MEDINA SPIRIT DIES OF HEART ATTACK AFTER SANTA ANITA WORKOUT

by Bill Finley and Dan Ross

Medina Spirit (Protonico), the winner of this year’s GI Kentucky Derby, died of an apparent heart attack following a five-furlong workout Monday morning at Santa Anita.

The incident happened after Medina Spirit completed a five-furlong workout in 1:01.40. The breeze took place at about 7:45 Pacific Time.

“I just heard. He had a heart attack,” owner Amr Zedan said. “It was quick and he didn’t suffer. It’s unfortunate. In a moment like this there is not much that we can do. All I can say is that he gave us the ride of our lives and brought everyone together. We are mourning this loss, Bob (Baffert), myself, our team and Johnny V., as well. We are all very sad.”

Through his attorney, trainer Bob Baffert issued the following statement Monday: “It is with great sadness that I am reporting Medina Spirit passed away today from a heart attack at Santa Anita following a workout. My entire barn is devastated by the news. Medina Spirit was a great champion, a member of our family who was loved by all and we are deeply mourning his loss. I will always cherish the proud and personal memories of Medina Spirit and his tremendous spirit. Our most sincere condolences go out to Mr. Amr Zedan and the entire Zedan Racing Stables family. They are in our thoughts and prayers as we go through this difficult time.” Cont. p3

VALUE SIRES, PART II: FIRST FOALS IN ’22

by Chris McGrath

Even last year, when doing so much to fortify breeders through the uncertainties of the pandemic, stallion farms appeared to price their rookies to squeeze the usual juice from the commercial market’s greatest addiction.

That was fair enough. Nowadays farm accountants can bank only on the most fleeting of vogues in drawing up a business plan for stallion acquisitions. And nor can we sensibly expect any slack now, pending the arrival of first foals and then a debut at the weanling sales next fall. A stallion has to be in pretty obvious trouble to have his fee significantly trimmed for his second season, as a candid devaluation will be received as a blatant kick by those who were prepared to assist in getting him going.

In principle, then, not a great deal can have changed since we first sieved this group last winter. Certainly I can’t imagine anyone pays the remotest attention to "covering sire" averages, which are so transparently incidental to the inherent value of such mares as randomly happen to be offered. The one new ingredient in play, then, tends to be the size of debut books.

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“I think of IMPROBABLE and CITY ZIP the same way I think of MUNNINGS and SPEIGHTSTOWN. Our first in-foal mare to IMPROBABLE sold extremely well, which leads you to believe the market is going to receive him very well.”

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HANDLE, PURSES UP IN NOVEMBER
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California Horse Racing Board Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea said there were signs of trouble near the conclusion of the workout.

“He looked like he was struggling the last part, and the rider was pulling him up,” Blea said.

Blea added that by the time a track veterinarian reached Medina Spirit, the 3-year-old colt had already died.

It was Medina Spirit’s second work since he finished second in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.

“We had such high hopes for him and so many plans,” Zedan said. “We were going to go to the Saudi Cup and possibly to Dubai. We wanted to campaign him all next year. The last thing I expected was to hear something like this. It is God’s will.”

Throughout Medina Spirit’s racing career, Zedan has stood by Baffert and continued to do so Monday.

“We have a great team and Bob is an amazing friend and an amazing trainer,” he said. “This unfortunately happens sometimes. I have full confidence in my team and in Bob. Unfortunately, this happens.”

As per usual in California, Medina Spirit will now undergo a full necropsy examination. A panel of experts will also conduct a review of the fatality.

When asked if he believed there were any suspicious precipitating circumstances behind the sudden death, Blea responded in the negative.

“Absolutely not. We’ll address this like we do all our fatalities, try to find out the reason for it and how to prevent it in the future,” Blea said.

“But at this point, there is nothing that’s untoward that I’m concerned about.”

Monday’s news was the latest and most tragic twist during a career filled with dizzying highs and lows.

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Medina Spirit cont.

Medina Spirit was sold for just $1,000 as a yearling and later for $35,000 as a 2-year-old at the OBS July Sale. After breaking his maiden in his lone start at two, Medina Spirit won the GII Robert B. Lewis S. before finishing second in both the GII San Felipe S. and the GI Santa Anita Derby. Dismissed at 12-1, he led every step of the way to cross the wire a half-length in front in the Derby.

