WITH STRENGTH IN NUMBERS, REPOLE AND VIOLA HOPE TO HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK

by Bill Finley

Passionate about the sport and determined to win at the highest level, partners Vinnie Viola and Mike Repole have come up with a formula they hope will mean lasting success. It’s not just about quality, but quantity. Attack the game with an army of well-bred horses, most of them colts, send them to Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher and sit back and wait for good things to happen.

In what amounts to a historic buying spree, Repole and Viola’s St. Elias Stable bought 43 yearlings at Keeneland September, paying a combined $16.045 million. That’s after they spent $1.375 million on two yearlings at Fasig-Tipton October and one at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga for $350,000.

Represented by bloodstock agent Jacob West, the Repole-Viola partnership bought 40 colts at Keeneland and three fillies, paying anywhere from $40,000 for a colt by Always Dreaming to $1.05 million for a City of Light colt. They went after a number of sires, including four by Curlin and three by City of Light. The average price they paid was $373,000.

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NEW SOCAL MRI STUDY AIDS TO BRING CLARITY TO ITS DIAGNOSTIC ROLE

by Dan Ross

Seeking a full stop to the spate of high-profile fatalities in the race that stops Australia, Racing Victoria this year tightened the veterinary screws. The practical rollout of these efforts can hardly be described as an unadulterated success, however.

One of these new measures was a precautionary CT scan of all runners in the days leading up to the G1 Melbourne Cup—a target that hit the skids when Racing Victoria’s new $1.27-million CT unit suffered a malfunction with the Cup field only half scanned, leaving the rest to be X-rayed (with a machine that was also temporarily incapacitated).

But other, less-mechanical incidents highlight some of the more nuanced problems that come with using sophisticated—and still yet relatively new—imaging technologies to diagnose lameness in equine athletes. Cont. p6

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

WALDLIED TOPS TATTERSALLS AT 2.2 MILLION GNS

Waldled (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) brought a session-topping 2.2 million gns at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale which continued on Tuesday. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.
HIGHEST EARNERS FROM THE INTO MISCHIEF LINE

Authentic $7,201,200
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The Best Son of Into Mischief’s Best Sire.
New for 2022 | $7,500 S&N
Fev Rover (Ire), Lot 1758, was knocked down to Lincoln Collins/Joe Miller for 695,000gns ($966,792) on behalf of Tracy Farmer. The G2-winning juvenile will head to HOF trainer Mark Casse. See TDN Europe for more from the Tattersalls December Mare Sale. | Tattersalls

YOUTH MOVEMENT ON HBPA BOARD
Norm Casse and Jason Barkley are among the young, fresh faces recently added to the Kentucky HBPA board.

FULL-BROTHER TO GUN RUNNER TO STAND IN MD
Fortune Ticket, a full-brother to leading sire and HOY Gun Runner, will stand stud at Anchorage & Hope in Maryland.
"There really is a good formula," Repole said. "We know what we are doing. We have incredible lists. We have incredible advisors, an incredible team. We expect to do the same next year, the year after. We do it because we really enjoy this game."

It's all about putting yourself in a position to win at the highest levels of the sport, something both have achieved. They teamed up to win the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Classic with Vino Rosso (Curlin), a horse they bought at the 2016 Keeneland September sale for $410,000. Viola owned 2021 GI Florida Derby winner Known Agenda (Curlin) and was a co-owner of 2017 GI Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), while Repole campaigned, among others, GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) and GI Travers S. winner Stay Thirsty (Bernardini).

"We've developed a passion," said Viola, who owns the NHL's Florida Panthers. "It's less market driven. It makes sense on a sportsman's level. Every sports person wants to compete at the highest level at whatever activity or sport they participate in."

Viola is from Brooklyn and Repole is from Queens. Both used Pletcher as their primary trainer and have similar goals and philosophies when it comes to the sport. It made their teaming up natural. As a partnership, their first big splash at the sales came at the 2020 Keeneland September Sale, where they bought 23 horses for a total of $9.295 million. Cont. p4
Repole & Viola cont.

They are not just spending a lot of money, they are trying to spend a lot of money wisely. It starts with a team of advisors that includes West, Pletcher, Ed Rosen, Jim Martin, Rory Babich and Monique Delk. Each one has their strengths. Their information is passed on to Viola and Repole, who continue the hunt to find the next Vino Rosso.

"This is not an easy task" Viola said. "This is part art, part science, part team discipline. Mike and I are constantly communicating about those three challenges. It is very, very easy when you have a partner like Mike. He is an ultra-talented individual. We work really well together."

"In business, it's 80% plan and 20% luck" Repole said. "In horse racing, it's 20% plan and 80% luck. Not too many people have that 20% plan. They are all over the place. Vinnie and I are hyper focused right now."

Buying mainly colts is part of that plan. For Viola, it comes down to trying to win another Kentucky Derby.

"We are primarily buyers of colts," Viola said. "The sole purpose is to win what we think is the Super Bowl of horse racing, the Kentucky Derby. You will see us buying 90% plus colts."

Repole wants to win his first Derby, but he also wants to develop stallions, another reason why the two buy very few fillies.

"It's driven by having colts and driven by having stallions," he said. "The one thing that Vinnie and I figured out pretty quickly is that the ability to make money in this game is with stallions. I still own a big percentage of Uncle Mo. His stud fee is $175,000 and he's bred every year to 200 mares. Anyone can do the math."

Repole said he's reluctant to go over $1 million for any horse and prefers to stay in the range of $300,000 to $600,000.
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Repole & Viola cont.

"It's a numbers game" he said. "What Vinnie and I are trying to get is quality and quantity. That's what we are looking for. If somebody wants to go up to $2.7 million, God bless and good luck. Vinnie and I will never buy the sales topper because there's always going to be one horse that goes for $4 million and everyone says, 'Wow, look at that horse.' A couple of years later tell me what that horse did."

The relationship has grown over the years. In 2016, the year they bought Vino Rosso at Keeneland, Repole and Viola went in on only two horses together. Repole said the success they had with Vino Rosso cemented the partnership, which has come to be more than just a business relationship. It has become a close friendship.

"Vinnie and I have gone from partners to great friends to family over the last 12 years," Repole said. "There's no doubt I'd rather own 50% of a great horses with Vinnie than own 100% of as great horse by myself. It feels more special that way."

Buying yearlings is never easy and there are no guarantees, but there is something to be said about having such a deep group of horses. So they hope to make some memories in the years ahead, starting next year when the 2021 yearling class hits the track and continuing in the 2023 Kentucky Derby. From the 2021 yearling buys, they'll have 46 chances to find a star. The odds are in their favor.

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Despite the results of a mandatory CT scan that gave French import Gold Trip (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) the all-clear to train up toward the G1 Cox Plate, Racing Victoria’s veterinary team scratched him on the eve of the race—a diagnosis that jarred with the horse’s connections, who declared him sound.

In a further twist, Gold Trip was given the all-clear to run in Sydney in the Rosehill Gold Cup just a week later—only to be scratched once more due to the prevailing firm going.

In short, as more and more regulatory veterinarians turn to imaging modalities like MRI, PET, and CT to help diagnose lameness, they’re left to wrestle with slippery conundrums.

What clear connection exists between the image before them and an increased chance of injury in the horse, for example? And without an extensive historic medical record at their fingertips, how can they be sure that any possible abnormality that appears on the image is significant?

A new standing MRI-focused study set to launch in Southern California seeks to provide some much-needed answers.

“Lameness is a precursor to fetlock failure, and maybe we find bone changes that help us identify lameness. But we should never get to the point where the fetlock fails—we want to do better than that. And that’s the goal of the study,” said Florida-based John Peloso, the lead researcher on the study.

