softened up by forcing the pace. Having said that, momentum is definitely on Known Agenda’s side, which is always a plus heading to Louisville.

See the RED? Click on a stallion’s name to learn more about them on their page on the farm’s website.
5) HIGHLY MOTIVATED (c, Into Mischief--Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward)
O/B-Klaravich Stables, Inc (KY). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: $240,000 wlg '18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP, 5-2-2-1, $320,050.
Last Start: 2nd GII Toyota Blue Grass S., KEE, Apr. 3
Accomplishments: 1st Nyquist S., KEE, Nov. 6, 3rd GIII Gotham S., AQU, Mar. 6
Next Start: Gl Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 50

This $240,000 KEENOV Into Mischief colt could very well end up heading to the Derby with the best runner-up performance in any 2021 prep race. Losing only by a neck in the Blue Grass S., his admirable tenacity on the lead while attempting two turns for the first time and being ceaselessly hounded by undefeated juvenile champ Essential Quality cannot be understated. Only time will tell if such a taxing effort toughens or saps both colts for the Derby; if either one manages to springboard forward off that demanding race, look out. Highly Motivated led through an opening quarter of :23.83, then Javier Castellano toned down the second quarter to :24.58. The third and fourth quarters were nearly identical in :23.87 and :23.89, and as noted above in Essential Quality's write-up, the final eighth was the fastest for this stakes in seven runnings on dirt over Keeneland's current nine-furlong configuration. Highly Motivated beat No. 4-ranked Known Agenda in their lone MSW matchup last season in New York, and his track-record, key-race stakes core on the Breeders Cup undercard last November reinforces the idea that he is more than capable against upper-crust company.

6) HOT ROD CHARLIE (c, Oxbow--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie)
O-Roadrunner Racing, Boat Racing LLC & William Strauss; B-Edward A Cox (KY); T-Doug O'Neill. Sales history: $17,000 Ylg '19 FTKFEB; $110,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.
Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 7-2-1-2, $1,005,700.
Last Start: 1st GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 20
Accomplishments: 'TDN Rising Star', 1st Smarty Jones S., OP, Jan. 22
Next Start: Gl Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 10
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10

The one-two horses from last year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile are now the one-two horses on the Derby points qualifying list after both Essential Quality and Hot Rod Charlie have completed their final preps. This half-brother to 2019 sprint champ Mitole is demonstrating improvement both visually and by the numbers (every lifetime Beyer faster than previous through seven lifetime starts), and jockey Joel Rosario has previously noted how this colt’s ability to relax during morning training translates to him being responsive in the afternoons under varying pace scenarios and levels of pressure. Only two horses have won the Louisiana Derby and then the Kentucky Derby--Grindstone in 1996 and Black Gold in 1924. This two-time Fasig-Tipton sales grad ($17,000 FTKFEB; $110,000 FTKOCT) celebrates his third birthday Apr. 11.

7) CADDO RIVER (c, Hard Spun--Pangburn, by Congrats)
O/B-Shortleaf Stable (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-2-0, $196,092.
Last Start: 5th GII Rebel S., OP, Mar. 13.
Accomplishments: 'TDN Rising Star', 1st Smarty Jones S., OP, Jan. 22
Next Start: Gl Arkansas Derby, OP, Apr. 10
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10

Caddo River is expected to show a “more aggressive” style of running in the Arkansas Derby. Trainer Brad Cox said last week to expect a “more aggressive” style of running in the Arkansas Derby. “We’re not going to sit on him quite as much as we did last time,” he added, referencing the refusal-to-rate meltdown that this ‘TDN Rising Star’ imposed upon himself when he conceded the lead to Concert Tour then fought the rider in the Rebel S. last time out. This Hard Spun homebred for Shortleaf Stable acted much more poised and professional in two New York MSW placings last autumn, then commanded the pace and won allowance and stakes starts at Churchill and Oaklawn by a combined 19 1/2 lengths. Cox said last month that Caddo River is the fastest (based on breezing) among his three Derby candidates. But it remains to be seen if that speed can be harnessed into a multi-dimensional tactical weapon that will allow Caddo River to control the flow of a race over 10 furlongs.
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8) MIDNIGHT BOURBON (c, Tiznow--Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon)
O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: $525,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 7-2-2-3, $461,420.
Last Start: 2nd GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 20. Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 66