Afterwards, however, it was revealed that he had tested positive for the medication betamethasone. That led Churchill Downs to issue a two-year suspension to Baffert, which, as things now stand, will keep him out of the 2022 and 2023 Kentucky Derbies. The New York Racing Association has also attempted to ban Baffert. Its case against him has yet to be resolved. Late last week, attorney Craig Robertson issued a statement confirming that the positive was attributable to a topical ointment and not an injection.

Sudden cardiac death in racehorses is extremely rare. In a 10-year period between 2007 and 2017 in California, 8.2% of all training and racing related fatalities were sudden deaths. From data collected between 2007 and 2013 in California, approximately one sudden death occurred per 9,000 starts, and about one sudden death per 160,000 training days.

G2 Remsen winner on Saturday
Making his two-turn debut in the G2 Remsen S. which offered 10-4-2-1 Kentucky Derby qualifying points, MO DONEGAL scored from Zandon with 9¾ lengths back to the third. Bred by Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables and trained by Todd Pletcher for Donegal Racing

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3 more juvenile winners on Friday including a stakes winner at Gulfstream Park
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ECHO TOWN

Winner of 4 races in 2020 over 6 and 7 furlongs including the G1 H. Allen Jerkens S. and placed 4 times including second in the G1 Woody Stephens S.

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His AMERICAN PHAROAH yearling half-sister topped Keeneland September’s opening session at $1,400,000

His 2YO half-sister ECHO ZULU is now 4-for-4…

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“Echo Zulu Fires Big in Juvenile Fillies”
Medina Spirit cont.

In a very small percentage of cases, the horse in question suffers a rupture of the aorta or other large vessel, which will be evident during the necropsy examination. Once the necropsy examination is complete, the findings will be sent to a panel who will conduct their own post-mortem review of the fatality, looking at the broader circumstances leading up to the catastrophic injury, like the horse’s regulatory history. Examples of these review panels’ final reports can be read here.

Between 2011 and 2013, seven Bob Baffert trained horses died suddenly during training or racing. A subsequent CHRB report found that Baffert-trained horses during that period were significantly more likely to die from sudden death than non-Baffert trained horses, calling the difference “dramatic.” The report noted that the horses had been administered thyroxine—a thyroid hormone used to treat hypothyroid conditions—and that use of thyroxine is “concerning in horses with suspected cardiac failure.”

However, because the drug had been administered to all horses in Baffert’s care at that time, the use of thyroxine “does not explain why all the fatalities occurred,” the report found.

Baffert subsequently explained that he had stopped using the drug.

Predictably, PETA issued a statement Monday lashing out at the sport and urged that Baffert be banned.

“It’s premature to say that Medina Spirit died of a heart attack or what the true cause of his fatal collapse was, given that many of trainer Bob Baffert’s horses have suddenly dropped dead,” the statement read. “Seven of Baffert’s horses died mysteriously during a 16-month period that was suspiciously linked to his reckless and routine habit of administering the powerful hormone thyroxine to horses without thyroid conditions. Baffert has continued to be embroiled in drug controversies since then, including when Medina Spirit tested positive for drugs in the Kentucky Derby. All of Medina Spirit’s veterinary records must be seized, and a thorough investigation must be conducted. Baffert’s attorneys must not be allowed to control the narrative. PETA urges Santa Anita and Del Mar officials to bar Baffert, pending the outcome of an investigation and a necropsy.”

Value Sires cont. from p1

For the vast majority, in numerical terms, the only way from here is down. As such, the covering stats do not augur terribly well for some of those we thought best value. And maddeningly, because these cycles are so self-fulfilling, it’s hard to turn things round if you do struggle for early traction. A disappointing first book places a tough burden on its graduates to get you over the hump of the intervening couple of crops, which will tend to be smaller yet. So our faith in one or two, while undiminished, may not obviously yield “value” in the shorter term. If fairly priced now, at least measured by your odds of getting a runner, they are probably going to become better value yet during the next year or two.

