RICK PORTER PASSES AWAY

by Bill Finley

One of the most successful and respected owners of his era, Rick Porter died June 6 after a long battle with cancer. He was 80 years old.

He campaigned three Eclipse Award winners: Kodiak Kowboy (2009 sprinter); Songbird (2015 2-year-old filly and 2016 3-year-old filly) and Havre de Grace (2011 older mare and Horse of the Year).

Before he was an owner, Porter was a racing fan. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware and began accompanying his parents to Delaware Park as a child where his father made $2 show bets for him. After a stint in the Army, he got into the car business at age 22 and turned his Porter Auto Group into one of the leading auto dealers in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Porter didn’t come aboard as an owner until 1994. He was introduced to John Servis by one of his employees and decided to open a small stable with Servis as his trainer. With Servis, he had his first taste of success at the highest levels of the sport with Jostle. She won four graded stakes in 2000, including the GI Coaching Club American Oaks and the Alabama S.

Porter's stable typically included about 25 to 30 horses, but those modest numbers didn’t keep him from churning out one star after another. He won his first Breeders’ Cup race with Round Pond, the winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff in 2006.

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RICE PLANS COURT APPEAL TO KEEP TRAINING by T.D. Thornton

The previously levied three-year license revocation and $50,000 fine against trainer Linda Rice went into effect Monday, the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) announced. According to published reports, Rice will request a temporary restraining order to try and get the revocation stayed pending a court review of the NYSGC's ruling.

On May 17, Rice had her training license revoked for a period of “no less than three years” and got fined $50,000 when NYSGC members voted 5-0 to agree with a hearing officer that Rice's years-long pattern of seeking and obtaining confidential pre-entry information from New York Racing Association (NYRA) racing office workers was “intentional, serious and extensive, and that her actions constituted improper and corrupt conduct...inconsistent with and detrimental to the best interests of horse racing.” Cont. p6
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In 2007, he won the GI King's Bishop S. with Hard Spun. His best horse the following year was the ill-fated filly Eight Belles, who was injured after finishing second in the GI Kentucky Derby and had to be euthanized.

Porter was hit so hard by her death that he contemplated getting out of the sport. Instead, he regrouped, stayed in and kept on coming up with quality horses.

In 2011, Porter's Havre de Grace had a season that was Hall of Fame worthy. She won the GI Apple Blossom H., the GI Beldame Invitational S. and then beat males in the GI Woodward, a victory that helped her earn the Horse of the Year title.

As good as she was, she probably wasn't Porter's best filly or mare. Porter's Songbird was sensational. She won 13 of 15 lifetime starts and 12 stakes and was champion 2-year-old filly in 2015 and champion 3-year-old filly in 2016. Though she was defeated by a nose, her battle with Beholder in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Distaff was considered among her best efforts in a race many say was one of the best Breeders' Cup races ever.

"We lost a gem in horse racing," said trainer Larry Jones, who started working for Porter in 2006. "He treated racing like a business, but he also treated it like a love affair. He's going to be sorely missed."

"We had more than an employee-employer relationship, which is why I fired him in 2009," he continued with a laugh. "But the beauty part was when I started back training for him in 2011. We were friends. We were great. I tell my owners that I have the best job in the world because I only train for people I like. Rick and I became very close friends and he supplied me with such great horses."

Like so many others who remembered Porter, Jones cited his deep caring for the horse.
“The thing about Rick was, no matter what, his horses always came first,” he said. “It was never, ‘Let’s see if we can get one more race out of him.’ If we told him a horse needed time, he’d say, ‘Well, let’s just retire him.’”

Together, Jones and Porter experienced one of racing’s great tragedies with Eight Belles.

“It was a hard time,” said Jones. “He was a sportsman, and he wasn’t afraid to take a challenge, and needless to say, Eight Belles ran the race of her life. But people criticized us for so much stuff that we hadn’t done. It was very unfortunate that she stumbled, but I was hearing that she had been on steroids, and we had super testing done later to prove that she was not. In the end, they saw that fillies could compete against colts without steroids, and they changed the medication rules not because of something she had done, but because of something she had not done. And we hoped that she had changed the business for the better.”

While Porter considered getting out of the business, in the end he did not; nor was he afraid to run a filly against the colts again.

“We had the best mare in training in 2011, and we beat the boys in the Woodward that year,” said Jones of Havre de Grace. “He was willing to take a gamble and to take a competitive deal and prove she was good enough. He would race them as long as they were sound to go. But he never asked us to push the envelope in any way.”

Porter told the TDN’s Christie DeBernardis in 2017 that Songbird was his favorite horse.

“Songbird, no question,” he said. “Havre de Grace was a great horse, but she didn’t get the excitement. She sure was fun to watch and if she hadn’t gotten hurt in that race in New Orleans, we would have kept on going. I would have done the same thing with Songbird. I would have campaigned her as a 6-year-old if I could. Give me a Beholder!”
Porter said he tried to approach the racing business like he approached the car business.

“As much as possible I try to copy my ideas from my other business,” he said in 2017. “Racing is a sport but it's also a business. In any business, the biggest thing is surrounding yourself with the right people. I have Tom McGreevy, and I don't think anybody can do a better job when it comes to picking out horses. I have Victoria Keith working for me and she has been a huge help. She can do a little bit of everything.”

Porter, who raced under the name of Fox Hill Farms, returned to the headlines in 2019 with Omaha Beach. After winning the GI Arkansas Derby, he was installed as the morning-line favorite for the Kentucky Derby, but had to be scratched after being diagnosed with an entrapped epiglottis. Upon his return, he won the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship and the GI Malibu S., but again had a run of bad luck. He was scratched from the GI Pegasus World Cup when coming down with swelling in his right hind leg.

Porter enjoyed success this year with Jolie Olimpica (Brz), the winner of the GII Monrovia S.

Porter, who preferred racing to breeding, parted with his star mares at the fall sales and was rewarded handsomely. Havre de Grace sold for a record $10 million at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed sale. Five years later, Songbird went for $9.5 million at the same sale. Round Pond was also sold at the Fasig-Tipton sale, where, in 2007, she was purchased for $5,750,000.

“Rick was one of the most valuable mentors I had in the horse business,” said Mark Taylor, the vice president of sales and marketing at Taylor Made who sold both mares for Porter. “He was just a brilliant, brilliant guy who had the ability to surround himself and his horse operation with very talented people, then make business decisions based off of their cues—and sometimes, better business decisions than those people themselves could have made on their own. He could filter information from various sources, and then make the right call on selecting a horse. He was a very honest person, and really cared about his horses deeply.”

Taylor said that over the years, Taylor Made consigned 13 individual horses for Porter that brought at least $1 million at public sales, and that those horses cumulatively sold for $41.6 million, including Havre de Grace and Songbird.

“So if you think about those small numbers of horses that he actually bought over the years, and to come up with that many that were at that very, very top-end level, it just speaks volumes about his accomplishments,” Taylor said.

At the time of Songbird's sale, Porter said that racing was the part of the sport that interested him.
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“I am not into breeding,” he told TDN at the time. “The deal is, if you are going to spend a lot of money, you have to get those checks back that you make out to Keeneland and Boyd Browning.”

Havre de Grace and Songbird remain the two most expensive broodmares ever sold by Fasig-Tipton, but Browning said that he would be remembered for that and so much more.

“Rick was a true ambassador for our sport,” said Browning. “He was one of the new generation of owners who enjoyed sharing the ups and downs of his stable with fans and provided a great deal of information to create awareness, and to try to grow our sport. He was also passionate about aftercare, and about helping those who had served their country. He brought veterans to the Derby when he had Omaha Beach, and was a true patriot and proud American, naming horses after patriotic events like Omaha Beach and Normandy Invasion. In a way, it's kind of fitting that he passed away on D-Day.”

Porter was always happy to share his success with others and had a few favorite causes, among them honoring veterans. In 2013, Potter had the colt Normandy Invasion preparing for the Derby. He was able to find World War II veterans who took part in the Normandy Invasion and hosted them at Churchill Downs during Derby week.

“Equally noteworthy as his list of outstanding horses was his outstanding stewardship over his stable,” said Fox Hill's Victoria Keith in a statement. “His horses' well-being was always his top priority over any trophy. He believed in transparency, sharing vet reports publicly and being open with injuries and considerations regarding stable management. He encouraged fan interaction, making them feel part of the team. He welcomed the challenge of the best meeting the best on the track, resulting in some of the most memorable match-ups of the past decades. His empathy for horses in need led to the founding of the National Thoroughbred Welfare Organization (NTWO) which has rehomed over 250 at-risk horses in the past few years. His Fox Hill Farm became synonymous with excellence and ethical ownership.”

Porter formed the NTWO, an organization dedicated to keeping horses from being sent to slaughter, in 2018. Run by Keith, his executive vice president, the NTWO went to work in Louisiana, a state where the slaughter problem was severe, and helped pull numerous horses out of the slaughter pipeline.

“Can we end the slaughter of Thoroughbreds 100%? Maybe not, but I think we can end it 95%, and that would be pretty big,” Porter said when announcing the formation of the NTWO. “But our goal is to end it 100%.”

Porter is survived by his wife Betsy, sons Cory and Scott, daughter-in-law Inci, daughter Tracey and son-in-law John, and grandchildren Tim, Rebecca, Chessie, Lindsay, Christina, and twins Ainsley and Jack.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Additional reporting by Sue Finley and T. D. Thornton

Rice Plans Court Appeal to Keep Training
(cont. from p1)

Rice had testified during eight days of NYSGC hearings late in 2020 that she had handed over cash gifts amounting to thousands of dollars at a time to NYRA racing office employees between 2011 and 2015.

But the veteran conditioner, who has been training since 1987 and owns seven NYRA training titles, also testified that she did not expect any special favors in return for that money, and that any entry-related information she did receive from NYRA employees was a type of disclosure that was routinely divulged to other trainers.

Rice’s lone trainee entered to race June 7 was scratched at Finger Lakes.

Ironically—considering the circumstances of Rice’s case—that entrant was named Inside Info (Mission Impazible).
Rice’s attorney, Andrew Turro, did not respond to TDN queries prior to deadline for this story. But he told The Blood-Horse that a stay will likely be filed in Schenectady Supreme Court and that she will fight the case until all of her legal avenues of appeal have been exhausted.

