31 SHADES (& COUNTING)
OF DERBY GRAY

Giacomo | Horsephotos

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Gray horses have been in a GI Kentucky Derby rut the past 15 years. No fewer than 31 consecutive grays (or roans) have gone to post without winning on the first Saturday in May (or September) since Giacomo roared home in front at 50-1 in 2005.

That's the longest Derby drought for grays in terms of consecutive starts since 1930, when Churchill Downs began compiling detailed records related to horse colors. There's an asterisk as to whether it's the longest stretch in terms of years. There was a 17-year gap between Decidedly (1962) and Spectacular Bid (1979), but during that span, fellow gray Dancer’s Image (1968) crossed the finish wire first, then was subsequently disqualified for a controversial Butazolidin positive.

This Saturday’s torch-bearers to snap the streak are juvenile champ and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Essential Quality (Tapit) and GI Florida Derby runner-up Soup and Sandwich (Into Mischief).

Gray horses have a special place in racing lore, with both negative and positive connotations largely rooted in superstition. You've probably heard the phrase, “They say a gray won't earn its hay” around the backstretch. Yet you know full well that Derby-winning Hall of Famer Silver Charm (1997) did okay in the earnings department, bankrolling $6.9 million in purses.

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CADDIO RIVER OUT OF DERBY

Shortleaf Stable’s 'TDN Rising Star' Caddo River (Hard Spun) will not make the line-up for Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby after spiking a fever over the weekend.

“We noticed he was off his feed and took his temperature yesterday afternoon. It was slightly elevated,” trainer Brad Cox said. “It’s just really bad timing being this close to the Derby. We drew blood on him [Sunday] morning and his white cell counts were a little high. We just can’t run him on Saturday with being a little off his game.”

The defection of the GI Arkansas Derby runner-up will allow GII Remsen S. winner Brooklyn Strong (Wicked Strong) to enter the Derby field. The Mark Schwartz colorbearer, most recently fifth in the Apr. 3 GI Wood Memorial, is scheduled to work at Parx Monday morning for trainer Daniel Velazquez and could ship into Churchill Downs Tuesday morning if all goes well.

After sending his Derby quartet out to jog Sunday morning, trainer Todd Pletcher announced a Derby rider for Sainthood (Mshawish). Cont. p6

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

BARON SAMEDI TAKES THE VINTAGE CROP

Baron Samedi won his sixth straight race and stamped himself a potential star of the staying ranks with a win in Sunday’s G3 Vintage Crop S. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.
Racing returned to Churchill Downs with an opening night card Saturday. The evening also included a variety of musicians, dancers, live performances and visual artists thanks to a partnership with Fund for the Arts, a regional nonprofit committed to building a vibrant community through the power of the arts.

**JOHN WARD JR. PASSES AWAY AT 75**

John Ward, Jr., who saddled Monarchos to win the 2001 GI Kentucky Derby, passed away Saturday at the age of 75.

**KEENELAND APRIL SALE MONDAY**

Keeneland will conduct its April Horses of Racing Age Sale Monday as a mixture of both live and digital auctions.

**REMI BELLOCQ KEEPS IT LIGHT AT THE TDN**

Remi Bellocq is following in the footsteps of his famous father, renowned artist, Peb.
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

“Never bet an unknown gray” (a horse picked out of the program without first seeing its coat color) is another alleged trackside taboo. “Gray horses for gray days,” suggests that horses of the fairer color have some unexplained edge in the mud (someone with access to a more extensive database than me, please run a long-term query).

Some natural selection theorists have proposed that grays evolved as faster horses in the wild because their distinctly lighter color made them more visible to predators. Purportedly, this enabled surviving grays to pass along some form of superior speed to their offspring.

The modern era of fascination with gray Thoroughbreds traces to the advent of television. Can you imagine the heady rush of witnessing “The Gray Ghost” streak around the track as a luminescent blur on your cutting-edge, black-and-white, rabbit-ears set back in the early 1950s?

That would be Native Dancer, who racked up a jaw-dropping 21-for-22 lifetime record. But his one race that gets talked about the most is when the sport’s first TV hero suffered his only career loss--in the 1953 Derby.

Other high-profile grays who tasted Derby defeat include Holy Bull (1994) and Skip Away (1996), both of whom still managed to win 3-year-old championship honors. Tapit lost the 2004 edition prior to rising to prolific status as a stallion.

This column has mentioned four of the eight gray or roan Derby winners since 1930 (those two separate color distinctions got merged into one descriptor by The Jockey Club in 1993). Care to pause before reading the next paragraph to name the remaining four?

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You probably got champion filly Winning Colors (1988) right off the bat. The others were Monarchos (2001), Gato Del Sol (1982) and Determine (1954).

**Safest Surfaces?**

Two stories in the news last week involved racetrack safety on the mid-Atlantic circuit. On Apr. 20, the chairman of the West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) went on the record as wanting Charles Town Races to consider installing a synthetic surface (read it [here](#)). Two days later, the idea of going to synth at Laurel Park was batted around at the Maryland Racing Commission meeting after it was revealed that a dirt-track repair project there was likely to take about 40 days to complete (story [here](#)).

During the WVRC meeting, chairman Ken Lowe, Jr. asked Mick Peterson--the director of the Racetrack Safety Program, who is familiar with the work at both tracks--to tell the board at which track in North America he'd choose to train and race a Thoroughbred if he owned one.

Peterson answered that provocative question by citing positive safety profiles for three tracks on the continent.

“For the last three years, the safest racetrack in North America has been Del Mar,” Peterson said, noting that the record stands out considering “how many strikes they have against them.”

Peterson explained that Del Mar’s dirt track annually gets used by “way too many horses.” Plus, he added, the seasonal meet is traditionally preceded by a county fair that allows the dirt to be compacted by heavy equipment that would ideally never cross most racetrack surfaces.

“But what they’ve got going for them is it never rains and the weather varies about five degrees the whole year,” Peterson said. “That’s huge.”

Peterson said the recently installed Tapeta surface at Turfway Park also rates highly, and he gave a positive assessment of its predecessor, Polytrack.

“They were giving Woodbine [Tapeta since 2016] a run for the money on being the safest racetrack in North America,” Peterson said. “And that’s with [Turfway] running some lower-level horses during the winter.... Running during the winter, that synthetic track has been incredibly successful there.”

Lowe seemed to be nudging Peterson to share his advocacy for switching to synthetic at Charles Town. But Peterson stopped short of doing so, underscoring that synthetic racing surfaces are not his specific area of expertise.

“There are definitely some biomechanical issues that a number of the horsemen have identified, the hind-end and soft-tissue injuries on synthetic,” Peterson said. “I don’t think they’re perfect right now. I think there’s ways that we can improve them and improve the maintenance of them. But you just look at Turfway on their synthetics, I mean that’s just incredible the record they’ve had over the last 10 years.”

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The excitement of Kentucky Derby week begins with the Keeneland April Horses of Racing Age Sale. The 2021 April Sale will feature a new integrated format featuring an enhanced all-digital catalog as well as the flexibility for buyers to participate on-site at Keeneland or remotely from anywhere in the world.
Retreats from Racing in Illinois

During the same Apr. 22 earnings conference call in which Churchill Downs Inc. (CDI) tried to spin it as a positive that it was abandoning its plans to build a $300-million hotel and historical horse race (HHR) gaming facility on the first turn of its flagship racetrack, the CEO of the corporation that put an end to racing at both Hollywood Park and Calder Race Course termed it “all good” as the process continues to sell Arlington International Racecourse for non-racing purposes (full story here).

Arlington International Racecourse | Coady Photography

“With respect to the Arlington Park land sale, a preliminary bid date has been set, and as those bids come in in the second quarter, we’ll evaluate them and figure out next steps,” said CDI’s CEO Bill Carstanjen. “The ultimate conclusion of that process is something I can’t responsibly predict for you because we’ll have to see the nature of the bids... This is what it takes to run a complex process to sell a big piece of land with a lot of value like that one.”

As for whether CDI would seek to transfer its Arlington license to another part of Illinois, Carstanjen said the corporation would take a wait-and-see approach to determine, “whether there’s opportunities to move the racetrack elsewhere in the state as well.”

Arlington’s opening day is Friday. Another Illinois track opens for the season Tuesday, but you might not recognize the name when you see it on the simulcast calendar.

“FanDuel Sportsbook and Horse Racing” is the track formerly known as Fairmount Park. Obviously, Fairmount’s recent decision to toss 95 years of naming history into the nearby Mississippi River isn’t as harmful as CDI’s decision to entirely wipe away a cherished 94-year-old racetrack itself. But both decisions speak to the disquieting nature of horse racing’s supposed “partnerships” with corporate gaming entities.
Sunday's Derby Bulletin (cont. from p1)

Sainthood, the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks runner-up will be ridden next Saturday by Corey Lanerie.

“We know how well Corey rides Churchill,” Pletcher said. “That was the key element in giving him the mount. We’re thinking along the lines that we did with [2010 Derby winner] Super Saver and Calvin Borel. [Borel] rode this track so well and that earned him the mount then.”

Lanerie has ridden in the Derby four times with his best finish a runner-up effort aboard Lookin At Lee (Lookin at Lucky) in 2017.

Hronis Racing and Talla Racing’s unbeaten GI Santa Anita Derby winner Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Roadrunner Racing, Boat Racing and Strauss Bros Racing’s GI Louisiana Derby winner Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow) arrived at Churchill Downs shortly after noon Sunday following a flight from Southern California.

Trainer Steve Asmussen sent out his GI Kentucky Oaks contenders to work under the Twin Spires Sunday. Stonestreet Stables’ homebreds Pauline’s Pearl (Tapit) and Clairiere (Curlin) completed their final Oaks preparations both working four furlongs over a “good” main track in a pair of maintenance solo drills.

GII Fantasy S. Pauline’s Pearl worked immediately after the track opened for Derby and Oaks horses at 7:30 and went in :50.60, with splits of :13 and :25.40 under exercise rider Wilson Fabian.

GII Rachel Alexandra S. winner Clairiere followed about a minute behind under Angel Garcia and went in :49.60, with splits of :11.80, :23.80, while galloping out in 1:03.40.

Pauline’s Pearl was credited with the 22nd fastest time of 27 at the distance, while Clairiere was 10th fastest. Just over an hour later, Asmussen was beaming back Barn 38.
“We’re ecstatic,” Asmussen said. “Pauline’s Pearl went first and my first words to Wilson were ‘How did she go?’ and he said, ‘Beautiful.’ Both are regular riders of the horses so they are good measures and extremely familiar with them.”

Post positions will be drawn for the Oaks in Churchill Downs's Aristides Lounge Monday beginning at 11 a.m. The Derby draw will be held Tuesday in the lounge, also beginning at 11 a.m. Both will be live-streamed on www.kentuckyderby.com.

DERBY WINNING TRAINER JOHN WARD JR. PASSES AT 75 by Bill Finley

John T. Ward Jr., whose many wins included a victory in the 2001 GI Kentucky Derby with Monarchos, passed away Saturday at age 75.

His death was reported by Churchill Downs, which released a statement from track president Mike Anderson.

“John Ward Jr. personified the phrase ‘Kentucky hard-boat,’” Anderson said. “He was a third-generation horseman who worked tirelessly throughout his career, culminating with service as Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. The dedication to his craft as a trainer was amplified 20 years ago when he patiently prepared Monarchos to a memorable victory in the 2001 Kentucky Derby. Our hearts and prayers will be with Ward’s family and friends throughout Derby Week as they grieve during this difficult time.”

Ward sent out his first horse in 1976, but his best years would come in the ’90s and early 2000s, when he teamed up with owner John Oxley. The two teamed up to win the GI Kentucky Oaks in 1995 with Gal in a Ruckus. They also campaigned Eclipse Award winner Beautiful Pleasure, the winner of the 1999 GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff. In addition to the Kentucky Derby, Monarchos won the GI Florida Derby.

After starting just six horses in 2012, Ward retired from training, but stayed active in the sport. Shortly after his retirement, Ward became the executive director of the Kentucky Racing Commission and also served as the chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. He was also a founding member and past president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, as well as the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (KTA/KTOB).

It was not immediately known what the cause of death was. Ward’s grandfather, John S. Ward, his father, John T. Ward Sr. and uncle, Sherrill Ward, were also successful horsemen, who helped pave the way for the University of Kentucky graduate. Sherrill Ward is a Hall of Famer and trained Forego.
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He stepped down from his position at the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission in 2016.

“John Ward was a true gentleman who loved Thoroughbred racing,” the KTOB said in a statement Sunday. “Our deepest condolences to Donna.”

In a statement released Sunday evening, the Breeders’ Cup said, “John T. Ward Jr. was a consummate horseman who enjoyed great success as both a trainer and as an industry executive, and engendered enormous respect among his peers throughout his career. From his training victories of Monarchos in the Kentucky Derby and Beautiful Pleasure in the Breeders’ Cup Distaff, to his leadership as president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International and executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, John served our sport with honor and distinction. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.”