At the other end of the spectrum, though the most expensive of the intake, Horse of the Year Authentic covered as many as 229 mares—only one fewer than the busiest stallion in the land, Goldencents. (Both, of course, are sons of Into Mischief standing alongside their champion sire at Spendthrift.) A number of other start-ups also welcomed enormous books: Vekoma 222, McKinzie 214, Instagrand 190, Thousand Words 184, Volatile 181, and Global Campaign and Improbable 177 apiece. One way or another, then, some highly eligible prospects are going to have their work cut out to match the kind of freshman headlines some of these rivals are bound to seize through sheer weight of numbers. Cont. p6
Value Sires cont.

So between these high-water marks, and those struggling near the storm drain, where can we still seek a rising tide? Here are one or two thoughts—as subjective as ever, and with due apology to the many promising types overlooked in our more concise new format.

**Bubbling under:** Hard to know whether a commercial market so childishly nervous of grass influences will do adequate justice to a great opportunity in *War of Will* (*War Front*). But it’s hugely encouraging that this Grade I winner on both dirt and turf, by a son of one breed-shaper out of the daughter of another, was overrun with 143 partners at $25,000: by the laudably conservative standards of his farm, an outright stampede. *War of Will* merits close consideration by European breeders, too, with every right to become a valuable international influence.

**Vekoma** (*Candy Ride {Arg}*)) has been given a trademark Spendthrift launch with a monster book at $20,000. All farms that operate this kind of system obviously offer yearling sellers a double-edged sword, but Vekoma, from the family of *Street Sense* and Danehill Dancer (Ire) among others, represents a promising sire of sires and can certainly recycle a ton of speed and class. Of those who corralled such big numbers, this guy looks value to make them count—even before a friendly trim to $17,500.

One of the most controversial races in Derby history, in contrast, is struggling for commercial credibility. But you can’t have it both ways: if some people have decided to punish the hapless *Maximum Security* (who gets a fee cut) for allegations against his trainer, then at least they should give *Country House* (*Lookin At Lucky*) due respect. As it is, he was unlucky to be denied the opportunity of authenticating his breakthrough; and nor did he then get quite the numbers he deserved when sent to Darby Dan at just $7,500. Someday, perhaps, he will finally get some overdue credit by proxy, and sire a colt to pass the Derby post first. Inbred to the Sam-Son matriarch No Class, that’s something he is absolutely entitled to do and, like his sire, he remains excellent value for those of sufficiently independent outlook.
Bronze: GLOBAL CAMPAIGN (Curlin--Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy) $12,500 WinStar

I suspect that this guy is going to prove a brisker influence in his new career than might be anticipated. Yes, he was unraced at two (albeit only by a matter of days, scoring on debut Jan. 5); and nor did he try Grade I company until his last two starts at four, when winning the Woodward and outrunning his odds for third in the Breeders' Cup Classic. But if people won't be expecting too much, too soon, from a son of Curlin whose first two dams are by A.P. Indy and Lord At War (Arg)—both, incidentally, stellar distaff influences—this is a family that can inject surprising doses of speed.

That second dam, herself a three-time graded stakes winner, is a half-sister to the dam of Zensational (Unbridled's Song), whose three Grade I sprints qualify him as the fastest son of his sire. The next dam was a half-sister to the dams of one sprinter that broke the five-furlong track record at Churchill, and of another that did the same over six furlongs (turf) at Woodbine. And of course Global Campaign's half-brother Bolt d'Oro was hardly a standard issue Medaglia d'Oro (not that there's any such thing, really) in featuring a 103 Beyer in his champion juvenile campaign. Sure enough, Global Campaign outpaced a smart sprinter in Yorkton (Speightstown) over seven furlongs at Gulfstream on his 4-year-old comeback, and I have a hunch that he didn't quite last home at the Breeders' Cup. Having controlled the tempo when winning over nine furlongs, I wonder how he might have fared given more of a chance at a mile.

Regardless, a debut book of 177 is a major leg-up, and due reward for realistic pricing. I'm not saying that Global Campaign will necessarily have loads of precocious juveniles, but expect him to achieve a viable base...
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and then to consolidate. Factor in his fee, and he rather sets himself apart from those with even bigger books: most are more expensive, and others don’t obviously match his eligibility to sire the type of horses we should all be looking for.

Silver: HONOR A. P. (Honor Code--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush), $15,000 Lane’s End

Still fantastic value, still a whole lot of racehorse for this money. And I cling stubbornly to the belief that he was as talented as any of his generation, beating the Horse of the Year on merit the only time they met properly toe-to-toe (undercooked for their first encounter; undone by a shocking trip in their third).

The only reason he doesn’t retain the top step is that a book of 110, which should be ample in a sane world, may contain some that emulate their sire in only really announcing themselves round a second turn, and maybe with a little maturity too (bearing in mind that imposing physique). The book of 190 assembled by the precocious Instagrand, for instance, is presumably more likely to produce maiden winners at Keeneland’s spring meet. It’s possible, then, that the notoriously myopic commercial market might not grant Honor A. P. due attention until the playing field starts to level out.

Once through that crossroads, however, those who do hang in there will definitely have the last laugh. And remember that a horse this beautiful, in the meantime, almost guarantees a home run or two at the sales. Honor A. P. must have been close to the most prodigious physical of the crop, as measured by his $850,000 yearling tag; while his dam won Grade Is at two and five, a comfort in view of the way his own light career restricted wider appreciation of his talent. Cont. p9
Value Sires cont.

She has also contributed three other black-type operators to a branch of the Myrtlewood dynasty (Global Campaign, incidentally, represents another) that has been seeded pretty seamlessly by venerable Classic influences.

Honor A. P. absolutely merits fidelity, and will someday make this fee look like a gift.

Gold: COMPLEXITY (Maclean's Music--Goldfield, by Yes It's True), $12,500 Airdrie

How does Complexity elbow his way right through to the top of the podium? Not too complex, really. For one thing, his farewell performance in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile has obtained a fresh luster: trying to lie up with Knicks Go (Paynter) from a wide draw, through opening splits of 22.15 and 22.39 (producing a faster six furlongs than in the Sprint on the same card), has turned out to be a still tougher ask than it seemed at the time--especially round a second turn, which was probably not Complexity's true metier. This time last year, moreover, Maclean's Music was still available at $25,000. A breakout Grade I exacta this summer has doubled his fee, requiring smaller breeders to ponder his potential as a sire of sires instead. Above all, however, Complexity received no fewer than 158 mares in his debut book: as close to oversubscription as this model farm will allow.

That puts him right in the center of the conversation for the freshmen's championship. Remember he made all for his emphatic GI Champagne S. success, as indeed he had when thrashing future Grade II and stakes winners on debut in Saratoga. Complexity regrouped after a troubled sophomore campaign to be just nailed in the GI Forego S., after again sharing a wild tempo out wide, and all you need to know about his build is that Mike Ryan gave $375,000 to make him the most expensive yearling in his sire's third crop.

You can anticipate voracious pinhooking interest in his yearlings and, while the left-field sires of his first three dams get credit primarily for variegation, they do represent august lines (Bold Ruler, Bold Ruler, Never Bend). As with American Pharoah, for instance, the important thing is that the genetic cocktail is plainly functioning potently. And don't forget that Complexity's dam has also produced a GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up, and she's out of an 11-time winner who ran second at Grade II level.

This horse couldn't be in better hands and, having gained a good deal while others have more or less had to stand and wait, everything is in place to elevate the value of any investments made in him now.

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Medina Spirit, An Embattled Kentucky Derby Winner, Dies During a Workout

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Fasig-Tipton's annual Midlantic December Mixed and Horses of Racing Age Sale will take place Tuesday in Timonium, MD beginning at 11:00 a.m. A sizable catalog of 401 head has been assembled this year, including 232 broodmares and broodmare prospects, weanlings and yearlings in addition to a sizable horses of racing age supplement.

Last year's toppler was $195,000 racing or broodmare prospect Fly On Angel (Palace Malice), winner of the GIII Charles Town Oaks earlier that term. She was purchased by Cypress Creek LLC and consigned by Northview Stallion Station, agent for Joseph Besecker (Reduction of Racing Stock). A Besecker-owned horse of racing age offering also topped the 2019 auction, and the Pennsylvania-based owner's holdings figure to feature prominently in this year's results as well.

A total of 97 horses, mostly racing prospects but also broodmares, weanlings and a yearling, are consigned by Northview on Besecker's behalf.

The 2020 sale, which was consolidated with the Saratoga Fall Sale due to the pandemic, saw a total of 182 horses change hands for gross receipts of $2,345,600 at an average of $12,888 and median of $5,000. Visit fasigtipton.com for more.

HANDLE UP AGAIN, PURSES WAY UP IN NOVEMBER by Joe Bianca

Betting on U.S. Thoroughbred races was up again year over year in November 2021, while the industry saw a major spike in purses for the month, according to figures released by Equibase Monday. The numbers continue the positive economic trends the sport has seen this year as it slowly emerges from the toll taken by the pandemic.

A total of $961,813,331 was wagered on U.S. races in November, up 7.4% from the November 2020 figure of $895,546,532. The November 2021 number is more flat when compared with November 2019, when $945,843,009 was wagered, but total handle for 2021 has now surpassed $11.4 billion, which is a jump of 12.18% over the total through November in 2020 and a 10.49% improvement on the number from the end of November in 2019. Wagering on U.S. races is likely to top $12 billion by the end of the year, a total that hasn't been reached since 2009, according to statistics from The Jockey Club.

If there is a small caveat to the positive handle numbers, it is that wagering per race day was down significantly in November at $3,305,200, a 17.33% decrease from $3,997,976 in November 2020, and for the year average wagering per race day stands at $2,986,058, a drop of 9.78% from $3,309,845 at this point in 2020. Compared to 2019, however, the 2021 numbers are still a drastic improvement, with the November figure representing a 12.04% jump and the year-to-date number showing a 20.67% increase.

Purses have also seen a dramatic improvement in 2021, although those figures are more of a reversion to the mean of 2019 as opposed to meaningful improvements on pre-pandemic levels. A total of $117,678,625 was paid out this November, a 27.78% improvement on the November 2020 number of $92,095,830, but just a 1.66% increase from the November 2019 total of $115,756,315. For the year, purses have totaled just over $1.1 billion, a huge 36.17% increase from the pandemic-affected number of $812,236,796 through November in 2020, but the 2021 number is essentially flat compared to 2019's purse figures through November.

Field size continues to be a bugaboo for the industry, as average number of horses per race was 7.7 in November, a drop of 7.79% from 8.35 in November 2020, and for the year the number is just 7.33, a 7.34% decrease from 7.91 in 2020. Field size averaged 8 and 7.49 for the month and year, respectively, at this point in 2019.
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$5K MULTIPLE MEDICATION FINE FOR MILLER by Dan Ross

Trainer Peter Miller has been fined $5,000 and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) multiple medication violations rule as a result of Mr. Dougie Fresh (Ghostzapper) testing positive for phenylbutazone after working at San Luis Rey Downs on Sept. 13, according to a Los Alamitos board of stewards ruling Sunday.

Phenylbutazone—more commonly referred to as just "bute"—is a class 4, category C drug. This constituted Miller's third class 4 medication violation in California in 365 days.

On Sept. 2, Miller was fined $1,500 and assessed one half point in accordance with the CHRB's multiple medication violations rule as a consequence of Mo Forza (Uncle Mo) testing positive for phenylbutazone after working at San Luis Rey Downs June 19, 2021.

Mo Forza subsequently won a brace of GII races at Del Mar and Santa Anita--the Del Mar Mile S. and the City of Hope Mile S.

On April 10, Miller was fined $500 after Hembree (Proud Citizen) tested positive for Isoflupredone, a 4C penalty regulated drug, after winning the seventh race at Santa Anita Park Jan. 1.

When asked about the three class 4 medication violations this year, Miller pointed to California's relatively recently instituted out of competition medication regulations.

"Two of the violations were in morning workouts, that wouldn't have been violations in any other state in the country," he wrote.

Last month, Miller announced that he was taking a hiatus from training, in order to spend "more time with his family, focus on overall health and wellness, and pursue other interests."

The hiatus, which according to a press release started Nov. 29, is expected to leave the everyday running of the barn in the hands of his assistant, Ruben Alvarado. Miller, however, will still maintain an advisory position along with his role as an owner, the release stated.

According to Equibase, Miller has no horses entered under his name. He did, however, claim Manhattan Up (Into Mischief) out of the Robertino Diodoro barn for $50,000 at Oaklawn Park on Sunday. Miller is listed as the new trainer.

For the past three years—and in light of the 2019 Santa Anita welfare crisis—the state's regulatory agency has markedly tightened the rules surrounding equine safety, placing an emphasis on the role of trainer responsibility.

As such, speculation had been mounting for some time that Miller has been the target of increased regulatory scrutiny due to five horses in his care suffering catastrophic injuries during 2021—the highest number of any single trainer in California this year.

Miller addressed those rumors in the press release, stating that his decision had not been triggered by any outside regulatory pressure.

As per the Oaklawn claim, Miller wrote in his text, "We are sending a string to Arkansas but will run under an assistant."

Miller also addressed via text the equine fatalities he has incurred during a 12-month period. He wrote that the fatalities were "100% unavoidable," which included three horses that incurred catastrophic shoulder injuries after layoffs. These specific injuries are often difficult to diagnose.

"Perfectly sound horses and my first and only heart attack in 35 years training," he wrote, pointing also to Rustic Canyon (Unusual Heat), a 6-year-old gelding who suffered a sudden cardiac death during training at San Luis Rey on Feb. 26.

HISA SUBMITS DRAFT SAFETY REGULATIONS TO FTC Edited Press Release

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (the Authority) formally submitted draft Racetrack Safety regulations to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Dec. 6 for review, public comment and final approval with an effective date of July 1, 2022.

The draft rules reflect significant work by the Authority's Racetrack Safety Committee and input from a broad range of regulators, experts, other industry stakeholders and the general public. The rules will establish a national, uniform program including pre-race veterinary inspections, voided claim rules, racetrack surface maintenance, and the gathering of medications, treatment, and injury data.

In addition, the Authority notified the FTC of the Authority's intent to file final draft rules for the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program later in December, prior to the new year. To date, the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) has led the process of authoring draft rules for the program in coordination with the Authority's ADMC Committee, led by Adolpho Birch. As explained in the formal waiver request, the Authority and USADA are continuing to finalize the terms of the agreement under which USADA will operate as the independent enforcement agency for the new rules. The organizations will also continue to evolve and refine the draft ADMC rules to take into account industry and public feedback.

"We are pleased to have submitted the draft Racetrack Safety rules which will make the sport safer for both equine and human athletes and thank the Authority's Racetrack Safety Committee for their hard work," said Charles Scheeler, Chairman of the Authority's Board of Directors. "In addition, we are deeply grateful for the diligence, expertise and leadership of USADA and the ADMC Committee in developing comprehensive
Eda became the third Grade I winner for Munnings in 2021 and his fifth overall in the Dec. 4 Starlet S.

Benoit drafted ADMC rules in a remarkably short period of time. We are also grateful for the feedback we received from all segments of the racing community regarding these draft rules. We look forward to continuing our partnership as we finalize and operationalize new, nationwide regulations to ensure the integrity and safety of the sport.

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**CASSE, KIMURA, BARBER CLAIM WOODBINE TITLES**

With a record closing day handle of $8,530,593, Woodbine’s 2021 Thoroughbred meet concluded Sunday with meet titles for trainer Mark Casse, jockey Kazushi Kimura, and owner Gary Barber. Casse secured the leading training title with 110 wins from his 539 starts and earnings of $8,189,186. Martin Drexler trailed in second by wins with 56. It was Casse’s 13th time atop the Woodbine leaderboard and his 27 stakes victories at the Toronto oval in 2021 were 19 more than his closest rival. Casse, who is a member of the Hall of Fame in both the U.S. and Canada, has won Canada’s Sovereign Award as the country’s top trainer 13 times.

In contrast, Kimura was earning his first Woodbine jockey title. The 22-year-old is the first Japanese-born rider to achieve the feat. He notched 138 wins at the meet from 717 starts, including wins in eight black-type events, with $6,360,203 in earnings. The Eclipse Award winner as North America’s outstanding apprentice, Kimura also won the Sovereign Award equivalent in both 2018 and 2019.

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“It’s a special achievement, and it was one of my dreams,” said Kimura. “Everybody wants to be a leading rider, but it’s not easy. We just need great riding skills and good horses, good support from the trainers and owners for the whole season to be able to get the title. This year, I’d say I improved, and I got good support from trainers and owners. I appreciate that help for me to get the riding title.”

Barber was the leading money-winning owner at Woodbine for the third straight year although official statistics were not immediately available. Live racing will return next spring to the Toronto oval with opening day tentatively scheduled for the penultimate weekend in April.

PRAIRIE MEADOWS TO RACE 84 DATES IN 2022

Prairie Meadows 2022 live racing season will begin Friday, May 13 and conclude Sunday, Oct. 2, the track announced Monday. A total of 84 racing days will be scheduled with both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing offered. The dates have been approved by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC).

The season begins with 22 days of Thoroughbred-only racing from May 13-June 18 and continues with a mixed Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse schedule of 60 race days along with two additional days of Thoroughbred-only racing to be held Thursday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 2.

Live racing will be offered on a Friday-Monday schedule with the exception of the final week of racing, which will feature a Thursday-Sunday schedule. Information on post times, special race days, events, and holiday racing will be announced at a later date.
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Red Vine (Candy Ride {Arg}), Cabin Creek Farm
25 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 3:50 p.m. EST, $200K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f,
Vine Jet, 8-1

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, $4,000
135 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 3:50 p.m. EST, $200K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f,
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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
2021 Stud Fees Listed

Blofeld (Quality Road), Murmur Farm, $4,000
24 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Beach Daze, 12-1

Connect (Curlin), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
119 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Bienvenue, 9-2
$125,000 KEE JAN wnl; $13,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Divining Rod (Tapit), Country Life Farm, $5,000
68 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Parx Racing, 3:50 p.m. EST, $200K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f,
Wispering Springs, 6-1

Valiant Minister (Candy Ride {Arg}), Bridlewood Farm, $3,000
40 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
1-Parx Racing, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Martini Twist, 15-1
$30,000 OBS WIN wnl; $87,000 OBS MAR 2yo

IN JAPAN:

Speed Glamour, f, 2, Into Mischief. See 'US-Bred & -Sired
Winners in Japan'

Freud Sense, c, 2, Street Sense. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in
Japan'

Hana Kiri, c, 2, Tapit. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Harry Barows, c, 4, Uncle Mo--Isobel Baillie (SP-Fr), by Lomitas
(GB). Chukyo, 12-5, Allowance ($258k), 1400m, 1:24.5.
Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-3, $378,506. O Hirotsugu Inokuma;
B-Flaxman Holdings Limited & Airlie Stud (KY); T Hiroyuki
Uemura. *1/2 to Alaura Michelle (Arch), MSW & GSP,
$229,179; Isabella Sings (Eskendereya), MGSW-US, GSP-Can,
$648,170; and Tobacco Road (Quality Road), SW, $195,356.
**$275,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; $425,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

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NBS SUCCESS
IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Heungrok Daebu**, g, 3, *Algorithms*–Vivid Storm, by Super Saver. Seoul, 12-5, Hcp. (C3), 1800m. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY). *$25,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; $36,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. VIDEO (SC 4)


**Cupid Guy**, g, 5, *Jimmy Creed*–She’s Extreme (MSP, $159,746), by Unbridled’s Song. Seoul, 12-5, Hcp. (C1), 1400m. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). *$25,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. VIDEO (SC 8)

**In Panama:***

**Siciliana**, f, 3, *Cairo Prince*–Lucky Striker, by Van Nistelrooy. Presidente Remon, 12-4, Clasico Dia de la Madre (BT), 1800m. *1/2 to A Capela (Corinthian), Ch. 2yo Filly, Ch. 3yo Filly & MSW-Pan; and Lucky Boss (Street Boss), SP. B-De Sousa Stable LLC (KY). *$7,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP. VIDEO (SC 8)

**IN PERU:**


**Borocoto**, c, 2, *Tonalist*–Lonesome Town (GSP, $141,603), by Broken Vow. Monterrico, 12-4, Maiden, 1600mT. B-R S Evans (KY). *1/2 to Lonely Road (Quality Road), GSW, $135,900. **$2,500 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. VIDEO (SC 7)

**IN JAPAN:**

**Top the Bill (Jpn)**, f, 3, *American Pharoah*–Top Decile (MGISP, $520,291), by Congrats. Chukyo, 12-5, Allowance ($127k), 1800m, 1:55. Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-2, $175,243. O Chizu Yoshida; B Shadai Farm; T-Hitoshi Kotegawa. *$950,000 in utero '17 KEENOV.

**Alienor (Jpn)**, f, 3, *Nyquist*–Land Over Sea {GSW & MGISP, $746,500}, by Bellamy Road, well beaten in a single start on the turf to begin her career, was the easy winner of her first two tries on the main track and was exiting a close third going a mile at Tokyo Oct. 17. