MALATHAAT FAVORED FOR KENTUCKY OAKS 147

'TDN Rising Star' Malathaat (Curlin), undefeated in four career starts and winner of her seasonal debut in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. at Keeneland Apr. 3, was made the 5-2 favorite from gate 10 on Mike Battaglia's morning line for Friday’s 147th running of the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs.

One of three in the race for her outstanding sire, Malathaat--a daughter of 2013 Oaks fourth Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy)--defeated Millefeuille (Curlin, gate 14) in the GII Demoiselle S. last December and was very game in the Ashland, where she outfinished Pass the Champagne (Flatter, gate 5) by a head, with GIII Honeybee S. winner Will's Secret (Will Take Charge, gate 11) a distant third. The $1.05-million Keeneland September grad has the services of John Velazquez, who won the 2004 Oaks aboard the Todd Pletcher-trained Ashado (Saint Ballado). Pletcher is a three-time winner of the race.

The last two horses pulled by Churchill racing secretary Ben Huffman were a pair of fillies that got to know one another very well over the winter. 'TDN Rising Star' Travel Column (Frosted) was allotted post position six for trainer Brad Cox, who sent out Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil) to upset the COVID-delayed Oaks of 2020 last September. Travel Column defeated Clairiere (Curlin) by a length in last year's GII Golden Rod S. beneath the Twin Spires, but the Stonestreet runner exacted her revenge with a neck success over Travel Column in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. in February.

OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GENERAL FILES LAWSUIT CHALLENGING HISA

by T.D. Thornton

A federal lawsuit spearheaded by the state of Oklahoma to try and get the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) voided for alleged constitutional violations was filed Monday, meaning there are now two active legal challenges in the United States court system attempting to derail the regulatory powers of the HISA “Authority” prior to that regulatory body’s planned 2022 phase-in.

According to a press release issued by the state attorney general’s office in Oklahoma, the suit is challenging that “HISA gives a private corporation broad regulatory authority over Oklahoma’s horse racing industry, and does so with no funding mechanism, forcing the financial burden onto states. If a state refuses to pay, the state’s legislature and executive agencies would be punitively banned from collecting taxes or fees to enforce their own state regulations.” Cont. p3

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EXAGGERATOR COLT TOPS KEENELAND APRIL SALE

Stakes-placed sophomore Crew Dragon (Exaggerator) topped Monday's Keeneland April Sale when hammering to bloodstock agent David Ingordo for $310,000. Jessica Martini has the details.

WITH 105 BEYER, SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR FLIGHTLINE

Bill Finley talks to Kosta Hronis of Hronis Racing, co-owner of Saturday's dazzling 'TDN Rising Star' debut winner Flightline (Tapit), about what the future could hold for the $1-million buy.
Oaks Draw cont. from p1
Travel Column then scored over Clairiere comprehensively when last seen in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. Florent Geroux, who was in the irons aboard Shedaresthedevil last year and rode victress Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) in 2018, goes for a third Oaks in four years on Travel Column, while Clairiere will leave from gate three for two-time Oaks-winning conditioner Steve Asmussen with Tyler Gaffalione getting the call.

Chad Brown has yet to win an Oaks, but will have every chance to right that wrong with Klaravich Stables’ Search Results (Flatter). The 3-1 morning-line second pick, also undefeated in three runs including a 2 3/4-length defeat of Maracuja (Honor Code) in the GIII Gazelle S. Apr. 3, will have to work out a trip from the 12-hole for Irad Ortiz, Jr.

Oklahoma AG Suing to Stop HISA cont. from p1
The complaint demanding declaratory judgment and injunctive relief was filed Apr. 26 in United States District Court (Eastern Division of Kentucky) even though most of the plaintiffs are based in Oklahoma or West Virginia. The lawsuit’s timing coincides with the start of the GI Kentucky Derby week festivities in that state.

Oklahoma and its racing commission are joined as plaintiffs by West Virginia and its racing commission.
Three Oklahoma tracks—Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs, and Fair Meadows are plaintiffs, as are the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association, the U.S. Trotting Association, and Hanover Shoe Farms, which is a Pennsylvania Standardbred breeding entity.

The defendants are the United States of America, the HISA Authority, and six individuals acting in their official capacities for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

“HISA grants the Authority broad regulatory power, yet the Authority is unaccountable to any political actor,” the complaint states. “The Authority has the exclusive power to craft regulations relating to doping, medication control, and racetrack safety in horse racing.

“HISA relegates the FTC to a ministerial role in which it is required to approve and issue certain of the Authority’s regulations so long as they are consistent with HISA and ‘applicable rules approved by the Commission.’ And no federal official can remove the members of the Authority’s Board of Directors. HISA thus delegates to a private body the full coercive power of the federal government while simultaneously making it completely unaccountable to the people.

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“After creating this vast new federal regulatory structure and delegating it to a private corporation, Congress disclaimed any responsibility for funding the Authority itself. Instead, it forced the funding responsibility onto the states, imposing on them the choice of either funding the Authority with state funds or, if a state refuses, collecting fees directly from racing industry participants in that state while punishing the state by banning it from collecting similar taxes or fees itself.”

The complaint summarizes: “Plaintiffs...pray that this Court: 1) declare that HISA violates the U.S. Constitution on its face and is therefore void; 2) enjoin the defendants from taking any action pursuant to HISA; and (3) award nominal damages.”

Some of the FTC defendants in this new lawsuit overlap with those named in a March lawsuit over alleged non-constitutionality filed by the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association and some of that organization’s individual state members.

Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter said via press release that, “If allowed to go into effect, this act will harm states like Oklahoma that have a robust equestrian industry.

“Additionally, the HISA disregards foundational law within the Constitution, including the Tenth Amendment. Congress cannot force a state legislature to either appropriate dollars for a private corporation, like [HISA], or be banned from passing legislation imposing certain taxes or fees. That puts Congress in control of state branches of government, which violates the law.

“Oklahoma already has government oversight in place through the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, which does what the federal government seeks to take over and give to a private corporation completely unaccountable to Oklahoma voters,” Hunter said.

The defendants could not be reached for comment prior to deadline for this late-breaking story.

EXAGGERATOR COLT TOPS KEENELAND HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE by Jessica Martini

Crew Dragon (Exaggerator), a stakes-placed 3-year-old (hip 50) topped the Keeneland April Horses of Racing Age Sale Monday in Lexington when selling for $310,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent David Ingordo. The colt, consigned by Lane’s End, was one of 37 horses to sell during the auction for a gross of $2,440,000. The average was $65,946 and the median was $45,000. Ten horses reached six figures during the auction.

“We are very happy with the results,” said Keeneland’s Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. “We started the sale as part of the 2019 2-year-olds in training sale and it started out on a very good note. We sold two very nice horses out of it. Unfortunately, COVID came last year and debunked us. We are now trying to get it back up and started again and give an opportunity to people who raced here during the spring to come back and sell some of the horses as they go on to different parts of the country for the rest of the year. I think it’s a good start back and hopefully it will continue.”

Keeneland offered sellers the opportunity to have their horses on-site or to offer their horses through the digital sales ring without having to ship to Lexington. While only two horses were offered virtually, Russell said he thinks the option will grow in popularity.

“Our goal was to try to expand the sale,” Russell said. “We want the buyers to be able to keep the dates at the racetrack, we don’t want them to lose those dates or take the papers out of racing offices or bring horses from California to Lexington and then send them back. As the market goes on, I think people will be more comfortable doing that and we should see it more often.”

The April catalogue was completely online and provided buyers with the most up-to-date information available.

“We were excited to start the digital catalogue,” said Keeneland president and CEO Shannon Arvin. “That let us be much more flexible and let entries come later than we would typically see if we had a paper catalogue. We were able to provide a lot more information to buyers that you can’t do with a paper catalogue.” Cont. p5
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Of the 37 horses who sold Monday, 13 were purchased via internet bids for a total of $415,000.

Ingordo purchased Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro) for $250,000 at the 2019 April Horses of Racing Age sale and the bay went on to win that year's GI Pacific Classic for regular clients Hronis Racing and trainer John Sadler.

Ingordo made Monday’s highest bid when going to $310,000 to secure Crew Dragon on behalf of what he called his “usual suspects in California.”

Crew Dragon was purchased by Kinsman Stable for $110,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. A maiden winner at Gulfstream in January, the chestnut was second in the Mar. 6 Columbia S. at Tampa Bay Downs and was most recently third in a Keeneland allowance Apr. 23.

“Keeneland did a great job putting this sale together,” Ingordo said. “The timing of it is good—right before the summer meets. I have been impressed with the trade and the quality of horses. The way they put the catalog together quickly was impressive. I hope they continue to build on this.”

California owners Holly and David Wilson purchased three lots at the April sale, going to $140,000 to acquire Tampa maiden winner The Right Stuff (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) (hip 32), who was consigned by Eaton Sales on behalf of Stonestreet Stables; and to $120,000 to obtain Secret Potion (Into Mischief) (hip 20), who has made five starts for the partnership of Peter Brant, Robert LaPenta and Woodford Racing, from the Lane’s End consignment. The Wilsons also purchased Sam Houston maiden winner Holland (Into Mischief) (hip 61) from WinStar Racing.

The Wilsons bought four horses at last week’s OBS Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, but David Wilson said he has been able to find value at the horses of racing age sales. Cont. p6
“I’ve owned Thoroughbreds for 25 years,” Wilson said. “I have had the most success buying horses who are lightly raced and somebody has said, ‘I’ve got 20 of these, let’s cull the bottom 10%.’ And that works for me. I have a lot less exposure that way. I just spent $1 million last week at the OBS sale on four horses and one of them might not even make it to the races. But these three already have. That’s my theory.”

Of the latest trio to join his racing stable, Wilson said, “I got a couple of really nice horses and a cheap one, I got an Into Mischief for kind of cheap. So I am excited. They were in the low-to-average range that I had estimated for the three horses. They weren’t bargains, but they weren’t at the top of the list either. I had two or three others picked out, but they went way over what I was thinking.”

The Wilsons campaigned 2000 GI Hollywood Gold Cup winner Early Pioneer (Rahy), who had been a $62,500 claim. The couple races mostly in California and Wilson agreed Del Mar’s Ship and Win bonus did provide some incentive to buy at the April sale.

“We are hoping that they are capable of shipping and winning [at Del Mar],” Wilson said. “So yes. That has some factor in buying there.”

LACY NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES AT KEENELAND; RUSSELL TO RETIRE

Internationally respected bloodstock adviser and consignor Tony Lacy will join Keeneland as the company’s vice president of sales. Keeneland has simultaneously announced that Geoffrey Russell, who has served the auction house for 25 years—the last 20 as director of sales/sales operations—is retiring from the company, but will remain as a consultant through 2021.

“Tony possesses a well-rounded knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry, bolstered by valuable insight and a unique skill set gained from having worked on the ground in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East,” Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. “He is an established presence globally and connects to a vast network of owners, trainers, consignors and buyers. We are excited to welcome Tony to Keeneland, and look forward to his leadership as we prepare for the future.”

A fourth-generation horseman, Lacy began his career as an assistant trainer to his father T.F. ‘Tom’ Lacy, a steeplechase jockey who nearly defeated Arkle in the 1964 Irish Grand National. Tony Lacy was an accomplished amateur jockey in Ireland for 11 years on the flat and over jumps while competing against the likes of Aidan O’Brien and Willie Mullins.
Here comes Caravaggio! Another impressive debut winner as Contarelli Chapel goes clear by 5 at 6f at @NaasRacecourse. @coolmorestud made a big bet on Scat Daddy sons & right now that looks a good bet

Bill Oppenheim on Twitter, April 26th

SCAT DADDY

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CARAVAGGIO Royal Ascot superstar at 2 and 3 years. An outstanding start with his first 2YOs in 2021.
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28 March Tenebrism (CARAVAGGIO) won 2YO Maiden first time out at Naas for A P O’Brien. TDN Rising Star & Royal Ascot prospect.
10 April Cadamosto (NO NAY NEVER) won 2YO Maiden first time out at Dundalk for A P O’Brien. Royal Ascot prospect.
18 April Alcohol Free (NO NAY NEVER) won Fred Darling Stakes-Gr.3 for Andrew Balding & J C Smith. A leading 1,000 Guineas prospect.
20 April Elliptic (CARAVAGGIO) won 2YO Fillies Maiden first time out at Tipperary for Donnacha O’Brien. Royal Ascot prospect.
24 April Armor (NO NAY NEVER) won 2YO Maiden first time out at Doncaster for Richard Hannon and Al Shaqab Racing. Royal Ascot prospect.
26 April Contarelli Chapel (CARAVAGGIO) won 2YO Fillies Maiden first time out at Naas (left) for A P O’Brien and Westerberg/Magnier/Tabor/Smith. TDN Rising Star & Royal Ascot prospect.
Lacy worked in Chantilly under trainers Emmanuel Chevalier Du Fau and Henri-Alex Pantall, later becoming an assistant trainer for the Maktoum family in Dubai with Erwan Charpy. In this country, he gained valuable experience working at Wintergreen Stallion Station and oversaw sales horses for noted 2-year-old consignor Jerry Bailey.

In 2001, Lacy helped establish the Four Star Sales consignment along with Kerry Cauthen, eventually becoming a partner and helping the company become one of North America’s leading sales agencies.

“Since the inception of Four Star, Tony has always been far more than just a partner,” Cauthen said. “Though his daily presence will be sorely missed by us all, we are tremendously excited for him and all the great things he will bring to Keeneland in this very important industry role. We look forward to a continued long-working relationship together.”

Lacy has also managed a number of breeding and racing programs and most recently aided owner Scott Heider, breeder of GI Kentucky Derby hopeful King Fury (Curlin), in building a boutique racing and breeding operation. Lacy has also counseled and represented Emirates Racing and the Dubai World Cup in the U.S. He has also advised the French racing industry’s marketing arm, French Breeding and Racing Committee (FRBC) as well as France Galop.

Lacy is the incoming president of the Thoroughbred Club of America and will be the first foreign-born president in the organization’s 89-year history. He also serves on the Board of New Vocations.

“I am extremely honored to be named Vice President of Sales for Keeneland,” Lacy said. “Keeneland is a pillar of the global horse industry, and I have a high level of respect for Shannon, the team she is building and her vision for the future.”

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“I believe my background as a consignor and bloodstock adviser will allow me to understand the needs of our sales participants, continue to build on the best of our traditions and pursue innovations that will keep the company dynamic in a changing environment,” he added. “Keeneland is an iconic brand, and we remain committed to protecting and growing its premier operations for the future health of the industry as a whole.”

**Russell Retires After 25 Years...**

Born in Ireland, Geoffrey Russell first attended the races when he was five years old, and later frequented the races with his best friend, whose family owned racehorses and taught Russell about pedigrees and other industry insights. While attending a bloodstock auction in the 1970, Russell watched as Sir Philip Payne-Gallway bought a full-sister to English Horse of the Year Shirley Heights (GB) for a then-record price in Ireland.

After graduation from the College of Marketing and Design in Dublin, Russell worked at Coolmore Stud in Ireland and as a bid spotter at Goffs. He came to the U.S. in 1982 on a summer internship at Fasig-Tipton, but admitted that he never expected to stay. Following a time at Elmendorf Farm, Russell accepted a position as the vice president of appraisals and director of sales administration at Fasig-Tipton.

Russell joined the team at Keeneland in 1996 as the assistant director of sales under Rogers Beasley. He was promoted to director of sales in 2001 when Beasley transitioned into the role of director of racing for Keeneland. Russell became the Director of Sales Operations in 2016.

“I think it chose me more than I chose it,” Russell said about his career in Thoroughbred sales. “I have a love of pedigrees, and I love horses. The atmosphere and the theatrics of an auction are captivating. Then you put your other hat on, and you see the sales are people’s livelihoods and you realize how important your job is to do it right.”

Russell’s service to the Thoroughbred sales industry includes two terms as Chairman of the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers (SITA), and he has been Keeneland’s representative on the North American International Catalogue Standards Committee (ICSC). He also serves on the board of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation.

“I have never met anyone more devoted to Keeneland or Thoroughbred racing than Geoffrey Russell,” Arvin said. “Keeneland sales achieved new heights globally under his watch, and he indelibly shaped the future of sales operations domestically and abroad through his years of leadership and service. I am grateful to Geoffrey for his integrity, his tireless work ethic and his dedication to Keeneland.”

Russell’s friendship with Arvin began while she was Keeneland’s counsel with Stoll Keenon Ogden and they worked together on Conditions of Sales and legal issues.

“It has been a great honor and privilege to work at Keeneland,” Russell said. “I appreciate all the opportunities that Keeneland has given me over my 25 years here. I never thought I would work at Keeneland—and never as Director of Sales nor being the longest-tenured one.

“With Shannon at the helm—and I firmly believe she is the right person to lead Keeneland—I feel that this is a good time for a transition as Keeneland looks to the next 20 years. Keeneland is putting the right people in place for the future, and the appointment of Tony as Vice President of Sales is an example of that foresight. Tony is a trusted and respected horseman, well-liked by his peers, who has conducted his racing and bloodstock career with quality and integrity. I am confident in Tony’s leadership and look forward to the exciting future of Keeneland sales.”

Added Lacy: “I have admired Geoffrey from the first time I met him. He has always been very knowledgeable, decisive and fair in managing the sale process. He helped Keeneland navigate varying economic environments and his counsel will be heavily relied upon going forward. It is important to maintain the consistency Geoffrey has skillfully managed over the years to allow a smooth transition to the next Director of Sales Operations, and I am very grateful he will assist in this process. He has set a very high standard and I congratulate him on an incredible career.”

For his accomplishments in the Thoroughbred industry, the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association (ITBA) honored Russell with its 2016 Wild Geese Award. ITBA Chairman Stephen Collins said the award acknowledges “one of our own who has flown the Irish flag with pride on an international stage.”
The New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. & New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund wish the connections of BROOKLYN STRONG best of luck in the 147th Kentucky Derby (GI)
WITH TRIPLE-DIGIT BEYER, SKY'S THE LIMIT
FOR FLIGHTLINE by Bill Finley

The fastest 3-year-old in training will not be found in the field for Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby.

In one of the most impressive debuts turned in by a 3-year-old colt in years, 'TDN Rising Star' Flightline (Tapit) not only won Saturday’s maiden special weight at Santa Anita by 13 1/4 lengths, he earned a 105 Beyer Speed Figure (video). Based on the numbers, that makes him faster than any of the 20 horses lining up for the Derby. His stablemate, Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg}), earned a 100 Beyer when winning the GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby, which gives him the only triple digit Beyer number in the expected field. Life Is Good (Into Mischief) earned a 107 when winning the GII San Felipe S., but has been sidelined.

“We really thought the world of him, but you never really know until they get on the racetrack,” said co-owner Kosta Hronis. “He travels really well. He makes it look really easy and he kind of floats over the track. He does things effortlessly. We think he has a bright future and looks like a special colt.”

Flightline broke on top in his debut and reeled off an opening quarter-mile in :21.59 seconds, but seemed to be going easily. With Flavien Prat aboard, he started to draw away on the turn and kept extending his lead, even though Prat wrapped up on him well before the wire. His final time for the six furlongs was 1:08.75.

“Flavien said he really did it so easily and that he was not even breathing hard,” Hronis said.

Hronis Racing owns Flightline along with Siena Farm, Summer Wind Equine, West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing.

Due to the belated debut, Flightline is not in line to run in any of the Triple Crown races. The major summer stakes for 3-year-olds could be on his schedule, but Hronis said that the owners and trainer John Sadler have not mapped out any plans for their rising star.

“He runs so fast, so we'd like to keep things spaced out,” Hronis said. “Since it was just his first race, we'll just see when he's ready to come back. When he's ready to go, I'm sure we can find a 3-year-old colt race where he will fit right in. But, no, we don't really have anything targeted at this point.”

Flightline, a $1-million purchase from the Lane’s End consignment at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, suffered through a setback last year just prior to when he was scheduled to be sent to Sadler’s Santa Anita barn, the reason why he didn’t debut until Saturday.

“About a week before he was scheduled to come to California, he cut himself,” Hronis said. “He has a scar on his butt on his right hind. They had to stitch him up. It was just something that happened at the barn and nobody really knows what happened or how he did it. But that set him back. Because we always thought he was a special colt, we gave him 60 days off to let him heal up right.”

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Had Sadler been more aggressive, he might have been able to get Flightline to the races in January or February, which would have given him enough time to make the Derby. Hronis said that was not anything the connections ever considered.

“That’s just not our style,” he said. “We like to be really patient and let the horse tell us when they are ready. Would having him in the Derby be fun? Yes, it would have, but at same time you don’t want to do anything to jeopardize their careers. It is the Sadler-Hronis philosophy. We like to be patient and let the horse tell us when they are ready to go. We’re never going to push them.”

Over the last many years, the Hronis Brothers have been among the most successful owners in the sport, but most of their biggest wins have come with older horses. Rock Your World will be their first Kentucky Derby starter.

“We bought a lot of nice yearlings in the past, like [Eclipse Award and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner] Accelerate (Lookin at Lucky),” Hronis said. “They just came around a little slower. Rock Your World developed and matured a little faster than ones we’ve had in the past. We haven’t changed our buying or training philosophy. These ones just happened to come along faster than ones we’ve had in the past. To get a 3-year-old to be able to run a mile-and-a-quarter the first week in May is not easy.”

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo said he had had his eye on him for some time before signing the ticket at Saratoga.

“Lane’s End handles a lot of the sales for Jane Lyon out at Summer Wind,” said Ingordo. “We went out shortly after some of her yearlings turned a year old, in February or March of their yearling year and they were showing us a chestnut Tapit colt out of American Pharoah’s dam who turned out to be Triple Tap. And there was a chestnut and a bay, and I kept looking at the bay, and they said you need to look at the chestnut, because the bay is the one she’s thinking about keeping. We went back a few times through the spring, and the bay one was the one I always liked.”

Fast-forward to August, and Ingordo was on a Tex Sutton plane with a load of horses when they hit turbulence.

“The guys asked if I could go back and grab a horse, so I grabbed the first horse and I was standing there and I looked at him and said, ‘oh, there you are.’ I only realized he was there when I was holding him on the plane. He was an expensive colt, but it all worked out in the end.”

Spending $1 million on a yearling is also something that hasn’t been in the Hronis playbook.

“We spent that much money because we knew we were going to partner up,” Hronis said. “The seven figures was not just us. We would never do that by ourselves. It’s too big of a risk. I’ve seen a lot of $1-million horses in $20,000 claiming races. The fact that the breeder, Summer Wind, stayed in is important. That showed that they believed in him, too. When you have partners like we do, it’s easier to absorb that kind of horse.”

KORNACKI TO JOIN NBC DERBY COVERAGE

Steve Kornacki, who has gained a cult following as the national political correspondent for MSNBC, will join NBC Sports' coverage of Saturday’s GI Kentucky Derby beginning at 2:30 p.m. ET.

Kornacki, who has been praised for his ability to explain the complicated election process, will apply his analytical perspective in segments entitled “Meet the Contenders.” He will also offer insights on notable betting trends.

Kornacki also contributed to NBC’s Football Night in America programming over the winter, where he broke down the oft-confusing NFL playoff scenarios.

“After successfully tackling FNIA, we’re excited to have Steve join our Kentucky Derby team,” said Rob Hyland, Coordinating Producer of NBC Sports’ Kentucky Derby coverage and Football Night in America. “We expect he will be right at home working a sport that includes terms like neck-and-neck, down-to-the-wire, and dead heat.”

“It’s going to be a thrill to be at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May, something I’ve wanted to do since the very first Derby I watched as a kid in 1987,” Kornacki said. “To get to play a role with the NBC Sports team, which I’ve been a fan of for years, is an honor.”

Click for a Bill Finley feature on Kornacki from this past February.
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MCINGVALE TO MAKE LARGEST BET IN DERBY HISTORY
by Bill Finley

Owner Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale is planning to bet at least $2 million to win on Essential Quality (Tapit) in Saturday’s Grade 1 Kentucky Derby as a hedge to cover the costs of a furniture promotion underway at his Gallery Furniture stores. It is believed that McIngvale’s bet will be the largest ever placed on the Derby or any U.S. horse race.

McIngvale has already launched the “Kentucky Derby Fave Wins, You Win” promotion. Anyone buying a mattress that costs $3,000 or more will receive a 100% refund if the favorite wins the race. Customers will also have the option of receiving a store credit of 150% of the price paid for the mattress. McIngvale says he will bet at least $2 million and could bet as much as $4 million.

“‘I’m going to wire the money into Churchill, probably on Thursday,’” McIngvale said. “‘When it gets closer to the race I will figure out how many mattresses we have sold, add up the total, and then I’ll figure out how much to bet on the favorite to win the Kentucky Derby. It’s going to be great for the other people too because it will make the other 19 horses a better value than they would be if I hadn’t made a big bet.”

In 2019, the last time the race was run on the first Saturday in May, there was $41.8 million in the win pool. A $2-million bet would account for about 5% of the pool, more than enough to lower the odds on Essential Quality. The race favorite that year, Improbable (City Zip), had $6.9 million wagered on him to win. He went off at 4-1.

“I’m better off if the horse wins, by a 10-1 margin because people will tell all their friends about this and the word of mouth publicity if he wins will be off the charts. The good thing about horse racing is you can bet as much as you want to because it is pari-mutuel wagering and the Derby is a race with huge handle.”

McIngvale is confident Essential Quality can get the job done.

“‘He’s won all his races, was the champion 2-year-old and is by Tapit, the best sire in the country,’” McIngvale said. “‘So you have to like the horse. There’s nothing not to like about him.”

McIngvale is used to making huge wagers, many of which he ties in with store promotions. He made a huge, losing bet on the Houston Astros to win the 2019 World Series. Earlier this year, he successfully bet $3.5 million on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to cover the spread in the Super Bowl. Does he still get nervous when betting that much?

“I’m more nervous watching one of my horses run in a $10,000 claimer,” he said. “I don’t get nervous doing this. To me, it’s fun and exciting and it’s exciting for the customers.”

LIL INDY, DAM OF MAXIMUM SECURITY, DIES WHILE FOALING

Lil Indy (Anasheed—Cresta, by Cresta Rider), the dam of champion Maximum Security (New Year’s Day), died Saturday night while foaling a filly by Curlin, Summer Wind Farm’s Jane Lyon reported in a Facebook post. She was 14 years old.

“It is with deep sadness I have to announce the passing of Lil Indy, the dam of Maximum Security. She died foaling a beautiful Curlin filly Saturday evening,” Lyon said. “While she graced Summer Wind Farm for a far too short time, she captured our hearts with her sweet demeanor and beautiful spirit. She will always remain in our hearts. Godspeed Lil Indy, you were loved here.” Cont. p12
Lil Indy with her Quality Road colt Qualified | Christie DeBernardis

Just a $2,200 Fasig-Tipton Fall yearling purchase who won twice in 19 starts on the track, Lil Indy became a household name when Maximum Security put together a championship season as a sophomore in 2019, a campaign that also famously featured his disqualification from first in the GI Kentucky Derby. Bought for $11,000 at Keeneland November the previous year, she summoned $1.85 million from Lyon’s Summer Wind Equine at the same sale in 2019.

Lil Indy’s remaining produce is an unraced 3-year-old Flashback colt named Stand Proud, an unnamed juvenile full-sister to Maximum Security who sold to Four Star Sales for $65,000 this year at Keeneland January, a yearling Quality Road colt named Qualified and the Curlin filly born Saturday night.

NYRA ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER FOR CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) has announced a collaboration with the New York Institute of Technology’s Center for Sports Medicine that establishes the CSM as the official concussion management team for NYRA.

The CSM will play a leading role in continuing to develop concussion protocols for jockeys at Belmont, Saratoga and Aqueduct.

“NYRA clearly prioritizes the health and safety of the world class athletes riding at their racetracks,” said Hallie Zwibel, D.O., medical director and director of the Center for Sports Medicine at New York Institute of Technology. “This collaboration is a reflection of that fact and will result in a concussion management plan that can serve as a national blueprint for thoroughbred racing.”

In December 2020, the Center for Sports Medicine launched a concussion baseline testing program for jockeys competing at the 2020-21 winter meet at Aqueduct. This program is ongoing, with additional baseline testing to be performed during the spring/summer meet at Belmont and the summer meet at Saratoga.

The Center for Sports Medicine has teamed in recent years with current and former jockeys, including Ramon Dominguez, who was forced to retire in 2013 as the result.

“I am very encouraged that NYRA is collaborating with New York Institute of Technology to enhance jockey safety,” said Dominguez. “As awareness for concussion safety has risen, so has the level of protection for these amazing athletes and this collaboration continues those important efforts.”

“The Center for Sports Medicine is at the forefront of concussion science, research and prevention,” said Martin Panza, NYRA Senior Vice President of Racing Operations. “Dr. Zwibel and his team will be a tremendous addition as we work together to finalize comprehensive protocols to further protect jockeys in New York.”
Standing in the winner’s circle with partners, you can’t beat it. It’s an excitement like none other and a thrill we’re all chasing. As passionate as I am about our partnership, it’s important to stay involved to help continue the betterment of the sport. I serve on the TOBA board to ensure owners’ voices are represented within the industry.”

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ARCI, BESHEAR, KHRC RELEASE STATEMENTS ON PASSING OF JOHN WARD

The Association of Racing Commissioners International, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission all released statements Monday reflecting on the passing of GI Kentucky Derby-winning trainer John Ward.

"On behalf of the ARCI and John’s many friends in the regulatory network, permit me to express our immense sadness and condolences to Donna and John’s family upon learning the news of John’s passing,” said ARCI President Ed Martin. “John Ward was a gentle giant in horse racing and was committed to our horses, everyone who cares for them, our riders, and all who are involved in and love our sport. He was a man of utmost integrity, common sense and determination who had a heart and a wonderful way about him no matter who you were. I made the mistake of once introducing John as a Hall of Fame trainer. He humbly corrected me. But in my humble opinion, based on his life’s achievements, he should be in the Hall of Fame.”

"John was a good friend and a great ambassador for horse racing in the state of Kentucky," said Beshear. “His experience as a trainer and horseman gave him a unique vision to lead the KHRC into a new and prosperous era. He will be missed by the entire horse racing community. Donna and his entire family are in Britainy and my prayers.”

"John was a really good guy," added Marc Guilfoil, current KHRC Executive Director. "He challenged us in the office to think outside the box and come up with some very good policies and procedures that we still follow today. I guarantee you can search every history book in the country and you’ll not find another person who served at the executive director of any commission in the United States, ever, that was also a Derby winning trainer. That’s pretty special."

My mom and dad raised five children on very low incomes. We all grew up thinking we were a middle-class family but in hindsight we were far from it. My parents created a way of life for us so that we never questioned our status growing up. We were happy and lacked nothing, especially love. In his younger days, John Feld dressed well, drove fancy cars, loved to bet on the horses and his getaway was Las Vegas. He was quite the bachelor and lived a fun and adventurous single life and a bit beyond his means because he could.

On one fortuitous trip to Las Vegas, he made a nice chunk of change over the weekend by hitting number 17 on the roulette wheel multiple times. The number 17 became the "Feld family lucky number" and includes events like his first born son born on February 17. The number 17’s karmatic showing continues to this day.

My dad had slowly but surely gone into a coma as he was slowly but surely dying in front of his family. My mom, brother, sister, brother-in-law and I were all in the room to be in his presence as he passed. The doctor had told us that his coma was so deep that we would not be able to communicate with him nor would we see any response from him. As the hours went by, it became very apparent that the end of his life was near.

My son Sean and his "Pop" were close because they shared the passion of horse racing. Pop was the quintessential two-dollar bettor who loved the puzzle of picking the winner more than the gamble. In the 1980’s, the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita started a tradition of giving away a commemorative stein each year on Opening Day of the meet. Pop started his own personal tradition of taking his oldest grandson, Sean, to Opening Day each year to get his stein. Annually on a Wednesday, his Mom and I allowed him to ditch school each year to go with Pop to add to his collection of steins. Cont. p14
I decided since Pop's life was about to end, to call Sean on my cell phone to see if he would like to say goodbye to his grandpa. He agreed. The room was deafeningly silent as if a vigil for my dad had already started. I held my phone up to Pop's ear and I could hear Sean through the phone tell his grandpa, "We are going to win the Kentucky Derby for you Pop."

At that moment, my dad made a grunting sound. Time stood still. All of us in attendance could not believe there was this fleeting moment of "life" coming from my father to his grandson as he was about to take his last breath. Teary-eyed, I hung the phone up and the silence continued. It wasn't much later when my dad did take his very last breath. It was 9:17 a.m. and of course, on April 17th.

During the past 21 years since Pop passed, like everyone else in the Thoroughbred business, we have "tried" to win the Kentucky Derby, not for ourselves really but for Pop. Our budgets have ebbed and flowed over the years but with any and all budgets we try. That's what we do, it's all about trying. We got close a few years ago when a $61,000 yearling purchase, Sueno, would have been the last horse "scratched" into the race but he chipped his ankle Kentucky Derby week and did not enter. This year, our (not kidding) $17,000 yearling purchase is second in the point standings and has the look of a real contender coming off an impressive win in the Louisiana Derby.

My brother Jude trained on the Southern California circuit for 20 years so Pop knew the game well and he knew how tough it was to win a race, any race. Hot Rod Charlie doesn't have to win on the first Saturday in May and he still has to get there. The fact we have come this far with a $17,000 horse while knowing that Pop was "with us" when we bought him at that price is a victory in itself. I know Pop is proud of us already for trying, but if a 14-year-old boy could keep his promise to his dying grandfather, that would be the most satisfying and greatest victory of all and I have a feeling time will stand still once again for Pop!

Bob Feld, posted on Facebook and published with his permission

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T.I.P. NON-COMPETITION AWARD APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS Edited Press Release

Applications for The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program’s (T.I.P.’s) two annual awards, the Thoroughbred of the Year Award and the Young Rider of the Year Award, are now available online at tjctip.com. Applications are due June 30.

The T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award recognizes a Thoroughbred that has excelled in a non-competitive career, such as equine-assisted therapy or police work. The award includes a $5,000 grant to the non-profit organization associated with the horse or, if no organization is associated with the horse, to a horse-related charity chosen by The Jockey Club. To apply for the T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award, owners can apply at tjctip.com/About/TBNCA.

The T.I.P. Young Rider of the Year Award recognizes young riders, 18 or under as of Jan. 1, 2021, who own or lease a Thoroughbred for use in 4-H, Pony Club or other activities. The winner(s) will be determined through an essay contest with a total award of $5,000 that can be applied to the college of their choice or to their participation in an event that furthers their involvement with horses. To apply for the Young Rider of the Year Award, riders should visit tjctip.com/About/TBYPRY.

Thoroughbreds registered with The Jockey Club are eligible for participation in both awards. Horse owners interested in participating in T.I.P. can find more information regarding eligibility and assistance with identification of Thoroughbreds at tjctip.com.
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LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS-GI, $1,250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

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**ALYSHEBA S. PRESENTED BY SENTIENT JET-GII**, $400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

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**EIGHT BELLES S. PRESENTED BY SMITHFIELD-GII**, $300,000, 3yo, f, 7f

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TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT S. PRESENTED BY SYSCO-GII, $250,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

SINGLETARY S., $100,500, Santa Anita, 4-25, 3, 1mT, 1:36.63, fm.
1--SWORD ZORRO (IRE), 120, c, 3, by Zoffany (Ire)
   1st Dam: Sarawati (Ire), by Haafhd (GB)
   2nd Dam: Mathaayl, by Shadeed
   3rd Dam: Manal (Fr), by Luthier (Fr)
   (€165,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Yuesheng Zhang; B-Pigeon Park Stud (Ire); T-John W. Sadler; J-Umberto Rispoli. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, $84,900. *Full to Ventura Storm (IRE), G1SW-Ity, GSW & MG1SP-Aus, GSW-Fr, MSW & G1SP-Eng, $1,273,154.
2--Petruchio, 120, g, 3, Into Mischief--Satirical, by Distorted Humor. O-Perry Bass II & Ramona Bass; B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella. $20,000.
3--Man Friday, 120, c, 3, American Pharoah--Emma's Encore, by Congrats. ($325,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV). O-GNO Racing Club, Daniel Kramer, Ritchie Robershaw & Terri Tucker; B-Narola, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. $12,000.
Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 1.50, 8.70.
Also Ran: Coastal Kid, Gator Shining, Sensemaker.

Sword Zorro broke his maiden in his final outing for trainer Jessica Harrington at Leopardstown last October and was fifth in the 6 1/2-furlong Baffle S. over the Santa Anita lawn in his stateside debut Feb. 5. Taken in hand shortly after the break, the bay colt dropped back to the rear of the field. He inched closer on the far turn, darted into contention with a five-wide move at the top of the stretch and surged to the lead with a sixteenth to run before holding Petruchio safe to the wire. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Indiana Grand, $37,260, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 4-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.74, ft, 3/4 length.

AUBERGE (f, 4, Palace--Prenuptial Vow, by Broken Vow), tabbed a ‘TDN Rising Star’ following her 7 3/4-length debut win at Santa Anita in October 2019, was second in the 2020 GII Santa Ynez S. before returning to the winner’s circle following a February optional claimer in her final outing for trainer Bob Baffert. Off for over a year, she set the pace before tiring to fourth in a six-furlong optional claimer at Oaklawn last time out Mar. 18. The 1-2 favorite shadowed Ever Wonder (Jersey Town) in the early going and looked ready to roll by that rival at the top of the lane, but the pacesetter battled back determinedly along the rail. Auberge finally got the better of that foe late and inched away to the wire to score by 3/4 lengths. Auberge is a half-sister to Theperfectvow (Majesticperfection), MSW, $245,311. Sales history: $140,000 Wlg '17 FTKNOV; $170,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $570,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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Lifetime Record:
GSP, 5-3-1-0, $130,200.

O-Speedway Stables; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IA); T-M Stidham.

IN BRITAIN:

Summa Peto, c, 3, Dialed In. See “Britain”.

Malhoob, c, 3, Kitten’s Joy. See “Britain”.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Good Pilseung, c, 3, Distorted Humor--Rossezza, by Medaglia d’Oro. Seoul, 4-24, Hcp., 1400m. B-Edition Farm & Distorted Humor Syndicate (NY). *Won by six lengths. **$50,000 Wlg ’18 KEENOV; $13,000 2yo ’20 OBSJUL.

Legend Day, c, 3, Race Day--Sakura, by Buddha. Seoul, 4-24, Hcp., 1400m. B-Terry Phillips (IN). *Won for the fifth time in six starts as the 2-5 favorite. **$4,200 Ylg ’19 KEEJAN; $17,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

Jangsan Gold, f, 4, Goldencents--Swampoodle, by Broken Vow. Seoul, 4-25, Hcp., 1200m. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (KY). *1/2 to Dolkong (Afleet Alex), Ch. Older Horse & SW-Kor, SW & G1SP-UAE, $1,408,864; full to Always Hope, MSW-Pan. **$47,000 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT.

Geuma Cavalry, c, 4, Violence--Sweet Starlet, by Five Star Day. Busan, 4-24, Hcp., 1600m. B-Steve C Snowden & Dan Considine (KY). *$235,000 Wlg ’17 FTKNOV; $245,000 RNA Ylg ’18 FTSAU; $180,000 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT.

Morfhis, g, 6, Stephen Got Even--Chinchilla (SP), by Rubiano. Seoul, 4-25, Hcp., 1400m. B-Canamer Farm (KY). *1/2 to On Probation (Into Mischief), SP, $161,282. **$35,000 Ylg ’16 FTKOCT; $150,000 2yo ’17 OBSAPR.

IN JAPAN:

Pingxiang, c, 4, Speightstown--Beauty and Light, by Unbridled's Song. Tokyo, 4-25, Allowance ($325k), 1400m, 1:23.7. Lifetime Record: 13-4-3-1, $446,389. O-Naoya Fujii; B-Dream With Me Stables Inc (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *$100,000 Ylg ’18 KEESEP.

IN PERU:

Faenon, c, 4, English Channel--Little Journey (Fr) (GISP, $121,911), by Great Journey (Jpn). Monterrico, 4-24, Clasico Miguel A. Checa Eguiguren-G3, 1900mT, 1:55.67. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *Ch. Grass Horse & G1SW-Per. **$2,000 Wlg '17 KEESEP.

IN PANAMA:

Honey Kingdom, f, 3, Animal Kingdom--Ah Honey Honey, by Candy Ride (Arg). Presidente Remon, 4-25, Maiden, 1300m. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$15,000 Ylg ’19 KEENOV.

Uncle Charlie, c, 3, Outwork--Discreet Woman, by Discreet Cat. Presidente Remon, 4-24, Maiden, 1300m. B-Apache Farm LLC (NY). *$1,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT.

Thanos K., c, 4, Ready's Image--Reckless, by Indygo Shiner. Presidente Remon, 4-24, Clasico Francisco Arias Paredes Y Alberto Arias Espinosa (Velocidad), 1200m. B-Kathie Maybee (KY). *$1,500 Ylg ’18 FTKOCT.

IN RUSSIA:

Angel Bars, c, 3, Candy Ride (Arg)--Tacita, by Tapit. Krasnodar, 4-25, Season Opening S. (NBT), 1800m. B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *$35,000 Ylg ’19 KEENOV.

Heat Generator, c, 3, Exaggerator--Red Hot Tweet, by Heatseeker (Ire). Pavlovskiy Hippodrome, 4-24, Maiden, 1600m. B-St Simon Place, Scott Stephens & Betsy T Wells (KY). *$50,000 Ylg ’19 KEENOV.
Fast Boy, c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Sovereign Crisis, by Congrats. Pavlovskiy Hippodrome, 4-24, Sprints S. (NBT), 1400m. B-T/C Stable LLC (KY). *Now perfect in three career starts. **$30,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP.

IN SOUTH KOREA:
Chief Indy (Kor), c, 3, Take Charge Indy--City Splash (MSP-Can), by City Zip. Seoul, 4-25, Hcp., 1800m. B-Kwon Joo Soon.
Ghost Village (Kor), c, 4, Quality Road--Mess In a Dress, by Henny Hughes. Seoul, 4-25, Hcp., 1300. B-Kumak Stud Farm. *$60,000 in utero ’16 KEENOV.

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, APRIL 27
2021 Stud Fees Listed
Big Blue Kitten (Kitten’s Joy), Calumet Farm, $5,000 74 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Churchill Downs, Msw 1 1/4m, Enraged, 50-1 $1,500 KEE SEP yrl

Dowsing (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Holden Farm, $25,000 20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, Bickerments, 50-1

Firing Line (Line of David), Crestwood Farm, $5,000 66 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, Msw 5f, Dolly’s Line, 5-1

Majestic Harbor (Rockport Harbor), Harris Farms, $2,500 27 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, Princess Consuela, 6-1

Metaboss (Street Boss), Harris Farms 13 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 6f, Meta Lady, 8-1

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, $75,000 214 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Churchill Downs, Msw 1 1/4m, Cross Check, 8-1

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, $10,000 199 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Churchill Downs, Msw 1 1/4m, Happy American, 7-2 $385,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sahara Sky (Pleasant Tap), Indy Dancers Training Center 9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 7-Indiana Grand, Alw 5 1/2f, Sky Judge, 8-1

Taprize (Tapit), R Star Stallions, $2,500 18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, Embroiled, 15-1

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, $4,000 132 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners 10-Parx Racing, Alw 6f, Just a Thought, 7-2

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro), Coolmore Australia 146 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Will Rogers Downs, Alw 1m, Canada Candy, 3-1 $20,000 OKC YRL yrl 9-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, El Casadora, 20-1 19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $1,200 KEE SEP yrl
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STAKES RESULTS:

**SILKY SULLIVAN S.**, $77,700, Golden Gate Fields, 4-25, (S), 3yo, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:36.75, ft.

1--NONE ABOVE THE LAW, 120, g, 3, by Karakontie (Jpn)--Legally Blanca (SW, $172,690), by Northern Afleet. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Downstream Racing, LLC; B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (CA); T-Peter Miller; J-Evin A. Roman. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, $131,060.

2--Seattle Bold, 120, c, 3, Bold Chieftain--Roman Wild, by Roman Ruler. O/B-Myles McMahon (CA); T-Jamey R. Thomas. $15,000.

3--Top Harbor, 120, c, 3, Harbor the Gold--Reba Is Tops, by He's Tops. O/B-Eric Schweiger, Gordy Jarnig & Kenny Marshall (CA); T-Tim McCanna. $9,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, HD, 1HF. Odds: 3.20, 3.40, 8.20.

**CAMPANILE S.**, $76,800, Golden Gate Fields, 4-25, (S), 3yo, f, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:36.93, ft.

1--I'M SO ANNA, 120, f, 3, by Fast Anna--So So Fast, by Jet West. O/B-KMN RACING, LLC (CA); T-Steve M. Sherman; J-Kyle Frey. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, $174,240.

2--Amazen Grazen, 120, f, 3, Grazen--Aerial Hawk, by Silver Hawk. O-Steve Moger; B-Moger Inc. & Alan Eriksen (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. $15,000.

3--Squared Shady, 120, f, 3, Square Eddie--Frege, by Johar. O-Edward Brown, Jr. & Jeff Ganje; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. $9,000.


ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Santa Anita, $64,000.** (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 4-25, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.11, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

EL DIABLO ROJO (g, 4, Clubhouse Ride--Bella Roja {SP, $162,138}, by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-1, $115,160. O-Anapenny Racing, LLC & Craig Lewis; B-Craig Lewis Racing Stable, Elliot Lewis & Anapenny Racing (CA); T-Jeff Bonde. $9,000.


**9th-Lone Star, $34,000.** 4-25, (NW1X), 3yo, c/g, 1m, 1:38.89, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

BOBBY BRINKLEY (g, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Brinkley {SP}, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, $108,672. O-Chad and Josh; B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-Frank Lucarelli. *1/2 to Wild About Irene (Offlee Wild), SP, $268,514.

**7th-Finger Lakes, $21,900.** (S), 4-26, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.57, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

STABILIZE (m, 5, Central Banker--Mlle. de Paris, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: 17-6-2-5, $105,253. O-Ron Cecere; B-Akindale Farm LLC & Raymond DeStefano (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. *$5,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT; $35,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Bustin Bieber, g, 3, Bustin Stones--Classical Fashion, by Native Regent. Finger Lakes, 4-26, 4 1/2f, :54.50. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, $23,894. B-Linda & Bruce McConnell (NY).

One Glamorous Gal, f, 3, Macho Uno--Camielee, by Harlan's Holiday. Thistledown, 4-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.26. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $26,700. B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH). *$250,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.
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Cougartown Blues, g, 4, Blueskiesrainbows--Saturday, by Discreet Cat. Indiana Grand, 4-26, (S), 1m, 1:44.27. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $23,713. B-Merrill Roberts (IN).

Gospel Gina, f, 4, Indy Express--Holiday Cheer, by Thunder Gulch. Will Rogers Downs, 4-26, (S), 1m, 1:43.70. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, $31,174. B-Joe Merrick (OK).

Highly Explosive, f, 4, Medal Count--Plastique, by City Zip. Thistledown, 4-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.84. Lifetime Record: 15-1-3-1, $39,580. B-Peter Sheppell (OH). *$12,500 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

Brainstorm, h, 5, Tapit--Book Review (GISW, $884,955), by Giant's Causeway. Will Rogers Downs, 4-26, 6f, 1:12.69. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $16,196. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY). *1/2 to Regal Beauty (Malibu Moon), SP, $174,702.

English Channel, Raging Gold Digger, m, 6, o/o My Belonging, by Belong to Me. ALW, 4-25, Lone Star

Fast Anna, I'm So Anna, f, 3, o/o So So Fast, by Jet West. Campanile S., 4-25, Golden Gate

Ghostzapper, Ghostlighter, g, 3, o/o Skylighter, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 4-26, Indiana Grand

Indy Express, Gospel Gina, f, 4, o/o Holiday Cheer, by Thunder Gulch. MSW, 4-26, Will Rogers

Karakontie (Jpn), None Above the Law, g, 3, o/o Legally Blanca, by Northern Afleet. Silky Sullivan S., 4-25, Golden Gate

Macho Uno, One Glamorous Gal, f, 3, o/o Camielee, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 4-26, Thistledown

Medal Count, Highly Explosive, f, 4, o/o Plastique, by City Zip. MSW, 4-26, Thistledown

Palace, Auberge, f, 4, o/o Prenuptial Vow, by Broken Vow. AOC, 4-26, Indiana Grand

Shanghai Bobby, Bobby Brinkley, g, 3, o/o Brinkley, by City Zip. ALW, 4-25, Lone Star

Stormberg, Storm Seeker, g, 5, o/o Auntie Maud, by Northern Devil. MSW, 4-25, Santa Anita

Tapit, Brainstorm, h, 5, o/o Book Review, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 4-26, Will Rogers

War Dancer, War of Thrones, g, 3, o/o Tiptrelrolleygirl, by Put It Back. MSW, 4-26, Finger Lakes

Weigelia, Risque’s Jewel, f, 4, o/o Diamonds No More, by Diamond. WMC, 4-26, Parx Racing

Zoffany (Ire), Sword Zorro (Ire), c, 3, o/o Sarawati (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). Singletary S., 4-25, Santa Anita

Bayern, Serena Beck, f, 4, o/o Serena's Reward, by Grand Reward. ALW, 4-26, Indiana Grand

Blueskiesrainbows, Cougartown Blues, g, 4, o/o Caturday, by Discreet Cat. MSW, 4-26, Indiana Grand

Bustin Stones, Bustin Bieber, g, 3, o/o Classical Fashion, by Native Regent. MSW, 4-26, Finger Lakes

Central Banker, Stabilize, m, 5, o/o Mlle. de Paris, by Silver Charm. ALW, 4-26, Finger Lakes

Clubhouse Ride, El Diablo Rojo, g, 4, o/o Bella Roja, by Hold That Tiger. AOC, 4-25, Santa Anita

Comic Strip, Indian Peak, c, 4, o/o Ms. Booty, by Roar. AOC, 4-25, Golden Gate

Cowboy Cal, Baba Lou, g, 4, o/o Baba Lucy, by Peace Rules. ALW, 4-25, Hawthorne
THE WEEKLY WRAP:
FIT FOR A KING

By Kelsey Riley

Khalid Abdullah’s legacy will live long in Thoroughbred genealogy thanks to the female families he cultivated, like the one that supplied him Sunday’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ and G1 Cadoo Oaks contender Noon Star (Galileo {Ire}).

Juddmonte’s sires, likewise, have started the season off with a bang. In this space last week we were singing the praises of Frankel (GB) off the back of a week of intercontinental successes. While Frankel remains poised to have an excellent season, in the space of 35 minutes at Sandown on Friday along came his Banstead Manor barnmate Kingman (GB) to steal the spotlight with a pair of exciting 4-year-olds. First up was Waldkonig (GB), who had flashed talent early last season before being sent to the sidelines by setbacks. He earned a first black-type victory second up in the 2000-metre G3 Gordon Richards S. in just his fifth start, and considering the bottom half of his pedigree, connections—including trainers John and Thady Gosden—should be enthusiastic that he will keep improving: his half-brother, Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) was at his best at five when he beat Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) to win the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe—his fourth win at the highest level. Cont. p2

ARQANA BREEZE-UP MOVED TO DONCASTER

For the second straight year, the Arqana Breeze-Up Sale will be staged at Goffs UK’s Doncaster sales complex in light of coronavirus-inflicted travel restrictions. The sale was originally slated for Deauville on May 14, and will now take place at Doncaster on May 28, with the breeze show on May 26.

The decision to move the sale was prompted by the fact that 80% of the 2-year-olds catalogued are based in Ireland, and thus the personnel accompanying them to France would have had to undertake a strict two-week hotel quarantine. As has become customary since the pandemic began more than a year ago, telephone and internet bidding will also be available.

Arqana President Eric Hoyeau said, “First of all, we would like to acknowledge the flexibility and understanding of all our vendors in this situation.” Cont. p5

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

‘RISING STAR’ MALATHAAT FAVORED FOR OAKS 147

‘TDN Rising Star’ Malathaat (Curlin) is favored at 5-2 and breaks from gate 10 in the GI Longines Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs on Apr. 30. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS...

Faro de San Juan makes a winning debut in the Prix du Soleil de Bretagne at Chantilly.

Many congratulations to everyone involved!
The Gosdens and Frankie Dettori barely had time to digest Waldkonig’s win before last year’s champion 3-year-old Palace Pier (GB) upstaged him to win the G2 bet365 Mile by eight lengths. John Gosden insisted that Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed’s colt was only at 80% for his comeback, and while last year’s G1 St James’s Palace S. and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner will stick to a mile for the G1 Lockinge S. and G1 Queen Anne S., Gosden said that longer races are on the radar for the second half of the season.

Waldkonig became Kingman’s 34th stakes winner last week, three days after the sire had notched his 33rd in the form of Godolphin’s Listed Blue Riband Trial scorer Wirko (GB), a €700,000 Baden-Baden yearling bred by Gestut Rottgen. Wirko is out of the listed-winning Mount Nelson (GB) mare Weltmacht (GB), herself a daughter of the Group 2 winner and multiple stakes producer Wild Side (Ger) (Sternkoenig {Ire}), and thus a sturdy template has been written for crossing Kingman with German pedigrees.

Mehmas On The Up

Kingman has consistently proven the class leader of his sire crop and another who looks like doing so, Mehmas, likewise had a productive week. On the same Sandown card on which Palace Pier and Waldkonig starred, 3-year-old Nelson Gay (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) won the five furlong bet365 H. by 6 1/2 lengths, igniting Royal Ascot dreams for trainer Richard Hughes. On Sunday Fayathaan (Ire) became Mehmas’s eighth stakes winner in Rome’s G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas). After comfortably breaking the record for winners for a first-season sire last year, Mehmas has kicked on with 20 at this early stage of the year. While he presented something of a question mark last year based on the fact that he himself didn’t race beyond two, Mehmas appears to be supplying progeny with scope. Fayathaan was his third stakes winner of 2021, joining the G3 Leopardstown One Thousand Guineas Trial scorer Keeper Of Time (Ire) and Going Global (Ire), who has won a pair of Grade IIs this year since being sold to California connections. Cont. p3

A late flourish

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Fit For A King Cont.
Keeper Of Time was in the news this weekend after it was revealed that she too has been sold to race on in America, where Mehmas has had two stakes winners (last year’s Listed Blue Norther S. winner Quattroelle {Ire} in addition to Going Global). With Acklam Express {Ire}, Mystery Smiles {Ire} and Mehmento {Ire} having also picked up placings in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint, G3 Craven S. and G3 Greenham S. in the past month, Mehmas looks to be continuing on his upward trajectory.

Amid all the excitement of the young pretenders, it was nice to see a headline horse on Sunday for Coolmore stalwart Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire} in the form of the 4 1/2-length Listed Salsabil S. winner Rocky Sky {Ire}. Standing for €5,000, Rock Of Gibraltar certainly wouldn’t be the flashiest horse in the sire ranks, but he has compiled an admirable body of work in 19 years at stud that places him currently fifth on the TDN’s Cumulative Lifetime Active Sire List for European stallions, behind only his barnmate Galileo and Dubawi {Ire}, Exceed and Excel (Aus) and Invincible Spirit {Ire}. Rock Of Gibraltar has sired 135 stakes winners at a rate of 6.2% of his starters, and in Rocky Sky—who also provided trainer Ross O’Sullivan and jockey Gary Halpin with their first stakes wins—he looks to have one that could take him back to the top table. Rocky Sky races as a homebred for Catherine Kinane, whose husband Mick partnered Rock Of Gibraltar to six of his seven Group 1 wins.

More Derby Dreams For Adlerflug
Another star rising through the sire ranks in recent seasons has been Gestut Schlenderhan’s Adlerflug {Ger}, and his loss at age 17 earlier this month has already been keenly felt through the opening weeks of the turf season. Adlerflug’s 2020 G1 Deutsches Derby winner and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe runner-up In Swoop {Ire} made an encouraging start to his 4-year-old campaign when a narrow second to the race-fit Sublimis {Ire} (Shamardal) in a mile-and-a-half listed race at ParisLongchamp two weeks ago. Cont. p4
Fit For A King Cont.

Arderflug has another Classic contender on the books in Alenquer (Fr), who sprang a 25-1 upset in Friday’s 2000-metre G3 Classic Trial at Sandown. Alenquer is another feather in the cap for trainer William Haggas, who has made a bright start to the season, and the trainer insisted Alenquer would be better upped in trip and could target the German Derby or be supplemented to the G1 Cazoo Derby. Rider Tom Marquand picked up exactly where he had left off last weekend in Australia; Alenquer was his first ride since piloting Addeybb (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) to victory in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. in Sydney.

Euro-Breds Star At Keeneland

The exodus of European-bred horses to America with aim on the country’s lucrative turf purses is no new phenomenon, and last week saw a rapid-fire double for Stonestreet Stables and trainer Wesley Ward in that sphere at Keeneland. Last autumn, bloodstock agent Ben McElroy was dispatched to Europe with the memorandum to find a select team of yearlings that could excel on both continents. McElroy possessed the track record for the job, having plucked last year’s G2 Queen Mary S. and G1 Prix Morny winner Campanelle (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) out of Book 1 at Tattersalls October for 190,000gns, and his 2020 class has gotten off to a bright start, with Ruthin (GB) (Ribchester {Ire}) (350,000gns at Book 1) and Napa Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (£420,000 at Goffs Orby) each breaking their maidens in professional fashion at Keeneland last week. Ruthin, in fact, was the first winner for Ribchester and she achieved that accomplishment in memorable fashion, earning ‘TDN Rising Star’ status.

McElroy admitted to the TDN that he felt more relieved than excited in the aftermath of Ruthin and Napa Spirit’s races, which is understandable considering that both horses were relatively large outlays. The risk on them as yearlings, however, must have been somewhat lessened by the fact that they had $60,000 2-year-old maiden special weight purses to run for at Keeneland. American buyers have become a growing force at European yearling sales in recent years, and though at a disadvantage currency-wise, the promise of fat purses back home gives them considerable spending power. Successes at Royal Ascot for Ruthin or Napa Spirit would only fuel that fire, and all going well, that’s where they are headed. It’s probably a safe bet, too, that McElroy will be headed back this year’s European yearling sales.

Breeze-Ups Looking Bright

On the subject of the sales, we were afforded a deeper look into the breeze-up market last week with the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale following on from Tattersalls’s Craven Sale a week prior, and happily the outlook was once again bright. The aggregate of £6,219,500, average of £48,590 and median of £34,000 were all records for the sale, as was the number of six-figure lots (15). Likewise, the clearance rate of 89% (it had been 88% at Craven, the highest at that sale since 2000) pointed to a strong desire for bloodstock, and indeed there appeared to be a wide cross-section of buyers at both Doncaster and Craven, with no entities dominating the buyers’ sheets. It is interesting that at the first two breeze-up sales of the season we have seen strong trade, but no true fireworks; the Tattersalls top lot was 360,000gns, while the joint top lots at Doncaster sold for £210,000.
Fit For A King Cont.

It appears thus far that there has been a slight weakening at the top of the market with simultaneously a strengthening in the middle market. The next clues will be provided by the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale on Friday.

Arqana Breeze-Up Sale Cont.

He added, "We were looking forward to a return of the Breeze Up to Deauville but in the current context and after having looked at all the possible solutions, the organisation of the sale at Doncaster will be much simpler for a large majority of them. We would also like to thank Goffs, whose entire UK team has adapted to accommodate our sale. As with last year, we will do everything possible to welcome everyone in the best possible conditions. We will also continue to offer many opportunities for buyers to bid who could not make the trip. The entire Arqana team remains at the disposal of both buyers and vendors to answer any questions and to help with their organisation."

LESTER PIGGOTT AND FRANKEL HONOURED IN INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME CLASS

Legendary jockey Lester Piggott and Juddmonte’s undefeated champion Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) are the inaugural members of the QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame.

Born on Nov. 5, 1935, the 11-time Champion Jockey (1960, 1964-1971, and 1982) began riding at age 10, and booted home his final winner at age 60. Among the champions that Piggott rode was British Triple Crown hero Nijinsky (Northern Dancer) for trainer Vincent O’Brien. Nicknamed the Long Fellow, Piggott is 5' 7", and he rode 4,493 winners including 30 British Classics and 116 wins at Royal Ascot during his lengthy career in the saddle. His first winner came at age 12 with The Chase at Haydock Park in 1948.

Of the 30 Classics he won, there were nine victories in the G1 Derby: Never Say Die (1954), Crepello (1957), St Paddy (1960), Sir Ivor (1968), Nijinsky (1970), Roberto (1972), Empery (1976), The Minstrel (1977) and Teenoso (1983). Piggott also claimed the Irish equivalent five times and Derbys in France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Singapore and Slovakia. Eight G1 St Legers went his way, as well as six G1 Oaks, a quintet of G1 2000 Guineas and a brace of G1 1000 Guineas. France’s greatest race, the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, was claimed by Piggott three times, two of those titles with Alleged (Hoist the Flag) in 1977-78.

Piggott retired from the saddle in 1985, but returned several years later for a brief comeback before retiring for good. Click here to view a QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame video on the great 85-year-old reinsman.

The highest-rated Thoroughbred in history, Frankel was foaled on Feb. 11, 2008. Named for the late trainer Bobby Frankel, the Juddmonte hombred debuted at Newmarket on Aug. 13, 2010 and promptly earned ‘TDN Rising Stardom’ for his half-length win over subsequent Group 1 winner Nathaniel {Ire} (Galileo {Ire}). The Sir Henry Cecil trainee added a win at Doncaster by 13 lengths that September, as well as the G2 Juddmote Royal Lodge S. later that month and the G1 Dubi Dewhurst S. to seal his champion juvenile honours in October.

After a dominant victory in the April 2011 G3 Totesport.com Greenham S., the late Prince Khalid Abdullah’s bay colt exploded away to win the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas by six lengths later that month. He rattled off additional wins in the G1 St James’s Palace S, G1 QIPCO Sussex S., and G1 QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II S. that year and was once again named a champion.

Sportingly kept in training at four, Frankel picked up right where he had left off, with a score in Newbury’s G1 JLT Lockings S. in May, before another Royal Ascot victory, this time in the G1 Queen Anne S. in June. Another triumph in the Sussex S. in early August of 2012 followed, and he ventured beyond a mile for the first time with a seven-length win in the 10-furlong Juddmonte International S. Frankel’s swansong came in the G1 QIPCO Champion S. that October and he once again earned a divisional championship.

Retired to Banstead Manor Stud with a perfect 14-14-0-0 mark and $4,789,144 in earnings, Frankel was named the highest-rated horse on the Longines World Thoroughbred rankings at 140. Ten of his wins were at the highest level and he was the first horse in 60 years to be named a champion at two, three and four. Cont. p6
QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame Cont.

“I cannot believe in the history of racing that there has ever been a better racehorse,” said the late Sir Henry Cecil, Frankel’s trainer, after Frankel had signed off his flawless 14-race career with victory in the QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot in 2012. Click here for a video on the Juddmonte wunderkind and successful sire, who already has 63 black-type winners to his credit.

BUICK OPTS FOR ‘MASTER’ IN GUINEAS

Jockey William Buick has decided to ride G3 Craven S. hero Master of the Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas on May 1, Godolphin announced. Godolphin’s retained jockey opted for the G2 Superlative S. hero, instead of One Ruler (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who will be the mount of James Doyle. The latter has not raced since running second in the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy S. in October.

“Five days out from the Guineas, I couldn’t be happier with them,” said trainer Charlie Appleby, who also has stakes-winner and three-time Group 3-placed Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) entered in the first Classic of the UK season, on the Godolphin website. “One Ruler has been progressing nicely at home, while Master Of The Seas has gone to the races and put the score on the board.

“It wasn’t an easy call for William, who rode Master Of The Seas in the Craven and then sat on One Ruler in a routine gallop at Moulton Paddocks last week.

“William asked some serious questions of Master Of The Seas in his race, and he was pleased with the response. I believed that’s what clinched it in the end. Of course, the final call comes at declaration time on Thursday.”

One Ruler will be making his 3-year-old bow in the Guineas and won the G3 Autumn S. over the Rowley Mile last October.

“Things have also gone well with One Ruler,” Appleby added. “He is well in himself, and his work has been pleasing.

“Kieren Fallon, who has been riding him all winter, took him for a routine gallop at Moulton Paddocks on Saturday, and he was pleased. Kieren won the Guineas five times, so it’s great to have a rider with that experience on the team.”

Other Godolphin Classic aspirants have had their next starts mapped out as well. Craven second and ‘TDN Rising Star’ La Barossa (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) is being aimed at the G1 French 2000 Guineas on May 16.

“He has done well since the Craven, and it is best to put a line though his previous run in France in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud [when fifth, beaten six and a quarter lengths]. He did not like the heavy ground.”

Unbeaten Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), who has won a novice at Newmarket last October and a 10-furlong Newbury contest on Apr. 16, will target the G2 Dante S. at York on May 13. G3 Sandown Classic Trial second and third Adayar (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), will head to the Lingfield Derby Trial or Dante and the Chester Vase, respectively.

“We are very encouraged by the signs so far and excited with what we have,” Appleby said of his 3-year-old Classic prospects.

“We are always looking for the next 3-year-old champion, and we are very happy the way this group are developing.

“The Dante is usually a very good trial for the Derby, and Hurricane Lane is worthy of having a crack at it. On all evidence so far, Adayar is going to appreciate stepping up in trip, which could be in the Lingfield Derby Trial. But he doesn’t want the ground too quick, so he has the Dante at York as alternative.

“I was very pleased with Yabir’s seasonal debut. He is only going to get better when he gets to a mile and a half, which he will get in the Chester Vase, his next race.

“I also plan to send Wirko (Ger) (Kingman {GB}) [Epsom’s Listed Blue Riband Trial winner] to Chester for the Dee S. It will be more good experience for him. The Epsom race was a ‘Win and You’re In’ for the Derby--we already know he can handle the track.”
CAZOO WILL SPONSOR ST LEGER FESTIVAL

The G1 St Leger will now be sponsored by Cazoo. Already announced as the sponsor for the G1 Cazoo Derby and G1 Cazoo Oaks, the UK’s leading online car retailer has partnered with Arena Racing Company who own and operate Doncaster. The Cazoo St Leger Festival is scheduled for Sept. 8-11. The deal will also include year-round prominent branding for Cazoo at all 16 ARC racecourses.

Alex Chesterman, founder and CEO of Cazoo, said, “We are delighted to partner with ARC on the new Cazoo St Leger Festival, home to the world’s oldest Classic.”

ARC chief executive Martin Cruddace added, “We are delighted to welcome Cazoo as our new partner for the Cazoo St Leger Festival and, of course, the feature race itself.

“As an innovative and growing brand, they are a fantastic fit for what is an incredibly popular and important meeting in the race calendar.”

SECOND TDN RISING STAR FOR CARAVAGGIO

Another Caravaggio, another TDN Rising Star as the highly impressive Contarelli Chapel (Ire) made her mark in a smart-looking field gathered for the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Fillies Maiden over near six furlongs at Naas on Monday. A half-sister to last year’s G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. heroine Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the January-foaled grey who races for Westerberg, Magnier, Tabor and Smith was marginally in front from the break and completely comfortable setting the pace under a motionless Ryan Moore.
Second TDN Rising Star For Caravaggio Cont.

It was passing the two-furlong pole that Ballydoyle’s 6-4 favourite really began to show her class and despite running green in the clear she was able to put 5 1/2 lengths between her and Juddmonte’s Juncture (GB) (Dark Angel (Ire)), the well-regarded Ger Lyons-trained homebred. There was a neck between that relative of Promising Lead (GB) (Danehill) and Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) and the experienced Bolger homebred Freedom of Speech (Ire) (Australia (GB)) in what should prove a maiden worth following.

Aidan O’Brien already has the TDN Rising Star Tenebrism by Coolmore’s first-season sire and it may be that he has to keep her and Contarelli Chapel apart. “She was never let off the bridle at home and we knew that she would be very green when he did drop her, but she was very impressive,” he said. “I would imagine she is an [June 18 G3] Albany-type filly. She might come back here [for the May 16] before that.”

From a pedigree point of view, Contarelli Chapel ticks all the boxes, as they say. Her dam Chenchikova (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who had the speed to be fourth in the G3 Park Express S. over a mile in 2006, is a full-sister to the Ballydoyle luminary High Chaparral (Ire) and less-heralded but nevertheless smart Black Bear Island (Ire). A granddaughter of the French champion Kozana (GB) (Kris (GB)), she has produced a quartet of black-type performers with the aforementioned Fancy Blue clear best, G1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, SW & MG1SP-Ire, $741,195. Her others are this stable’s G1 Dewhurst S. third Smuggler’s Cove (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)), SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng, $137,682, and his useful full-brothers Casterton (Ire), MSW & GSP-Fr, $163,024, and Fastnet Cyclone (Ire), SP-Aus, $212,185. Her 2020 filly is by Deep Impact’s Saxon Warrior (Jpn).

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First-Season Sires With Runners

Tuesday, Apr. 27, 2021:

France

De Treville (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)), Haras du Mezeray
21 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.BORELY, 950m, €20,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Recorder (GB) (Galileo (Ire)), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
108 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.BORELY, 950m, Secret Feeling (Fr)

Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi (Ire)), Haras de Bonneval
83 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.BORELY, 950m, €100,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2020

United Kingdom

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, Accacia (GB)
8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £31,500 RNA Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket
13:50-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, Pink Storm (GB)
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020
14:30-BRIGHTON, 5.25f, Smooth Talking (GB)
£9,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
13:50-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, Lucrosa (Ire)
47,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2020
Monday’s Results:

1st-Ayr, £10,000, Novice, 4-26, 2yo, 5fT, :59.58, g/f.
VINTAGE CLARETS (GB) (c, 2, Ardad {Ire}–Enchanted Princess {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}), saddled with a four-pound penalty for his dominant win at Beverley Apr. 14, was in front from the break. Always in command, the 4-5 favourite was pushed out to secure two-length success from Love de Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to the G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis third Morache Music (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}), GSP-Fr, $180,668, and to the listed-placed Never Lose (GB) (Diktat {GB}). The dam, who has a yearling colt by Unfortunately (Ire), is related to the G3 Hackwood S. winner and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest third High Standing (High Yield). Sales history: $20,000 Ylg ‘20 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $12,717.
O-Mr A Tattersall & Partner; B-M E Broughton (GB); T-R Fahey.

2nd-Southwell, £7,900, Novice, 4-26, 2yo, 4f 214y (AWT), 1:01.19, st.
DEVIOUS ANGEL (IRE) (f, 2, Cotai Glory {GB}–Angel Meadow {GB} (SP-Eng), by Mayson (GB)), seventh on debut at Newmarket Apr. 14, put that experience to full use by grabbing the early lead. In no danger from a furlong out, the 5-1 shot finished off so strongly he was eased en route to a 5 1/2-length success from Sahara Spear (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who was listed-placed as a juvenile and who also has a yearling filly by Cotai Glory (GB). Sales history: £16,000 Ylg ‘20 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,919. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Roudee Racing; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Tom Dascombe.

2nd-Royal Windsor, £7,900, Novice, 4-26, 2yo, 5f 21yT, 1:00.54, g/f.
SPRING IS SPRUNG (FR) (c, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}–Kinematic {GB}, by Kyllachy {GB}), fourth over this track and trip on debut Apr. 12, was close to the leader Fair and Square (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) for the first four furlongs. Gradually asserting in the run to the line, the 5-4 favourite secured a 1 1/2-length success from that rival. The dam is proving a notable producer, with her first foal being the Weatherbys Racing Bank £300,000 2-Y-O S. winner King’s Lynn (GB) (Cable Bay {IRE}) and the second the Listed Criterium di Pisa winner Collinsbay (GB) also by Cable Bay. A half to the Listed Carnarvon S. scorer Musical Comedy (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), she has a yearling colt by Recorder (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $6,424. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-The Queen (FR); T-Michael Bell.
Johnny Davison with his mare Moon Unit, the dam of Mooniesta (Ire), who visited Soldier’s Call (GB) on Monday evening. Mooniesta is by his fellow Ballyhane stallion Dandy Man (Ire). After his defeat by Moon Unit in the 2006 Woodlands S., Dandy Man would win the 2007 edition.

IRISH RESULTS

Monday’s Results:

ANGLESEY LODGE EQUINE HOSPITAL WOODLANDS S.-Listed, €37,500, Naas, 4-26, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:00.13, gd.
1--MOONEISTA (IRE), 122, f, 3, Dandy Man (IRE)–Moon Unit (IRE) (2x Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-6f & GSW-Ire, $352,346), by Intikhab. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Mrs Paula Davison; B-Killarkin Stud (IRE); T-Jack Davison; J-Wayne Lordan. €22,500. Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-2, $92,058.

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Mooneista closed a busy seven-race juvenile campaign with a breakthrough score at Down Royal and the Listed First Flier S. runner-up arrived here off placed efforts in conditions heats at Dundalk and Cork earlier this term. Occupying a midfield slot after getting squeezed for room at the break, she was bustled along to close from halfway and kept on gamely under a drive once launching her bid passing the eighth pole to assert.

“Her dam beat her daddy in this race [in 2006] and they have now produced the winner,” explained trainer Jack Davison. “I’ve always thought a lot of this filly. She’s electric. She’s unbelievably determined and resolute, she has a great mind and a great appetite for it. We’ll think big, she’s in the [G1] Commonwealth Cup [at Royal Ascot] and we’re going to go that route. That’s the biggest win of my career with a homebred so it’s a big one. Hopefully, we’ll get a few more of that calibre. It’s a shame my parents can’t be here, but we’ll do some celebrating tonight.”

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Listed Woodlands S. Cont.

Mooneista is the eighth of nine surviving foals and one of six winners produced by G3 Greenlands S. victrix and winner of this race Moon Unit (Ire) (Intikhab). The February-foaled bay, the leading light for her dam, is a half-sister to the unraced 2-year-old filly Sloanstar (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}). Moon Unit is one of three black-type performers out of Chapka (Ire) (Green Desert), herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Old Vic (GB) (Sadler Wells).

Click for the Racing Post result.

7th-Naas, €12,000, Mdn, 4-26, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:12.79, gd.
PARTY HOUSE (IRE) (f, 3, Camelot {GB}--Crazy Volume {Ire}, by Machiavellian), a 10-1 shot on this racecourse bow, broke well but was restrained to race in mid-division early. Hampered twice when looking to get off the rail in the straight, the bay had plenty in reserve to deliver a flourish to cut down The Blue Brilliant (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) inside the final 100 yards and score by a length. Flora (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Ballydoyle’s daughter of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), had every chance late on as the 11-8 favourite but could not muster a finishing surge and was a further 1 3/4 lengths back in fourth. Shane Lyons said of the winner, “She’s shown us a nice bit at home. We were worried at declaration time about the ground, but they have done a fantastic job. She won there over a mile and two and will appreciate stepping up in time. She’s as green as grass and should improve. She’s owned by the Kalmansons, John and Susan, who won with Watercolormemories here earlier in the season. They have a stud in South Africa and are very patient owners who are getting rewarded now.”

The winner is a half-sister to the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Sydney Cup hero Gallante (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, G1SW-Aus, $1,636,088, and to last year’s Listed Salsabil S. scorer and G3 Kilternan S. runner-up Silence Please (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ire, $132,575. A granddaughter of the Moyglare champion Easy To Copy (Affirmed), Crazy Volume has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner and a yearling filly by Churchill (Ire). Sales history: 60,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,708. O-John Kalmanson; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (IRE); T-Ger Lyons.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Monday’s Results:
PRIX SERVANNE-Listed, €52,000, Chantilly, 4-26, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.82, gd.
1--MARIANFOOT (FR), 126, h, 6, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Marianaabaa (Fr), by Anabaaba. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Qat & GSP-Fr, 20-12-2-1, €353,130. *1/2 to Padron (Ire) (Gris de Gris {Ire}), SW-Fr & GSP-Ger.
2--Queen of Love (Ire), 125, f, 4, Kingman (GB)--Extrixate (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). (€125,000 Ylg ’18 GOFOR; €650,000 2yo ’19 ARQMAY). O-Lady Bamford; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €10,400.
3--Sestilio Jet (Fr), 126, h, 6, French Fifteen (Fr)--Hideaway Girl (GB), by Fasliyev. (€17,000 Ylg ’16 AROCT). O-AT Racing SRL; B-Michel Monfort (FR); T-Frederic Rossi. €7,800. Margins: 2HF, HD, SHD. Odds: 2.50, 1.90, 29.00.
Also Ran: Air de Valse (Fr), Manjeer (Ire), Coeur de Pierre (Fr), Zerostress (Ger), Bakoel Koffie (Ire), Euryale (Ire).

Marianafoot initiated a run of four straight wins with victory in Doha’s Irish Throughbred Marketing Cup last year and lined up here returning off a Mar. 23 all-weather conditions triumph at this venue. Settled under cover in fourth after breaking on the lead, the dual Listed Prix Luthier victor tanked closer hard on the steel from halfway and was ridden ever clear once shaken up for control entering the final furlong to easily outclass his rivals in impressive fashion. Cont. p12
Listed Prix Servanne Cont.

Marianafoot, kin to stakes-winning G3 Fruhjahrs-Meile third Padron (Ire) (Gris de Gris {Ire}) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Marianachic (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), is the second of six foals and one of four winners produced by a winning daughter of Listed Prix des Lilas victress and G3 Prix Chloe runner-up Maria Gabriella (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Maria Gabriella, herself kin to MGSP Listed Prix Volterra victress Night of Light (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and dual stakes placegetter Roatan (GB) (Daylami {Ire}), hails from a family featuring MGSW sire King of Happiness (Spinning World). Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by TVG.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

2nd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 4-26, unraced 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.74, gd.

FARO DE SAN JUAN (IRE) (c, 2, Almanzor {Fr}--Fixette {Ire} (MGSP-Fr), by Kodiak (GB)) recovered from an early bump to race on the front end after the initial strides of this debut. Edging ahead before halfway, the 13-10 favourite was nudged along approaching the final furlong and ridden out late to prevail by a half-length from Perfect Colour (GB) (Ultra {Ire}), becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Wootton Bassett {GB}). Half to a yearling filly by No Nay Never, he is the first of two foals produced by G3 Prix du Bois and G3 Prix de Cabourg runner-up Fixette (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), herself a granddaughter of G3 Noblesse S. second Unique Pose (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). Sales history; 160,000gns Wlg 19 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Peter Katelanis, Haras d’Etreme, Riviera Equine SARL & SF Bloodstock SC; B-Lynch-Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

6th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 4-26, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:33.80, gd.

NATSUKASHI (FR) (f, 3, Motivator {GB}--Radiation {Fr}, by Anabaa) raced at the tail of the field for most of this belated unveiling. Inching into contention in the straight, the 137-10 chance quickened in style to seize control approaching the final furlong and powered clear under mild rousting in the closing stages to outclass Play All Day (Kitten’s Joy) by an impressive eight lengths. She is the fourth of six foals and first scorer out of a winning full-sister to G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Rouvres (Fr) (Anabaa) and GSW GI Woodbine Mile placegetter Right One (Fr) (Anabaa). The April-foaled bay is full to the unraced 2-year-old filly La Belle Aurore (Fr) and half to a yearling colt by Attendu (Fr). Sales history; €60,000 Ylg 19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. Video, sponsored by TVG. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ecurie Griezmann; B-Haras du Quesnay (FR); T-Philippe Decouz.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 4-26, 3yo, 11fT, 2:19.50, gd.

DIAMANTIS (GER) (c, 3, Golden Horn {GB}--Diamantgottin (Ger) (GSP-Ger), by Fantastic Light) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €20,100. O-Stall Ritterbusch; B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Andreas Suborics. *€49,000 Ylg ’19 BBAGS. **1/2 to Diamanta (Ger) (Maxios (GB)), G1SW-Ger, $340,885; and Diamant (Ger) (Zamindar), Ch. 2yo Colt-Sca, SP-Nor, $206,525.

7th-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 4-26, 3yo, 9fT, 1:49.41, gd.

SASSOON (GER) (c, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Salve Estelle (Ger) {MSP-Ger}, by Dansili {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €20,695. O/B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho.
5th-Chateaubriant, €20,000, Cond, 4-26, 4yo/up, 9 3/4fT, 2:02.96, sf.

**NIGHT FEVER (FR) (g, 5, Frankel (GB)--Nuit d’Amour (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Azamour (Ire))**

Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-0, €55,560. O-Anthony Gabryszewski & Ecuries Serge Stempien; B-Al Shaqab Racing (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€45,000 3yo '19 ARQUIL.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- **Zileo (GB), c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Lady Zuzu (MGSP-US, $112,615), by Dynaformer. Chateaubriant, 4-26, 13 1/4fT, 2:55.84. B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB).**
- **Bubble Gift (Fr), c, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)--Bubble Back (Fr), by Grand Lodge. Chantilly, 4-26, 12fT, 2:30.71. B-Ali Hakam (FR). *€45,000 RNA Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €40,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG.**
- **Rock and Roll (Fr), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Motivation (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). Auch, 4-25, 13 1/4fT, 2:48.40. B-Haras du Mezeray (FR). *€45,000 RNA Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €40,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG.**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

- **Mandarin (Fr), c, 3, Elusive City--Vireli (Fr), by Miesque’s Son. Velka Chuchle (Czech Republic), 4-25, 1400mT, 1:22.51. B-Thierry de la Heronniere, & Mme Danielle de la Heronniere. *€4,500 Ylg '19 ARQNOV.**
- **Sambo (Ger), c, 3, Tai Chi (Ger)--Scouting (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 4-25, 1900m (AWT). B-Gestut Karlshof. *Won by six lengths to stay undefeated in three starts. **€16,000 Ylg '19 BBAAUG.**
- **Rate (Fr), c, 4, Reliable Man (GB)--Ragazza Mio (Ire) (MSP-Fr), by Generous (Ire). Velka Chuchle, 4-25, 1800mT, 1:49.28. B-Fair Salinia Ltd. *1/2 to Gosh (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), GSP-Fr, $123,496. **€47,000 Ylg '18 ARQOCT.**

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

- **Jir Sun (GB), g, 4, Shamardal--Jira (GB) (SW-Eng, $124,702), by Medicean (GB). Bratislava (Slovakia), 4-24, 1200mT. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited. *€60,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT; €50,000 2yo '19 ARQMAI.**

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- **Orleans Lady (GB), f, 3, Harzand (Ire)--Oulianovsk (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. Velka Chuchle, 4-25, 1600mT, 1:38. B-Crimbourne Bloodstock Limited. *60,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT; 5,500gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.**

**IN JAPAN:**

- **Rouge Feerique (Jpn), f, 3, Golden Horn (GB)--Louve Imperiale, by Giant’s Causeway. Tokyo, 4-24, Maiden (£65k/€74k), 2100m, 2:15. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $47,222. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Shadai Farm; T-Tomohito Ozeki.**
Leading Second-Crop Sires by Black-Type Winners
for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Apr. 25

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WOOTTON BASSETT
INTRODUCED AT $71,500

by Bren O’Brien

Star European shuttle stallion Wootton Bassett (GB) will stand his first season at Coolmore Australia at a fee of $71,500 (inc GST), while dual Group 1 winner King’s Legacy will start his career at $33,000 (inc GST).

Coolmore Australia confirmed its service fees for the 2021 breeding season with the two new additions to the roster, which were announced earlier this year, now given their place in the market with a price next to their names.

The 2021 season sees the service fee for So You Think (NZ), Australia’s busiest stallion in terms of book size in 2020, double to $77,000 (inc GST), while Churchill (Ire) also gets a slight rise to $22,000 (inc GST) after a strong reception to his first Australian crop during the 2021 yearling sales season.

As a proven success at Haras D’Etretam in France whose career is set to be supercharged by his acquisition last year by Coolmore, Wootton Bassett brings a very different profile from most shuttle stallions which come to Australia.

He stood his first season at Coolmore Ireland in 2021 at €100,000 (AU$155,754), with Australian breeders to get him at less than half that price in his first season at Jerrys Plains.

He already holds a substantial profile in this part of the world thanks to his first-crop son Almanzor (Fr), who stands at Cambridge Stud in New Zealand, and whose first crop of yearlings proved spectacularly popular at the 2021 Australasian yearling sales, averaging over $200,000 and selling for up to $800,000.

His sire, Iffraaj (GB), also stood in New Zealand, in his case at Haunui Farm, from 2008 until 2019, producing four Group 1 winners.

As a racehorse, Wootton Bassett was unbeaten as a juvenile and crowned champion 2-year-old colt of France, while as a sire he has had an amazing rise from that first crop of 23 foals. He stood at one stage for €4,000 (AU$6,177), but off the back of producing 17 stakes winners, including three Group 1 winners, has become one of the rising stars of global breeding, and one of only four stallions to stand for an advertised six-figure amount in Ireland.

Of those Australian stallions announced to date, at $71,500, Wootton Bassett is the highest priced first-season offering in 2021.

Legacy Set to Begin

King’s Legacy also brings much expectation into the breeding barn as a $1.4 million Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale graduate who was able to win both the G1 Inglis Sires’ and the G1 Champagne S. for Peter and Paul Snowden in the colours of managing owner James Harron.

He is the only son of Redoute’s Choice to win multiple Group 1 races at two and carries a mighty pedigree page, being closely related to now pensioned Arrowfield Stud stallion Not A Single Doubt as well as Group 1-winning filly Oohood (I Am Invincible), from the family of highly influential stallion Snippets.
He is one of three Group 1-winning 2-year-olds from 2020 to retire to stand in Australia in 2021 and the first multiple Group 1-winning 2-year-old to retire to stud in Australia since Coolmore’s Pride Of Dubai, who began his breeding career in 2016.

“We are very excited to welcome Wootton Bassett, a Group 1-winning Champion 2-year-old on the track and one of the most exciting sires in Europe, to our roster,” said Coolmore Australia’s Sales & Nominations Manager, Colm Santry. “He will join Redoute’s Choice’s dual Group 1-winning son King’s Legacy, in a lineup headed by multiple Champion sire Fastnet Rock, who is coming off one of the most successful seasons of his illustrious career.”

**Fastnet Rock Leads the Way Again**

Champion stallion **Fastnet Rock** remains the highest-priced stallion on Coolmore’s roster at $165,000 (inc GST) and is enjoying a brilliant 2020/21 season with his progeny, with 11 stakes winners in Australia led by Group 1 winner Personal, and five stakes winners in New Zealand, headlined by multiple Group 1 victress Avantage and G1 New Zealand Derby winner Rocket Spade.

So You Think is another Coolmore stallion who has enjoyed a brilliant year on the track, backing up his enormous popularity in the breeding barn. He has had 11 stakes winners to date in 2020/21, including G1 George Ryder S. winner Think It Over, while his latest crop of yearlings have averaged $167,910, including a $1-million colt at the recent Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.

So You Think served by far his biggest book, and the most mares of any Australian stallion, at 261 in 2020. It was his third straight book of over 200, and Coolmore has backed him as strongly as breeders with his fee, lifting to $77,000 (inc GST) in 2021.

That’s a higher price than he started out at with Coolmore in 2012 ($66,000), when he arrived to much fanfare after a brilliant international racing career which yielded 10 Group 1 wins across Australia, Ireland and Great Britain.

The other stallion to jump in price, albeit only by a small amount, is Churchill, who returns to where he stood at in 2019, $22,000 (inc GST). It is rare for a stallion let alone a shuttle stallion, to jump in price in his fourth year, the year which coincides with their first runners hitting the track, but Coolmore clearly has confidence in him based upon the yearling sales results this season. His progeny have averaged $106,531 across the yearling sales in Australia this year including a top price of $250,000.

**Softly, Softly**

Coolmore Australia has taken a cautious approach to setting its stallion fees despite such a hot yearling market, and most of its stallions have had a fee reduction.

That includes Pierro, who drops to $110,000 (inc GST) from last year’s price of $137,500 (inc GST), while US Triple Crown winners American Pharoah (USA) and Justify (USA) will stand at $49,500 (inc GST) and $55,000 (inc GST), respectively.

Merchant Navy’s service fee is reduced from $44,000 (inc GST) to $33,000 (inc GST), while the prices of both Magna Grecia (Ire) ($19,250 inc GST) and Calyx (GB) ($13,750 inc GST) have dropped in their second seasons, as has Saxon Warrior (Jpn) ($13,750 inc GST) in his third season.

Champion first-season sire of 2019/20, Pride Of Dubai, will stand at $22,000 (inc GST), the same price as contemporary Vancouver, both significantly less than they stood for in 2020. G1 Cox Plate winner Adelaide (Ire), who has produced the G1 Flight S. winner Funstar, will stand his seventh season at $5500 (inc GST).

Yes Yes Yes, who served a book of 205 mares in 2020, the most of any first-season stallion, stays at his initial fee of $38,500 (inc GST). His sire, Rubick, will not feature on the Coolmore Australia roster for 2021, with confirmation he is headed to Swettenham Stud in Victoria to continue his career. The other absentee from the 2020 roster is Choisir, who was pensioned from stud duties after 17 seasons.