“We need to figure out when they’re helping us,” Peloso added, of imaging modalities like the standing MRI. “We need to learn more.”

Participants in the study—which is funded by the Dolly Green Research Foundation and the Southern California Equine Foundation—will be split into two.

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SoCal MRI Study cont.

There will be 23 case horses whose lameness has been narrowed to the fetlock region, and 23 control horses who exhibit no visible sign of lameness.

The 23 case horses will be selected by Dr. Tim Grande, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB)’s chief official veterinarian, from a variety of scenarios where regulatory veterinarians commonly have to intercede in a horse’s training or racing program.

These include a morning or race-day scratch, a voided claim, and lameness in the test barn or following a scheduled work or race.

The control horses—those with no visible lameness—will be selected as a comparative match in terms of things like sex, age, and class.

If a case horse is picked from a race, then the winner—if sound—will make an obvious control match. If a case horse is selected after a workout, then a suitable match will be selected using PPs.

And what exactly will the researchers be looking for? The answer encompasses four specific areas of concern within the fetlock joint, the primary site of musculoskeletal injury in racehorses.

Researchers will be looking for density within the proximal sesamoid bones and distal cannon bone, bone marrow edema—or swelling—in the cannon bone, and palmer osteochondral disease, a type of bone bruising commonly referred to as just “POD.”

To elaborate on these points, Peloso pointed to a couple of relatively recent papers he had co-authored connecting important diagnostic dots.

Two issues associated with fetlock failure are high density—noticeable bone development that predisposes a horse to a greater risk of fracture—in the sesamoid bone and palmer osteochondral disease, while condylar fractures are linked to bone marrow edema and high density in the distal cannon bone.

“It’s because of those two papers that we’ve dialed in on those bone changes,” said Peloso. “Maybe the study will teach us something new, and so, there’ll be something that gets added to it.”

The standing MRI unit has been part of the Southern California backstretch furniture since the start of last year. Since then, the unit has been used to scan hundreds of fetlocks.

Nevertheless, as a relatively newfangled diagnostic tool, the MRI is still looked upon with a touch of skepticism by some corners of the backstretch community, including attending veterinarians, admitted Peloso.

As such, this study is seen as an opportunity to increase the volume of MRI equine traffic. “It needs to be a real relationship so we can do best by the horse and best by the owner,” Peloso explained, before looking at the broader implications from this and other such studies.

“It’ll be interesting to see to what degree some of these imaging modalities—PET, CT if it makes it, MRI—what role they play to help the regulatory veterinarian identify who’s safe and who’s not safe.”

YOUTH MOVEMENT: BARKLEY, CASSE, COMBS JOIN KENTUCKY HBPA BOARD

A trio of thirty-something trainers has been elected as newcomers to the Kentucky HBPA board with the addition of Jason Barkley, Norm Casse and Bentley Combs.

Rick Hiles was re-elected as Kentucky HBPA president, with Frank Jones re-elected as the owner vice president and Dale Romans as the trainer vice president. Cont. p8
HBPA cont.

Also re-elected to the board were owners Mark Bacon, Buff Bradley (who switches over from the trainer side), Mike Bruder and Travis Foley and trainer John Hancock. Trainer R.C. Sturgeon and owner James Williams will serve as alternates.

Hiles, who has been president for 21 years with another 16 spent serving on the board, said he welcomes getting the millennials involved. Barkley (32), Casse (37) and Combs (33) join 37-year-old Foley, who was elected to a third term.

"Everything we’ve got we fought for," Hiles said. "Every purse, every benefit, every program back here, the HBPA has fought for. I’m glad to see some young guys getting involved. I’m getting old, and so is [executive director] Marty [Maline]. They need to learn, because they’re going to have to take this over.

It’s good to see some new young people coming to get involved. I’m tickled. It will be good for the organization.”

Barkley and Combs are graduates of the University of Louisville’s Equine Industry Program in the College of Business. Casse is a graduate of Bellarmine University in Louisville. Barkley and Combs participated in their first meeting when the board was seated and officers elected Nov. 23.

"I was just trying to get my bearings, see how everybody goes about their business,” said Barkley, a fourth-generation horseman from the Evansville-Henderson area who began training full-time in 2017. "A lot of those guys have been there for a while. You try to take your cues from them. I want to be an advocate for the horsemen. Sometimes I feel like the big things get handled and maybe the smaller things can fall through the cracks—things we talk about on the rail, [I can] take those to the meetings.

"I learned a ton of stuff I didn’t even know existed, frankly,” said Combs, who grew up in Lexington and also has an MBA from Ole Miss. “Being on the HBPA board, you get to see the overall business side of it, as far as the money taken in, where it’s going, the good causes. The health and welfare stuff they were talking about, I had no idea.”

Casse is a third-generation horseman from Louisville who began training in 2018 after 12 years as an assistant trainer for his father, Mark.

"I feel like I’ve got a finger on the pulse, so to speak, of what we need," he said. “I owe horse racing everything. It’s the right thing for me to do, to start giving my time and helping other people as well. It’s not like I have any preconceived notions. I’m very green when it comes to this type of the thing. But I want to look out for the horsemen and the best interest of the trainer. I feel it’s part of my obligation to give the time to do that.”

Wertheimer and Frere’s Galawi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}--Galikova {Fr}, by Galileo {Ire}), a maiden winner in his only U.S. start who hails from the immediate family of champion Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), has been injured and retired to Northview Stallion Station near Chesapeake City, Md. He will stand in 2022 for $2,000, stands and nurses.

Galawi is out of G1 Qatar Prix Vermeille winner Galikova, the younger half-sister of multiple French, English, and U.S. champion Goldikova. In addition to her 11 Group 1 scores in France and England, Goldikova captured three consecutive editions of the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile. A number of other members of the deep family are Group winners as well.

Like the majority of the family, Galawi was campaigned as a homebred for Wertheimer and Frere. He began his career in 2020 in France for the Carlos Laffon-Parias stable and notched two placings before shipping stateside to Graham Motion's barn. The 4-year-old debuted in the U.S. June 27 of this year with a 10-furlong, 1 1/2-length, last-to-first score on the Belmont turf.

"He was extremely impressive in the morning and had a real presence about him,” said Motion. “No doubt in my mind he was stakes caliber. He’s just a very classy horse.”

Continued Motion, “He’s stunning looking and has a phenomenal pedigree. I feel he has a stallion’s pedigree. I just didn’t anticipate him having to be a stallion so soon.”
**FULL BROTHER TO GUN RUNNER TO STAND IN MARYLAND**

Fortune Ticket (Candy Ride {Arg}), a full-brother to top freshman sire and Horse of the Year Gun Runner, will stand his first season at stud in 2022 at Anchor & Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Maryland. The 4-year-old won two of seven starts with earnings over $53,000.

Fortune Ticket will stand for just 2% of Gun Runner’s $125,000 stud fee, $2,500 stands and nurses.

"Fortune Ticket is an exciting prospect for the great state of Maryland. He is the only son of Candy Ride in Maryland and is a full-brother to a burgeoning superstar at stud, Gun Runner" said Climax Stallions President, Sean Feld.

**TOYS FOR TOTS BACK AT AQUEDUCT**

Unlike in 2020 when NYRA’s Toys for Tots collection was entirely online because the COVID-19 pandemic had closed racing to fans, the 2021 campaign marks a return to a longstanding holiday tradition at Aqueduct, as Marines will be at the Big A on behalf of Toys for Tots to collect new, unwrapped toys that will be given as holiday gifts to disadvantaged children in the community. You can give this year online—and in-person at donation boxes at Aqueduct’s main clubhouse entrance, as well as the Turf and Field entrance.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, now in its 74th year of giving, also collects monetary donations, which it uses to purchase toys. Fans can donate here via credit card with a secure one-step process; or by selecting and donating toys via the organization’s virtual toy box. You can donate with a check made out to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation, and mailed to: U.S. Marine Corps; Attention: GySgt, John Sardine; 605 Stewart Avenue; Garden City, NY 11530.

“This year, fans will be able to give in person at the track or virtually, allowing us to continue the tradition of working with the Marine Corps Reserve to make sure children throughout New York City and across Long Island receive toys for the holidays,” said Vanessa Rodriguez Payne, NYRA Community Relations Manager. “New York racing fans and our employees have generously supported Toys for Tots for years, and we’re thrilled to encourage that giving spirit again in 2021.”

As part of its support of the Toys for Tots Foundation, NYRA is making a financial contribution to the organization. Toys for Tots is also supported by generous contributions from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA) and thoroughbred owner Harold Lerner.

**EMERALD DOWNS ANNOUNCE CLAIMING BONUSES**

Beginning with opening day May 15, 2022, all 3-year-olds and older that ran in any claiming race at least once at any track since Jan. 1, 2021, receive a $1,000 bonus ($750 to the horse owner, $250 to the trainer) in the horse’s first start in any claiming race at Emerald Downs which must occur before July 1, 2022.

“It’s important to extend bonuses to all horses,” track president Phil Ziegler said. “We appreciate shippers, of course, but we also recognize that some of our owners and trainers race exclusively at Emerald Downs. This bonus money helps offset their off-season expenses. For the horses that go out of state in the off season, this helps with the expense of bringing them back to Emerald Downs.”

Emerald Downs also announced other incentives for 2022:

- Initial stall bedding will be provided for all horses arriving prior to starting day.
- All hot walkers will be free throughout the season.
- Participation money on any race that has eight or more starters increased to $300 (horses finishing sixth through last).

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Leading Sires of 2-Year-Olds by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, November 29

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

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4th-Remington, $34,000, Alw, 11-30, (NW2L), 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.83, ft, 6 lengths.

DON'TCROSSTHEDEVIL (c, 2, Cross Traffic--The Devil Is Mine (SP), by Devil His Due) rushed to the lead while four wide mid-race before edging away to a 1 1/2-length debut graduation here Oct. 27 and was made the distant third choice at 79-10 to repeat in this spot. Traveling in fifth behind fractions of :22.31 and :45.99, the bay picked up the leaders in the five path outside the quarter pole, took command turning for home and drew clear strongly in the final furlong for a six-length romp. Second choice Swift Tap (Tapiture) filled the exacta, while odds-on Shadowless (Exaggerator) faded to fourth after briefly taking the lead on the bend. The winner, a half to Eurodevilwoman (Euroears), SP, $217,408, has a yearling half-sister by Daredevil. His dam was bred to Competitive Edge this spring. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $39,894.

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O-Jaylan Renay Clary & Kevin Knuckley; B-Jaylan Renay Neatherlin (KY); T-Jaylan Clary.

FIRST & SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Blofeld (Quality Road), Murmur Farm, $4,000
24 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Miss Casey, 9-5

El Deal (Munnings), Red River Farms, $2,500
30 foals of racing age/5 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Delta Downs, 2:23 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Charco, 7-2
$70,000 OBS WIN wnl

Iron Fist (Tapit), Whispering Oaks Farm, $6,500
25 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Delta Downs, 2:23 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Home Visit, 5-2
$30,000 TTA YHR yrl

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, $12,500
137 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, 1:58 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Amethyst, 12-1
$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $85,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Rainbow Heir (Wildcat Heir), Shamrock Farm, $2,000
16 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Reign On and On, 12-1

Union Jackson (Curlin), Sequel New York, $2,500
47 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Penn National, 7:49 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Automated Teller, 6-1
$18,000 OBS OCT yrl; $30,000 OBS APR 2yo

Valiant Minister (Candy Ride {Arg}), Bridlewood Farm, $3,000
40 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
5-Penn National, 7:49 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Martini Twist, 12-1
$30,000 OBS WIN wnl; $87,000 OBS MAR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, $7,500
133 foals of racing age/52 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Awesome Lawson, 5-1

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IN JAPAN:
Run This City, c, 2, Runhappy—Involved, by Speightstown. 
Funabashi, 11-30, Allowance, 1500m. B-Betz/Magers/CoCo Equine/Kidder/J. Betz/Davidson (KY). *Won by 1 1/2 lengths to win for the third time in as many starts. **$70,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. ***1/2 to Man of Promise (Into Mischief), SW-UAE, $199,417.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
2nd-Remington, $41,650, (S), 11-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.59, ft, neck.

8th-Parx Racing, $35,500, (S), 11-30, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.77, ft, 3/4 length.
WISE JUDE (h, 6, Wiseman's Ferry--Sweet as You Are {SW, $325,344}, by Mecke) Lifetime Record: 38-3-6-10, $224,812. O/B-A & J Racing Stable LLC (PA); T-David Dotolo.

6th-Mahoning Valley, $31,300, (S), 11-30, (NW2L), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.05, my, 5 1/4 lengths.
STARLIT SECRET (f, 2, Secret Circle--Park View, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $59,680. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH); T-Michael L. Rone. *$7,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

1st-Turf Paradise, $24,700, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($25,000-$40,000), 11-30, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:09.75, ft, 4 lengths.
WE ALL AGREE (f, 2, Unified--Miles Rules {SW, $158,720}, by Tribal Rule) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $47,314. O/B-Regan Wright (KY); T-Scott Rollins. *$31,500 RNA Ylg '20 ARZNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Goodbyellowbrickrd, c, 2, Paynter--A Day in Oz, by Zensational. Mahoning Valley, 11-30, 6f, 1:13.55. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-4, $28,480. B-Jennifer & Gillian Johnson (FL). *$12,000 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; $30,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE

Cross Traffic, Don'tcrossthedevil, c, 2, o/o The Devil Is Mine, by Devil His Due. ALW, 11-30, Remington
Excaper, Long Gone Okie, f, 3, o/o Fine Okie, by Blumin Affair. ALW, 11-30, Remington
Paynter, Goodbyellowbrickrd, c, 2, o/o A Day in Oz, by Zensational. MSW, 11-30, Mahoning Valley
Right Rigger, Serenidipitous Do, f, 2, o/o Sarendipity Do, by City Zip. MSW, 11-29, Remington
Secret Circle, Starlit Secret, f, 2, o/o Park View, by Quiet American. ALW, 11-30, Mahoning Valley
Unified, We All Agree, f, 2, o/o Miles Rules, by Tribal Rule. AOC, 11-30, Turf Paradise
Western Pride, Hidden Pride, f, 4, o/o Hidden Heat, by Latent Heat. MSW, 11-30, Mahoning Valley
Wiseman's Ferry, Wise Jude, h, 6, o/o Sweet as You Are, by Mecke. ALW, 11-30, Parx Racing

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WIN-WIN FOR NEWSSELLS AS WALDLIED RETURNS AT 2.2 MILLION

Graham Smith-Bernal dissolved a partnership and then formed a new one with the purchase of the session topper Waldlied | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry and Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK—The dissolution of a successful partnership and formation of a new powerful allegiance by Graham Smith-Bernal led to Waldlied (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), the Group 2-winning sibling to Arc winner Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), heading a stellar list at the Tattersalls December Mares' Sale at 2,200,000gns.

A solidly stacked session, which included Juddmonte fillies for the first time on the Tuesday of the sale, soared way above last year’s returns. With 115 six-figure transactions throughout the day, turnover climbed 68% to 41,912,000gns, while the median was up 75% at 105,000gns and the average by 39% to 187,107gns. An extra 38 lots were sold compared to the same day last year, with the clearance rate jumping to 85%.

The 6-year-old Waldlied (lot 1839), sold in foal to Kingman (GB), will return to Newsells Park Stud, where she was born and raised when in the ownership of the Jacobs family, who sold the farm and all stock to Smith-Bernal in June. The mare’s co-owner/breeder Dietrich von Boetticher of Gestut Ammerland was underbidder via his representative Crispin de Moubray.

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GRIMTHORPE NAMED NATIONAL STUD CHAIRMAN

Teddy Grimthorpe, who for 22 years served as racing manager to the late Prince Khalid Abdullah, has been named chairman of The National Stud. Grimthorpe succeeds Nicholas Wrigley, who has filled the role since the death of the Duke of Roxburghe in August of 2019. Grimthorpe, who has been a member of the Jockey Club since 2007 and joined its board of directors this year, will serve a three-year term.

“I was a student on the National Stud course in 1976 so we have a long history, as they say,” Grimthorpe said. “My three most recent predecessors have all made a huge impact on the stud: Ben Sangster, Guy Roxburgh and Nicholas Wrigley, who kindly stepped in as interim chairman after Guy passed away in August 2019.” Cont. p14

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REPOLE/VIOLA HOPE TO HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK

Partners Vinnie Viola and Mike Repole went on a yearling buying spree this year with an eye on quantity as well as quality and Bill Finley has the story. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
TAKEAWAYS
Tattersalls December Mare Sale Day 2

• Tuesday’s marquee day of the Tattersalls December Mares Sale was topped by the 2.2 million Waldlied, with Graham Smith-Bernal buying out partner Gestut Ammerland for the three-quarter sister to Waldgeist in foal to Kingman.

• Coolmore purchased Cayenne Pepper for 2 million and Sunday Times for 1.8 million, both to visit Wootton Bassett next year.

• Tuesday’s top 10 mares were purchased by breeders from the UK, Ireland, Japan, the U.S.

• Top billing for Nick Bradley, who presided over a giddy transformation in the value of Dandalla (Ire), bought by Kelly Burke at Fairyhouse for €22,000, to 750,000gns; Fev Rover (Ire), a £20,000 Doncaster yearling bought with Howson and Houldsworth, to 695,000gns; and 22,000gns Craven breezer Mystery Angel (Ire) to 500,000gns.

• Ivan Furtado's breakthrough horse, G3 Sceptre S. winner Just Beautiful, proved one of the pinhooks of the day: the 8,000gns yearling was bought by BBA Ireland for 625,000gns.

• Tuesday’s gross of 41,912,000gns was 68% higher than the equivalent day in 2020, while the average was up by 39% and the median rose 75%.

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"She's coming home, back where she belongs," said Smith-Bernal after his agent Jill Lamb prevailed in the battle between the two partners to buy out the other following early interest from American bidders Greg Goodman and Barry Weisbord.

Together, Newsells Park Stud and Gestut Ammerland have successfully raced not just the Group 2 winner Waldlied but more notably her Arc-winning three-parts-brother Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who now stands at Ballylinch Stud, as well as another half-brother, the Group 3 winner Waldkonig (GB) (Kingman {GB}).

He continued, "She's a beautiful mare in terms of her demeanour and attitude; she's just a very special horse from a very special family. That was breaking one partnership and forming a new partnership."

Declining to name his new partner, Smith-Bernal added, "We now own 100% of [dam] Waldlerche (GB) as well as her number one daughter so far. [Waldlied] was a great racehorse but unfortunately she damaged a tendon after just four races and winning a Group 2 by two lengths without coming off the bridle. I think she was rated as high as Waldgeist by Andre Fabre. She was a very special racehorse and we are delighted to have her back with us." Cont. p3
The 2.2-million gns mare Waldlied | Tattersalls

**Tattersalls December Mare Sale Day 2 Cont.**

Along with Waldlied, Lamb has signed for another four mares in the last two days on behalf of Newsells Park to the tune of 3,695,000gns. But the stud has also had a successful couple of days as vendor, and it consigned the second-top lot of the day, the late Jon Kelly’s G2 Blandford S. winner **Cayenne Pepper (Ire)** (**Australia (GB)**), who will now join the Coolmore broodmare band having been bought for 2,000,000gns.

Tom Magnier, a welcome visitor to Park Paddocks from Australia, signed the docket on behalf of the partners and confirmed that the 4-year-old will visit Wootton Bassett (GB) next year.

"She's a lovely mare," he said. "We knew what she could do on the racetrack and Jessie Harrington obviously held her in high regard. Jon Kelly was a close friend of our family so it is nice to get some Jon Kelly blood: we've had some in Australia and now it's nice to have some here."

The highest rated of Australia’s daughters, Cayenne Pepper (**lot 1840**) can boast Allegretta on both sides of her pedigree, with the influential broodmare featuring as her third dam, making Cayenne Pepper’s granddam Saleela (Nureyev) a half-sister to Urban Sea (Miswaki).

Magnier added, "All the top people have been talking about her all week so we’re very fortunate to have her and to have some great partners. Hopefully we'll have a bit of luck with her."

**Times To Remember**

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Sunday Times will therefore be joining her illustrious daughter, who was sold privately last year at the end of her career with Chad Brown, in the Coolmore broodmare band. Magnier indicated that Sunday Times is likely to be paired with Wootton Bassett (GB).

Rising 13, she has already had half a dozen foals, and had a bit of bad luck in 2018 (barren) and 2019 (slipped). But the spectacular success of Newspaperofrecord in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies’ Turf at Churchill Downs in 2018 rendered her pregnancy by Lope De Vega critical here.

"Hopefully she's carrying a sister," Magnier said. "It's a lot of money, let's hope she's worth it. She's an absolute cracker, and obviously she's bred a champion before. It was incredible what Newspaperofrecord did at the Breeders' Cup that day. And there's plenty going on all the way down the page."

Magnier noted that her first foal, Classical Times (GB) (Lawman {Fr}), was also a stakes winner. And indeed, the Coolmore team had already shown their regard for the family when acquiring Pink Dogwood (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), a daughter of a stakes-placed Shamardal half-sister to Sunday Times, as an Orby yearling in 2017 for €380,000. The following year her full brother Latrobe (Ire) won the Irish Derby, while Pink Dogwood herself went on to finish second in the Oaks at Epsom.

All this of course reflects huge credit on owner/breeder Allan Belshaw and the counsel he receives from Richard Aston of Goldford Stud. Cashing in the matriarch, along with one of her daughters, was obviously bittersweet but Belshaw reasoned that it was time to open a fresh cycle.

"I'm satisfied, I'm happy," he acknowledged after the sale of Sunday Times. "Slightly disappointed, too, as I've had her since a baby. But there comes a time when she had to move on: I've plenty of babies from the family, so it's like starting again. She has helped the cause for the young family. And now we can play up there now, with stallion fees, instead of looking at the basement!"

Yet how different everything could have been.

"I brought her here as a yearling, to Book 2," he recalled. "Holy Roman Emperor was just starting his career. I don't know if there was even a bid. I was hoping to get 30,000gns for her! But she turned into a good racehorse, and an even better broodmare." Cont. p5
Tattersalls December Mare Sale Day 2 Cont.

He added, “The big moment, of course, was with her daughter in the Breeders' Cup. Someone bid me for Sunday Times when I was in Kentucky, and I thought I couldn’t sell her then. But since then we’ve had two fillies: another by Lope De Vega, who’s with Roger Varian; and a Kingman filly this year. We also have half a dozen half-sisters, so we’re in a good place.”

Nonetheless the element of reluctance can be measured from the fact that Daily Times had been retained at this sale last year for 600,000gns. James Wigan of London Thoroughbred Services had been the underbidder on that occasion, but patience was rewarded this time round as he secured the 4-year-old, a sprint maiden winner for John Gosden, for his clients in Pennsylvania. In the meantime she, too, is in foal to Lope De Vega.

"The vendors stuck to their guns!" the agent said. "I've had to wait a year, and pay more! Yes, we have more time [relative to the more expensive mother]. But she has done it, we haven't. Hopefully we will. She'll stay here for the time being. She will foal here and probably then go to Kingman, before travelling to the U.S."

Belshaw was indebted for the presentation of mother and daughter alike to the Goldford team. "Allan is such an enthusiast," Aston said. "He gets all the books out, all around him on the floor. We decided on Lope De Vega because Shamardal had already done well with the family, and we loved the toughness he showed in winning the Poule d'Essai des Pouilains and Prix du Jockey-Club in such quick succession."

First Lady To A Million

With a name like Flotus (Ire) she really should have been the first lady, and the daughter of Starspangledbanner (Aus) was indeed the first to make it to the seven-figure mark when selling for 1,000,000gns to Northern Farm.

Sold by Simon and Ed Crisford’s Gainsborough Thoroughbreds as lot 1798 for her syndicate of owners, Flotus is now under the new ownership of Katsumi Yoshida’s Northern Farm, which has made its presence felt at the sale so far with five horses bought for 2,870,000gns.

Just last year in the same ring, she was bought by Arthur Hoyeau for 125,000gns at Book 1. Since then, Flotus has raced six times, winning on debut and following up in the Listed Champion Two Yrs Old Trophy before running second to Tenebrism (Caravaggio) in the G1 Cheveley Park S.

An understandably wistful Simon Crisford congratulated Northern Farm’s buyer Shingo Hashimoto before saying, "She is a beautiful filly, top class, and we wish her new connections the best of luck for the future. We are very sorry to see her go, but she has done a fantastic job for us."

He added, "I am sure she will have a fantastic career not only on the racetrack but also as a broodmare. She has not stopped growing all year, and I am sure she will have a very successful 3-year-old career."

Whether or not Flotus will indeed race on is still unclear, with Hashimoto noting that no firm plans have been made for her future.

"We have not decided yet whether she will race on, I need to talk to the boss. If she stays in training, she will stay in Britain. She was brilliant at Newmarket, it was an outstanding performance and we are very excited to have her."

Blue For Peter

Sottssas (Fr) gave his owner Peter Brant of White Birch Farm both a Classic and an Arc victory and since the son of Siyouni’s retirement to Coolmore, the owner/breeder has been intent on supporting his young stallion. Cont. p6
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The latest addition to Brant's team of mares to be visiting Sottsass in 2022 is the speedy listed winner Shades Of Blue (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) (lot 1765), who was also twice a runner-up at Group 3 level and third in the G2 Queen Mary S. With the extra enticement that the 5-year-old is in foal for the first time to Frankel (GB), she eventually sold for 850,000gns to Brant's advisor Michel Zerolo.

"The plan is simple, she will be sent to be bred Sottsass," he said. "She was a good 2-year-old and she is a good-looking mare. She is by a stallion you can cross with Sottsass. The whole package is there—the physical, the race record, the stallion she is in foal to, she is a young mare, she is what we are looking for for Sottsass."

Shades Of Blue made her last of 13 starts for Clive Cox in August 2020 and was sold for 320,000gns at last year's December Sale. She was one of three purchases on Tuesday by Zerolo on Brant's behalf for a total outlay of 1,640,000gns.

The Bradley Touch

How do you take three relatively inexpensive purchases and turn them into six-figure breeding prospects? The simple answer would appear to be to race them under the Nick Bradley Racing banner, for that is the glue that binds together Dandalla (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), Mystery Angel (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}), and Fev Rover (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}). Each member of that trio has earned black type within the last two seasons having been bought respectively for €22,000, 22,000gns and £20,000.

As lot 1735, Dandalla, winner of the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and G3 Albany S. last season, brought the hammer down at 750,000gns in favour of Shingo Hashimoto, who was representing Katsumi Yoshida. Originally sold for €15,500 as a foal, she had been unearthed as a yearling for not much more by her trainer Karl Burke’s daughter Kelly at the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale.

Burke said, "She's been a fantastic filly. Kelly spotted her at Tatts. She was over at the sales a few days before I went over there and she said she’d found a lovely Dandy Man filly, and it went from there. I was hoping she would reach the million but she probably didn't have a good enough season to do that."

He continued, "To be honest I cocked the season up as I was convinced she'd stay seven [furlongs] starting the year and hopefully turn into a Guineas filly and we went that route. At home she was nice and relaxed but every time she went to the track she just got quicker and stronger, so we dropped her back to the five and we missed a few nice races there."

Dandalla eventually raced in the partnership name of Nick Bradley Racing 28 and Elaine Burke, the trainer's wife, but Kelly Burke explained that she was the last yearling left on the shelf at the family's Spigot Lodge Stables.

"I didn’t sell a share in her until February, no one was really interested, and she was our last filly to sell. I pretty much had to beg Nick to take a share," she said.

"But from an early stage she bounded up the gallop. My sister Lucy rode her and she also used to ride Laurens (Fr), and before Dandalla ran, she said, 'I hate comparing anything to a superstar like Laurens, but this filly is the only one I have ridden who takes me up the gallop like Laurens did'."

Recalling her first impressions of Dandalla at the yearling sale, Kelly added, "She wasn't your typical Dandy Man, she wasn't small and robust, she was always athletic and scopey. She was just really correct and had a lovely walk. When I do the shortlist for Dad, I take off anything that I don't like or is incorrect, and she just floated along and went about her business, I just really liked her." Cont. p7
Joe Miller | Tattersalls

...And Fev Rover To Race On In The U.S.

In her young life, the 1000 Guineas third Fev Rover (Ire) (Gutaifan (Ire)) (lot 1758) has already raced in Britain, Ireland, France and Bahrain, and she will now head stateside to continue her career in Florida under the care of Mark Casse.

The bidding opened at an eye-catching 600,000gns and at 695,000gns, the former Richard Fahey trainee was bought for owner/breeder Tracy Farmer by Lincoln Collins and Joe Miller.
Speak of the Devil

FRENCH GUINEAS RUNNER-UP AND MULTIPLE STAKES WINNER BY WOOTTON BASSETT
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2021 Gr.1 3rd Prix Rothschild
2021 L. Prix Tantieme
2021 L. Prix Isola Bella
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VENTE D’ÉLEVAGE - 4 DECEMBER - DEAUVILLE
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The same owner and trainer combination was recently at the other end of a transaction which saw the GI Spinaway S. winner Perfect Alibi (Sky Mesa) sell for $2 million at Fasig-Tipton to Spendthrift Farm.
"We thought she was the best racing prospect in the sale," Miller said. "She should have plenty of residual value as a Group 2 winner and Classic-placed filly."
Collins added, "The trip is just right, she was effective at a mile to 1m2f, which is perfect, it looks as if her best ground is firm or good to firm. There are plenty of opportunities for her in the U.S. if she is as good there as she was here."
Fev Rover was bred by the Barry family at Manister House Stud and, second to Dandalla in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. on only her second start, she went on to win the Listed Star S. and G2 Prix du Calvados.
Tracy Farmer will also take charge of Shadwell 3-year-old Talbeyah (Ire) (lot 1681). The 94-rated daughter of Lope De Vega (Ire) was twice a winner this season for Owen Burrows and changed hands for 250,000gns.

Beautiful But Bittersweet For Furtado
Another fantastic touch was completed when Just Beautiful (GB) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}), an even cheaper yearling, brought her five-for-seven record into the ring as lot 1739. Found here as a Book 3 yearling in 2019 for just 8,000gns, when knocked down to Ivan Furtado and Doncaster Racing, she was last seen winning the G3 Sceptre S. at Doncaster in the silks of Gary White and the Giggle Factor Partnership—the biggest success to date in Furtado’s training career. Her sale here, for 625,000gns to Paddy Twomey through BBA Ireland, represented a 77-fold yield on her original cost.
"It's a fantastic story, a dream come true for us," said Furtado. "She has been a joy to deal with, and took us to the next level. We're ever so grateful to her: she has been really easy to deal with, the team at home have done a great job, and thanks also to Jamie Railton for consigning her so well. I wish the best to her new connections."
Reflecting on her original, rather cheaper passage through the same ring, Furtado said, "She was great-looking—not the biggest, but well put together, a nice dark bay who walked well. And from the beginning she always moved well, always had a great head, was always very professional. She's a very clever filly and she transferred that to her racing, where she always tried so hard. We did talk about keeping going for another year. We don't want her to go, we love her to bits. But she has done fantastically for us and the time is right."

The highest-priced foal by a first-crop sire? Blue Point’s 300,000gns filly at Tatts — hotly followed by his €215,000 colt at Goffs.

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Breeding the future

Darley
Twomey welcomes her into his care on behalf of an existing client, who at some point down the road will have the option of exploiting what has become a pretty helpful pedigree by Book 3 standards. Just Beautiful is out of G3 Oh So Sharp S. runner-up Astrelle (Ire) (Makfi {GB}), who has meanwhile had a couple of useful upgrades to her produce record: Fearless King (GB) (Kingman {GB}) won a German Classic last year, while her juvenile daughter was Grade II-placed in the U.S. this summer. Her yearling colt by Cracksman (GB) duly made 200,000gns this autumn.

"Look, she's a lovely filly," Twomey said. "Ivan has done a great job with her, let's hope we can do a good job too. We hope she still has miles on the clock, certainly we bought her with racing in mind and we can see about breeding later on."

Silk Another Flourish For Brocade Line

Twomey had himself taken a role in the success of Silk Forest (Ire), who entered the ring soon afterwards as lot 1764. He had trained her to win a listed race at Naas, before alertly placing her to finish third of four starters in a Group 2. She added a second group podium shortly before coming through this sale last year when knocked down to Mandore International for Sunderland Holding at 260,000gns. Returned with the benefit of a Sea The Stars (Ire) cover, this time the 5-year-old more than doubled her value at 575,000gns.

Luke Lillingston, signing for Kern/Lillingston, was accompanied by Peter Stanley who explained, "She's for a partnership between Chris Kilroy and my brother Teddy [Lord Derby], who was very keen to reinvest in a young mare. And this was a bit of a queen, from one of the great families, built up by one of the greatest breeders." Cont. p10
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That was Gerald Leigh, who bred the mare’s Grade I-placed second dam Free At Last (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) from Brocade (GB), also mother of those elite milers by Sadler’s Wells, Barathea (Ire) and Gossamer (GB). Lillingston and Stanley had earlier had a crack at Jouska (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}), who is out of a half-sister to Silk Forest, but could not meet the vendors’ valuation and she was retained at 260,000gns.

In both cases they were spurred by admiration for Leigh’s work. “There are no weak links, in blood or performance,” said Lillingston, running his finger down the page. Cont. p10

As for the soaring market, he gave a shrug and said: “It’s a small number of mares, the best that come up for public sale, at the best auction of its type in the world—and in an ‘up’ market.”

Rose The Highest Bloom

Though she never made it to the racetrack, Highest Ever (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) has gradually repaid the €1,000,000 she cost MV Magnier as an Arqana August yearling in 2013. Two of her daughters, Joie De Soir (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Villa d’Amore (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), have been placed at group level for the Coolmore partners; and last year another, Rose d’Etoile (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), won twice as a 3-year-old, when also listed-placed.

Villa d’Amore was sold here last year for 290,000gns, and now it was the turn of Rose d’Etoile, who brought 600,000gns as lot 1731 from Adrian Nicoll of BBA Ireland.

“She’s for a partnership I’ve put together with Ben Sangster,” the agent explained. “That was absolutely top whack, in terms of what we could pay, we’d like to have given a bit less. But she’s one of the best-looking mares on the place, she has all the sisters to breed, she had ability—and she’s in foal to a good horse.”

She certainly is: she has a February cover by Coolmore soaraway Wootton Bassett (GB). She also has younger siblings by Dubawi (Ire) (yearling filly) and a weanling half-brother by Kingman (GB).

"She will go back to Ben’s place at Manton," Nicoll added. "My investor hasn’t really been in the horse business before, but he’s Irish so we can call it an Anglo-Irish partnership. Let’s hope she has a good foal."

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Highest Ever is out of the G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Alpine Rose (Fr), herself a sister to another elite scorer in Fragrant Mix (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}).

Lemon Adds Some Fizz To Highclere

Following on from the sale of a Too Darn Hot (GB) foal for 270,000gns last week, a strong December Sale for Appletree Stud continued when Jake Warren stepped in to buy Lingfield Oaks Trial winner Sherbet Lemon (Lemon Drop Kid) for 450,000gns.

Offered as a horse in training (lot 1730), the grey, who was bought for $200,000 at Keeneland's September Yearling Sale, will however be retired to the paddocks with her stakes victory and smart pedigree giving her a strong base from which to launch her second career.

"She's for a client of Highclere who has a lovely bunch of broodmares," said Warren, who admitted to being a fan of Lemon Drop Kid mares, with another Lingfield listed winner by the sire, Mischief Making, already among the ranks at Highclere.

"What we really appreciated about her is that she's a stakes winner and an Oaks Trial winner by Lemon Drop Kid and a really lovely physical. She'll be easy to mate. You could send her to just about any stallion within reason. Our client is trying to buy one high-class mare per year to try to build up a strong broodmare band. He's in it for the long haul and she just had all the attributes we look for."

Far More To Come From Farmah

The first mare to raise the bar from Monday's opening session had actually been one of its principal contributors. For Farmah (Speightstown) (lot 1724), knocked down to David Redvers for 500,000gns, is the dam of Taraateel (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), who had brought 230,000gns from Mascalls Stud as lot 1450.

Farmah is now 10, but she is one of three group scorers out of the French Classic winner Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen) and also had the glittering bonus of a Kingman (GB) cover. In a good example of the opportunities for regeneration latent in the poignant cull of Shadwell stock, she will now serve an operation only now putting down its first roots.

"She has been bought as a foundation mare for David Howden's young operation, hoping to breed future racehorses to carry his colours," Redvers explained. "David has half a dozen mares with us and he's a massive enthusiast. He has plenty of horses in partnership with Sheikh Fahad, there's a really good synergy between them and they get on famously. We haven't thought about covering plans yet, but we'll come up with a plan and have something to dream about over the winter."

Like Susan Hearn the previous day, Redvers had taken the trouble to get his card marked by Francois Rohaut, who recently saddled Farmah's juvenile daughter Zawaaya (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) to win at Deauville.

"I spoke to the trainers of her 2-year-old and 3-year-old, and both were complimentary about their chances of going on to win stakes races," said the Tweenhills man. Cont. p12
Ballyphilip Stud (pictured Paul McCartan), earned Emma Berry’s Buy Of The Day by snapping up Guanina for 30,000gns.

They say that the early bird catches the worm and there are few sharper in this game than Paul and Marie McCartan of Ballyphilip Stud, who make the art of breeding top-class sprints appear easy. Only seven horses had passed through the ring on Tuesday morning before the McCartans struck for lot 1596, Guanina (Ire). The 3-year-old may be unraced but she is by an emerging broodmare sire in Lawman (Fr), which was doubtless of extra appeal to the breeders who have already excelled with the Lawman mare Anna Law (Ire), dam of the outstanding Battaash (Ire).

Also in the young mare’s favour is the fact that her first three dams are all multiple black-type producers, with Paul Mellon’s champion race mare Rose Bowl (Habitat) featuring as her great granddam. Guanina is herself a three-parts-sister to the G2 Gimcrack S. winner and hardy performer Conquest (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), whose five victories also included the Stewards’ Cup.

She’s been covered young, but she is in foal to the dependable Footstepsinthesand (GB)—a sensible choice to get a mare off to a good start. Everyone will have a different view of what constitutes value, but on a day when the average price was well into six figures, an outlay of 30,000gns certainly has a bargain feel to it for a mare with a commercial profile.
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Consignor: Newsells Park Stud, Ltd.  
Purchaser: Jill Lamb Bloodstock |
| 1840 | Cayenne Pepper (Ire) Horse Out of Training | 2,000,000 | (f, 4, Australia (GB)--Muwakaba, by Elusive Quality) | Breeder: G. H. S. Bloodstock & J. C. Bloodstock (Ire)  
Consignor: Newsells Park Stud, Ltd.  
Purchaser: Tom Magnier |
| 1810 | Sunday Times (GB) i/f to Lope de Vega (Ire) | 1,800,000 | (m, 11, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Forever Times (GB), by So Factual) | Breeder: Times of Wigan Ltd. (GB)  
Consignor: Goldford Stud, agent  
Purchaser: MV Magnier |
| 1798 | Flotus (Ire) Horse In Training | 1,000,000 | (f, 2, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Floriade (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)) | Breeder: Newtown Stud & T. J. Pabst (Ire)  
Consignor: Gainsborough Thoroughbreds  
Purchaser: Katsumi Yoshida |
| 1765 | Shades of Blue (Ire) i/f to Frankel (GB) | 850,000 | (m, 5, Kodiac (GB)--Enjoyable (Ire), by Verglas (Ire)) | Breeder: Newtown Stud (Ire)  
Consignor: The Castlebridge Consignment  
Purchaser: Oceanic Bloodstock for White Birch Farm SC |
| 1829 | Daily Times (GB) i/f to Lope de Vega (Ire) | 800,000 | (f, 4, Gleneagles (Ire)--Sunday Times (GB), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)) | Breeder: Times of Wigan Ltd. (GB)  
Consignor: Goldford Stud, agent  
Purchaser: London Thoroughbred Services For Erdenheim |
| 1735 | Dandalla (Ire) Horse In Training | 750,000 | (f, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)--Chellalla (GB), by Elnadim) | Breeder: Mr Robert Norton (Ire)  
Consignor: Spigot Lodge Stables (K. Burke)  
Purchaser: Katsumi Yoshida |
| 1758 | Fev Rover (Ire) Horse In Training | 695,000 | (f, 3, Gutaifan (Ire)--Laurelita (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire)) | Breeder: Manister House Stud (Ire)  
Consignor: Musley Bank Stables (R. Fahey)  
Purchaser: Tracy Farmer |
| 1832 | One Voice (Ire) i/f to Lope de Vega (Ire) | 675,000 | (f, 4, Poet’s Voice (GB)--Zaaqya (GB), by Nayef) | Breeder: J. Lenihan (Ire)  
Consignor: Norelands Stud  
Purchaser: Jill Lamb Bloodstock |
| 1739 | Just Beautiful (GB) Horse In Training | 625,000 | (f, 3, Pride of Dubai (Aus)--Astrelle (Ire), by Makfi (GB)) | Breeder: Essafinaat UK Ltd. (GB)  
Consignor: Jamie Railton, agent  
Purchaser: BBA Ireland |
| 1731 | Rose d’Etoile (Ire) i/f to Wootton Bassett (GB) | 600,000 | (f, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Highest Ever (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)) | Breeder: Coolmore (Ire)  
Consignor: New England Stud  
Purchaser: BBA Ireland |
| 1764 | Silk Forest (Ire) i/f to Sea The Stars (Ire) | 575,000 | (m, 5, Kodiac (GB)--Rosa Parks (GB), by Sadler’s Wells) | Breeder: J. Ryan (Ire)  
Consignor: The Castlebridge Consignment  
Purchaser: Kern/Lillingston Association |
| 1766 | Precious Moments (Ire) i/f to Wootton Bassett (GB) | 575,000 | (f, 4, Gleneagles (Ire)--Tarbela (Ire), by Grand Lodge) | Breeder: Lynch Bages Ltd. (Ire)  
Consignor: The Castlebridge Consignments  
Purchaser: BBA Ireland |
| 1724 | Farmah i/f to Kingman (GB) | 500,000 | (m, 10, Speightstown--Torrestrella (Ire), by Orpen) | Breeder: Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY)  
Consignor: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd.  
Purchaser: David Redvers |
Tattersalls December Toppers Cont.

1746 **Mystery Angel (Ire)** Horse In Training 500,000
(f, 3, Kodi Bear [Ire]--Angel Grace [Ire], by Dark Angel [Ire])
Breeder: Mrs Noelle Walsh (Ire)
Consignor: Saffron House Stables (G. Boughey)
Purchaser: Haruya Yoshida

1821 **Vadariya (GB)** i/f to Pinatubo (Ire) 500,000
(m, 9, Sea The Stars [Ire]--Vadapolina [Fr], by Trempolino)
Breeder: Haras de Son Altesse l’Aga Khan SCEA (GB)
Consignor: European Sales Management
Purchaser: Blandford Bloodstock

1837 **Blond Me (Ire)** i/f to Siyouni (Fr) 500,000
(m, 9, Tamayuz (GB)--Holda [Ire], by Dockside)
Breeder: Wardstown Stud Ltd. (Ire)
Consignor: Newsells Park Stud, Ltd.
Purchaser: Pursuit of Success - James Delahooke, agent

**EUROPEAN NEWS**

Teddy Grimthorpe Cont. from p1

“IT’S A FANTASTIC TIME TO BE TAKING OVER THE ROLE, WITH TIME TEST CREATING A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AND INTEREST WHILE ACLAIM HAS HAD AN EXCELLENT FIRST YEAR WITH RUNNERS WITH A WHOLE STACK OF WINNERS. HOPEFULLY RECENT RECRUIT LOPE Y FERNANDEZ WILL CARRY ON THAT MOMENTUM. THERE’S A GOOD REASON WHY COOLMORE PAID €900,000 FOR HIM AS A YEARLING BECAUSE HE’S A REALLY OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. HE’S ALREADY BEEN REALLY WELL RECEIVED BY BREEDERS.

There are important times ahead for all six stallions and there’s a really good base from which to build on, so, with director Tim Lane, we will continue to drive The National Stud forward.

“Morale is very high on the farm and it’s not only because of the upward trajectory of the stallion roster. The diploma course is a very important part of the stud farm and is beginning to make a serious impact. Racing, like a lot of businesses, is looking for good-quality staff and The National Stud is a great place for people to start out in the industry.”

**EFTBA MEETS IN NEWMARKET**

The European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders’ Associations held its 2021 AGM on Nov. 23 in Newmarket, where the movement of Thoroughbreds between Europe and the UK post Brexit was one of the key topics discussed. The federation is continuing its work on securing HHB status for Thoroughbreds.

Plans were also made for the federation to produce a European stud farm environmental impact study, and a sub committee was formed to look into the formulation of an official federation welfare strategy to raise awareness about the high level of care Thoroughbreds receive across Europe.

"Despite the many challenges and threats facing the European bloodstock industry, breeders have displayed great resolve and determination in working to overcome these obstacles," said EFTBA Chairman Joe Hernon. "While these challenges continue to have a series impact on the European Thoroughbred industry, I would like to assure all that EFTBA is steadfast in its commitment to deliver for Thoroughbred breeders during these uncertain times."

**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR ITM IRISH STALLION TRAIL**

The 2022 Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Irish Stallion Trail, which includes over 25 participating farms, will last from Jan. 14-15, 2022 and registration for the event is now open. Free to attend, visitors are asked to register for which studs they intend to visit via the ITM website. Due to high demand, it is mandatory to register for a specific date and time slot in order to visit Coolmore Stud. Please note that the dates and format of the Irish Stallion Trail may change due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, visitors are asked to comply with a COVID-19 code of conduct developed by Horse Racing Ireland Health and Safety, wear masks, sanitise hands, and observe social distancing when visiting farms. Cont. p15
Irish Stallion Trail Cont.
There will also be no indoor element to the Irish Stallion Trail, so visitors should dress appropriately.

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BHA denies former integrity chief went on an ‘Oliver Reed-style bender’ The British Horseracing Authority has denied a claim by former trainer Charlie Brooks that Chris Watts, the BHA’s former head of integrity assurance, left his position after an “Oliver Reed-style bender” in Newmarket earlier this year.

Greg Wood, www.theguardian.com

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021:
UNITED KINGDOM
Galileo Gold has a runner at Lingfield

**OBSERVATIONS**

on the European racing scene

**FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE**

**IRELAND**

**Aclaim (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
7-DUNDALK, 7f, Satin Snake (GB)
11,000gn Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £33,000
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

**Cotai Glory (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Dromore Glory (Ire)

**El Kabeir** (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Hey Kameir (Ire)

**Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
7-DUNDALK, 7f, Drish Melody (Ire)
1,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019

**Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo (Ire)), Coolmore Stud
137 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Chargo (GB)
9,000gn Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019

**Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
1-DUNDALK, 5f, Jarvis (Ire)
€37,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019

**Ribchester (Ire)** (Ifraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud
118 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Doitforandrew (GB)
8,500gn Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket

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**BRITAIN**

**HALF TO ADVERTISE STARTS AT LINGFIELD**

2.30 Lingfield, Novice, £7,000, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT)

**SYLVIA BEACH (GB)** (**Ulysses (Ire)**) represents the Cheveley Park Stud-John and Thady Gosden combination and is a half-sister to the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest, G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). A descendant of the high-class Heart of Joy (Lyphor {GB}), the March-foaled bay encounters the similarly-unraced **Angel’s Point (GB)** (**Dark Angel (Ire)**), Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum’s 260,000gn Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 purchase who is an Andrew Balding-trained half-sister to the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. runner-up I Can Fly (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

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**Tuesday’s Results:**

3rd-Lingfield, £7,000, Mdn, 11-30, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.70,

**YONAFIS (GB)** (**c, 2, Golden Horn {GB}**)--**Modeyra (GB)** (**SW-Eng, GSP-Fr**, by Shamardal), backed into 4-5 favourite on this debut, was forced to tuck in mid-division from his wide draw. Taking time to reach top gear entering the straight, the homebred picked up impressively to take command 100 yards from the finish and score by half a length from Al Marmar (Ire) (**Kodiac {GB}**). The dam, who captured the Listed Severals S. and finished third in the G2 Prix de Royallieu, was the sole black-type performer out of the G1 Nassau S. heroine Zahrat Dubai (GB) (**Unfuwain**). Her yearling is a daughter of **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,033. [Video, sponsored by TVG]. O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-William Haggas.

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4th-Lingfield, £7,000, Mdn, 11-30, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.88, st.

**FAR AWAY THOUGHTS (GB)** (**c, 2, Storm the Stars--War Effort, by War Front**), allowed to start at 40-1 on this debut, travelled strongly throughout waiting in mid-pack. Produced with a telling kick to take the lead with 150 yards remaining, the bay asserted before holding on by a neck from King of Ice (GB) (**Ulysses (Ire)**).

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Contrail will stand for ¥12 million

Japanese Triple Crown hero Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}–Rhodochrosite, by Unbridled’s Song) will stand for ¥12,000,000 (£79,790/E93,636/$106,518) at Shadai Stallion Station in 2022. The price is equal to another son of Deep Impact at the Hokkaido nursery, Kizuna (Jpn), who already has a Group 1 winner to his name among his 16 black-type winners with his eldest foals just four. Cont. p18
**Contrail Cont.**

The North Hills-bred 4-year-old was named the 2019 Champion 2-Year-Old Colt and 2020 Champion 3-Year-Old Colt in his native land with seven straight victories before running second to Japanese Horse of the Year Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) in the 2020 G1 Japan Cup. A Group 1 winner every year he raced, Contrail sealed his career with a two-length victory in Sunday’s Japan Cup and retires with a record of 11-8-2-1 and $10,992,642 in earnings.

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**Tuesday, Turffontein, South Africa**

WORLD SPORTS BETTING PRESENTS THE GAUTENG SUMMER CUP-G1, R2,000,000, Turffontein, 11-30, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:04.84, gd.

1--FLYING CARPET (SAf), 119, c, 4, by Judpot
   1st Dam: Zahir Shah (SAf), by Kabool (GB)
   2nd Dam: Milla (SAf), by Fort Wood
   3rd Dam: Lady Shirley Bird (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GRADED WIN. 1ST GRADE 1 WIN.
   (R15,000 Ylg ‘19 BSAJUL; R100,000 HRA ‘19 BSANOV).
   O-Riethaan Beleggings CC; B-Riethuis Kraal Stud (SAF); T-Sean Tarry; J-Calvin Habib. R1,200,000. Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, R1,481,350. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & S-cross pedigree.

2--Majestic Mozart (SAf), 119, g, 6, Dynasty (SAf)--Sound the Flute, by Theatrical (Ire). (R50,000 2yo ‘17 CTSAPR; R550,000 HRA ‘17 CAPNOV). O-Messrs M F Bass, M W Bass, A J Brand, G P Lemke, B Lemos & Wehann Smith & Miss T Farrell; B-Highlands Farms Stud (Pty) Ltd (SAF); T-Ashley Fortune. R400,000.

3--Golden Pheasant (SAf), 119, g, 7, Antonius Pius--Kokkewiet (SAf), by Ellidor (Fr). (R85,000 2yo ‘16 BSAUG). O-Messrs Andre van Schaik, M D Ragavan, E P Scheepers & Mr & Mrs P A Michaelides; B-Riethuis Kraal Stud (SAF); T-B Botes & Y Vosloo. R200,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 25.00, 16.70, 40.00.

Also Ran: Johnny Hero (SAf), War of Athena (SAf), Puerto Manzano (Arg), Astrix (SAf), Tierra del Fuego (SAf), Sparkling Water (SAf), Al Muthana (Aus), Green Haze (SAf), Second Base (SAf), African Adventure (SAf), Got the Greenlight (SAf), Seehaam (SAf), Malmoos (SAf), Shango (SAf), Bingwa (SAf), Tree Tumbo (SAf). Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.