Ward retired from training with 568 wins and 37 career black-type winners. He also won the GI Hopeful S. in 2002 with Sky Mesa, the 2002 GII Fountain of Youth S. with Booklet and the 2001 GI Acorn S. with Forest Secrets.

KEENELAND APRIL HORSES OF RACING AGE
SALE MONDAY by Jessica Martini

The Keeneland April Horses of Racing Age--an amalgamation of live and digital auctions--will be conducted Monday, with bidding beginning at 1 p.m. The auction will be held with live auctioneers at the Keeneland sales pavilion and with horses presented for sale both physically at Keeneland and at off-site locations. Buyers have the option of attending the sale live or of bidding online.

Elite Sales will offer 10 horses at the auction and all but one will be on-site Monday afternoon. The racing/broodmare prospect Mary’s France (Fr) (Acclamation (GB)) (hip 4) is entered to run at Churchill Downs Tuesday and will remain at Mike Maker’s barn in Louisville. She will be one of just two offerings in the auction not on the Keeneland grounds Monday.

“We are not expecting much from the digital sale,” Elite’s Brad Weisbord said Sunday. “We have had no success with it to date. We are going to try Mary’s France on there and the main reason to try her in the digital sale is because she is entered on Tuesday at Churchill Downs and we didn’t want to take the chance of shipping her down, showing her for two or three days and potentially not having her run her race. And you never know what can happen in this environment, so it’s not fair to a trainer to ship her back to his barn to run her. The owners decided against shipping her down here, so she is going to go in the digital portion of the sale.” Cont. p9
The remainder of the Elite consignment will be on hand at Keeneland for the sale. “We have encouraged the owners to have the horses on site,” Weisbord said. “I think COVID put a delay into the takeoff of the digital sales. Outside of [subsequent stakes winner] Fiya (Friesan Fire) who sold at Wanamaker’s [for $400,000 last July], there really hasn’t been a racehorse that has broken out yet. If you have an exceptional horse, people will go to the racetrack and find it. But we have a lot of $60,000 to $175,000 horses and I think those sort of models do better in person.”

Keeneland unveiled its digital sales last year, but the auctions have yet to find traction in the marketplace. Weisbord thinks the concept will eventually pay dividends.

“If you have a superstar, people will find a way to have somebody see it,” he said. “That’s the sort of horse who would do well in the digital sales. Outside of that, I think it’s going to take a little time to introduce it to the marketplace. It’s been so well received in Australia and I think when people are allowed to travel again--COVID has prevented a lot of people from getting into racetracks, getting into training centers--it will take off. It’s so hard to get to see these horses, watch them train, talk to the trainers. I do think there is hope, but we are probably a year or a year plus away from really having it take off.”

Two fillies in Elite’s consignment are coming off recent wins at Keeneland. Brooke Marie (Lemon Drop Kid) (hip 48) taking a turf NW2X allowance Apr. 17 and A Thing of Beauty (Bernardini) (hip 41) winning a turf maiden Apr. 7.

“It was really easy to keep them here at their barns with Todd Pletcher and Jonathan Thomas and ship over to us just this week,” Weisbord said. “We did have a couple others ship up from New York and Florida to us. I am excited that most of the owners trusted us to bring them onsite. That’s important because I think that will help these horses sell tomorrow.”

Weisbord sees plenty of upside for buyers looking for horses ready to run. “Every horse of ours is eligible for at least an allowance condition, some are maiden conditions and almost all of them are 2X eligible. That’s going to be a big deal. The Del Mar Ship and Win rules have changed. You can now earn the Ship and Win bonus throughout the entire meet, not just the first race. We have heard a couple buyers say that that’s a very interesting change that they’ve made, so people are going to be potentially buying for that meet. And now with the purses in New York being close to $100,000 for these allowance races, these horses are always going to fit that model.”

Of the activity at the barn Sunday, Weisbord said, “We have seen 15 to 20 shows on a horse. It’s the same faces from Kentucky. A lot of people just got back from the OBS sale, especially if they stayed in Florida for an extra day or so, so they will be coming back today. We have seen the right traction from the local agents.”

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When Keeneland first hosted its April Horses of Racing Age Sale in 2019, it was twined with its revived 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale and was held at the beginning of the month and early in the track’s spring meet. Weisbord said he thinks this new date will be well-received.

“I think the date change is a positive compared to two years ago when it was earlier in the meet,” he said. “When owners were allowed to come and enjoy the race meet, bring their friends, potentially stay for Derby week, I do think this could be a permanent date for Keeneland.”

The Horses of Racing Age catalogue also includes a pair of juveniles coming off wins at Keeneland. American Bound (American Freedom) (hip 40) gave her freshman sire his first victory when she won impressively Apr. 2. She is consigned by Joe Sharp, agent. Baytown Frosty (Frosted) (hip 77) broke his maiden Apr. 18. He is consigned by McEntee Racing and is entered in Wednesday’s Kentucky Juvenile S. at Churchill Downs.

Selling off-site is hip 56, an unnamed 2-year-old colt by Quality Road. He is consigned by Claiborne Farm and is out of Fashion’s Flight (Dixie Union), a full-sister to Justwhistledixie, who is the dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner New Year’s Day (Street Cry {Ire}) and Grade II winner Mohaymen (Tapit). The colt is at Harris Training Center in Morristown, Florida.

A total of 78 horses were catalogued for the April sale, but 30 had already been withdrawn by Sunday afternoon.

“Keeneland, like Fasig-Tipton, has been very amenable to entering horses 30-45 days out and allowing the owners to get a good result prior to the sale and allowing us to scratch these horses,” Weisbord said. “When you have to recruit these horses two months out, you are going to have a lot of outs because the horses are either going to fail vets or not run well prior to the sale. There is no point bringing horses like that to auction. It’s still a select marketplace. Keeneland is not looking for a bunch of $20,000 horses. They are looking for $75,000 and up and that’s what they are trying to recruit.”

REMI BELLOCQ PT 1: KEEPING IT LIGHT AT THE TDN

by Katie Ritz

In just less than a week, thousands of Derby-goers will pass under a 36 foot-long mural in the heart of the clubhouse at Churchill Downs depicting every jockey to win one of the first 130 editions of the GI Kentucky Derby.

The hand behind this Churchill Downs fixture may be unknown to many passers-by, but generations of racing fans quickly recognize the inscribed signature—Peb.

Artwork from Eclipse winner Pierre ‘Peb’ Bellocq is displayed at racetracks across the country, from Churchill Downs and Keeneland to Arlington, Del Mar, Oaklawn, Belmont, Aqueduct and the Meadowlands. Last year, the cartoonist was selected for the National Museum of Racing’s Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor.
While the renowned artist—author of several books—has stepped away from his sketchpad for the most part at the age of 95, his son Remi Bellocq, former CEO of the National HBPA and the current executive director of Bluegrass Community and Technical College’s Equine Program, is now following in his father’s footsteps.

“It’s kind of like the family business,” the younger Bellocq cartoonist said. “I always joke, it’s kind of like if you want to be a standup comedian and having Richard Pryor or Jerry Seinfeld as a parent because, you know, how can you live up to that? So I try to kind of carve out my own style.”

Pierre and Remi Bellocq on the evening Pierre received The Jockey Club Metal in 2016. | photo courtesy Remi Bellocq

Soon, Bellocq will partner with the TDN to share his work with the racing community. His first piece will appear as a prelude to Kentucky Derby weekend.

“I’ve got some fun ideas for Derby-themed cartoons,” he hinted. “But I’m not going to share those yet because I want to keep them a surprise.”

Bellocq said he hopes to bring a bit of lightheartedness via his new platform, even on some of racing’s more sensitive subjects.

“My father taught me a really good lesson,” Bellocq shared. “He said, ‘Listen, there’s an envelope and you want to push the edge of that envelope. You want to make it memorable and poignant, but stop short of where it gets to be crass or insulting.’ So I’ve tried in my work to take a position and maybe push the envelope a little, but always with the idea that if you have 10 people and five people love it and five hate it, at least everybody chuckled.”

Hailing from several generations of skilled horsemen, the Bellocq family left their home in France in the early 1950s when demand for Pierre’s work was first taking off. The two eldest sons of Pierre’s five children were born in France while Remi and his two sisters were born in the U.S., but Bellocq said the family still spoke French at the dinner table.

He remembers growing up in Queens watching his father’s fame grow in his role as the editorial cartoonist for the Morning Telegraph and its sister paper, Daily Racing Form.

“Growing up watching him draw, my siblings and I all kind of doodled a bit at school, and I guess I kind of followed in his footsteps,” Bellocq said.

While the younger Bellocq did enjoy drawing as a hobby during childhood, he said his true passion was always for the horse.

“My first horse came over from a trainer named John Russell,” Bellocq recalled. “He was the very first person to start really worrying about where his horses went after their careers, before it became a big issue. I had my backyard horse in central New Jersey and I kind of taught myself to ride. Every day I would come back with branches in my helmet because he would just take off with me.”

Bellocq caught on quickly though, and by the time he was a teenager, he was up early in the mornings galloping horses at Belmont Park before school began. During the summers, he traveled to Normandy to work for owner, breeder and trainer David Powell. While overseas, he had an opportunity to become an amateur rider.

After traveling throughout North America and Europe as a jockey, Bellocq founded the Amateur Riders Club of America with his father while attending the University of Arizona’s Agriculture Racetrack Management program.

“My first job was at Garden State Park in New Jersey,” Bellocq recalled. “Then from that point it’s like working for a ball club. You move with ownership changes and all that. So I’ve had jobs at Garden State Park; Longacres in Seattle, where I met my wife; Hollywood Park; and Santa Anita. Then fast-forward to 2000, I was offered the job to run the National HBPA.”

Bellocq served as the National HBPA’s CEO for a decade before stepping into his current role as the executive director of the equine program at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC).

“Our program has been around since 2006,” he explained. “We’re formally known as the North American Racing Academy, but in the last couple of years we’ve purposefully shifted from being known as a riding school to more of a workforce preparation and training program for all different jobs on the racetrack. Now we’ve officially changed our name to BCTC Equine. We’re a full service-type program and as far as I know, we’re the only career and training program on a community college level of its type in the country.”

Bellocq said that as the program has grown in recent years, his role has morphed to help get the word out on what their training has to offer to the next generation in the sport.

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“I kind of focus on advocacy and industry relations,” he said. “I also work on grant applications and things like that, but it’s really outreach as much as anything.”

When he’s not in his office at BCTC or on the ground at The Thoroughbred Center in Lexington overseeing students in training, Bellocq can be found in his home office wearing a different hat as he puts the vision for his next cartoon down on paper.

He said that readers should not expect to see the same thing from him every day. While most of his features are aimed to put a smile on the viewer’s face, others may be a bit more thought-provoking.

“All stems from the fact that my great-grandfather on my father’s side, is also my third cousin once removed… on my mother’s side!”

“THe only thing I am not afraid to draw a cartoon on something that’s maybe a little controversial,” he said. “But at the same time, you have to mix that up with other content, like if you see something super funny that happens on a day-to-day basis on the racetrack, you’ve got to do those as well. So that’s the balance that I’m going to try to strike and hopefully the readers will respond.”

But in each and every piece, he said he hopes to conserve the timelessness that was often noted of his father’s work.

“I admire what he did for all those years with the Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form because I can pull out some of his older drawings and they’re still funny today. So that’s what I aspire to do someday and hopefully in the TDN, I can bring a lot of laughter to folks.”

Watch for part two of our conversation with Remi Bellocq on his hand in the growth of BCTC’s Equine Program.

Popular Remi Bellocq cartoon feature for the Florida Horse courtesy Remi Bellocq from Florida Horse

RECORD PURSES FOR ELLIS PARK

Average daily purses are expected to top $350,000 at this summer’s Ellis Park meeting, highest in the track’s 99-year history, according to racing secretary Dan Bork. Bork said purses for maiden races will likely top the record $50,000 achieved in 2019 before the pandemic forced cutbacks last year in the wake of a three-month shutdown. Those numbers include Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund supplements.

Ellis Park released its 2021 stakes schedule Sunday. The schedule features 14 stakes races and the Henderson track has expanded its Kentucky Downs Preview Day to an entire weekend, Aug. 7-8. The Preview races—all on grass and designed as stepping stones to Kentucky Downs’ lucrative stakes in early September—now total seven with the addition of the $100,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Dueling Grounds Oaks for 3-year-old fillies at a mile and a sixteenth and the $100,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Dueling Grounds Derby for 3-year-olds at a mile and an eighth.

All the Kentucky Downs Preview stakes carry a purse of $100,000 with the exception of the $125,000 Preview Turf Cup, a 1 1/4-mile prelude to Kentucky Downs’ $1-million GII Calumet Turf Cup at 1 1/2 miles. The winner of each of the Preview Weekend stakes receives an automatic spot with the entry fees waived in the corresponding stakes at Kentucky Downs.

Five dirt stakes take center stage Aug. 15, headlined by the $200,000 Ellis Park Derby. Also on the Aug. 15 card: the Groupie Doll S. for fillies and mares, the Ellis Park Juvenile and Ellis Park Debutante—each increased to $125,000—along with the $100,000 Audubon Oaks at seven-eighths of a mile.

“We’ve been delighted with how horseplayers and fans have responded to our stakes being super-sized into festival-type days,” said Jeff Hall, Ellis Park’s director of racing operations. “Now we’re going from two to three days that will provide some of the best racing programs outside of Saratoga and Del Mar. And I dare say on the two stakes-packed Sundays that we could be right up there with both coasts. Since creating Kentucky Downs Preview Day in 2018, the program has just blossomed and succeeded in its mission of providing launching pads to Kentucky Downs. We’re thrilled to add two more stakes, filling a void in the 3-year-old grass divisions and expanding the series to a weekend.”

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Ellis Park’s purse increases are attributable to its relationship with Kentucky Downs, which through an arrangement with the Kentucky Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association will transfer $4.2 million into Ellis’ purse account this year. That money will be split equally between unrestricted association purses and KTDF funds, for which the transfer requires approval of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and its KTDF advisory committee.

“The three-way deal among Kentucky Downs, Ellis Park and the Kentucky HBPA has proven a win-win-win for all parties and the state and really helps strengthen the entire circuit,” said Marty Maline, executive director of the Kentucky HBPA. “Kentucky Downs Preview Weekend is so fitting because it also casts the limelight on Kentucky Downs several weeks before they open. Ellis adding two 3-year-old turf stakes will keep those horses in Kentucky throughout the summer and heading into Kentucky Downs.”

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1--FIELD DAY, 118, g, 3, by Broken Vow
   1st Dam: Sunny Isles, by Stormy Atlantic
   2nd Dam: Sultry Sal, by Sultry Song
   3rd Dam: Ocean Breeze, by Blade
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Klein Racing (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Tyler Gaffalione. $90,210. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-2, $164,170. *1/2 to Extra Credit (Proud Citizen), MSW, $294,123.

2--Bodenheimer, 118, c, 3, Atta Boy Roy--Beautiful Daniele, by A.P. Indy. ($27,000 Ylg ’19 WASSEP). O-Kristin Boice & Marylou Holden; B-Larry Romaine (WA); T-Valorie Lund. $29,100.

3--Cees Get Degrees, 118, g, 3, Paynter--Indian Cee, by Indian Charlie. O/B-Horseshoe Racing LLC (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. $14,550.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.80, 6.00, 29.90.

Also Ran: Rockstar Ro, Into the Sunrise, Kasim, Unitedandresolute, Lookin for Loki, United andresolute, Lookin for Loki. Scratched: Charles Chrome, Cowan, Next, Roderick.

Field Day, backed to favoritism after two key scratches, doved late to get up for his first stakes win in Saturday’s William Walker S., the opening-night feature at Churchill Downs.

A dominant second-out graduate sprinting on the Indiana Grand turf Nov. 5, the homebred was twice bested by re-opposing Lookin for Loki (Into Mischief) at Fair Grounds before annexing a Gulfstream optional claimer when offered for the $75,000 tag Mar. 10. Third with some traffic trouble as the heavy favorite in that track’s Texas Glitter S. 10 days later, the gelding stumbled a bit breaking from the rail and traveled in last as pacemaker Bodenheimer showed the way through a :22.51 quarter over softened ground. Picking it up three to four wide nearing the straightaway, he found his best stride inside the furlong grounds and just collared the frontrunner in the shadow of the wire to score. Longshot Cees Get Degrees completed the trifecta.

The winner’s unraced, a $205,000 Keeneland September buy in 2009, has a juvenile Country Day filly named Hey There and dropped a colt by the same sire last term before returning to the Klein family stallion once more. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

CALIFORNIA OAKS, $77,700, Golden Gate Fields, 4-24, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.94, ft.

1--PIZZAZZ, 122, f, 3, by War Front
   1st Dam: A Little Bit Sassy (SW & MGSP, $318,182), by More Than Ready
   2nd Dam: Miss A. Bomb, by Lemon Drop Kid
   3rd Dam: Aerturas (Fr), by Manado (Ire)

   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Perry R. Bass II & Ramona S. Bass; B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-J-Kyle Frey. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, $113,392.

2--Freedom Flyer, 122, f, 3, Constitution--Rebuke, by Carson City. ($450,000 2yo ’20 OBSAPR). O-James D. Branham & Marsha Naify; B-A R Enterprises, Inc. (KY); T-Simon Callaghan. $15,000.

3--Styleundeome (Ire), 122, f, 3, Style Vendome (Fr)--Positive Vibration (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). (£1,000 2yo ’20 GOFFEB). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Charles N. Winner; B-Ringfort Stud LTD (IRE); T-Patrick Gallagher. $9,000.

Margins: HD, 1, 1. Odds: 2.60, 3.90, 5.90.

Also Ran: Miss Peaky Blinder, Ida Claire, Risen Lady, Joymaker, A Real Hero, Misty Cat, Empire House, Liam’s Secret.

Pizzazz, third in the Surfer Girl S. as a maiden last fall, graduated on the Del Mar lawn Nov. 1 and flattened to fourth after making a wide charge to the lead in the GIII Jimmy Durante S. there Nov. 28. A dull fourth in the Blue Norther S. Dec. 31 at Santa Anita, she took a bad step and was eased when last seen in the Sweet Life S. there on Valentine's Day. Off as the favorite to grab her first stakes success in this synthetic-track bow, the homebred was hustled into contention after a bit of an awkward getaway and tracked the speed from second through splits of :24.02 and :48.75. Poking her head in front five-sixteenths from home, the dark bay kicked clear into the lane and dug in gamely late to hold off Freedom Flyer for the victory.

A Little Bit Sassy, a stakes winner and five times stakes-placed on turf, has a juvenile full-brother to the victress named Sumter and a yearling Quality Road colt. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

10th-Churchill Downs, $119,824, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 4-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.43, sy, 1/2 length. 

BAYERNESS (f, 4, Bayern--Weight No More, by Pure Prize), a well-supported debut graduate in October 2019 at Keeneland, defeated future champion Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) in a local sloppy-track optional claimer next out before disappointing when retreating to seventh in the GII Davona Dale S. Third in both the GIII Dogwood S. and GIII Indiana Oaks, she was last seen finishing seventh--later elevated to sixth--in the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks. Given a 33-10 chance to get back on track in this return, the $350,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy was ridden along to keep pace and ran in fifth past a :21.72 quarter. Hung four wide for the entirety of the turn, the chestnut overtook pacesetter Lady Rocket (Tale of the Cat) at the sixteenth pole and edged away from there to prevail by a half-length. The victress's dam produced a filly by Goldencents last season before being bred to Tonalist. Sales History: $170,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $350,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 7-3-0-2, $213,028. 

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O-Belladonna Racing, LLC; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

8th-Oaklawn, $105,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($100,000), 4-25, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.68, ft, 2 1/2 lengths. 

BATTLE BLING (f, 3, Vancouver {Aus}--Soleil Rouge, by E Dubai) broke through third out at Indiana in November, and was third in a Turfway allowance Dec. 11 before finishing second at this level Mar. 11. The 5-2 shot zipped right off to show the way, but was headed briefly down the backside by impressive debut winner Code Name Kate (Honor Code). Battle Bling took back over from that foe around the bend, only to be challenged again by Code Name Kate approaching the stretch. Code Name Kate entered the stretch very wide, however, and Battle Bling was all by herself from there as she continued on strongly to the wire. Marion Francis (Constitution) took second. Code Name Kate faded to sixth. Sales History: $47,000 Wlg '18 EASMAY; $110,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, $109,779. 

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O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong; B-Royal Oak Farm, LLC & E. Kiely (KY); T-Steve M. Asmussen.

9th-Oaklawn, $106,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 4-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.52, ft, 1 length. 

CANDURA (m, 5, Into Mischief--Holloween Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg}) overcame some traffic trouble to score her second straight victory since resurfacing off a very lengthy layoff. A debut winner at two in a Del Mar turf sprint, the grey was sixth when stretched out for Santa Anita's Surfer Girl S. in October of 2018. She returned here to score by 3 1/2 lengths Apr. 8, breezed a bullet half in :47.20 (1/35) right back nine days later--a work that matched up with stablemate and GII Commonwealth S. winner Flagstaff (Speightstown)--and was 2-1 to continue right where she left off. Candura traveled in second last early as $200,000 Keeneland October Digital Sale top-perfect Happiness (Majesticperfection) zoomed away to clear off. Candura crept closer up the fence rounding the bend, but was hemmed in inside of foes and behind the pacesetter. Forced to squeeze through a very tight seam in upper stretch, she strode out nicely once able to stretch her legs and out-kicked True Castle (Yes It's True) to score by a length. The winner was produced by a full-sister to MGSP Moe Candy and GSP Holy Candy, as well as 2015 OBS June topper Valiant Minister. The Bridlewood Farm resident, who was brilliant in his lone start for Bob Baffert, had a strong OBS April sale, with $360,000 and $350,000 sellers. Sales History: $240,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $162,945. 

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O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Breffni Farm (KY); T-John W. Sadler.
8th-Belmont, $89,240, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 4-25, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.35, sy, 1 length.

MIDNIGHT OBSESSION (f, 3, Overanalyze--Halo Hollie, by Halo’s Image) drew off to an easy debut graduation going seven furlongs against Pennsylvania-breds Mar. 2 at Parx and was dismissed at 62-5 stretching to a route in this five-horse group. Traveling in a detached third as favorites Iced Latte (Pioneerof the Nile) and Teetotlar (Uncle Mo) sparred through fractions of :24.52 and :47.98; the bay swung into the clear three deep turning for home, drifted briefly from a lefty whip, but straightened out and surged in the closing stages to overtake Iced Latte for a one-length upset. The winner is a half to Midnight Poker (Smarty Jones), SW, $225,890. Her dam is responsible for a juvenile Mizzen Mast colt named Urmussenmpoint and a yearling colt by Bolt d’Oro named Halo d’Oro. She visited Classic Empire last spring. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $71,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Main Line Racing Stable; B-Four Bucks Racing (PA); T-John C. Servis.

5th-Santa Anita, $71,260, Alw, 4-25, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.46, fm, 1/2 length.

GREGORIAN CHANT (GB) (g, 5, Gregorian {Ire}--Tabrina {Ire}, by Fasliyev), a debut victor in Ireland, made it two-for-two in a local optional claimer after coming across the pond, but failed to find the mark in his next seven starts. Getting back in the win column with an optional claiming score Aug. 29 in Del Mar, the gray was third in the local Lure S. Oct. 25 and bounced back from an 11th-place run in Del Mar’s GII Hollywood Turf Cup S. with scores in the restricted Clocker’s Corner S. and GIII Sam Simeon S. over course and distance. Backed to 4-5 favoritism here, the gelding broke a half-step slowly and settled last of the quintet through a :22.48 quarter. Advancing while floated five wide off the turn, he forged to the front a sixteenth out and wore down pacesetting Bombard (War Front) for a half-length tally. Sales History: 7,000gns Wlg ’16 TATFOA; €23,000 Ylg ’17 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-6-0-2, $267,013. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Slam Dunk Racing & Michael Nentwig; B-Clarendon Farm (GB); T-Philip D’Amato.
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1st-Belmont, $83,700, Msw, 4-25, 2yo, f, 5f, :59.18, sy, 5 lengths.

SAUCY LADY T (f, 2, Tonalist--Fila Primera {SW & GSP, $138,455}, by War Front) provided James Chapman with his second win in as many New York 2-year-old races run this year as just four fillies--all Kentucky invaders--lined up in this event that got much softer after the scratch of a flashy-looking Wesley Ward pupil. Fourth from off the pace in Keeneland's opening day MSW won impressively by Bohemian Frost (Frosted), the day bay was backed at 1-5 and ran like it. Off slowly, Saucy Lady T rushed up to stalk a dueling duo before cruising to the front near in upper stretch and splashing away from Landslid (Flashback) by five lengths in the end. The winner is the first foal to race out of Fila Primera, who was third in the 2014 GIII Jessamine S. and took the rained-off Pago Hop H. at Fair Grounds the following year. Fila Primera's prior foal, a Speightstown filly, sold for $325,000 as a yearling. She has a yearling filly by Ghostzapper. This is the extended female family of GISWs Cavorting, Another Review, No Review, etc. Sales History: $5,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $52,500.


6th-Belmont, $75,000, (S), Msw, 4-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.63, sy, 6 1/4 lengths.

SPUNGIE (f, 4, Hard Spun--Screwgie, by Smart Strike) missed by a nose on debut in Gulfstream turf route--good for a 78 Beyer Speed Figure--but was seventh as the favorite back at that venue Feb. 13. Backed at even money facing state-bred foes for the first time in her career, the dark bay was ridden for early position and grabbed a foothold on the rail in third. Sneaking up the fence to take over after a :47.81 half, Spungie continued on from there to best longshot Sweet Franny Lu (Dominus) by 6 1/4 lengths. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Cigar Street born in 2019 and 2020. Sales History: $220,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $750,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR; $45,000 3yo '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $42,890.

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O-Rock Brothers Breeders; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel Vera.

3rd-Santa Anita, $62,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.78, fm, nose.

MIDNIGHT DIVA (f, 3, Midnight Lute--Pizza Lady, by Dance With Ravens), third over 10 local furlongs Mar. 12, was shedding blinkers for the first time here and let go at 7-1. On the engine for the first time in her career, the dark bay doled out splits of :23.73, :48.95 and 1:13.45 and fended off Rhythm and Grace (Distorted Humor) for the length of the stretch to prevail gamely by a nose. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Laurie's Rocket and a foal half-sister by Double Irish. Sales History: $150,000 2yo ‘20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, $53,840. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

5th-Pimlico, $47,600, Msw, 4-25, 3, 4./5yo, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.29, my, 5 lengths.

IRREPRESSIBLE (f, 4, Into Mischief--Unbridled Ridge, by Unbridled's Song) was second going a mile at Ellis in her final start for Steve Asmussen and Phoenix Thoroughbreds before selling for $45,000 at Keeneland November. Given a 9-2 chance while sporting blinkers for the first time, the bay tugged her way to the front from a wide draw, opened up a significant advantage down the backside and never found a challenger despite getting a busy stretch ride while appearing somewhat out of gas. Luminist (Tonalist) got up for second. The winner has half-brothers by Cigar Street born in 2019 and 2020. Sales History: $220,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $750,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR; $45,000 3yo '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $42,890.

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O-Rock Brothers Breeders; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel Vera.

5th-Gulfstream, $40,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.59, fm, 4 lengths.

HANA LIMA (GB) (f, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Hana Lina {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) was let go at 12-1--twice her quote on the morning line--while facing a solid-looking field for this time of year. Taking up a good drafting spot on the fence behind a dueling trio, the chestnut was shuffled back a bit in traffic leaving the backside but came off the rail into the home bend to find running room. Cont. p5
She sliced through a seam and tipped out at the top of the lane, and kicked on nicely from there to post a four-length victory from Starship Nterprise (Honor Code).

“We never put her on the grass. She’s bred for grass, but she trained so good on dirt we were hopeful that when she got on the grass she’d improve,” winning trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. said. "We were cautiously optimistic, and she delivered more than we could expect. It was a very impressive performance. She sat, she split horses and she quickened ... I think she’ll most likely go north after this. I think [owner] Bob [Edwards] would like to see her run at Saratoga. I’ll talk to him and make a plan."

The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Frankel (GB) and a yearling half-brother by Shamardal. Her second dam is European champion 2-year-old filly Queen’s Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge), who produced another English highweight among two Group 2 winners. This is the female family of European Horse of the Year Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill), et al. Sales History: 150,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

STILLCHARGINGMARIA (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Stopchargingmaria (MGISW, $3,014,000), by Tale of the Cat), by far the highest-priced yearling to sell in 2018, hammering for $1.9 million at Keeneland November, was runner-up on debut Nov. 27 at Fair Grounds before running a distant fifth Feb. 25 at Oaklawn and second again over the Sam Houston turf Mar. 27. Quickly establishing command as a 6-5 favorite, the dark bay clicked off splits of :23.76 and :47.64, was challenged by second choice Flowers for K K (Flintshire {GB}) midway around the far turn and discarded that rival by the three-sixteenths pole, spurring clear for a 3 1/2-length graduation. Flowers for K K held for the place. The winner is the first foal out of her dam, who followed her into the ring at Fasig-Tipton and sold to Whisper Hill Farm for $4.4 million. Stopchargingmaria's subsequent produce is a juvenile Tapit colt named Fifty Chevy who hammered to Yuji Hasegawa for $825,000 at Keeneland September, a yearling colt by Tapit and a Quality Road filly foaled Mar. 19. Sales History: $1,900,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $39,980. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC & Three Chimneys Farm; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steve M. Asmussen.
IN AUSTRALIA:
Gravity Zero (Aus), f, 3, More Than Ready--Happy Valentine (SAf) (G1SW-SAf), by Silvano (Ger). Gosford, 4-25, Maiden ($27k), 1200mT, 1:11.48. B-Team Valor Pty Ltd, Drakenstein Stud (NSW).

IN MAINLAND CHINA:
Han Dong Fei Xue, c, 3, Liam's Map--Meridian Mama, by Forestry. Wuhan, 4-24, 1200m, Sand Track, 1:14.13. Purse: 50,000 RMB. *$30,000 wnl '18 KEENOV; $40,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. VIDEO.

STAKES RESULTS:
CAMILLA URSO S., $77,250, Golden Gate Fields, 4-24, 3yo/up, f/m, SFT, $75.25, fm.
1--GYPSY SPIRIT (GB), 123, m, 5, Gregorian (Ire)--Romany Gypsy (GB), by Indesatchel (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (6,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 160,000gns 3yo '19 TATMA). O-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Bearstone Stud Ltd (GB); T-Leonard Powell; J-Edwin A. Maldonado. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 29-3-5-6, $360,925. *1/2 to Quelle Surprise (Slew Gin Fizz), SW, $141,706.
2--Acting Out, 123, f, 4, Blame--Riding Point, by Speightstown. ($120,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEENSEP; $12,000 3yo '20 KEEJAN). O-Sherman Racing, Inc., Zvika Akin & Robert Harkins; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Nancy Summers. $10,960.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Churchill Downs, $116,295, 4-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.51, sy, neck.
FORTUITY (c, 4, The Factor--Emperesse, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-4, $139,238. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *$125,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $59,000 RNA 3yo '20 KEENOV.
7th-Belmont, $80,000, (S), 4-25, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.21, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

SUMMER BREW (f, 3, Summer Front--Smitten by Gold (SP, $156,259), by Medallist) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-3-1, $147,542. O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable; B-Michele W. Peters (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu. *$42,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG.

10th-Santa Anita, $70,900, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 4-24, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.50, ft, 3/4 length.

SHOOTERS SHOOT (g, 4, Competitive Edge--Repeat, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, $143,380. O-ERJ Racing, LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC & Dan Hudock; B-Nancy C. Shuford (KY); T-Peter Eurton. *$90,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $70,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

5th-Sunday, $35,340, (S), 4-25, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT, 1:16.40, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.


ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mo Betta, g, 3, Mo for the Money--Tempting Our Fate, by Acclamation. Oaklawn, 4-25, (S), (C), 1m, 1:39.13. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, $65,050. B-Hillary Hartman (AR).

Handr'sdream, g, 3, Palace Malice--My Guardian Angel, by Indian Ocean. Golden Gate Fields, 4-25, 6f (AWT), 1:10.16. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $27,100. B-Tara Horse Farm Inc. (ON). *$30,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV.

Shezaghast, f, 4, Ghostzapper--Wine Train, by Tiz Wonderful. Santa Anita, 4-25, (S), (C), 1m, 1:38.09. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $29,720. B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY). *$120,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $145,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTSANA.

Uncle Moonlight, c, 4, Uncle Mo--By the Light (MSW & GISP, $885,632), by Malibu Moon. Belmont, 4-25, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17.89. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $39,750. B-Montfort Mares, LLC (KY). *1/2 to By the Moon (Indian Charlie), MGISW, $1,552,940; and Wonderful Light (Tiz Wonderful), GSP, $305,955.
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Broken Vow, Field Day, g, 3, o/o Sunny Isles, by Stormy Atlantic. William Walker S., 4-24, Churchill Downs

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Competitive Edge, Shooters Shoot, g, 4, o/o Repeat, by Bernardini. AOC, 4-24, Santa Anita

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Ifraaj (GB), Hana Lima (GB), f, 3, o/o Hana Lina (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). MSW, 4-25, Gulfstream

Into Mischief, Candura, m, 5, o/o Holloween Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 4-25, Oaklawn

Into Mischief, Irrepressible, f, 4, o/o Unbridled Ridge, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 4-25, Pimlico

Liam's Map, Compensate, f, 4, o/o Recoupe, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 4-25, Gulfstream

Midnight Lute, Midnight Diva, f, 3, o/o Pizza Lady, by Dance With Ravens. MSW, 4-25, Santa Anita

Mo for the Money, Mo Betta, g, 3, o/o Tempting Our Fate, by Acclamation. MCL, 4-25, Oaklawn

Mosler, Heir Port, g, 3, o/o Heir Stream, by Wildcat Heir. ALW, 4-25, Pimlico

Musaiter, Rational d'Oro, f, 4, o/o Rational Thinker, by Diabolical. ALW, 4-25, Sunray

Overanalyze, Midnight Obsession, f, 3, o/o Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image. AOC, 4-25, Belmont

Palace Malice, Handr'sdream, g, 3, o/o My Guardian Angel, by Indian Ocean. MSW, 4-25, Golden Gate

Pioneorof the Nile, Stillchargingmaria, f, 3, o/o Stopchargingmaria, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 4-25, Lone Star

Premeditation, Count Them Again, f, 4, o/o Count Your Cards, by Royal Orleans. Russell and Helen Foutz Distaff S., 4-24, Sunray

Smiling Tiger, Kristi's Tiger, f, 4, o/o Lottawampum, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 4-24, Santa Anita

Summer Front, Summer Brew, f, 3, o/o Smitten by Gold, by Medallist. ALW, 4-25, Belmont

The Factor, Fortuity, c, 4, o/o Emperesse, by Empire Maker. ALW, 4-24, Churchill Downs

Tonalist, Saucy Lady T, f, 2, o/o Fila Primera, by War Front. MSW, 4-25, Belmont

Uncle Mo, Uncle Moonlight, c, 4, o/o By the Light, by Malibu Moon. MCL, 4-25, Belmont

Vancouver (Aus), Battle Bling, f, 3, o/o Soleil Rouge, by E Dubai. AOC, 4-25, Oaklawn

War Front, Pizzazz, f, 3, o/o A Little Bit Sassy, by More Than Ready. California Oaks, 4-24, Golden Gate
BARON SAMEDI TAKES THE VINTAGE CROP

Joseph O’Brien was enjoying a one-two in Navan’s G3 Vintage Crop S. on Sunday as Baron Samedi (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) upset the odds to outlast Master of Reality (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) for a red-letter day for jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle on his first ride in a pattern race. Entering the 14-furlong contest with a five-pound penalty after his career-best success in the 11-furlong G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris at ParisLongchamp in October, the 20-1 shot who had won his first race off a mark of 65 only two months earlier in a 10-furlong handicap at Cork showed that he is far from finished. In last early, the bay arrived to wrest the lead from his stablemate a furlong from home and keep on strongly for a half-length success with Ballydoyle’s 8-13 favourite Santiago (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) 4 1/4 lengths back in fourth with no obvious excuses. Brendan Powell, assistant to Joseph O’Brien, said of the winner, “He’s one of those unbelievable horses that has kept improving. He seems to love a fight and he keeps quickening up. That’s the quickest the horse would have run on, but he said he seemed to float away on it. He just kept pulling out that bit more and you just don’t know when he’s going to stop improving. He’s filled out this year and he’s a bigger horse. You never know, he could end up going to Australia with the others. If he stays sound, the world is his oyster at the moment over staying trips.”

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MUTASAABEQ TO BE ADDED TO GUINEAS

Shadwell Estates’s Mutasaabeq (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who earned ‘TDN Rising Star’ status with a six-length conditions win at Newmarket’s Craven meeting on Apr. 13, is set to be supplemented for the G1 2000 Guineas on Monday. The Guineas takes place at Newmarket on Saturday. “As long as all is well with the horse [Monday] morning, we will supplement him,” said Angus Gold, Shadwell’s racing manager. “We’ve been thinking about it. We didn’t put him in at the first stage because we thought it might come a bit quick for him. Mentally he was always a fizzy horse, but the team did a great job to keep a lid on him. Then he won first time out at Newmarket late in the season.” “Obviously he was impressive when he won there the other day,” Gold added. “It’s impossible to say what he beat, but the way he did it was visually impressive and he ran right to the top of the hill.”

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CADDRO RIVER OUT OF KENTUCKY DERBY

Caddo River spiked a fever over the weekend and is out of the Kentucky Derby, allowing Brooklyn Strong to enter the field. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Pedigree Notes
Baron Samedi’s dam Dame Shirley (GB) (Haafhd {GB}) is a full-sister to the G3 Meydan Sprint winner Fityaan (GB), with their dam being the G3 Premio Sergio Cumani scorer Welsh Diva (GB) (Selkirk). She is in turn a full-sister to the dual group-winning sire Trans Island (GB) who was also runner-up in the G1 Lockinge S. The third dam Khubza (GB) (Green Desert) is kin to the G2 Goldene Peitsche winner Barrow Creek (GB) (Cadeaux Generieux {GB}) and the G2 Challenge S. scorer Last Resort (GB) (Lahib), while this is also the family of the champion sprinter and sire College Chapel (GB) (Sharpo {GB}). Dame Shirley also has an as-yet unnamed 3-year-old colt by Oasis Dream (GB), a 2-year-old filly by Ardad (Ire) who was a 100,000gns purchase by Charlie Gordon-Watson Bloodstock at this month’s Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale, and a colt foal by Havana Grey (GB).

Sunday, Navan, Ireland
VINTAGE CROP S.-G3, €50,000, Navan, 4-25, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:06.78, gd.
1--BARON SAMEDI (GB), 136, g, 4, by Harbour Watch (Ire)
  1st Dam: Dame Shirley (GB), by Haafhd (GB)
  2nd Dam: Welsh Diva (GB), by Selkirk
  3rd Dam: Khubza (GB), by Green Desert
(3,500gns Wlg 17 TATFOA). O-LECH Racing Limited; B-Usk Valley Stud (GB); T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Dylan Browne McMonagle. €30,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 11-6-0-0, $153,362. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.
Werk Nick Rating: A++.
2--Master of Reality (Ire), 132, g, 6, Frankel (GB)--L'Ancre'se (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). (£200,000 Ylg 16 ARAUG). O-Lloyd J Williams Syndicate; B-March Thoroughbreds (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. £10,000. Also Ran: Santiago (Ire), Stratum (GB). Also Ran (DNF): Sunchart (GB). Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
3--Emperor of the Sun (Ire), 131, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)–Zouzou (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Donnacha O'Brien. €5,000. Margins: HF, 3/4, 3. Odds: 20.00, 8.00, 40.00.
Also Ran: Halo (Ire), Stratum (GB). Also Ran (DNF): Sunchart (GB).

Pedigree Notes
Fayathaan is the eighth black-type winner and fifth at group level for Mehmas and is a maternal grandson of G3 Oh So Sharp S. winner Raymi Cora, whose MSP daughter Make Fast (GB) (Makfi {GB}) is responsible for The Queen's Tactical (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), winner of last year's Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot and the G2 Tattersalls July S. at Newmarket. He added the Listed European Free H. at the latter venue on seasonal debut Apr. 14, five days after the passing of Prince Phillip, and could make an appearance in either the G1 St James's Palace S. or the G1 Commonwealth Cup at this year’s Royal meeting. Beauty of The Sea is the dam of Fayathaan’s 2-year-old full-brother Maritime Rules (Ire), who fetched £95,000 from Peter and Ross Doyle Bloodstock at last year’s Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale.
Sunday, Rome, Italy
PREMIO PARIOLI (ITALIAN 2000 GUINEAS)-G3, €138,600, Rome, 4-25, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:38.06, gd.
1--FAYATHAAN (IRE), 128, c, 3, by Mehmas (Ire)
   1st Dam: Beauty of The Sea (GB), by Elusive Quality
   2nd Dam: Raymi Coya, by Van Nistelrooy
   3rd Dam: Something Mon, by Maria’s Mon
   1ST STAKES WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN
   (€35,000 Ylg '19 GOFAUG; 40,000gns 2yo '20 TATAUT; 85,000gns HRA '21 TATFEB).
   O-Roveda Luigi Pietro; B-GHS Bloodstock Ltd & Tally-Ho Stud;
   T-Roberto Biondi; J-Alberto Sanna;
   i53,550. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, 75,841.
   Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Cirano (Ity), 128, c, 3, Arcano (Ire)--Concerto Finale (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB).
   (€28,000 RNA Ylg '19 SGASEP).
   O/B-Rangio Farm SRL; T-A Botti SRL Soc Al Di Botti Alduino;
   J-Sergio Urru;
   i23,562.

3--Wopart (GB), 128, c, 3, Helmet (Aus)--Arte Volante (GB), by Dutch Art (GB).
   O/B-Immobiliare Casa Paola SRL; T-Andrea Novasconi; J-Fabio Branca;
   i12,852.

Also Ran: Convivio (Ire), Lord Bay (Ire), Vis a Vis (Ity), Closer Look (Ire), Warrior Within (GB), Mordimi (Ire), Collinsbay (GB), Bjorn (Ire), Terrible Land (GB), Rissani (Ire).
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WAKANAKA POWERS TO REGINA ELENA SCORE
Wakanaka (Ire) (Power {GB}) was picked up by trainer Diego Dettori from the Goffs UK Silver Yearling Sale in 2019 for a mere €3,500, and nearly earned back her purchase price when second on debut to the subsequent dual listed winner Aria Importante (GB) (Twilight Son {GB}) last May.
Wakanaka has missed in just one of her subsequent six starts; after breaking her maiden at second asking, she won listed races over five and six furlongs before finishing second, again to Aria Importante, in the Listed Premio Eupili last September, and she rebounded to take the Listed Premio Nazionale by five lengths before season’s end. After warming up for the G3 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) with a 6 1/2-length conditions win upped to a mile on Mar. 17, Wakanaka was dispatched as the 10-9 favourite on Sunday. Traveling in midpack and under cover on the rail through the opening furlongs, Wakanaka had a wall of fillies ahead of her upon straightening but nonetheless sliced her way between rivals and came with an ominous run down the middle of the track to score in comfortable fashion.
Wakanaka has run her last race for Dettori; she is now headed Stateside to trainer Bill Mott, having been bought privately before Sunday’s race by Team Valor International and Gary Barber.
**Pedigree Notes**

The second foal out of the winning Kodiac (GB) mare Storyline (Ire), Wakanaka is a granddaughter of the Listed Marble Hill S. third Petite Histoire (Ire) (Desert Story {Ire}), who is in turn a half-sister to the G3 Molecomb S. scorer Whitbarrow (Ire) (Royal Ajbar). Storyline has a yearling filly by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Wakanaka is the 10th group race winner for the G1 National S. and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Power.

Sunday, Rome, Italy

PREMIO REGINA ELENA (ITALIAN 1000 GUINEAS)-G3,
€138,600, Rome, 4-25, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:37.20.

1–WAKANAKA (IRE), 123, f, 3, by Power (GB)
   1st Dam: Storyline (Ire), by Kodiac (GB)
   2nd Dam: Petite Histoire (Ire), by Desert Story (Ire)
   3rd Dam: Dancinini (Ire), by Dancing Dissident


Margins: 1 1/4, HD, HF. Odds: 2.12, 11.82, 38.93.

Also Ran: Aria Importante (GB), Strawberry Souce (GB), Virgin Isla (Ire), Mutamaiezhah (Ire), Venere Rokeby (Ire), Fulgentia (GB), Sphere Of Fire (Ire).

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Gold continued, “Jim [Crowley] said he would have no problems going a mile. I saw the horse a few days later and he seems to have taken that race particularly well. He seems very relaxed at home. Dane O’Neill rode him a little half-speed yesterday and said he felt in great form. I spoke to Sheikh Hamdan’s family to discuss the options and they said they would like to supplement him.”

Mutasaabeq is trained by Charlie Hills and is out of the late Sheikh Hamdan’s G1 1000 Guineas winner Ghanaati (Giant’s Causeway).
FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Monday, April 26:

UNITED KINGDOM

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:20-WINDSOR, 5f, Groom (GB)
€30,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £36,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Overbury Stud
91 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
13:00-AYR, 5f, Vintage Clarets (GB)
£20,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:20-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Devious Angel (Ire)
15,239gns Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:20-WINDSOR, 5f, Papas Queen (Ire)
4,500gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2020

Mattmu (GB) (Indesatchel {Ire}), Bearstone Stud
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:20-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Favourite Child (GB)
4,500gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2020

FRANCE:

Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Haras d’Etreham
106 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1100m, Faro de San Juan (Ire)
160,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019

Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Haras de Bouquetot
73 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1100m, Khamma (Fr)

Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), Haras du Logis
51 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1100m, Perfect Colour (GB)
€18,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2020

Whitecliffsofdover (War Front), Haras de la Haie Neuve
57 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1100m, Joyce Galeste (Fr)

IRELAND

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Ashford Stud
154 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 6f, Agartha (Ire)
1-NAAS, 6f, Contarelli Chapel (Ire)
NOON STAR EARNs ‘TDN RISING STAR’ STATUS

Wetherby is an unlikely place to unearth a ‘TDN Rising Star’, but the Yorkshire venue more accustomed to hosting jumps meetings acted as the stage for the re-entry of a potential top-class filly on Sunday as Juddmonte’s regally-bred Noon Star (Galileo {Ire}) took the opening 10-furlong Racingtv.com Fillies’ Novice S. Last seen winning over an extended mile at Nottingham in October, the Sir Michael Stoute-trained daughter of the celebrated Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and full-sister to the G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Midterm (GB) was under a seven-pound penalty tracking the early pace. Committed by Richard Kingscote with two furlongs remaining, the 4-5 favourite drew away to win by 2 1/2 lengths from the Gosden trainee Loving Dream (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}), with six lengths back to that rival’s stablemate Franklet (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in third.

“She’s a lovely-bred filly who has done everything right so far and learnt each time,” her rider commented of the G1 Epsom Oaks-entered winner, the sixth foal of the multiple Group 1 winner who looks certain to throw one of her ilk at some point. “She’s a very laid-back filly in all her work and very responsive at the racecourse. She does as she’s asked and is a very straightforward, very sweet filly. I’m sure connections will ponder the Oaks and she is bred to go that way.”

Winning this race which also played host to the subsequent G2 Hardwicke S. winner Fanny Logan (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) two years ago, Noon Star who had caught the eye when third on debut over seven furlongs at Salisbury in September has a headstart on her dam in terms of the wins-to-runs ratio. Midday took three starts to break her maiden before slowly entering the stratosphere with a trio of triumphs in the G1 Nassau S. and wins in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks, G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf. Her first foal, the aforementioned Midterm, flashed talent for this stable and was an ante-post favourite for the Derby but failed to hit those heights. Successful in the G3 N E Manion Cup, GSW-Aus, GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, $375,077, he was followed the next year by the filly Mori (GB) (Frankel {GB}) who also won a Classic trial in the Listed Height of Fashion S. but did not make the Oaks and

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was second in the G2 Ribblesdale S., SW & GSP-Eng, $101,596. Midday is a half-sister to Sun Maiden (GB), another daughter of Frankel who took the G3 Hoppings S. and was third in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S., G2 Ribblesdale S. and G2 Middleton S. for this stable, the G3 Nell Gwyn S. scorer and G1 Nassau S. third Hot Snap (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and to Midsummer Sun (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) who was a listed winner and twice Group 3-placed in Australia. Two other members of this esteemed dynasty are the G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Phoenix Champion S.-winning sire Elmaamul (Diesis {GB}) and Reams of Verse (Nureyev), who captured the Epsom Oaks 25 years ago. Midday’s 2019 colt High Moor is by War Front, while she also has a 2021 daughter of Shamardal.

** 1st-Wetherby, £5,300, Novice, 4-25, 3yo/up, f, 10fT, 2:05.98, gd. NOON STAR, f, 3, by Galileo (Ire)
1st Dam: Midday (GB) (Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, MG1SW-Eng, MG1SP-Ire, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, $3,438,502), by Oasis Dream (GB)
2nd Dam: Midsummer (GB), by Kingmambo
3rd Dam: Modena, by Roberto
Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $12,230. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (KY); T-Sir Michael Stoute. **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**HALF TO FANCY BLUE DEBUTS AT NAAS**

1.25 Naas, Mdn, €15,500, 2yo, f, 5f 205yT CONTARELLI CHAPEL (IRE) (Caravaggio) is a half-sister to last year’s G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. heroine Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) who debuts for Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor and Smith and Team Ballydoyle. Taking on the January-foaled grey is Juddmonte’s JUNCTURE (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a Ger Lyons-trained homebred whose dam is an unraced half to the high-class Promising Lead (GB) (Danehill) and Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

** 4.35 Naas, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo, f, 10fT FLORA (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) is the eighth foal out of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), which makes her a full-sister to the G1 Epsom Derby runner-up US Army Ranger (Ire) and a half to the talented dual Group 3 winner Nelson (Ire) (Frankel {GB}). Also starting out for the first time for Ballydoyle is LOYAL (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of the listed scorer and multiple group-placed Chartreuse (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) who races for Ballylinch Stud, Susan Magnier and Michael Tabor.**

**Sunday’s Results:**
1st-Salisbury, £7,900, Novice, 4-25, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.64, g/f. ANGEL BLEU (FR) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}—Cercle de La Vie {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), third on debut at Leicester Apr. 9, raced close to the pace initially before being outpaced before halfway. Working his way to the front approaching the furlong pole, the 2-1 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Raging (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of a mare with big connections, being a full-sister to the multiple Group and Grade I winner Highland Reel (Ire), the fellow Group 1 campaigners Cape of Good Hope (Ire) and Idaho (Ire) and the G3 Ballysax S. winner Nobel Prize (Ire). Also connected to the champions Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) and Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus), her yearling colt is by Siyouni (Fr). Sales history: €120,000 Ylg ‘20 ARDEAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $6,931. O-Mr Marc Chan; B-Pan Sutong Racing Bloodstock (FR); T-Ralph Beckett.
3rd-Salisbury, £5,300, Novice, 4-25, 3yo, 6f 213yT, 1:26.30, g/f. GREAT NEWS (GB) (c, 3, Shamardal--Nahoodh (Ire) (G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, $443,612), by Clodovil (Ire)), sent off the 5-2 second favourite, missed the break and was forced wide the whole way but raced professionally and had plenty left to pursue George Morland (GB) (Camacho (GB)) inside the final two furlongs.

Getting the better of that rival from the furlong pole, the grey asserted for a half-length verdict. “He will improve plenty—Saeed said he was straightforward and said on his work at home he should take some beating today,” jockey Oisin Murphy commented. “He’s an easy ride and I liked his attitude—he’s a big gross full horse who will improve mentally as well as physically.”

The winner is a son of the G1 Falmouth S. and G2 Lowther S. heroine, whose Hawkesbury (GB) was a listed winner also by Shamardal, SW-UAE, SP-Eng, $138,574. A granddaughter of the Listed Prix Finlande winner and G2 Prix de l’Opera runner-up Misbegotten (Baillamont), Nahoodh’s as-yet unnamed 2-year-old filly is by Iffraaj (GB), while she also has a yearling filly by Night of Thunder (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $3,972. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

4th-Salisbury, £5,300, Novice, 4-25, 3yo, 6f 213yT, 1:27.41, g/f. SERENA’S QUEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Serena (IRE) (f, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Serena’s Storm (IRE), by Statue of Liberty), who showed toughness to get off the mark over a mile at Chelmsford in December, shadowed the leader initially before losing her position. Rallying to get back in the mix two out, the 10-11 favourite battled to the front with leader initially before losing her position. Rallying to get back in the mix two out, the 10-11 favourite battled to the front with

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CONDITIONS RESULT:
3rd-Wetherby, £5,300, 4-25, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:28.96, gd. AMETIST (GB) (g, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Zykina (GB), by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $8,993. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud (GB); T-William Haggas. *1/2 to Spangled (GB) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), GSW-Eng, $106,651.

Sunday’s Results:
IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF SALSABIL S.-Listed, £47,500, Navan, 4-25, 3yo, f, 10ft, 2:07.46, gd.
1--ROCKY SKY (IRE), 128, f, 3, by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) 1st Dam: Road Tosky (IRE) (MSP-Ity), by Elusive City 2nd Dam: Victory Peak (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB) 3rd Dam: Lypharita (Fr), by Lightning (Fr) 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Mrs Catherine Kinane; B-Eadling Farm Ltd (IRE); T-Ross O’Sullivan; J-Gary Halpin. £28,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, £53,809.

2--French Fusion (IRE), 128, f, 3, Harzand (Ire)--French Friend (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). (£26,000 Wlg ‘18 GOFNOV; £30,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 GOFSPT). O-Mrs J S Bolger & Miss Clare Manning; B-Kilcarn Stud (IRE); T-Jim Bolger. £9,500.
3--Sacred Rhyme (IRE), 128, f, 3, Lope de Vega (IRE)--Singing Field (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). (£140,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFOR). O-Ballylinch Stud; B-Ballyredden Stud & Lope de Vega Syndicate (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington. £4,750. Margins: 4 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 33.00, 33.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: Lovely Esteem (GB), Dearg Jazz (Ire), Talacre, Willow (Ire), Flirting Bridge (Ire), Thinking of You, Create Belief (Ire), Sacred Rhyme (IRE), by Singspiel (Ire). (£140,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFOR). O-Ballylinch Stud; B-Ballyredden Stud & Lope de Vega Syndicate (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington. £4,750. Margins: 4 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 33.00, 33.00, 12.00.

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Rated no better than a 33-1 shot prior to this Oaks trial, Rocky Sky turned that logic on its head with a scintillating display to provide Ross O’Sullivan with a first black-type win in this sphere.

Last seen finishing runner-up in the Listed Patton S. over a mile on Dundalk’sPolytrack Mar. 5, having broken her maiden over that course and distance a month earlier, the dark bay tanked her way to the front after the first two furlongs under Gary Halpin and was clear passing the half-mile marker. While rival jockeys must have been expecting her to come back, she had other ideas and continued her surge to the line to lead fellow outsider French Fusion and co a merry dance.

Halpin was also enjoying a first black-type win and said, “She’s a grand filly. I knew coming here today that stepping up in trip and getting on to the grass she’d be very competitive. She’ll come forward again from today.”
Salsabil S. cont.

“She’s an exciting filly and it’s very nice to ride a winner for Mr and Mrs Kinane and all the team at Castlefarm Stud. She has plenty of pace and I’d say a mile-and-a-quarter is okay for now, I wouldn’t be in any rush to go a mile-and-a-half with her. She hasn’t done anything wrong so far and the world is her oyster at the minute.”

The multiple listed-placed dam is a half to two others in that mould in Global City (Ire) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)) and Sweet Afton (Ire) (Mujadil). With a yearling full-brother to the winner mould in Global City (Ire) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)) and Sweet Afton (Ire) (Mujadil). (5,000gns 2yo)

COMMITTED S.-Listed, €37,500, Navan, 4-25, 3yo, 5f 164yT, 1:13.06, gd.

1--MEASURE OF MAGIC (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Kodi Bear (Ire)
1st Dam: Lilly Be (Ire), by Titus Livius (Fr)
2nd Dam: Mystery Hill, by Danehill
3rd Dam: Tendermark (Ire), by Prince Tenderfoot

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (€9,500 Ylg ‘19 GOAUTY). O-J P Murtagh Racing; B-Mr & Mrs Reddy Coffey (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh; J-Ben Coen. €22,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 8-3-0-3, $83,046.

2--Logo Hunter (Ire), 131, g, 3, Brazen Beau (Aus)--Jadanna (Ire), by Mujadil. (5,000gns 2yo ‘20 TATAHI). O-Patrick Moyles; B-Mount Armstrong Stud (IRE); T-M J Browne. €7,500.

3--Lipizzaner, 131, c, 3, Uncle Mo--Irish Lights (Aus), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). ($650,000 Ylg ‘19 KEESEP). O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Irish Lights Syndicate (KY); T-Aidan O’Brien. €3,750.
PRIX CARAVELLE - HARAS DES GRANGES-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 4-25, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:08.20, gd.
1--LIGHT STARS (FR), 123, f, 3, by Sea the Stars (Ire)
   1st Dam: Sureyya (Ger) (MSP-Fr, $139,510), by Monsun (Ger)
   2nd Dam: Sankt Johanna (Ger), by High Game (GB)
   3rd Dam: Semiramis (Ger), by Alarich (Ger)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€82,000 Ylg ’19 AROCT). O-Claudio Marzocco & Ali Hamad Al Attiya; B-Indivision Sureyya 2018 (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €40,400. *1/2 to Soriano (GB) (Halling), MSP-Fr, $264,497.

2--LINGERING DREAM (GB), 123, f, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Warling (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). O-James Rowsell; B-Ashbrittle Stud (GB); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulute. €11,000.

3--Aspirante (Fr), 123, f, 3, Myboycharlie (Ire)--Ascending Angel (Ire), by Sea the Stars (Ire). (€12,000 Ylg ’19 AROCT). O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR); T-Stephane Cerulis. €8,250.

Margins: 2HF, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 4.50, 9.00, 23.00.

Also Ran: Amazonie (GB), Jalwa (Fr), Shadow (Fr), Jet Ito (Fr), Thunder Drum (Ire), Dream In My Head (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by TVG.**

Light Stars posted a Jan. 28 debut score at Cagnes-sur-Mer and followed up with an Apr. 3 conditions fifth tackling this trip at Saint-Cloud in her only other start last time. Detached in rear for the most part, she was guided wide under pressure inside the two pole and kept on powerfully for continued rousting in the closing stages to claim a first stakes rosette in ultimately snug fashion.

Light Stars, the latest of eight foals, is one of five winners and the first black-type scorer out of MSP distaffer Sureyya (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). Hailing from a family which features G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) and G3 German 1000 Guineas heroine Schonbrunn (Ger) (Pantheon {Ger}), her siblings include the dual stakes-placed Soriano (GB) (Halling). Sureyya is one of five black-type performers out of Sankt Johanna (Ger) (High Game {GB}), whose leading representative is Listed Grosser Stutenpreis der Dreijahrigen victrix Schwarzmeer (Ger) (Kings Lake), herself the second dam of G2 Diana-Trial heroine Selkis (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). Descendants of Selkis include MSW G1 Japanese 2000 Guineas runner-up Velox (Jpn) (Just A Way {Jpn}).

LE VASE D’ARGENT-Listed, €52,000, Toulouse, 4-25, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:00.90, gd.
1--MODERATOR (FR), 126, g, 4, Rio de la Plata--Monarquia (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Anton Krauliger; B-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev (FR); T-Charley Rossi; J-Christophe Soumillon. €26,000. Lifetime
Le Vase D’Argent cont.

Record: Horse of the Year-Swi, Ch. Stayer-Swi, 11-6-1-0, €114,179.

2--Fantastic Spirit (Fr), 129, c, 4, Charm Spirit (Ire)--Fantastic Cuix (Fr), by Fantastic Light. (€25,000 Wlg ’17 ARQDEC; €50,000 2yo ’19 ARQJIC). O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Larissa Kneip, Jeremie Bossert & Mme Valerie Haendler (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €10,400.

3--Kabir (Ger), 126, g, 6 Lord of England (Ger)--Karena (Ger), by Midyan. (€24,000 Ylg ’16 BBAGS). O-Guido Werner Hermann Schmitt; B-Matthias Tamrat (GER); T-Waldemar Hickst. €7,800.


Also Ran: Port Etienne (Fr), Skazino (Ger), Say Good Buy (Ger), Plata (Ger), Toulouse, 4-25, 10 1/2fT, 2:09.80. B-Franklin Finance SA, Sylvain Vidal & Mme Elisabeth Ribard (FR). *€1,500 Ylg ’19 ARQFEB; €8,000 Ylg ’19 OSASEP.

Yquelon (Fr), c, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)--Kenjada (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). Toulouse, 4-25, 10 1/2fT, 2:09.80. B-Franklin Finance SA, Sylvain Vidal & Mme Elisabeth Ribard (FR). *€1,500 Ylg ’19 ARQFEB; €8,000 Ylg ’19 OSASEP.

Sunday’s Results:

BRUMMERHOF-CUP-Listed, €15,000, Hannover, 4-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 9 1/2fT, 1:57.77, gd.

1--Deia (GER), 126, f, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Divya (GER), by Platini (GER). 1ST-BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€220,000 RNA 3yo ’20 ARQDEC). O/B-Gestut Park Wiedingen (GER); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €8,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, €22,350. *Full to Dschingis Secret (GER), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger, GSW-Fr & Ity, $555,812; Destino (GER), GSW & G1SP-Ger, $214,572; Diana Storm (GER), MGSP-Ger & MSP-Fr; and Dschingis First (GER), MGSP-Ger.

2--Schwesterherz (Fr), 128, f, 4, Areion (GER)--Nouvelle Noblesse (GER), by Singspiel (Ire). (€52,000 RNA Ylg ’18 BBAGO). O/B-Eckhard Sauren (FR); T-Henk Grewe. €3,000.

3--Blue Dream (GER), 126, f, 4, Adlerflug (GER)--Blue Siam (Ger), by Excellent Art (GB). O/B-Stall Liegau (GER); T-Jan Korpas. €2,000.

Margins: 1, HF, NK, 15, 14.20.

Also Ran: Loveisethehigherlaw (GB), Gaja (GER), Pasqualita (GB), Amabilis (GER), Candy Crush (GER), Varvara (Fr), Sister Lulu (GER), Nica (GER). Scratched: Red Hot (FR).

WALDPfad-CUP-Listed, €15,000, Hannover, 4-25, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:17.67, gd.

1--Ruba Iyat (FR), 129, c, 4, Areion (GER)--Representera (GB), by Lomitas (GB). (€90,000 Ylg ’18 BBAGS). O-Darius Racing; B-Gestut Karlshof (FR); T-Henk Grewe; J-Andrasch Starke. €8,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ger & Ity, MGSW-Ger & GSW-Ity, 12-6-2-2, €358,014. *1/2 to Rose Flower (Ger) (Dabirsirm (Fr)), SW-Fr & MSP-US, $125,867.

2--Majestic Colt (IRE), 130, h, 6, Clodovil (IRE)--Majestic Dubawi (GB) (GSW-Eng), by Dubawi (IRE). (19,000gns RNA Ylg ’16 TAOC). O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andreas Wohler. €3,000.

Also Ran: Call Me Mister (GER), Namos (GER), Schang (GER), Prince Percival (GER).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Temps Fantastique (Fr), f, 3, Camelot (GB)--Train Time (GB), by Rail Link (GB). Toulouse, 4-25, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.70. B-Georg Kern (FR).

Danaide (Fr), f, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)--Uryale (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Kendor (Fr). Auch, 4-25, 10fT, 2:03.70. B-Famille Rothschild (FR). *1/2 to Elliptique (IRE) (New Approach (IRE)), Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ger, MGSP-Fr & G1SP-Ity, $465,256; and Cicerole (Fr) (Baraetha {IRE}), MSW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Eng, $232,384.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Novellini (Ger), c, 3, Lord of England (Ger)–Nightlight Angel, by Manduro (Ger). Hannover, 4-25, 10fT, 2:06.57. B-Dr Christoph Berglar (GER).
Diakrid (Ger), c, 3, Reliable Man (GB)–Diacada (Ger) (GSW-Ger, $171,911), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Hannover, 4-25, 6 1/2fT, 1:19.56. B-Gestut Rottgen (GER).
Sconset (Ger), f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)–Sine Tempore (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Hannover, 4-25, 8 3/4fT, 1:47.43. B-Gestut Ebbesloh (GER).

Sunday’s Results:
PREMIO BOTTICELLI-Listed, €38,500, Rome, 4-25, 3yo, 2100mT, 2:10.30, gd.
1–TIASPETTOFUORI (ITY), 121, c, 3, by Mujahid
1ST DAM: Fly Queen (GB), by Dashing Blade (GB)
2nd Dam: Freccia d’Oro (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger)
3rd Dam: Fireglow (Fr), by Glow
1ST STAKES WIN. O-Renzo Turchi; B-Paola Cresti; T-Devis Grilli; J-Dario Di Tocco; €14,875. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, €29,002. *1/2 to Aspettatemi (Ity) (Red Rocks {Ire}), GSP-Ity, $165,334.
2–Rio Natal (Ire), 121, c, 3, Sir Prancealot (Ire)–Dansalong (Ire), by Azamour (Ire). (€4,500 Ylg ‘19 TAASC; £12,000 2yo ‘20 TAGOR). O-Sc Dell’Avvocato SRK; B-Ringfort Stud; T-Lg Di Di Dio L. E G. Soc Al SRL; J-Luca Maniezzi; €6,545.
3–Sopran Poseidone (Ire), 121, c, 3, Gutaifan (Ire)–Ms Sasha Malia (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). (€22,000 Wlg ‘18 GOFNOV).
O-Leonardo Ciampoli; B-Miss Eileen Farrelly; T-Grizzetti Galoppo SRL Soc Al; J-Fabio Branca; €3,570.
Margins: SNK, HF, 2HF. Odds: 8.80, 37.04, 2.05.
Also Ran: Mooney Love (Ire), Atzeco (Ire), Golden Dubawi (GB), Brigante Sabino (Ire), Winning Generation (GB), Bridge Dress Me (Ire). VIDEO.

Sunday’s Results:
IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING SPRING MILE - NORRA SKANSKA REGEMENTETS MINNESLOPNING-Listed, SKr300,000, Jagersro, 4-25, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:39.80, gd.
1–STORMY OCEAN (SWE), 130, g, 7, Mingun–Stormy Girl (Swe), by Inchrory (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Sjodikens Hundhotell; B-Bo Andersson & Wiveka Jardby (SWE); T-Lennart Reuterskiold Jr; J-Jacob Johansen. SKr150,000. Lifetime Record: 28-10-4-1, SKr2,107,357.
2–Couples (GB), 130, h, 6, Helmet (Aus)–Sensible (GB), by Almutawakel (GB). (9,500gns RNA Wlg >15 TATFOA; 20,000 Ylg ’16 GOFSPT).
O-Mac Racing, Ragnarsson Family & N O Bernerup; B-P D Rogers (GB); T-Francisco Castro. SKr75,000.
3–Duca di Como (Ire), 130, g, 6, Clodovil (Ire)–Quality Love, by Elusive Quality. (€25,000 Ylg ’16 GOFSPT; €42,000 2yo ’17 GBMBR).
O-Stall Como; B-Crone Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Cathrine Erichsen. SKr36,000.
Margins: NK, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 8.14, 12.94, 0.05.
Also Ran: Prevent (GB).

IN AUSTRALIA:
Love Takes Time (Ire), f, 3, Galileo (Ire)–Monsoon Wedding (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Danehill. Moe, 4-25, Maiden (, 13k/15k)
1600mT, 1:40.37. B-Coolmore. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Precious Lorraine (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), GSW-Aus, $240,321; Lucky Raquie (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), SW-Aus, $186,725; and Star of Monsoon (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), SP-Aus, $261,743. ***Dam a full-sister to Redoute’s Choice (Aus).
Amade (Ire), g, 7, Casamento (Ire)–Sheba Five, by Five Star Day. Flemington, 4-25, Hcp. (€75k/€86k), 2600mT, 2:44.75.
B-Eamonn McEvoy. *1/2 to Nakuti (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Can, $184,647. **GSW-US. ***€80,000 Ylg ’15 GOSPT; 62,000gns Ylg ’15 TATOCT; €50,000 2yo ’16 ARQMBR; €34,000 HRA ’18 ARQNOV.

IN MAINLAND CHINA
Yan Chun Huo Feng (Ire), m, 5, Exceed And Excel (Aus)–
Asfurah’s Dream (Ire), by Nayef. Wuhan, 4-24, 1200m, Sand Track, 1:13.51. Purse: 50,000 RMB. B-Hadi Al-Tajir. *€16,000 yrl ’17 GOFSPT. VIDEO.
DOUBLE DOSE OF HO ON FWD CHAMPIONS DAY

by Alan Carasso

Vincent Ho returns following his victorious ride aboard Loves Only You in Sunday’s QE II Cup at Sha Tin | HKJC photo

On this day 12 months ago, jockey Vincent Ho guided Southern Legend (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt (Aus)) to an upset victory in the FWD Champions Mile, his first Group 1 score some 10 years removed from being named the champion apprentice rider in Hong Kong and about a month after throwing Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro) across the line first in the prestigious BMW Hong Kong Derby.

Sunday’s FWD Champions Day program at Sha Tin, attended by the biggest on-track crowd since COVID-19 took hold last year, marked a new high for the homegrown hoop, as not only did he pilot Golden Sixty to a 14th consecutive victory in the G1 FWD Champions Mile (see below), he capped the afternoon with a savvy steer atop Japanese mare Loves Only You (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), who led home a 1-2-3-4 finish for the island nation in the day’s richest test, the HK$25-million G1 FWD QE II Cup.

“I can’t describe it,” Ho told the HKJC notes team, reflecting on his two successes that came about 40 minutes apart. “The QEII Cup is one of my dream goals as well as the Derby and the December internationals, a QEII win means a lot. It’s amazing today with Golden Sixty and Loves Only You. It’s definitely one of the highlights, I’ll enjoy it for sure.”

QE II Cup: How Sweep It Is...

Loves Only You was down in trip for the QE II Cup, having run a cracking third behind Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe (Ire)) in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic over a 12-furlong trip just 29 days back. The 2019 G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) victress jumped without incident from gate five and landed in the one-out and one-back position, as Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) was gifted a cheap time of it up front when potential pace factors Kiseki (Jpn) (Rulership (Jpn)) and Glory Vase (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) were slowly away.

The early tempo was very much in favour of need-the-lead Time Warp, who went the opening 800 metres in :51.92 and was past the half-mile marker in a dawdling 1:15.45. Defending champion Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)) was the first to try to pour some pressure on the front-runner, but Ho got going on Loves Only You leaving the three-furlong point, momentarily locking away favoured Japanese Triple Crown winner Daring Tact (Jpn) (Epiphaneia (Jpn)) down inside. Exultant couldn’t quite get to Time Warp and was one of the first beaten, but Loves Only You was busily ridden into the final furlong and came away to score, as Glory Vase closed off nicely for second. Daring Tact found clear racing room in upper stretch, but was not good enough on the day and finished third, while Kiseki made belated progress into fourth.

Loves Only You is the first Hong Kong winner for colourful trainer Yoshito Yahagi, who won the 2016 G1 Dubai Turf with Loves Only You’s full-brother Real Steel (Jpn) and the 2019 G1 Ladbrokes Cox Plate in Australia with Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry (Jpn)). The latter was beaten a neck by Exultant in the 2018 G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase and was third to compatriot Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold (Jpn)) in this race during her Horse of the Year campaign in 2019.
**QEI Cup cont.**

Loves Only You is the sixth Japanese-based winner of the QEI II (Eishin Preston, 2002, 2003; Rulership (Jpn), 2012; Neorealism (Jpn), 2017; and Win Bright). She is the second female to win the race, joining Team Valor’s Iridescence (SAf) (Caesour), who scored in 2006.

**Pedigree Notes**

Loves Only You’s dam was offered in foal to Danehill Dancer (Ire) as an unraced 3-year-old at the 2009 Keeneland November Sale, but nevertheless fetched $900,000, and with good reason. Loves Only Me is a daughter of Monevassia, a full-sister to Kingmambo and to Miesque’s Son, whose multiple champion Loves Only Me is a daughter of Monevassia, a full-sister to Loves Only You’s dam was offered in foal to Danehill Dancer (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and MG1SW Rumplestiltskin (Ire) (Danehill) is the dam of G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks winner Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and her GSW full-brother John F Kennedy (Ire).

Third dam Miesque requires no introduction. Nine times a champion in England, France and the U.S., the homebred was victorious no fewer than 10 times in Group 1 and Grade I company, including the English and French 1000 Guineas in 1987, and the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile in 1987 and 1988, for which she received consecutive Eclipse Awards. Monevassia’s half-sister Second Happiness (Storm Cat) is the dam of Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a victory no fewer than 10 times in Group 1 and Grade I company, including the English and French 1000 Guineas in 1987, and the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile in 1987 and 1988, for which she received consecutive Eclipse Awards. Monevassia’s half-sister Second Happiness (Storm Cat) is the dam of Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who carried the Flaxman silks to victory in the 2018 G1 Prix du Jockey Club.

The cross of Deep Impact over Storm Cat mares has produced 50 winners from 65 runners (71 foals), of which 11 have succeeded in stakes company (16% SWs to runners), including G1SW’s A Shin Hikari (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). (RNA fl ‘17 JRHAJUL; 12,000,000 Ylg ‘17 JRHAJUL). O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co Ltd; B-Bayland Farm; T-Junichi Inoue; HK$4,700,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-UAE, MGSW & MG1SP-Jpn, $7,508,769; Prodigal Son (Jpn), SW & MGSP-Jpn, $1,564,219. Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Glory Vase (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Mejiro Tsubone (Jpn), by Swept Overboard. (¥52,000,000 Ylg ’16 JRHAJUL). O-Silk Racing Co Ltd; B-Lake Villa Farm; T-Tomohito Ozeki; J-Karis Teetan; HK$5,500,000.

3--Daring Tact (Jpn), 122, f, 4, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Daring Bird (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). (RNA fl ’17 JRHAJUL; ¥12,000,000 Ylg ’18 JRHAJUL). O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co Ltd; B-Hasegawa Bokujo; T-Haruki Sugiyama; J-Kohei Matsuyama; HK$2,500,000.

**Fourteen For ‘Sixty’...**

After toying with the idea of a start in the QEI II Cup, the connections of Golden Sixty sensibly settled on the G1 FWD Champions Mile, where he started a $1.20 (1-5) mortal. In the end, he scraped in just ahead of stablemate More Than This (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) to take his career record to 17 wins from 18 runs, the last 14 in succession.

Golden Sixty and More Than This settled as the trailing duo in a race that drew just six entries, as Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) upsetter Healthy Happy (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}) showed the way from Ka Ying Star (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) through moderate early sectionals. Golden Sixty raced keenly down the back as is his wont--mouth agape--and was clearly last to make the bend after 800 metres in :47.69. Vincent Ho decided he could no longer hold the heavy favourite at the 600 metres, allowing Golden Sixty to sweep around rivals to make a line of four turning for home. The way he asserted a furlong and a half out had whipped those aforementioned fans into a frenzy, but Golden Sixty--who can idle once in front--began to lay in, even under a right-handed whip from Ho. More Than This, meanwhile, was hitting his best stride and was cutting back the margin, only to have the winning post come a fraction too soon. The runner-up's owner also campaigns Playa del Puente (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}), who nearly beat Golden Sixty at 289-1 in the Derby.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

FWD QE II CUP-G1, HK$25,000,000 (£2,321,128/€2,663,169/ $4,159,000/US$3,221,793), Sha Tin, 4-25, 2,321,128/2,663,169. Odds: 24-5, 37-10, 3-2.

Also Ran: Kiseki (Jpn), Exultant (Ire), Glorious Dragon (Ire), Time Warp (GB). Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.
Champions Mile cont.

“They were a bit slow, and when I pulled out at the 600-metre mark, he was already alongside them, then when I hit the straight he just went for it,” Ho told the HKJC notes team. “He has never been chased and we learnt today that he still can fight when something chases him, not just when he is doing the chasing, which is good.”

Winning trainer Francis Lui added: “He’s a very good horse—I was a bit worried, but Golden Sixty is that kind of horse, when he passes the other horses he thinks his job is done but then when he saw another runner coming he turned it on again.”

Now seven-from-seven this term, Golden Sixty is a candidate for a break, but an historic sweep of the Triple Crown and a bonus loom if he were to add the G1 Standard Chartered Champions and Chater Cup (2400m) to previous victories in the G1 Stewards’ Cup (1600m) and G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m) in a month’s time. It would mark his first start past 10 furlongs.

“Depends, I will see how the horse recovers and then decide, because the Triple Crown is still under consideration,” Lui said. “I don’t think the distance is a worry, he’s that kind of horse who will fight no matter what, it just depends on how he recovers.”

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

FWD CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK$20,000,000 (€1,856,903/€2,130,535/A$3,327,200/US$2,577,434), Sha Tin, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.45, gd.

1--GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS), 126, g, 5, by Medaglia d’Oro

1st Dam: Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, $179,846), by Distorted Humor
**Chairman’s Sprint Prize cont.**

“Today, I had the perfect race, just close to the pace and more relaxed and when I put a little bit of pressure on my horse, he responded very well. To me, he’s a top-class horse and he just proved it today,” Badel added.

Winner of three-from-four during his first preparation last season, Wellington romped over 1000 metres with 133 pounds on his back in Class 3 in December and defeated Computer Patch in Class 1 Mar. 13. He was most recently fifth to 178-1 Amazing Star (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}) from a high draw in the G2 Sprint Cup Apr. 5.

**Pedigree Notes**

Wellington is the 20th black-type winner, 14th at group level, and the fourth top-level winner for Vinery Australia’s All Too Hard. For More Than Ready, who shuttles from WinStar Farm in the U.S. to Vinery for Southern Hemisphere stud duties, his daughters have now produced 108 stakes winners, 50 at the graded or group level and now 13 Grade I/Group 1 winners worldwide.

Wellington’s dam, Group 3-placed Solo de Lune was responsible for Irish highweight L’Ancresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), second in the 2003 G1 Darley Irish Oaks and a neck second to Islington (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) in that year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita. L’Ancresse’s son Master of Reality (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) was a winner at Group 3 level in Ireland and a longshot third to Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the 2019 G1 Ascot Gold Cup.

Solo de Lune’s daughter Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) was victorious in the Irish Oaks and runner-up in the G1 Investec Oaks and has gone on to be a high-quality producer, having accounted for G3 Chester Vase winner and Derby runner-up US Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), MGSW Nelson (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and three other full stakes winners. Solo de Lune also bred G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), the dam of GSW & G1SP champion stayer Honolulu (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

The 10-year-old Mihiri is the dam of a yearling filly by Star Witness (Aus) that fetched A$85,000 from Tricolours Racing and Syndications at the Inglis Classic Sale this past February and was bred back to All Too Hard last September.

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CHAIRMAN’S SPRINT PRIZE-G1, HK$18,000,000 (£1,671,238/€1,917,592/A$2,994,224/US$2,319,704), Sha Tin, 4-25, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.64, gd.**

1--**WELLINGTON (AUS), 126, g, 4, by All Too Hard (Aus)**

   1st Dam: Mihiri (Aus) (GSP-Aus, $123,433), by More Than Ready

   2nd Dam: Danoise (GB), by Danehill

   3rd Dam: Solo de Lune (Ire), by Law Society

1ST STAKES WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.

(A$70,000 Ylg ’18 MMGCYS). O-Mr & Mrs Michael Chen Wing On & Jeffrey Cheng Man Cheong; B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW); T-Richard Gibson; J-Alexis Badel; HK$10,260,000. Lifetime Record: 10-7-1-0, HK$18,424,690. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Computer Patch (Aus)**, 126, r, 4, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Girl Hussler (Aus), by Hussonet. (A$800,000 Ylg ’18 INGEAS).

   O-Yeung Kin Man; B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW);

   T-Tony Cruz; J-Matthew Chadwick; HK$3,960,000.

3--**Sky Field (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Deep Field (Aus)--Laravissante (NZ), by O’Reilly (NZ). (NZ$175,000 Ylg ’18 NZBJAN).

   O-Kwan Shiu Man, Jessica Kwan Mun Hang & Jeffrey Kwan Chun Ming;

   B-M Ryan (NSW); T-Caspar Fownes; J-Blake Shinn; HK$1,800,000.

Margins: 1HF, NO, 3/4. Odds: 29-10, 18-1, 11-1. Also Ran: Voyage Warrior (Aus), Wishful Thinker (Aus), Danon Smash (Jpn), Stronger (Aus), Rattan (NZ), Big Party (Aus), Fat Turtle (Aus), Jolly Banner (Aus), Beauty Applause (Aus), Amazing Star (NZ). Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.
Sunday, Tokyo, Japan
SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA S.-G2, ¥100,700,000, Tokyo, 4-25, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 1:59.40, fm.

1--COOL CAT (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Screen Hero (Jpn)
   1st Dam: Mejiro Tonkinese (Jpn) (SP-Jpn, $649,253), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn)
   2nd Dam: Mejiro Kurohime (Jpn), by Mogami (Fr)
   3rd Dam: Mejiro Tsushima (Jpn), by Bounteous (GB)
   1ST STAKES WIN. O-Silk Racing; B-Lake Villa Farm; T-Takeshi Okumura; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥53,190,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0. *1/2 to Triomphe (Jpn) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), MGSW-Jpn, $2,068,679. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Slyly (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Orfevre (Jpn)--Visionary (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Shirai Farm; ¥21,340,000.

3--Uberleben (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Gold Ship (Jpn)--Meine Theresia (Jpn), by Roses in May. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥13,170,000.

Margins: 1, NO, NK. Odds: 10.80, 87.30, 2.50. Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan
YOMIURI MILERS CUP-G2, ¥114,420,000, Hanshin, 4-25, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:31.40, fm.

1--CADENCE CALL (JPN), 123, h, 5, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)
   1st Dam: Inductee (Jpn), by Heart’s Cry (Jpn)
   2nd Dam: Hall of Fame (Jpn), by Allez Milord
   3rd Dam: Velvet Sash (Jpn), by Dictus (Fr)
   O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Takayuki Yasuda; J-Yoshihiro Furukawa; ¥60,134,000. Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-0. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Al Jannah (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Condo Commando, by Tiz Wonderful (¥170,000,000 wnlg ’17 JRHAJUL) O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; ¥24,324,000.

3--Kaiser Minoru (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Strike Root, by Smart Strike. O-Minoru Yoshioka; B-Fujiwara Farm; ¥15,162,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, HD. Odds: 4.20, 4.80, 26.60. Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
TAGALOA RETIRES TO YULONG

By Richard Edmunds

Yulong has announced the retirement of 3-year-old Tagaloa (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), whose next chapter begins when he joins the stallion line-up this spring.

One of the fastest winners of the G1 Blue Diamond S.--the second quickest since 2007, outstanding juvenile Tagaloa is an exciting addition to the blossoming Yulong Stud roster.

He will stand alongside Written Tycoon, Alabama Express, Grunt (NZ) and Yulong Prince (SAF), with full roster fees yet to be announced.

Tagaloa was always an attractive prospect, being by the outstanding young Japanese sire Lord Kanaloa, and it took a $300,000 pricetag at the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for him to be secured from Arrowfield Stud.

He was bred by Arrowfield in partnership with Katsumi Yoshida, who stands his sire at the Yoshida-family owned Shadai Stallion Station in Japan.

Tagaloa is the first son of Lord Kanaloa to go to stud in Australia, and a major opportunity for Victorian breeders.

“To have a horse like him, a stunning physical and Blue Diamond winner with an international outcross pedigree, stay in Victoria is a massive vote of confidence in the local industry,” said co-trainer Trent Busuttin. “Yulong are leading the pack, setting the standard of new development in the Victorian industry.”

A son of two-time Champion Japanese sire King Kamehameha (Jpn), Lord Kanaloa was Japan’s Champion first-season sire in 2017 siring 32 winners in that debut season, 12 more than his nearest rival. The two-time G1 Hong Kong Sprint winner has so far sired a total of 25 individual stakes winners, headed by the two-time Japanese Horse of the Year Almond Eye (Jpn).

Tagaloa is the first foal out of winning mare Vasilissa (Jpn), whose sire Heart’s Cry (Jpn) is best known in this part of the world for producing the breathtaking Cox Plate winner Lys Gracieux (Jpn).

Vasilissa is a half-sister to three black-type performers, headed by stakes winner Tricolore Bleu (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}). Their dam is Penkenna Princess (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), who won the G3 Fred Darling S. and placed in the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas.

Quick to show talent

Trained by Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young, Tagaloa made an early impression, winning his only trial before stepping out to place third in the G3 Maribymong Plate on debut. He then backed up with a win at Moonee Valley in the Strath Haven Preston 2YO Plate.

His 2-year-old season was headed by a dominant victory in the G1 Blue Diamond S. at Caulfield, beating home Hanseatic, Personal (Fastnet Rock) and Away Game (Snitzel).

Tagaloa returned at three to win the G3 CS Hayes S. in an exceptional performance, running a faster last 400 meters than G1 Lightning S. winner Nature Strip (Nicconi), on the same day.

He then went on to place in the G1 Australian Guineas, while other notable results included a second in the G2 Todman S. and fourth in the G1 Golden Slipper. He retires with a record of three wins and more than $1.4 million in stakes.

“Tagaloa exemplifies the ideal profile for an Australian stallion - he’s good looking, a Group 1 winner at two, trained on to win another Group race at three and is a complete outcross,” said Sam Fairgray, Yulong’s Chief Operating Officer.

“We were impressed by his temperament as a yearling, this came through as an early 2-year-old and makes him a beautiful horse to deal with now,” said Busuttin. “On type he’s a big, powerful, striking colt. He’s got a lovely head, athletic physique and a great frame.”

At this year’s Inglis Australia Easter Yearling Sale, a half-sister to Tagaloa by Not A Single Doubt fetched $900,000.
Vinnie Fee Set At $220,000
by TDN AusNZ

The fees for Yarraman Park’s duo of stallions have been announced. I Am Invincible will stand for $220,000 (inc GST) in 2021, a slight increase on his $209,000 (inc GST) 2020 fee. His son Hellbent will stand at an unchanged fee of $22,000 (inc GST).

I Am Invincible has delivered 15 stakes-winners this season so far, including Dame Giselle, Libertini and Home Affairs, and is Australia’s leading sire by winners with over 170 already. Both stallions were well received in the sale ring. I Am Invincible sired 11 individual yearlings to sell for $1million or more in 2021, at an average of $539,000 across major sales, topped by the $1.95 million Hips Don’t Lie (Stravinsky) filly. Hellbent has had 77 yearlings sell for $9.95 million across all major sales and at Magic Millions had 30 yearlings average $185,333, with a top price of $500,000 for the filly from Jalan Jalan.

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IN MAINLAND CHINA
Yan Chun Ling Yun (Aus), c, 4, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--North Going Zax (Aus), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Wuhan, 4-24, 1100m, Sand Track, 1:07.25. Purse: 50,000 RMB. B-Catalina Pastoral Co Pty Ltd, Vic. *A$10,000 yrl ‘18 INGPREM. VIDEO.

Yan Chun Hua Niang (Aus), h, 6, Casino Prince (Aus)--Telegraph Gal (Aus), by Staremma (NZ). Wuhan, 4-24, 1700m, Sand Track, 1:50.64. Purse: 50,000 RMB. B-Crowningstone, NSW. *A$57,500 yrl ‘16 INGSCON; A$75,000 2yo ‘16 INGR2R. VIDEO.

IN HONG KONG:
Wellington, g, 4, All Too Hard. See ‘TDN Europe--Worldwide News’

Serious Liaison, g, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Little Miss Smiley (SP-Aus), by Husson (Arg). Sha Tin, 4-25, Hcp. ($NZ394k), 1200m, 1:08.24. B-Waikato Stud Ltd. *1/2 to Nowyousee (O'Reilly {NZ}), SW-Sin, US$437,900; Just Fabulous (O'Reilly {NZ}), GSP-NZ; and full to Icebath, G1SP-Aus, US$1,675,812. **NZ$150,000 Ylg ’19 NZBJAN. VIDEO

Golden Sixty, g, 5, Medaglia d'Oro. See ‘TDN Europe--Worldwide News’

IN HONG KONG:
Courier Wonder, g, 3, Sacred Falls--Fabulist, by Savabeel (Aus). Sha Tin, 4-25, Hcp. ($NZ394k), 1200m, 1:08.24. B-Waikato Stud Ltd. *1/2 to Nowyousee (O'Reilly {NZ}), SW-Sin, US$437,900; Just Fabulous (O'Reilly {NZ}), GSP-NZ; and full to Icebath, G1SP-Aus, US$1,675,812. **NZ$150,000 Ylg ’19 NZBJAN. VIDEO

Savaquin, g, 4, Savabeel (Aus)--Sequin, by Pins (Aus). Sha Tin, 4-25, Hcp. ($NZ394k), 1600m, 1:34.86. B-Waikato Stud Ltd. *NZ$320,000 Ylg ’18 NZBJAN. VIDEO