There is some upside to Midnight Bourbon when you look at his entire body of work, but the caveat is you'd be backing him in the Derby coming off of two so-so performances and no wins since mid-January. This $525,000 KEESEP colt by Tiznow boasts a seven-race foundation of races at a mile or longer, five appearances in graded stakes, no off-the-board finishes, and Beyers of 93, 96 and 96 in three sophomore starts. It will be tough to leave this Steve Asmussen trainee out of Derby exotics, but building your entire betting strategy around him seems iffy. He hasn't yet learned how to seal the deal, and when he hooked up with Hot Rod Charlie for the final 2 1/2 furlongs of the Louisiana Derby, Midnight Bourbon was trying hard but clearly got outkicked after enjoying a sweet stalking trip that should have set him up nicely for a powerful finish. He closed at 26-1 in the Derby future pool right after his GIII Lecomte win three months ago and was 27-1 in the most recent version of that bet at the end of March.

9) ROCK YOUR WORLD (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Charm the Maker, by Empire Maker)
O-Hronis Racing LLC & Talla Racing LLC. B-Ron & Deborah McAnally (KY). T-John Sadler. Sales History: $650,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, $546,600.
Last Start: 1st GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 3
Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 100

This two-time grass winner (at six furlongs and a mile) stretched out to nine furlongs on dirt and really caught the eye with a 100-Beyer wire job in the GI Santa Anita Derby. That breakout performance earned this unbeaten $650,000 KEESEP colt by Candy Ride (Arg) a berth in the gate in Louisville, but the shallow-on-paper nature of this year's Santa Anita Derby--no other stakes winners besides this colt and beaten fave Medina Spirit (Protonico) leaves Rock Your World's standing among Kentucky Derby peers kind of hazy. He was prominently placed from the outset and took control seven-eighths out when no one else seemed eager to do so. Tracked by a 45-1 presser, Rock Your World clicked off consecutive quarters of :22.42, :23.69, :24.53 and :25.63, progressively slowing the splits yet opening up on the far turn because no rivals were seriously firing. He finished up 4 1/4 lengths the best through a capable final eighth of :12.90, but he still strikes me as a wild card who's difficult to place in the pecking order. On the plus side, there is some 10-furlong pedigree promise with Empire Maker as his damsire, and Rock Your World doesn't figure strictly as a needs-the-lead threat based on two previous stalking wins on the turf.

10) MEDINA SPIRIT (c, Protonico--Mongolian Changa, by Brilliant Speed)
O-Zedan Racing Stables. B-Gail Rice (FL). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: $1,000 ylg '19 OBSWIN; $35,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 5-2-3-0, $315,200.
Last Start: 2nd GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 3
Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 74

Medina Spirit is bound for Louisville off a best-of-the-rest second against a soft crew in the Santa Anita Derby as the 9-10 fave. His upside has always been that he's a hard trier who was a bargain buy ($1,000 OBSWIN and $35,000 OBSOPN), and this Protonico colt also stacks up numbers-wise as a Kentucky Derby candidate (four separate Beyers at 94+ as a 3-year-old). "He ran a game race like he always does," trainer Bob Baffert said Sunday. "The winner was very impressive, but our horse showed up, he ran his race, he came out of it well and we've got four weeks to sharpen him up."
11) REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire}–Minidress {GB}, by Street Cry {Ire})
O/B-Godolphin (IRE). T-Charles Appleby. Lifetime Record: GSW-UAE, 5-4-0-0, $549,879.

Last Starts: 1st G2 UAE Derby, MEY, Mar. 27
Next Start: Possible for GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 100

This Godolphin homebred by Dubawi (Ire) is a slow breaker, but once this large-framed gelding ramps up to cruising speed, his appeal is evident. He circled the field to paste an okay group in the UAE Derby by open lengths, has won under both 131 and 135 pounds as a 2-year-old, and he does have dirt experience. Since 2000, 11 winners of the UAE Derby have gone on to compete in the Kentucky Derby, and the best finish among them was sixth (along with two DNF’s and a 20th-place try).

12) HELIUM (c, 3, Ironicus–Thundering Emilia, by Thunder Gulch)
O-D J Stable LLC; B-Teneri Farm Inc & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon (KY); T-Mark Casse. Sales History: $55,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, $287,763.

Last Start: 1st GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby, TAM, Mar. 6
Accomplishments: 1st Display S., WO, Oct. 18
Next Start: GI Kentucky Derby, CD, May 1
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 50

The 3-for-3 winner of the Tampa Bay Derby will attempt to go 56 days between starts to win the Kentucky Derby. How unconventional is that? Regret won the 1915 Derby off a 259-day break. Sir Barton won the 1919 Derby off a 238-day rest. Since 1929 (the advent of more complete records), the longest winning layoff for a regularly scheduled Derby was 42 days, equaled by Needles in 1956 and Animal Kingdom in 2011. And last year, when the pandemic forced the Derby to September, Authentic won it off a 49-day break. Trainer Mark Casse is generally known as a savvy layoff conditioner, and over the last five years he’s won with layoffs of 31-60 days at a 17% clip. But when you drill down that stat to look at Casse’s layoffs during that same time-away frame for starters at 10 furlongs or greater, the strike rate plummets to 1-for-56. Although this $55,000 FTKOCT colt by Ironicus is up against the grain of historical convention, the fact that he is tactically versatile and not locked into a certain running style (he’s won on the lead, stalking, and closing) should stand him in good stead in a 20-horse race. Julien Leparoux will ride in the Derby.

13) Mandaloun (Into Mischief): After starting his career with some spark at 3-for-4, this ‘TDN Rising Star’ was a punchless sixth as the beaten favorite in his final prep race. “We’re going to press forward straight to the Kentucky Derby,” trainer Brad Cox said last week. “He’s a good colt, and I really don’t know what to make of his Louisiana Derby.” Cox added that Mandaloun came out of the race in good order, and he has confidence this Juddmonte homebred’s stout pedigree will rise to the occasion going 10 furlongs.

14) Soup and Sandwich (Into Mischief): Live Oak homebred took heat on the lead in the Florida Derby then stuck around late in the lane, running second behind Known Agenda. “I was very pleased, especially if he ever learns what he’s doing,” trainer Mark Casse said post-race. “[Jockey] Johnny [Velazquez] said he had to fight with him a little. He stayed on his left lead all the way down the stretch. He’s like that in the morning, too.”

15) Dynamic One (Into Mischief): His runner-up try in the GII Wood Memorial S. might have represented a better run than the winner’s considering it was just the first start outside the maiden ranks for this $725,000 KEESEP colt. He was wide on both turns and just got pipped at the wire, earning the same 89 Beyer as the horse who beat him by a head.

16) Bourbonic (Bernardini): This Calumet homebred lobbed a 72-1 bomb into the Derby mix with a perfectly timed last-to-first move to steal the Wood Memorial in the final jump. But the final clocking of 1:54.49 was the slowest in the race’s history and also the slowest of three consecutive nine-furlong races run Saturday at Aqueduct.

17) Hidden Stash (Constitution): This $50,000 KEESEP colt is currently on the outside looking in points-wise (No. 23 on the qualifying list), and his connections were non-committal about a Derby start after his Blue Grass fourth. I do like the fact that he was the only one gaining in the stretch of his two Tampa stakes; he’s also won and has run third in two starts at Churchill. Hidden Stash is weak in the numbers category though, with an 83 Beyer twice being his lifetime best.

18) Rombauer (Twirling Candy): Fradkin homebred is currently 21st in qualifying points, so he’s right on the cusp. Got bumped by the winner out of the gate in the Blue Grass, but it didn’t really hamper his trip. He’s run a faster Beyer in every consecutive start over six races, but would enter the Derby never having won on dirt (turf and Tapeta victories only).
19) Hosier (Pioneerof the Nile): Baffert-trained $625,000 FTS AUG colt goes in this weekend’s Arkansas Derby. He owns a 1-for-3 lifetime record, with both losses at the hands of No. 3-ranked Concert Tour. Will face his stablemate again on Saturday in search of points and momentum to punch his ticket to Louisville.

20) Like the King (Palace Malice): Big, rangy colt ($28,000 KEENOV, $170,000 OBSOCT) has never been off the board in six lifetime tries but has been beaten by large margins in only two dirt attempts.

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**FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 2021**

**NORTH AMERICAN-BASED STALLIONS**

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*Italics indicate new activity, statistics include Northern Hemisphere results only. Want to promote your stallion? Email suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.*

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**KEEP ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

*Edited Press Release*

Officials at the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), Kentucky’s equine economic advocate, have announced the new leadership of KEEP’s Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the promotion of Case Clay to become the Board’s Chairman, while Kentucky horseman David Ingordo was unanimously approved to become the Board’s Vice Chairman. Clay and Ingordo replace Doug Cauthen and Ken Jackson, respectively, who will both continue serving on the KEEP Board. Additionally, Courtney Schneider was added to the Board of Directors.

Clay is the Chief Commercial Officer of Three Chimneys Farm. Ingordo is the owner of Ingordo Bloodstock. Schneider is the Director of Sales at Shawhan Place and is the current President of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers Club.

“I am thrilled to have Case and David taking on the leadership roles of the KEEP Board,” said Elisabeth Jensen, KEEP’s Executive Vice President, who oversees the daily operations of the organization.
“Doug and Ken did an incredible job over the past three years, shepherding KEEP through an evolution that led to our investment in workforce development and our recent legislative successes in Frankfort. I know that Case and David will build on this success and take KEEP to even greater heights.”

Added Clay: “I am very excited to continue working with the staff and the Board at KEEP and building on the momentum that we have at the moment as a result of tackling the challenges we recently faced with historical horse racing. I was encouraged to see the industry come together for the greater good in a short amount of time. I think we have opportunities ahead of us with regard to growing our relationships in Frankfort, as well as engaging and including all horse breeds and disciplines in the Commonwealth.”

**BIND FILLY FASTEST AT TEXAS UNDER-TACK SHOW**

A Louisiana-bred filly by Bind (hip 57) turned in the fastest furlong work during Monday’s under-tack preview of the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park.

Consigned by Pike Racing, agent, the filly is out of the Songandaprayer mare Anne Margaret and is a half-sister to stakes-placed Adrianne G (Indygo Shiner) and Victory Trip (Guilt Trip). She covered the furlong in :10 flat.

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The Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be held Wednesday, with bidding commencing at noon. Videos of the under-tack show will be posted at www.ttasales.com.

**IFAR FORUM BEGINS APRIL 6**

Registration remains open for the fifth International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR), to be held virtually in a series of live webinars each Tuesday, beginning Apr. 6 through Apr. 27. Each session begins at 12 p.m. GMT (8 a.m. Eastern time) and lasts approximately one hour.

“With nearly 300 registrants already, we are excited by the enthusiasm demonstrated by the Thoroughbred industry for what will truly be a global event,” said Di Arbuthnot, chair of IFAR. “Between educating on aftercare best practices, offering case studies on aftercare programs in various jurisdictions, and showcasing the versatility of racehorses in second careers, the four sessions that compose the 2021 IFAR will be ‘must-see’ viewing for all who are impacted by the Thoroughbred.”

The opening session, entitled “Aftercare-Racing’s Responsibility,” will provide an update on IFAR’s activities from Arbuthnot and feature perspectives from Yogi Breisner MBE, equestrian coach (U.K.); Irish trainer Jessica Harrington; Graham and Anita Motion, the owners of Herringswell Stable; and Nemone Routh, racing office manager for the Aga Khan Studs. The discussion will be moderated by international racing broadcaster Nick Luck.

The schedule of upcoming webinars, including speakers, moderators, topics, biographical information and the link to register may be found here. All sessions are free of charge, but do require registration.

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**TASTE. 96 CAL.**

A single horse worked a quarter-mile Monday, with hip 113, an Ohio-bred colt by Midshipman, clocking the distance in :24 4/5. The juvenile is consigned by Bryan Ford Training Stable.

“We had a nice crowd on hand today with more people in attendance than I remember over the past several years,” said Tim Boyce, TTA sales director. “We had some very strong works on the track, despite a pretty solid headwind.”

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, APRIL 6 2021 Stud Fees Listed

Jac’s Fact (Kentucky Dane)
2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, I’m Jac’d, 6-5

Not This Time (Giant’s Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, $40,000
204 foals of racing age/37 winners/5 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, Aoc 6f, Love in Her Eyes, 5-1
$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $4,500 OBS OCT yrl; $14,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, $15,000
211 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, Msw 7f, Ruffy, 9-5
$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $12,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $10,000
228 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, Msw 1m, Speightster’s Gold, 8-1
$33,000 KEE JAN wnl; $47,000 KEE SEP yrl; $42,000 OBS APR 2yo

Tamarkuz (Speightstown), Shadwell Farm, $7,500
57 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, Crimson Storm, 10-1
$17,000 KEE SEP yrl

Texas Red (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm, $10,000
95 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, Bordeaux Red, 6-1

IN FRANCE:
Afkaar, c, 3, Kitten’s Joy. See “France”.

IN ITALY:
Big Rope, c, 4, Verrazano--Hope Chant, by War Chant. Siracuse, 4-5, Hcp. (€18.7k), 2100mT. O-Grazia Bosco Domenica. B-Tony Holmes (KY). T-Carmelo Bottone. *$100,000 Wlg ’17 KEENOV; $17,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEESEP; €15,000 HRA ‘19 TATMAY.

IN SOUTH KOREA:
Bolt Man, g, 3, Midshipman--Just A Flash, by Henny Hughes. Seoul, 4-3, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Foundations Farm (KY).
*$63,000 Ylg ’19 FTKJUL; $67,000 RNA Ylg ’19 FTKSEP; $30,000 2yo ’20 OBSJUN.

Iron Socks, c, 4, Mineshaft--Centurian Lady, by Cat Thief. Seoul, 4-3, Hcp. (C3), 1800m. B-V Gail Ray (KY). *$65,000 Wlg ’17 KEENOV; $42,000 RNA Ylg ’18 KEESEP; $37,000 2yo ’19 FTMMAY.

Blue Chipper, g, 6, Tiznow--Dixie City (GSW, $231,980), by Dixie Union. Busan, 4-4, Hcp. (C1), 1400m. B-Diamond A Racing Corp (KY). *Ch. Spinter, Ch. Miler & MSW-Kor, GISP-US. **$95,000 RNA Ylg ’16 KEESEP. VIDEO

IN PANAMA:
Kenn, c, 3, Honor Code--Banner Waving, by Speightstown. Presidente Remon, 4-1, Maiden, 1200m. B-W S Farish (KY).
*$2,700 Ylg ’19 KEESEP. VIDEO

IN RUSSIA:
Midnight Shot, f, 3, Trappe Shot--Russian Night, by Midnight Lute. Pavlovskiy Hippodrome, 4-3, Allowance, 1600m. B-Vartan Vartanov (KY).
IN AUSTRALIA:

Resilient Star (Aus), g, 3, More Than Ready—Runway Star (Aus) (GSW-Aus, $312,345), by Northern Meteor (Aus). Hawkesbury, 4-5, Hcp. ($38k), 1100mT, 1:03.09. B-P Hodgens, Echo Beach Bloodstock Pty Ltd, Greenwich Stud Pty Ltd, Southern Breeding Ventures Pty Ltd, Werrett Bloodstock Pty Ltd, Encompass International Pty Ltd (NSW). *A$50,000 RNA Ylg '19 MMJUN.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Delta Downs, $41,000, (S), 4-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.73, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

DUSTY BOY (g, 4, Giant Fun--Magical Mia, by Gold Fever) Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-1, $48,100. O/B/T-Gerard Perron (LA). *1/2 to Grand Luwegee (El Corredor), MSW, $356,750.

7th-Mahoning Valley, $29,000, (S), 4-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:44.46, ft, nose.

BIG AL'S EXPRESS (g, 3, Twinspired--Starship Spirit, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-2, $50,850. O-Sherri Balo-Williams; B-Susan King (OH); T-Julie A. Pappada.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $29,000, (S), 4-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:44.50, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.


8th-Will Rogers Downs, $26,400, (S), 4-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.66, ft, 3/4 length.

PRINCESS ASYA (f, 4, Pollard's Vision--Fairy Princess, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-0, $64,997. O-James Clay Cameron; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Arnold Morales. *$2,000 Ylg '18 HEROCT.
**Alternation**, Sweet Mary M, f, 4, o/o So Sweet, by More Than Ready. ALW, 4-5, Will Rogers

**Discreetly Mine**, Lazarus Project, g, 8, o/o Oil Empress, by Empire Maker. ALW, 4-5, Mahoning Valley

**Forest Attack**, Huey Attack, g, 4, o/o Facelift, by Kitten’s Joy. ALW, 4-4, Hawthorne

**Giant Fun**, Dusty Boy, g, 4, o/o Magical Mia, by Gold Fever. ALW, 4-5, Delta Downs

**Haimish Hy**, Ultimate Hy, f, 4, o/o Ultimate Summer, by Cee’s Tizzy. MSW, 4-4, Santa Anita

**Pollard’s Vision**, Princess Asya, f, 4, o/o Fairy Princess, by Giant’s Causeway. ALW, 4-5, Will Rogers

**Runhappy**, Run Fast, c, 3, o/o Lady On the Run, by Ten Most Wanted. MSW, 4-5, Delta Downs

**Twinspired**, Big Al’s Express, g, 3, o/o Starship Spirit, by Grand Slam. ALW, 4-5, Mahoning Valley

**Uncle Mo**, Newscaster, c, 4, o/o Sue’s Good News, by Woodman. MSW, 4-5, Will Rogers

**Union Rags**, Comply, c, 3, o/o Much Obliged, by Kingmambo. MSW, 4-5, Mahoning Valley

**Vaquero**, Trust and Obey, g, 6, o/o Zoey Kay, by Ago. ALW, 4-5, Mahoning Valley

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