“We are very troubled by the commission’s determination with respect to the racing office information issue because it is incorrect in a number of material respects,” Turro told The Blood-Horse. “We will seek judicial review of the order as soon as humanly possible and we expect to be heard in court this week on a stay application.”

Rice has six horses total entered to race at both Belmont Park and Finger Lakes later this week.

“Yes, I want you to know how sorry and remorseful I am for the bad decisions I made,” Izhaki said through an interpreter. Vyskocil noted that Izhaki spoke fluent English, so it was not clear why she chose to use an interpreter.

“I am very sorry for the bad decisions I made against the poor animals,” she continued. “If I could do it again, I would have made different decisions. I know that my being remorseful and being sorry is not enough. The only thing I can do now is to make the right decisions moving forward.”

In the initial indictments released last year, the government charged that Izhaki, along with her daughter, Ashley Lebowitz, was selling misbranded versions of Epogen, a drug that is used to boost a horse’s red blood cell count in order to improve endurance during a race. They had allegedly obtained the drug from a Mexico-based drug manufacturing company. Lebowitz has yet to enter a plea.

While acknowledging that Izhaki had committed a serious offense, Vyskocil repeatedly referred to Izhaki’s mental and physical problems.

“In light of all of these conditions the court has serious reservations about Ms. Izhaki’s ability, frankly, to cope with imprisonment,” Vyskocil said.

According to the pre-sentence report submitted by her lawyers, Izhaki, who grew up in a strict orthodox Jewish household, has dealt with a number of physical and psychological problems throughout much of her life. She was born in 1974 in Mexico and was forced to enter into a pre-arranged marriage when she was 14 and she bore a child when she was 16. Izhaki has problems with her eyesight and became legally blind at the age of 14 and has had eight cornea transplant surgeries. During a 19-month period beginning May 23, 2019, she was involved in two major car accidents, which have required additional surgeries.

Vyskocil made it clear that anyone yet to be sentenced in the case should not look at Izhaki’s sentence as a benchmark.

“I recognize that there are more cases pending and people may well be looking at what the court does today, paying attention to this case and viewing it as a benchmark, a bellwether for other horse doping cases and for the abuses in the industry in general,” she said. “I want to say on the record, if you are doing that, you are making a mistake. And I say that because in the court’s view the circumstances in this case are somewhat unique, a one off, and unlike some of the other cases that are pending. The sentencing guidelines do not adequately account for certain factors that are unique to Ms. Izhaki and her circumstances, including her mental and emotional condition, her serious physical health condition, her difficult upbringing, her prompt, and I will say, complete acceptance of responsibility and remorse for her conduct.”

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DRUG DISTRIBUTOR IZHAKI AVOIDS PRISON

TIME by Bill Finley

Sarah Izhaki, one of 27 individuals indicted in March 2020 for their role in a horse doping scheme, was sentenced Monday to time served plus three years of supervised release. U.S. District Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil could have sentenced Izhaki to a prison term of 12 to 18 months, but opted for the more lenient punishment due to extenuating circumstances that include Izhaki’s poor health and what Vyskocil called a “troubled upbringing.” Two months after the indictments were announced, Izhaki attempted suicide.

During the first 12 months of her sentence, Izhaki will be confined to her home and subject to electronic monitoring.

Scott Robinson, who, like Izhaki, pled guilty to conspiring to unlawfully distribute adulterated and misbranded drugs for the purpose of doping racehorses, received a sentence of 18 months in federal prison in March.
MONMOUTH'S HANDLE IS DOWN; ARE WHIPS TO BLAME? by Bill Finley

Because of the pandemic in 2020, six-race cards on Fridays and a run of rainy weather to start this year’s meet, apples-to-apples, year-over-year handle comparisons aren’t easy to come by at Monmouth. But all indications are that the Jersey Shore track has gotten off to a poor start, and that raises an important question—are bettors staying away because of the new rules that prohibit whipping?

Sunday’s card was the first of the meet where all the scheduled races were run on the turf and there was not an abundance of scratches. Despite those favorable conditions, Monmouth handled only $3,333,043 Sunday. There were 11 races and 86 betting interests. Because of COVID-19, there was no racing on that date in 2020. In 2019, $4,317,739 was wagered on a 12-race card that consisted of 94 betting interests. Based on the raw, all-sources total handle for the days, handle in 2021 was off by 22.8% from 2019. Per-race betting fell from $359,811 in 2019 to $303,003 this year, a difference of 15.8%.

“I’m betting a little bit less on Monmouth, about 25% less than normal,” said Jersey-based horseplayer Philip Miller. “There are a number of factors. There have been small fields and the jockey colony isn’t great, though it got better once Paco [Lopez] started riding. But, yes, the whips have something to do with it. Everybody is trying to go to the front because they think closers are at a disadvantage without the whip. I don’t like that. There are some horses that have a good turn of foot and they don’t need the whip. But there are others that really need to be ridden hard and they aren’t going to run as well without the whip.”

Dennis Drazin, who heads the management company that operates the track, said it was too early to reach any conclusions regarding how the whip ban may be affecting handle.

“I think the handle numbers were mainly a reflection of the weather,” he said in an email. “Too much rain. Inability to utilize the turf. It’s premature to discuss to what extent the new whip rule may effect handle.”

Sunday’s numbers continued a troubling pattern for Monmouth, which has struggled throughout the meet to keep up with past years when it comes to handle.

On the second day of the meet and the first day of the long Memorial Day weekend, Monmouth handled $2,941,677 on a 12-race card. On the same date in 2019, $5,891,308 was bet on a 13-race card. While the races were washed off the turf throughout the first week of Monmouth racing this year, it seems like a stretch to suggest that the lack of grass racing and a few small fields were solely responsible for a decline in handle of nearly $3 million.

On the following day, a Sunday, $2,645,700 was wagered on an 11-race card, $1,278,795 less than what was bet on the same date in 2019.

On Memorial Day, Monmouth ran nine races and handled $2,434,241. On the Memorial Day 2019 card, there were 12 races and a handle of $3,628,955.

As was the case during the opening week, the Monmouth races were dominated by favorites. Fifteen of the 28 races run last weekend were won by the favorites and, for the meet, favorites are 29-for-55 (50.8%).

Veteran Jose C. Ferrer leads all riders with nine wins, but his lead probably won’t hold up for long. Paco Lopez made his first Monmouth appearance of the year on Saturday and has already won six races from 17 mounts. Joe Bravo, who has won 13 Monmouth riding titles, has refused to ride at the meet because of the whip issue and has said that he will ride at the upcoming Del Mar meet.

FASIG-TIPTON JULY SALE CATALOG ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has cataloged a total of 348 yearlings for The July Sale, to be held at the auction house’s Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky, in a single session Tuesday, July 13. The catalog is available for viewing online.

The front cover for the 2021 edition, which is back in its normal position on the calendar after being pushed back to September last year, is adorned with Grade I graduates of The July Sale, including Derby City Distaff heroine Bell’s The One (Majesticperfection), recent GI Madison S. winner Kimari (Munnings) and Speech (Mr Speaker), victorious in the 2020 GI Ashland S. Five graded stakes winners from this season appear on the back cover, including Chess’s Dream (Jess’s Dream), Leinster (Majestic Warrior) and Mighty Mischief (Into Mischief). Cont. p9
Just this past weekend, $55,000 July grad Lone Rock (Majestic Warrior) led home a Fasig-Tipton sourced trifecta in the GII Brooklyn S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard.

“Fasig-Tipton selected yearling sales return to their traditional spots on the calendar in 2021, starting with a new renewal of The July Sale,” said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “The sale will begin with the Freshman Sire Showcase—a long-time element of the July Sale that we are reintroducing this year—which will offer the first yearlings by 2021’s exciting group of freshman sires. The sale will then transition into the more proven, sire-heavy part of the catalogue. Overall, our ‘proven’ sire-power has increased again this year.”

Fasig-Tipton is also accepting nominations for the July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale, which takes place Monday, July 12. Nominations will remain open right up until sale time, but entries are recommended prior to June 18.

“The market for racehorses is very strong right now, and the sale’s placement ahead of the lucrative summer race meets make this auction immensely popular with buyers,” Browning noted.

The catalog will also be available via the Equineline catalog app. Print copies will be available beginning June 14.

OAKLAWN TO ADD DECEMBER DATES

For the first time in its 117-year history, Oaklawn Park will add December dates to its racing calendar and will host 66 days of live racing beginning Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 through Sunday, May 8, 2022.

The season will be conducted on a largely Friday-through-Sunday schedule with some exceptions. The track will be dark over the Christmas holiday Dec. 24-26 and there will be no racing on Easter Sunday, Apr. 17. As is their custom, Oaklawn will host a holiday program on Presidents’ Day, Monday, Feb. 21.

“For many years, horsemen have wanted to race here in December to fill a gap in their racing schedule,” said Oaklawn President Louis A. Cella, who has guided Oaklawn through the most dramatic changes in its history over the past four years.

“We have completed our resort expansion, including the opening of our luxury hotel, spa and event center. Therefore, the timing is right for another expansion—to our live racing season. “We are looking forward to the new format. The additional days will provide a huge economic impact for horsemen, Arkansas Thoroughbred breeders and tourism in Central Arkansas.”

Purses for the season are projected to be between $45 and $50 million, the richest structure in the country at that time of the year, with all allowance races carrying purse money of at least $100,000. For the first time, the track will also be in a position to stage races for late-season 2-year-olds.

“We will offer 2-year-old racing in December,” Cella said, “and we anticipate additional exciting changes in our racing program, including an aggressive 2021-2022 stakes schedule. We are working on that now and will announce those changes soon. Suffice it to say that our stakes program will continue to be designed to attract the nation’s best horses and best horsemen to Hot Springs.”

Locally based trainers have expressed their enthusiasm for the decision.

“I love it,” Hall of Famer and 11-time Oaklawn leading trainer Steve Asmussen said. “The more Oaklawn, the better.”

“I’ve been an advocate for this for years,” Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. “I think it’s a great addition and will keep our stables competitive. It’s also going to be a popular time.”
Lukas continued, “People are already in a festive mood around the holidays and the weather in December is usually pretty good. I think there is going to be a strong fan base. I’m 100% for it.”

Added trainer Ron Moquett: “Oaklawn’s new dates allow us horsemen to participate in the most lucrative purse circuit in America without any interruptions. It’s now a smooth transition between Oaklawn, Churchill, and Saratoga.”

WOODBINE TO OPEN JUNE 12

With news that the province of Ontario has entered Step One of the ‘Roadmap to Reopen’ plan earlier than anticipated, officials at the Woodbine Entertainment Group have announced that Thoroughbred racing will return to the track this Saturday, June 12, with first post set for 1:20 p.m. ET.

“While it has been a very frustrating period, I would like to thank the Government of Ontario for the recent attention it has given the horse racing industry,” said Jim Lawson, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment.

Lawson continued, “In particular, I would like to thank Premier Doug Ford for his understanding and interest in the plight of the horse racing industry that has been so greatly impacted by the global pandemic and ensuing government restrictions.”

Racing will continue Sunday, June 13, followed by racing Friday through Sunday, June 18-20 before picking up with a four-day week (Thursday-Sunday). Woodbine plans to card additional races over the first two weekends to make up for some of the lost race days.

There will be no fans in attendance per governmental restrictions.

“Although our industry has been substantially impacted, I do very much remain confident in the future of horse racing in Ontario and look forward to getting back on track later this week,” Lawson added. “On behalf of Woodbine Entertainment, thank you to our horse people for their patience, professionalism, and resiliency they continue to demonstrate, especially in face of adversity.”

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SIXTH ANNUAL TIE AWARDS

Nominations for the 2021 Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards (TIEA) opened June 7 and will close Monday, Aug. 2.

Sheikh Mohammed’s Godolphin is the principal sponsor of the awards in association with The Jockey Club, the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA), the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) and Breeders’ Cup.

Godolphin sponsors the Stud and Stable Staff Awards in England, Ireland, France and Australia.

While the 2020 TIE Awards ceremony took place virtually, a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, this year’s ceremonies are planned as an in-person event in October hosted by Keeneland. Jill Byrne will serve as the master of ceremonies.

This year’s award categories will reflect a few changes. First, there will now be one overall “Leadership Award," combining the previously separated leadership awards in both breeding and racing. Second, a new category, the “Support Services Award," has been added to reward an individual who works in any non-administrative, support service role in the Thoroughbred industry. Eligible candidates for this award include, but are not limited to: sales positions; auctioneers; gardeners; veterinary practices; farriers; starting gate crew; horse transport; grounds staff at sales companies, farms or racetracks; valets; horse dentists; physiotherapists; etc.

Churchill Downs, Hallway Feeds, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, I Am Horse Racing, along with Keeneland, will each be sponsoring an award this year.

This year’s TIE Awards will offer total prize money of $122,000. The awards will be held in the Keeneland Sales Pavilion Friday, Oct. 15. For more information and to nominate online, please visit www.tiea.org.

SINATRA NAMED EQUibase PRESIDENT

Sal Sinatra has been named the next president of Equibase Company LLC by the Equibase Management Committee, effective June 21. Sinatra succeeds Jason Wilson, who departed Equibase to join The Stronach Group this past April.

Sinatra, who completed a double major in Mathematics and Statistics from Rutgers, was an assistant clerk at the Daily Racing Form and in 1985, he became a racing official at Monmouth Park and the Meadowlands. He was also the assistant racing secretary at Beulah Park in Ohio.

Between 1990 and 1999, Sinatra was president and ownership partner of TSNS, which was acquired by The Jockey Club as part of InCompass Solutions. He then spent 15 years as vice president of Racing and racing secretary at Parx Racetrack and Casino in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, before becoming president and general manager of Maryland Jockey Club in 2014.

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“Sal is a longtime participant in the Thoroughbred industry, and the Equibase Management Committee knows he will be a valuable asset to the Equibase team,” said Ian D. Hightet, chairman of Equibase. “His analytical background, management experience, and firsthand knowledge of every aspect of racing will guide Equibase in developing a strategic path forward for its products and services.”

Added Sinatra: “I have spent my entire career in Thoroughbred racing and have worked with Equibase since its inception. I have tried to be an innovative leader and that will be reflected in my leadership of Equibase,” Sinatra said. “My experience as a technician and working at racetracks puts me in a unique position to maximize what Equibase has to offer the industry.”

VELAZQUEZ NAMED JOCKEYS & JEANS AMBASSADOR

Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez has been named an ambassador for the Jockeys & Jeans fundraiser to be held this year at Monmouth Park Saturday, Sept. 11. A winner of better than 6,000 in his career, Velazquez is also chairman of the board for the Jockeys’ Guild and serves on the board for the Permanently Disable Jockeys’ Fund (PDJF).

“Being a Jockeys & Jeans Ambassador is one of the highest honors our organization can bestow on a person and we take it very seriously,” said Jockeys & Jeans President Barry Pearl. “Johnny has promised to represent us to the racing community and we are very proud to have him on board.”

Jockeys & Jeans ambassadors represent the organization to racing management, owners, trainers and other jockeys.

Velazquez won this year’s GI Longines Kentucky Oaks aboard Malathaat (Curlin).

LEPIC, LEECH NAMED TO PRAIRIE MEADOWS HALL OF FAME

Tom Lepic and Deb Leech, two long-time leaders in Iowa’s horse racing industry, will be inducted into the Prairie Meadows Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the track July 2. Lepic has been involved in the racing industry for nearly 50 years and is currently President of the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association. Leech served as a board member for the Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association from 2009 to 2016 and was president of the association from 2011 to 2016.

Also being inducted into the track’s hall of fame this year is Iowa’s all-time leading distaff earner Mywomanfromtokyo (Neko Bay). Racing for Scott Pope’s Crimson King Farm and Christine Rhiner and trained by Kelly Von Hemel, the 8-year-old mare has won four stakes and earned $595,276.

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Happy Soul became the second stakes winner for Runhappy with a towering 11 1/2-length victory in the Astoria S. Earlier on the program, 'TDN Rising Star' Following Sea posted a highly impressive allowance victory on his way to stakes competition.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Santa Anita, $68,280, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.17, fm, 3/4 length.

FREEDOM FLYER (f, 3, Constitution--Rebuke, by Carson City), a $450,000 OBS April buy, broke her maiden at fifth asking sprinting over the local turf Jan. 2 before backing up to eighth in the GIII Sweet Life S. Feb. 14. Off the board again in an optional claimer here Mar. 6, she was a nose second making her two-turn bow Apr. 4 at Golden Gate and a similarly close runner-up in the California Oaks last out there Apr. 24. Given a 4-1 chance returning to her home base, the bay stumbled a bit at the start, but nevertheless found a good spot, traveling in a clear third behind splits of :23.21 and :46.88. Drawing into contention three deep passing the furlong grounds, she wore down pace player Cassie Belle (Lucky Pulpit) in the final sixteenth to prevail by three-quarters of a length. The winner's juvenile full-sister, named Redefinition, finished a late-running third on debut for CJ Thoroughbreds and Wesley Ward Apr. 28 at Churchill. Her dam produced an Anchor Down filly last term before being bred to Justify. Sales History: $450,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-3-2, $120,580.

O-James D. Branham & Marsha Naify; B-A R Enterprises, Inc. (KY); T-Simon Callaghan.

7th-Parx Racing, $48,850, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 6-7, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.95, ft, 1 length.

RIDIN WITH BIDEN (c, 3, Constitution--Allemande, by Medaglia d'Oro), a debut runner-up in the local mud Dec. 23, disappointed when off the board in his next two tries, but put it together with a 5 1/4-length graduation last out here May 19. Knocked down to 4-5 favoritism in this first try against winners, the $85,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy pressed the pace from second through fractions of :23.4 and :47.2. Drawing on even terms straightening for home, the dark bay put away the pacesetter going by the eighth pole and held sway from late-running I Am Redeemed (Redeemed) for a one-length success. The winner shares a second dam, four-time GSW Wild Heart Dancing (Farma Way), with Saturday's GI Jackpot Jaipur S. upsetter Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed) as well as this year's GIII Kitten's Joy S. hero Chess's Dream (Jess's Dream). His unraced dam is responsible for a juvenile Tonalist colt. Sales History: $80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $85,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $61,080. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; B-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (KY); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.

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Connect (Curlin), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
119 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Belterra, Msw 4 1/2f, The Pink Z, 12-1

Mr. Z (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, $2,500
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Belterra, Msw 4 1/2f, Weekender, 3-1
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- Maiden Claiming Races: purses of $18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of $40,000

IN JAPAN:

Jasper Jack, h, 5, Declaration of War--Crescent Moon, by Seeking the Gold. Urawa, 6-1, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-0, $103,636. O Kazuo Kato; B Camas Park Stud (KY); T Hideyuki Mori. *$175,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

King of the Match, c, 3, Cairo Prince--Fought The Fight, by War Front. Busan, 6-5, Hcp., 1200m. B-Beretone C Jones & Bret Jones (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Battled to a debut success as the 2-5 favorite. ***$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $85,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSJUL. VIDEO

Lovely K, f, 3, Cairo Prince--Medicine Butte, by Old Fashioned. Seoul, 6-6, Hcp., 1400m. B-Jack Sims (KY). *Won by six lengths as the 6-5 favorite. **$60,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. VIDEO

Legend Day, c, 3, Race Day--Sakra, by Buddha. Seoul, 6-6, Hcp., 1200m. B-Terry Phillips (IN). *Took his career record to six wins and a second from seven starts. **$4,200 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; $17,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. VIDEO

Echo Bill, c, 4, Daredevil--Sweet Dreamy Syn, by Wild Syn. Seoul, 6-5, Hcp., 1400m. B-Vossfeld Bloodstock Group LLC (KY). *Won by six lengths as the 6-5 favorite. **$10,000 RNA Wlg '19 FTKOCT. VIDEO

Triple Kingdom, c, 4, Sky Kingdom--Tiz The Tide, by Tiznow. Seoul, 6-6, Hcp., 1700m. B-Westrock Stables LLC (KY). *Took his career record to six wins and a second from seven starts. **$1,000 Wlg '17 KEEJAN; $27,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; $25,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. VIDEO

Baengmunbaekdap, g, 6, Tapizar--Shining Victory, by Victory Gallop. Busan, 6-6, Hcp., 1400m. B-Judy B Hicks (KY). *1/2 to Majestic Presence (Majestic Warrior), GSP-US, MSP-Can, $227,896; and Victress (Include), GSW-Can, $209,603. **SP-Kor. ***$80,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT; $50,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR. VIDEO

IN RUSSIA:

Pankrat, c, 2, Connect--Star Venue, by Vindication. Pavlovskiy Hippodrome, 6-5, Summer S. (NBT), 1200m. B-Steven Marshall Fountain of Youth Breeding (KY). *$15,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

Pink Air, f, 2, Majestic City--Patricias Prospect, by A.P. Indy. Pavlovskiy Hippodrome, 6-5, Group 2 Race (NBT), 1200m. B-Bloom Racing Stable (NY). *1/2 to Tweeting (Uncle Mo), MSP, $195,538. **$12,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, $63,610, 6-7, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.79, ft, head.

GOLDEN CANDY (c, 4, Goldencents–Be My Candy (SP, $201,110), by Candy Ride (Arg)) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-7-3-6, $315,470. O/B-A. Delaperriere Stables, LLC (PA); T-Anthony Pecoraro.

7th-Delaware, $42,625, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.93, fm, 1/2 length.

SANDY LANE KITTEN (g, 6, Kitten's Joy–Crumbs of Comfort, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 16-5-2-2, $151,679. O-Debra E. Kachel; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Richard J. Hendriks.

* $30,000 4yo '19 EASDEC; $56,000 RNA 5yo '20 WANAUG.

8th-Delaware, $40,125, (NW1$X), 6-7, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.43, ft, 6 lengths.

ALL GOOD TIMES (m, 6, Harlington–All Nighter, by Notebook) Lifetime Record: 51-12-11-4, $260,232. O-Stephen J. Derany & John Rigattieri; B-Porter Racing Stable, LLC (FL); T-Victor Carrasco, Jr. *1/2 to All Night Labor (Double Honor), MSW, $513,749.

6th-Indiana Grand, $37,000, (S), 6-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 1/2f, 1:05.60, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

PEARL TIARA (f, 3, Majestic Harbor–Pearl Pendant, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-1, $74,920. O-Loren Hebel-Osborne, Carol W. Hebel, Claudia & Fred Pirman, David Osborne & Dan Ison; B-David W Osborne, Loren C Hebel-Osborne & Carol W Hebel (IN); T-Tim Glyshaw.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, $35,776, 6-6, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.22, fm, 1 length.

DIAMOND BLITZ (g, 5, Munnings--Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 24-7-3-0, $111,343. O-Candelario Barragan & Jose Cruz Ramos; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Jesus Ramos. * $20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $40,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

5th-Thistledown, $35,700, (S), 6-7, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.24, sy, neck.

RIGGED UP (c, 4, Fast Anna--Sharon's Way, by Proud Citizen) Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-3, $112,921. O-Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC & Jerry Laria; B-Richard Wilkinson (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. * $50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

1st-Lone Star, $34,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:43.11, sy, 7 lengths.

POPULAR KID (g, 7, Popular--Lemon Supreme, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: SP, 57-12-8-5, $461,014. O-George A. Sharp; B-Rod & Lorraine Rodriguez (CA); T-Shawn H. Davis.
5th-Finger Lakes, $24,000, (S), 6-7, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.23, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.
HANNAH DANCES (f, 4, Shakin It Up--Comfort Level, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, $77,590. O/B-TLC Thoroughbreds (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro.

7th-Thistledown, $24,000, 6-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.08, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.
TIMELESS BOUNTY (c, 3, Elusive Hour--Nava, by Even the Score) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, $37,600. O/B-Elkhorn Oaks, Inc. (MI); T-James R. Jackson.

3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $20,776, (S), 6-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.71, fm, head.
RIP THORN (g, 5, Twirling Candy--Got No Name, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-3, $77,393. O/T-Timothy M. Collins; B-Charles A. Woodson (WV). *$4,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Mi Estrella, f, 2, Orb--Fifteen Church, by Harlan's Holiday. Indiana Grand, 6-7, (S), 5f, 1:00.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $28,000. B-Dennis Farkas (IN). *$1,000 Ylg '20 FTKFEB.

Super Scorpio, g, 3, Awesome Again--Scorpiobdancing, by Pleasant Tap. Prairie Meadows, 6-6, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.96. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, $37,694. B-River Ridge Ranch (IA).
White Woman Creek, f, 3, Fort Larned--Glow Girl, by Golden Shine. Lone Star, 6-7, (S), 7f, 1:26.10. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,400. B-Tom W. & Linda Thurman (TX). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Mucho Primo, g, 3, Kantharos--Agressive Elegance (MSW, $124,070), by Macho Uno. Thistledown, 6-7, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.84. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $22,425. B-Peter J. Sheppell (OH). *$47,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; $29,000 2yo '20 OBSOCT.

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Swift Temple, f, 3, Temple City--Swift Closer, by Closing Argument. Indiana Grand, 6-7, (S), 1mT, 1:40.36. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, $33,330. B-Jim Edgar (IN).
Moonshinerboy, g, 6, Go Red Go--Congolese, by Distant View. Lone Star, 6-7, (S), 7f, 1:26.32. Lifetime Record: 18-1-0-3, $46,277. B-Dean Campbell (TX).

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Awesome Again, Super Scorpio, g, 3, o/o Scorpiobdancing, by Pleasant Tap. MSW, 6-6, Prairie Meadows
Caleb's Posse, Rebel Posse, c, 3, o/o War Kill, by War Chant. ALW, 6-6, Lone Star
Central Banker, Stabilize, m, 5, o/o Mlle. de Paris, by Silver Charm. ALW, 6-7, Finger Lakes
Constitution, Freedom Flyer, f, 3, o/o Rebukey, by Carson City. AOC, 6-6, Santa Anita
Constitution, Ridin With Biden, c, 3, o/o Allemande, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 6-7, Parx Racing
Country Day, Topping, g, 5, o/o Frosting, by Flatter. ALW, 6-7, Indiana Grand
Elusive Hour, Timeless Bounty, c, 3, o/o Nava, by Even the Score. ALW, 6-7, Thistledown
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Go Red Go, Moonshinerboy, g, 6, o/o Congolese, by Distant View. MSW, 6-7, Lone Star
Goldencents, Golden Candy, c, 4, o/o Be My Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 6-7, Parx Racing
Harlington, All Good Times, m, 6, o/o All Nighter, by Notebook. ALW, 6-7, Delaware
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Kitten's Joy, Sandy Lane Kitten, g, 6, o/o Crumbs of Comfort, by Pulpit. AOC, 6-7, Delaware
Majestic Harbor, Pearl Tiara, f, 3, o/o Pearl Pendant, by Mineshaft. ALW, 6-7, Indiana Grand
Munnings, Diamond Blitz, g, 5, o/o Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready. ALW, 6-6, Golden Gate
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Still the only G1 2YO to win the Met Mile since Holy Bull.

**Mor Spirit**
First Yearlings at F-T July
**Popular**, Popular Kid, g, 7, o/o Lemon Supreme, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 6-7, Lone Star

**Shakin It Up**, Hannah Dances, f, 4, o/o Comfort Level, by Mizzen Mast. ALW, 6-7, Finger Lakes

**Shanghai Bobby**, Eleazar, c, 3, o/o Judy In Disguise (GB), by Elusive City. WMC, 6-7, Delaware

**Temple City**, Swift Temple, f, 3, o/o Swift Closer, by Closing Argument. MSW, 6-7, Indiana Grand

**Twirling Candy**, Rip Thorn, g, 5, o/o Got No Name, by Bernstein. ALW, 6-6, Mountaineer

**Verrazano**, Disco Deano, g, 4, o/o Nurse Disco, by Disco Rico. ALW, 6-7, Finger Lakes

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**ITHINKISAWAPUDYCAT**, 11, Bluegrass Cat--Unbridled Run, by Unbridled

Foal born May 4, a colt by Quality Road.

Will be bred back to American Pharoah.

Owned by Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC & Lane's End Stallions, Inc.

Accomplishments: SP. Dam of Sweet Loretta (Tapit), GISW, $386,520; Bridlewood Cat (Street Sense), SP, $115,090.

**TOTALLY TUCKER**, 11, Elusive Quality--Champagne Royale, by French Deputy

Foal born May 7, a colt by Uncle Mo

Will not be bred back this year

Accomplishments: Dam of Totally Boss (Street Boss), GSW, $703,337; and Super Steed (Super Saver), GSW, $336,500.

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THE WEEKLY WRAP: HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

By Emma Berry

To an extent, when Coolmore wins two of the weekend’s premier Classics in Europe and Godolphin wins another, it feels like we are harking back to the glory days around the turn of the century, when the battle of the superpowers was epitomised by those back-to-back duels between Galileo (Ire) and Fantastic Light in the ‘King George’ and Irish Champion S. Honours even.

And it was honours even at Epsom, with the dazzling victory of Ballydoyle’s Snowfall (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) in the Cazoo Oaks, followed by the satisfying success of Adyar (Ire) (Frankel (GB)) for Godolphin in the Cazoo Derby.

Through those two decades, the dominance of Aidan O’Brien has only grown, and the Ballydoyle trainer now teeters on the brink of becoming the most successful trainer in British Classic history, with his 40 victories equaling the record of John Scott, who won seven runnings of the Oaks between 1836 and 1855 as part of his own Classic haul.

It is fair to say that the fortunes of Godolphin have waxed and waned since the days of Daylami (Ire), Kayf Tara (GB) and Fantastic Light, but since the appointment of Charlie Appleby as trainer in the aftermath of the sorriest episode in the operation’s history, Godolphin’s flag has again been flying high.

DERBY HERO ADAYAR EYES KING GEORGE

Godolphin homebred Adyar (Ire) (Frankel (Ire)), who won the G1 Cazoo Derby on Saturday, excited the race in good order and will target the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot on July 24. If he completes the double, he would be the first horse to do so since his grandsire Galileo (Ire) in 2001.

Trainer Charlie Appleby said, “He has come out of the race great. As you saw he went on the seawalker yesterday morning and he has been out for a jog this morning and has been turned out in the paddock and he has shown his wellness. All signs are good so far.

“Without rubber stamping anything the discussions that are taking place at the moment are that we will give this horse a bit more time and look towards going to a King George with him. I think timing-wise it suits him and also we will have tested our mettle a bit against the older horses.

“After that we can see what he is like against the older horses there and if he happens to win a King George we can work back from an Arc. If he gets beat in a King George then we revert back to our original plan which was going down the St Leger route.

“I think, personally, looking from the outside having won neither race, I would rather pinpoint one as we all know in the autumn it is a big ask to do a St Leger then an Arc.”

One of Godolphin and Appleby’s other Derby runners, third-place finisher and G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S. victor Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel (Ire)), will return sooner than his stablemate. The June 26 G1 Irish Derby has been pencilled in for the chestnut.

Appleby added, “I was delighted with Hurricane Lane. He was the horse I thought in the paddock looked magnificent and I thought he took the preliminaries very well. What did surprise me, but we took it as a positive, is that he is very much learning on the job there. He showed his inexperience. Going into the Derby I thought he was one run short of what I would have liked to see. He came off the bridle a bit earlier than I expected but his class got himself back into a position that he would be in the mix at the right end. I’m delighted with how he has come out of it and the plan with Hurricane Lane is to head straight to Ireland.” Cont. p6

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

RICK PORTER PASSES AWAY

Successful owner Rick Porter passed away from cancer on June 6. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Happy Days Are Here Again Cont. from p1

Following the Derby, in typically modest fashion Appleby immediately pointed to O’Brien’s overwhelming record when he was congratulated on providing a second homebreds winner of the blue riband for Sheikh Mohammed in the last four years.

The pedigrees of both Masar (Ire) (New Approach {GB}) and Adayar stretch back generations within the Darley/Godolphin operation—to the 1998 purchase of Melikah (Ire), the daughter of Lammtarra and Urban Sea, in the case of Masar, and right back to the very early days of Sheikh Mohammed’s foundation of a major breeding empire in Europe to the import of German Oaks winner Anna Paola (Ger) to Britain in 1982. Her 1983 mating with Mill Reef—winner of the Derby 50 years ago—produced Anna Matrushka (GB), who features as Adayar’s fourth dam and who has played her part in the establishment of a decent dynasty within the Godolphin ranks. Anna Matrushka’s penultimate foal Accessories (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) was exported to Australia and has helped to spread the family throughout the global operation, with three of her sons—Helmet (Aus), Epaulette (Aus) and Bullbars (Aus)—ending up as Darley stallions. Helmet has subsequently returned to the country of his great grandam Anna Paola and now stands at Gestut Fahrhof.

Beyond his two Derby winners, Appleby was also responsible for the top-rated horse in the world last year in Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), as well as the previous season’s European champion 2-year-old, Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal).

You don’t really need to cap winning the Derby but just for good measure, some four hours later on the other side of the Atlantic, Appleby was represented by the first two home in the GI Just A Game S., Althiqa (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Summer Romance (Ire) (Kingman {GB}). The fillies were a precursor for an even bigger result in New York for Godolphin when the homebred Essential Quality (Tapit) prevailed in a thrilling stretch battle with Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow) in the GI Belmont S.

The champion 2-year-old in America last season following his GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile victory, the Brad Cox-trained Essential Quality has been beaten just once, when fourth in the Kentucky Derby. Cont. p3
The Weekly Wrap Cont.

He may yet be promoted to third following confirmation of the positive drug test from the B-sample of winner Medina Spirit (Protonico).

For Godolphin, the good days are no longer few and far between. The significant breeding operation behind the racing stables clearly plays its part, but much of the renaissance can be attributed to Appleby, who is not just an accomplished trainer but is also a reliable and helpful spokesman. His popularity as an everyman made good is similar to that of the Derby-winning jockey Adam Kirby, whose Epsom Triumph was widely enjoyed, and together they made a beguiling duo in the winner’s circle.

Both men have got to where they are through their own hard work and skill, and they can only be admired for the humility with which they accept their success.

Still Making An Impact

With Frankel’s first Derby winner, and Kingman (GB) represented by a third Grade 1 success for Domestic Spending (GB) at Belmont, as well as the G3 Princess Elizabeth S. win of Parent’s Prayer (Ire), it was a good weekend for the Juddmonte stallions. The pensioned Zamindar even made his presence felt as dam sire of the Derby runner-up Mojo Star (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), a son of the Juddmonte-bred Galley (GB), who is a half-sister to the dam of Arc winner Rail Link (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

St Mark’s Basilica (Ire) notched a second Classic in the Prix du Jockey Club to the obvious delight of ‘super-sub’ Ioritz Mendizabal, who was himself winning the race for the second year in a row after standing in for David Egan on Mishriff (Ire) last year. It was also a second winner of the French Derby for Siyouni (Fr) after Sottsass (Fr) became his first Group 1-winning colt in 2019 and then returned to win the Arc last year.
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He and St Mark's Basilica are both out of mares by Galileo (Ire) who have previously produced high-calibre individuals in Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), respectively.

The same star-strewn background was evident in Snowfall, who beat her ‘aunt’, the third-placed Divinely (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the Oaks. Snowfall's grandam, the dual Group 1-winning miler Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab), has only ever been mated with Galileo, and she produced her 10th foal by the champion and her eighth filly on Apr. 28. Red Evie's best offspring is unquestionably the Breeders' Cup Turf and Arc winner Found (Ire), who has already produced the G2 Vintage S. winner Battleground (War Front) as her first foal. Now Found's year-younger sister Best In The World (Ire) has a record-breaking Oaks winner to her name with her own first foal.

There will be plenty of anticipation ahead of the debut of Snowfall's full-brother, Newfoundland (Ire), from the penultimate crop of Japan's multiple champion sire Deep Impact (Sunday Silence). The late Shadai kingpin also had the first two home in the GI Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo on Sunday, bringing his tally of top-level winners to 51 when outsider Danon Kingly (Jpn) narrowly denied favourite Gran Alegria (Jpn) from recording her second win in the race.

Deep Impact has only had 59 runners in Europe, and clearly those that have been bred by European-based outfits will be out of good mares, while those sent over to race here from Japan will have already proved themselves to be classy performers. Even so, his record of 19 stakes winners, including six Group 1 winners, five of which are Classic winners, is pretty damn good. Cont. p5
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The six that have won at the top level are split evenly, three being out of mares from the Sadler's Wells line, and three from the Storm Cat line, with the young stallions Saxon Warrior (Jpn) representing the former and Study Of Man (Ire) the latter. It is fervently hoped that in time these two winners of the 2000 Guineas and Prix du Jockey Club in 2018 can continue the success of their sire in Europe.

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A sireline that has thrived in a stealthily successful way over the years is that of Acclamation (GB), who is now 22 and in his 18th season covering at Rathbarry Stud.

The old boy himself provided one of the most popular results of Derby day when his 8-year-old son Oh This Is Us (Ire) won his 16th race and first at group level when just outpointing 7-year-old Century Dream (Ire) in the G3 Diomed S.

This followed two fantastic results for Acclamation's late son Harbour Watch (Ire) on Friday when first Pyledriver (GB) posted a popular win in the G1 Coronation Cup for William Muir and Chris Grassick, backed up later that day in America by the GII Belmont Gold Cup triumph of the Joseph O'Brien-trained Baron Samedi (GB). Both are members of the penultimate of Harbour Watch's five crops conceived at Tweenhills before his retirement from covering in 2018 and death the following year.

On Nov. 29, 2017, the foals that would become known as Baron Samedi and Pyledriver were sent through the ring at Tattersalls 50 lots apart, both offered by the late Kevin Mercer's Usk Valley Stud. The first was bought by LECH Racing for 3,500gns, while Pyledriver was a 10,000gns buy-back by breeders Roger Devlin and Guy and Hugh Leach.

Mercer, who died not long after the foals were born at his Welsh farm, was the breeder of Baron Samedi and the advisor to Pyledriver's breeders when they retired their first mare to stud. He is much missed, but the two sons of Harbour Watch, in whom Mercer had a strong belief, paid him a great posthumous compliment on Saturday.

Acclamation's son Mehmas (Ire) is rarely far from the breeding headlines these days, and he was another to feature at Epsom via the Listed Surrey S. Victor Mehmento (Ire), while another, Dark Angel, notched his eighth Group/Grade 1 winner with Althiqa in America.

Dark Angel also appeared as the broodmare sire of the admirable Oaks runner-up Mystery Angel (Ire), who is by Rathberry's rising star Kodi Bear (Ire), and we'll be hearing more about her and her trainer George Boughey in Wednesday's TDN. Furthermore, Dark Angel's son Lethal Force (Ire) is the sire of Mokaatil (GB), winner of the most terrifying race to be run on a British track, the downhill Epsom Dash.

The Tin Man, All Heart

It was not such good news over the weekend for Acclamation's grandson The Tin Man (GB) (Equiano {Fr}), who was retired after fracturing a leg at exercise eight days before his planned resumption in the Listed Cathedral S. at Salisbury.

The 9-year-old won nine of his 31 races for James Fanshawe and Fred Archer Racing, his three Group 1 victories coming at Royal Ascot, British Champions Day and in the Haydock Sprint Cup.

Fortunately, The Tin Man was swiftly and successfully operated on at Newmarket Equine Hospital, where he is currently recovering, and he will now spend his retirement with James and Jacko Fanshawe at Pegasus Stables.

"He's recovering well. James went see him today and I am hoping to see him tomorrow," said Jacko Fanshawe on Monday. "He'll be in the hospital for about a week and then he will stay with us for good."

The Fanshawe stable has enjoyed plenty of success with The Tin Man's family over the years. His half-brother Deacon Blues (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) previously won the QIPCO British Champions Sprint when it was still a Group 2 race, and he also notched a hat-trick of Group 3 wins among his seven victories. Another half-sibling, Indian Tygress (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), won three races in 2018, while currently in the yard is the 3-year-old full-sister to The Tin Man, Persaria (GB), who has been placed twice this season and looks poised to win before too long.

The trainer's wife, who runs the Fred Archer Racing syndicate, added, "The Tin Man was due to run on Sunday. We weren't going to run him in such big races any more but he had been in such good form. He's been such a star and it's a huge relief that the surgery went well. We're looking forward to him coming home."
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Rounding out the trio of Godolphin Derby starters was G3 Autumn S. winner One Ruler (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The colt ran sixth on Saturday, and is a possible starter for the 1 1/4-mile G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot on June 17.

He said, “We will drop him back to 10 furlongs. James [Doyle] said he didn’t handle the track particularly well but he didn’t see it out either. We might look at something like the Hampton Court, we will see what his wellbeing is like.

“He would carry a penalty in that from his G3 Autumn S. success but we could look at something like that or wait for an [G1 Coral-] Eclipse [at Sandown on July 3].”

Plans Revealed For Other Classic Colts

Mohaafeth (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), who was scratched on the morning of the Blue Riband due to the ground, is also resurfacing in the Hampton Court. He also has an entry in the June 18 G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot, but Shadwell Racing Manager Angus Gold indicated that the Hampton Court was more likely.

Gold said, “It’s most likely he’ll run in the mile-and-a-quarter race, I would think. There is quite a body of opinion around the horse that thinks he might end up a mile-and-a-quarter horse.

“We weren’t sure about the mile and a half going into the Derby. I’ve noticed his breeder has been quoted twice now, saying she doesn’t think he’d stay--and he has got a lot of speed, this horse. Maybe it will turn out a mile and a quarter is his best trip--time will tell.”

Derby runner-up Mojo Star (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) will most likely start next in the Irish Derby. The Amo Racing Limited runner has three runner-up performances to show from three starts, and he was only 4 1/2 lengths off of Adayar at Epsom on Saturday.

“He’s absolutely fine--and we’re looking for the next Derby, I suppose,” trainer Richard Hannon told the Nick Luck Daily Podcast on Monday morning. “It’s not an easy feat, but I’m not sure we’ve anything to gain by winning a novice or a maiden--and quite often these sort of horses get turned over at long odds-on in those sort of races.”

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He added, “I think we'll be looking at something like an Irish Derby or a King George, maybe. If you finish in the first three in the English Derby, you get a free go at the Irish Derby, so that's got to be worth looking at.

“We've never had a horse finish that close in a Derby before. They're extremely hard to find, these sort of horses, and you've got to keep hold of them and keep them racing as long as you can. I said to Kia Joorabchian—who owns the horse—before the Derby that next year's his year. He's always looked like a horse that, when he's four, he could be something a little bit different.”

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GOFFS LONDON SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The Goffs London Sale, held virtually this year on June 14 due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, features an 11-strong catalogue, the sales company announced on Monday.

Among the highlights are: the French listed winner Perseverants (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) (lot 7) and the two-for-two Tipperary Sunset (GB) (Ardad {Ire}) (lot 4). Wild card entries will also be accepted, with the majority of the lots offered holding entries at the Royal Meeting.

Goffs has introduced a bloodstock agent or licenced trainer commission of 5% subject to the conditions of sale. The sale will be shown live beginning at 1 p.m. on the Goffs website and will be hosted by Kevin Blake and Nick Nugent. Online bidding will take place via the GoffsOnline.com platform, and prospective buyers must register prior to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 11. Telephone bidding is also available.

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PYLEDRIVER TO SKIP ROYAL ASCOT

Friday's G1 Coral Coronation Cup victor Pyledriver (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) will most likely remain on the bench during Royal Ascot and will instead target the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot on July 24. The 4-year-old colt was reported to be in good form, if a bit tired by trainer William Muir.

“It took a bit out of him—he didn't eat brilliant for two nights but he licked up last night,” said Muir. “The first night he normally does leave a bit, but the second night he’s normally back on it, so it probably took a little bit out of him.

“He's got a Group 1 now, so let's hope we can keep going. Royal Ascot was going to be the next race. But he's going to need to knock the door down for me to be going there--otherwise we'll wait for the King George.

“If he comes mad fresh by Monday when the confirmation stage is, then I'd think about it. But it was quite a battle on Friday. He might just need longer than two weeks to get back to his best. There's no point going there if we're not over this race.”

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JOCKEY DUO TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER WINDSOR FALL

Alistair Rawlinson and George Buckell have both been taken to the hospital after Buckell's mount Diligent Lady (GB) (Due Diligence) fell and brought down Rawlinson’s ride Centurion Song (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) in Windsor’s Fitzdares Sprint Series H. on Monday evening. Following the incident, racing was delayed by 45 minutes as both were treated on course. Cont. p8
**HOWDEN NAMED OFFICIAL PARTNER OF ASCOT RACECOURSE**

Insurance broker Howden is now an official partner of Ascot Racecourse, the organisation announced on Monday. The five-year deal will run from 2021 to 2025. The insurance broker is well known in the racing industry as they arrange specialist equine insurance solutions for equestrian associations, racecourses, racehorse trainers, stud farms, riding schools and horse owners. Founded by David Howden who is also the president of the Cornbury House Horse Trials, Howden will have extensive branding at every live raceday at Ascot, including the five days of Royal Ascot this year with an elevated presence on the last day of the meeting, June 19.

Felicity Barnard, Commercial Director at Ascot Racecourse, said, “We are delighted to announce this partnership with Howden and very excited to work together across our global network and on all our racedays throughout the year, including Royal Ascot. We would like to extend our thanks to the team at Howden for their long-term commitment to the racecourse and look forward to the wider benefits this will bring to British Racing as a whole. I’m confident this will be a long and happy partnership.”

“We are thrilled to partner such a well-regarded global sporting brand that, like us, has a strong and proud British heritage coupled with an extensive international reach,” said Howden founder David Howden. “Ascot presents a unique opportunity to invest in a sport we love, in an industry with which Howden has a rich history of working. This partnership will embed us further in the equine and wider sport and entertainment community enabling us to better understand and respond to the risk challenges it faces.

“We’re lining up a fantastic calendar of opportunities to engage our people, our clients and our partners—from formal race meetings to relaxed family days. We can’t wait to kick off the partnership with Royal Ascot next week.”

**10 TO FOLLOW MINI GAME FOR ROYAL ASCOT LAUNCHED**

A Tote Ten to Follow Mini Game for Royal Ascot was launched by the Tote on Monday. Players can pick stables of 10 horses to compete across the five days of the Royal Meeting. It is £5 per paid game with unlimited entries allowed, with all stakes being redistributed as prizes and pay outs going down to the 500th position in the contest. There is also a free-to-play game with one free entry per person on offer. There are a number of racing-specific prizes for the free-to-play game supported by Ascot Racecourse including:

- 1st prize: 2022 annual membership for 2022, covering all racedays in the King Edward enclosure (except Royal Ascot)
- 2nd prize: Hospitality for two on Victoria Cup day in 2022
- 3rd prize: Two tickets for Royal Ascot 2022 (Tuesday or Wednesday)

Players have until 12 p.m. on June 15 to submit their stables. Points are scored when a horse wins or places and depend on the quality of the race and the price of the horse. The Mini Game has six bonus races which are worth an additional 25 points for a win and 12 points for finishing second. Those races are: the G1 Queen Anne S., G1 King’s Stand S., G1 Prince of Wales S., G1 Gold Cup, G1 Commonwealth Cup and the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. The full list of eligible horses and the details on the scoring system and rules are available at www.tote.co.uk.

UK Tote Group Racing Director, Jamie Hart, said, “The new Ten to Follow Mini Game for the Cheltenham Festival proved hugely popular so we’re excited to be introducing it for Royal Ascot. It’s five days of top class Flat racing and we hope as many racing fans as possible will get involved—good luck.”
FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, June 8, 2021:

UNITED KINGDOM

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
13:00-SALISBURY, 6f, Groom (GB)
€30,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £36,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Overbury Stud
91 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
16:55-WETHERBY, 5.5f, Sonella (GB)
14,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £8,400 Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket
16:55-WETHERBY, 5.5f, Sport Mode (GB)
7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £13,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2020

Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud
118 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
13:00-SALISBURY, 6f, Gidwa (Ire)

FRANCE

Birchwood (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie
58 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SAINT-Cloud, 1400m, Kiawood (Fr)
3-SAINT-Cloud, 1200m, Kisswood (Fr)
€40,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2020

Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
42 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SAINT-Cloud, 1200m,
€11,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Irish National Stud
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-SAINT-Cloud, 1200m, Red Smile (Ire)
€30,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2019 - English Version; €32,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
109 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SAINT-Cloud, 1200m, Dubai Memories (Fr)
2-SAINT-Cloud, 1200m, Honneur’s Lodestar (Fr)
3-SAINT-Cloud, 1200m, Hot Queen (Fr)

Monday’s Results:
4th-Leicester, £11,500, Cond, 6-7, 3yo/up, 11f 179yT, 2:32.39, g/f.

HIGHEST GROUND (IRE) (c, 4, Frankel {GB}--Celestial Lagoon {Jpn} {SP-Fr}, by Sunday Silence), last term’s G2 Dante S. runner-up and a TDN Rising Star here in 2019, posted a sixth of seven in Sandown’s Apr. 23 G3 Gordon Richards S. on seasonal return last time and raced fourth of the five runners for the most part here. Coaxed forward with three furlongs remaining, the 10-11 choice quickened to the front inside the two pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to score by a length from Outbox (GB) (Frankel {GB}). “We discovered he had the equivalent of a sore throat after his first run of this season and have given him time to let it all clear up,” said racing manager Alan Cooper. “I should think that was a nice confidence-boosting race and it’s nice to see him back in the winner’s enclosure. He’s entered in the [June 19 G2] Hardwicke [at Royal Ascot] and that was one of the ideas behind running today. Let’s get home and regroup with Sir Michael [Stoute] at the end of the week and take it from there. We’ll see what Sir Michael and Ryan [Moore] recommend.” One of nine winners for Listed Prix Herod third Celestial Lagoon (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), the May-foaled bay is kin to MGSP Listed Prix Volterra victrix Night of Light (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), G3 Prix Chloe runner-up Maria Gabriella (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and the dual stakes-placed Roatan (GB) (Daylami {Ire}). He is also half to the unraced 2-year-old filly Every Blue Moon (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Ulysses (Ire). Cont. p10
4th-Leicester Cont.

Descendants of Celestial Lagoon also include last week’s G3 Prix du Palais-Royal victor Marianafoot (Fr) [Footstepsinsanthand {GB}], Sunday’s G2 Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft third Only The Brave (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}) and March’s Listed Prix Altipan winner Padron (Ire) (Gras de Gris {Ire}). Highest Ground’s stakes-placed second dam Metaphor (Woodman) is a half-sister to GI Shoemaker Breeders’ Cup Mile runner-up King of Happiness (Spinning World). Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 6-3-1-0, $36,995. O/B-Niarchos Family (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

5th-Royal Windsor, £5,600, Novice, 6-7, 3yo/up, 10ft, 2:07.80, g/f. SEA SYLPH (IRE) (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}–Valais Girl {GB}, by Holy Roman Emperor {IRE}), who was runner-up on debut over a mile at Doncaster on debut in October, raced at the forefront from the outset and enjoyed a clear lead after two furlongs. Tackled by Long Tradition (IRE) (Shamardal) in the straight, the 4-5 favourite drifted left but was always holding that rival to prevail by a length. The winner is a full-sister to Listed Prix Miss Satamixa scorer, B2 Badener Meile runner-up and G2 May Hill S. third Alpen Rose (IRE), SW-Fr, GSP-Eng, GSP-Ger. The dam is a granddaughter of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Sleepytime (IRE) (Royal Academy), who is a full-sister to the G1 Sussex S.-winning sire Ali-Royal (IRE) and half to fellow sire Taipan (IRE) (Last Tycoon (IRE)) and the dual graded-stakes scorer Onoah Magcool (IRE) (Giant’s Causeway). Her 2-year-old Super Stars (IRE) is a full-brother to the winner, while she also has a yearling colt by Australia (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $5,867. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O/Sunderland Holding Inc; B-Sunderland Holdings Inc (IRE); T-William Haggas.

5th-Lingfield, £5,600, Novice, 6-7, 3yo/up, f, 6ft, 1:10.02, gd. ADAAY TO REMEMBER (GB) (f, 3, Adaay {IRE}--Cross My Heart {GB}, by Sakhee’s Secret {GB}), who was 50-1 when runner-up on debut at Nottingham May 8, fly-jumped leaving the stalls but was quickly able to gain a prominent position. In front at halfway, the 3-1 second favourite drifted left when in the clear soon after but was in total command en route to a 4 3/4-length success from Exuding (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). The dam, who also has a yearling filly by Havana Grey (GB), is a half-sister to the G2 Sapphire S. and G3 Flying Five S. winner and G1 King’s Stand S. and G1 Nunthorpe S. runner-up Stepper Point (GB) (Kyllachi {GB}) and the Listed Scottish Fillies Sprint S. scorer and G2 Temple S. third Lady In France (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Sales history: 6,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $6,266. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-GB Horseracing; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Patrick Owens.

5th-Leicester, £9,050, Mdn, 6-7, 3yo/up, 8f 53yoT, 1:43.60, g/f. BAAEED (GB) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}–Aghareed (SW-Fr), by Kingmambo) was caught napping and forfeited several lengths at the break in this belated debut. Way off the pace and turning for home behind 11 of 13 rivals, the 6-1 chance made relentless headway inside the last half mile and delivered a decisive burst of acceleration in the dying embers to swoop for an ultimately comfortable 1 1/4-length success from Tamaamm (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). He is the fifth of seven foals and third scorer produced by Listed Prix de Liancourt victrix Aghareed (Kingmambo), herself out of MGISW US champion Lahudood (GB) (Singspiel {IRE}). The homebred bay is a full-brother to last term’s G3 Geoffrey Freer S. winner Hukum (IRE) and a half to the unraced 2-year-old filly Zaghareed (GB) (Intello {GER}) and a yearling colt by Nathaniel (IRE). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $6,917. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas.

1st-Pontefract, £6,000, Mdn, 6-7, 2yo, f, 6ft, 1:17.01, g/f. NO NAY NICKI (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Pure Vanity {GB}, by New Approach {IRE}), sixth on debut over five furlongs on soft ground at Thirsk May 15, was a touch outpaced early behind the leading group. Picking up to take command a furlong out, the 5-2 favourite drew away impressively to record an 8 1/2-length success from Qweldryk (IRE) (Galileo Gold {GB}). The winner is the second and currently last known foal out of a daughter of the Listed Atalanta S. scorer Miss Pinkerton (GB) (Danehill), who produced the G3 Bronte Cup winner and G2 Lancashire Oaks third Precious Ramotswe (GB) (Nathaniel {IRE}). The third dam is the G1 Coronation S. heroine Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian) which connects her to Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {IRE}). Sales history: 50,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $4,586. O-P D Smith Holdings Ltd; B-Manister House Stud & Grange Stud (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

6th-Lingfield, £5,300, Mdn, 6-7, 2yo, 4f 217yT, :58.84, gd. SAGITTARIUS (GB) (c, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Luna Marsal {IRE}), by Acclamation (GB), third on debut at Wolverhampton May 26, soon led against the rail. Racing awkwardly and veering left across the track inside the final two furlongs, the 3-1 favourite was nevertheless in command as he registered a 2 1/4-length success from Whistledown (GB) (Gregorian {IRE}). The dam, who hails from the family of the G3 Cornwallis S. scorer Abel Handy (IRE) (Arcano {IRE}) and the G2 King’s Stand S. winner Dominica (GB) (Alhaarth {IRE}), also has the yearling colt Dream Mission (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $4,822. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Jonny Allison (GB); T-Archie Watson.
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bastogne (IRE), g, 2, Holy Roman Emperor (IRE) -- Wavebreak (GB), by Tiger Hill (IRE). Leicester, 6-7, 6fT, 1:11.78.

B-Ballinafad Stud (IRE). *40,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA.

Night Candle (Fr), f, 2, Mehmas (IRE) -- Epapha (IRE) (SW-Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). Royal Windsor, 6-7, 5f 21yT, 1:00.26.

Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $8,732. B-Succession Mme La Marquise de Moratalla, Alban Chevalier Du Fau Et Al (FR).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

1st-Gowran Park, also a half to G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sire Garswood G2 Debutante S. third Zagitova (Ire) and a yearling filly. She is Group-race scorers headed by G1 Falmouth S. heroine Veracious runner-up Infallible (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself the dam of three an unraced sibling of GSW G1 Coronation S. and G1 Falmouth S. going to help her as well.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

6th-Gowran, €12,000, Mdn, 6-7, 3yo, 12fT, 2:30.69, gd.

FRILL (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo (IRE) -- Penchant (GB), by Kyalarchy (GB)), a May 16 maiden second going one mile at Naas in her fourth start last time, broke sharply from one of the outer gates and occupied a forward berth throughout this one. Niggled along in early straight to lead passing the quarter-mile marker, the 11-4 favourite came under sterner urging thereafter and was driven out to hold the late surge of Punakha (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)) by a head. “She had a good run the last day, but I was a little bit worried about the [15] draw,” admitted rider Wayne Lordan. “I jumped and travelled well, but she had a fair look around when she got to the front. It was a good performance and I hope she’s won without killing herself. She’s a big, rangy filly and time is going to help her as well.” Frill becomes the third scorer out of an un raced sibling of GSW G1 Coronation S. and G1 Falmouth S. runner-up Infallible (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), herself the dam of three Group-race scorers headed by G1 Falmouth S. heroine Veracious (GB) (Frankel (GB)). The April-foaled chestnut is a full-sister to G2 Debutante S. third Zagitova (IRE) and a yearling filly. She is also a half to G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sire Garswood (GB) (Dutch Art (GB)). Sales history: 900,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $12,521.

5th-Gowran, €12,000, Mdn, 6-7, 3yo, f, 9f 100yT, 2:02.03, gd.

MARIESQUE (IRE) (f, 3, Lawman (Fr) -- Mireille (IRE) (SW-Fr), by Dalakhani (IRE)), who was fourth on her sole start over a mile at The Curragh in November, raced in mid-division early. Carving through rivals to lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 11-4 favourite was soon clear and hit the line strong with two lengths ro spare over Sheer Chance (IRE) (Fulbright (GB)). The dam, who took the seven-furlong Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr, is a daughter of the G3 Prix de Flore winner Australie (IRE) (Sadler’s Wells).

Hailing from the family of Arcangues, which also includes last year’s G2 Mooresbridge S. winner Leo De Fury (IRE) (Australia {GB}), her 2021 foal is a son of Bated Breath (GB). Sales history: €50,000 RNA Ylg '19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $9,539. O/B-Ballygallon Stud Limited (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

5th-Gowran, €12,000, Mdn, 6-7, 3yo, f, 9f 100yT, 2:02.28, gd.

LICENCE (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}) -- Emollient (MGISW, $1,350,400), by Empire Maker), a 4-5 favourite, broke well and travelled easily in a prominent pitch early. Looming on the front end approaching the two-furlong marker, the homebred drew away in impressive style to score by six lengths from Silaiyli (Ire) (Olympic Glory (IRE)). “He’s a nice horse and has been very straightforward since he came to us,” Shane Lyons said. “We always thought he’d be a mile-and-a-half horse. He started learning his job pretty quick and Colin [Keane] was adamant that he’d be fine over a mile-and-a-quarter. It was nice ground today, but probably as quick as he’d want it. Colin said he definitely wouldn’t want it good-to-firm, so we’ll watch that.” The high-class dam, who was successful in the GI Ashland S., GI Spinster S., GI American Oaks and GI Rodeo Drive S., has already produced this yard’s G3 Coolmore Stud Juvenile Fillies Sprint S. runner-up and G3 Airlie Stud Balanchine S. third Peace Charter (GB) (War Front). A half-sister to the stakes winner and GI Florida Derby runner-up and GI Belmont S. third Hofburg (Tapit) and the GI Hall of Fame S. third Courtier (Pioneerof the Nile), she emanates from the Niarchos family of Coup de Folie (Halo) and Coup de Genie (Mr. Prospector) which includes the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Denebola (Storm Cat). Her 2-year-old Raclette (GB) is a full-sister to the winner, as is her 2020 filly. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,758. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Nantes, €22,000, Cond, 6-7, 3yo, 12fT, 2:30.69, vsf.

WEETAMOO (IRE) (f, 3, Le Havre (IRE) -- Wild Silva (GB) (SP-Ger), by Silvano (Ger))) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $31,380. O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pedro Chop (Fr), c, 2, Pedro the Great -- Super Style (GB), by Iffraaj (GB). Nantes, 6-7, 7fT, 1:27.20. B-Alain Chopard, Auguste Dufrenot & AkDam Khaddam (FR).

Aclou (Fr), c, 3, Le Havre (IRE) -- Ajou (Fr), by Siyouini (Fr). Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 6-7, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.41. B-Franklin Finance SA (FR).
Iverna (Fr), f, 3, Triple Threat (Fr)--Charlirosa (Fr), by Myboycharlie (Ire). Nantes, 6-7, 8fT, 1:38.68. B-Benoit Chalmel, Steven Robert Collins & Mme Chantal Sanglier (FR).

NON BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

MILLENIUMI DIJ (NBT) (Hun-G1), Ft7,500,000 (£16,804/€21,635/US$26,883), Kincsem Park (Hungary), 6-5, 3yo/upp, 1800mT, 1:47.6, gd.

1--GOLDEN SEA (IRE), 133, m, 5, Born To Sea (IRE)--Matula (IRE), by Halling. (£1,500 Wtg ’16 GOFOCT). O-VINT Szindikatus; B-Irish National Stud; J/T-Stanislav Georgiev; Ft3,750,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly, Ch. 3yo Filly & Ch. Grass Mare-Hun, 16 starts, 8 wins, 5 places, Ft26,201,000.

2--Charlie Firpo (IRE), 136, g, 4, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Charaig (GB), by Rainbow Quest. (£1,500 RNA Wtg ’17 GOFOCT). O-VINT Szindikatus; B-Irish National Stud; J/T-Stanislav Georgiev; Ft1,500,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly & Ch. 3yo Filly & Ch. Grass Mare-Hun, 16 starts, 8 wins, 5 places, Ft26,201,000.

3--Impression (GB), 133, f, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Past Forgetting (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). (£7,000gns 2yo ’19 TATOCT). Ft1,125,000. Margins: NK, 4, 1 3/4. VIDEO


Opasan (IRE), c, 4, French Navy (GB)--Ouija’s Sister (GB), by Groom Dancer. Bratislava (Slovakia), 6-6, Velka Cena Slovenska (Slov-G3), 2400mT. B-Gerard Mulligan. *£10,000 Wlg ’17 GOFOCT; 5,500gns Ylg ’18 TATNOV. VIDEO

Timmaster (Fr), c, 4, Mukhadram (GB)--Tierceville (IRE), by Oratorio (IRE). Bratislava (Slovakia), 6-6, Cena Scottish Rifla, 1800mT. B-EARL Haras de Cisai. *1/2 to No Tinc Por (GB) (Authorized (IRE)), MSP-Fr. ** £3,500 Ylg ’18 ARQOCT. VIDEO

Jir Sun (GB), g, 4, Shamardal--Jira (GB) (SW-Eng, $124,702), by Medicean (GB). Bratislava (Slovakia), 6-6, 37. Cena Ministerstva podohospodarstva a rozvoja vidiekar SR, 1200mT. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited. *£60,000gns Ylg ’18 TATNOCT; £50,000 2yo ’18 ARQMAY. VIDEO

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

Fast Skarmish (GB), f, 3, Harzand (IRE)--Nunavik (IRE), by Indian Ridge (IRE). Sluzewiec (Poland), 6-6, 1800mT. B-Haddenham Stud Farm Ltd. *£5,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT. VIDEO

Rex of Thunder (GB), c, 3, Night of Thunder (IRE)--Rio’s Cliffs (GB), by Canford Cliffs (IRE). Bratislava (Slovakia), 6-6, 2000mT. B-The Snailwell Stud. *£42,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT. VIDEO

Elsa (Fr), f, 3, Olympic Glory (IRE)--Edith Cowan (IRE), by Galileo (IRE). Bratislava (Slovakia), 6-6, 1800mT. B-Hassan Ali Abdulmalik. *£3,000 Ylg ’19 ARQOCT. VIDEO

Franceska Bella (IRE), f, 4, Kingston Hill (IRE)--Magnificent Bell (IRE), by Octagonal (NZ). Velka Chuchle (Czech Republic), 6-5, 2200mT. B-Brendan Holland & P Connell. *£5,200 Ylg ’18 GOFOCT. VIDEO

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Napoleon Bay (Fr), g, 3, New Bay (GB)--Williamine (IRE), by Elusive City. Velka Chuchle (Czech Republic), 6-5, 1600mT. B-Sylvain Vidal. *£25,000 Ylg ’19 ARQAUG. VIDEO

IN JAPAN:

Summer Tryst (IRE), f, 3, Dubawi (IRE)--Midsummer Fair (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn, $1,182,998), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). Chukyo, 6-6, Maiden, 1600mT. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-3, $64,545. O/B-Godolphin; T-Hideaki Fujiwara.

CHEVELEY STUD TO HOLD FARM SALE

The catalogue for the Cheveley Stud Farm Sale is now online. Slated for June 16, the sale features 32 broodmares, yearlings, and weanlings set to go under the hammer. Covering sires represented include Futura (SAf), Gimmethegreenlight (Aus), Lancaster Bomber, Legislate (SAf), Master Of My Fate (SAf), One World (SAf), Querari (Ger), Soqrat (Aus), The United States (IRE), Var, and Vercingetorix (SAf). For more information, please visit www.bsa.co.za.com.

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# SIRE Lists

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### Leading General Sires by Group Stakes Horses

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, June 6

*Earnings represent worldwide figures, NH Foals, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.*

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An extraordinary 2021 thoroughbred sales season has seen record after record fall, with buyers investing with unprecedented confidence in the Australian market, spending over $774 million at public auction. We have broken down the big numbers to chart the explosion in spending.

When buyers and vendors arrived in Queensland at the start of 2021 for the season-opening Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, they did so very much in a cautious mood after the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The impacts of COVID-19 could have been disastrous for the thoroughbred industry and a 15.6% fall in aggregate spending at public auction in 2020 was certainly cause for concern. But as it tends to do, the market had adjusted to the new conditions and that drop in turnover reflected a 14.5% drop in the volume of horses offered.

In that regard, the overall average across all yearling, weanling and broodmare sales only dropped 1.24% in 2020, retaining the confidence in the value of the product and laying the foundations for a recovery in 2021.

Despite strong signs of an economic recovery, and of a broader racing and wagering industry in rude health, there was still doubts about how much confidence investors would take to the market.

Those doubts were dispelled in the space of a few days of furious bidding in early January. The aggregate of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale soared to $213 million, some 13% up on the record set in 2020 and put down a marker for the rest of the year.

At every stop since new records have been created, with markets across Australia, regardless of which sales company was operating them, showing amazing growth.

**Yearlings in Huge Demand**

To this point, there has been $552 million spent on yearlings at public auction in Australia in 2021, a jump of 29% on 2020 levels and well above anything achieved prior to that.

In a definitive show of faith in the public auction process, there have been 4,566 yearlings sold through the ring this year, the highest mark in at least a decade.

Quantity has not come at the expense of quality according to the market, with those yearlings sold at an average price of $120,874, an increase of 11.9% on 2020 and a new high-water mark. The average price of a yearling through public auction in Australia has doubled since 2012.

While several of the smaller sales achieved remarkable year-on-year growth, it was the major yearling sales where the significant volume of investment came from.

Compared to 2019, which was the last pre-COVID sales season, there has been an additional $91 million invested in the yearling market in 2021. Around $32 million that additional investment was generated from the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, while an additional $20.5 million came from the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, $11.3 million from the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, and $9.2 million from the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale.

The top end was particularly strong with 36 $1 million-plus yearlings selling across all sales, highlighted by the $2.5 million Hawkes Racing paid for a Snitzel colt from Arrowfield Stud at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, which had 23 lots in the seven-figure price range.

**Mares and Fillies Drive Amazing Growth**

Yearling sales are by far the biggest driver of investment in the Australian market, with 71.23% of money spent in 2021 in that category, however the growth of the breeding sales market has arguably been a much bigger story this year.
The overall aggregate spend through broodmare auctions in 2021 reached $182 million in 2021, double the amount of 2020 and 22% up on what was spent in 2019. That number wasn't powered by a significant jump in supply, with overall mares/fillies sold through the broodmare sales up modestly from 727 to 854 year-on-year.

The premium broodmare sales were where much of that growth was derived from, with the Inglis Chairman's Sale grossing $28.2 million at an average of $532,735, while a simply astonishing Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale grossed $143 million and an average of $229,443.

The opening day of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale was nothing short of extraordinary with 18 million-dollar lots passing through the ring, including 11 in the 37-lot Shadwell Dispersal. Experienced industry figures were left shaking their heads in disbelief as the average reached $328,038 in that session.

The Inglis Chairman's Sale was held in a similarly electric atmosphere with seven million-dollar lots on a memorable night at the Riverside Stables. A measure of where the broodmare market is at is that average price for a broodmare at public auction in Australia in 2021 is $213,527, up from $126,102 last year.

This surge was powered by a couple of key factors, one of which as the investment of those who were buying not just for commercial breeding purposes. Several major spenders indicated that they were securing top-end broodmares as a means to sourcing quality progeny from them to race in light of the expense of the yearling market.

Adding up the Numbers
Across all categories, yearling, broodmares and weanlings, there have been 5937 horses sold through the physical Australian sales ring in 2021, with only the delayed Inglis Great Southern Sale to come (for the purposes of this article, all historical stats have not included that sale).

Statistically, that is well up on 2020, where there were just 5,101 horses sold, but down on what was offered in 2019 (6,035) and 2018 (6,101).

Part of this could be attributed to the growth in digital auctions, which have now become a setting for the quick dispersal of yearlings, mares and weanlings. The overall spend of $774,840,350 at public auction in 2021 is quite mind-boggling when you consider it is a 45.1% jump on last year and a 22.4% jump on the previous record of $633 million in 2019. The total spent on thoroughbreds in the public auction environment in Australia has doubled from $380 million in 2014, a seven-year gap.

Where to From Now?
There is statistical evidence to suggest that the surge in investment in 2021 has been partially driven by the money not spent in what was a COVID-disrupted and very uncertain 2020 market.

One way of looking at this is to examine the total investment over a rolling two-year period, allowing a better way to chart trend and account for year-on-year dips and surges.

Combined across 2020 and 2021 yearling, broodmare and weanling sales, there was $1.31 billion spent, while the previous two-year aggregate (2019 and 2020) was $1.17 billion, while in 2018 and 2019, the total was $1.26 billion, and across in 2017 and 2018, $1.084 billion.
This paints a much more gradual picture of growth across the past four years, and not the sudden spike in 2021, which was exacerbated by the COVID-impacted downturn of 2020.

What that would indicate is that while the overall pattern of growth in the market is still very positive, it may be very difficult for the market to sustain the record levels it has set moving forward.

It is also likely that there will be a greater supply from vendors in 2022, particularly in the weanling and broodmare aspects of the market, which saw demand extremely strong, powering the amazing growth outlined above.

However, you would underestimate the bullishness of the bloodstock market at your own peril, with levels of confidence in the broader racing industry higher than they have ever been on the back of record wagering and record prizemoney.

The current market has already led to a particularly bullish approach to service fees for stallions this season, something which indicates the belief that prices will only continue to rise going forward.

Note: The above data is sourced from Arion. It includes all lots sold across all books of the following sales. It has been collated for research purposes only.


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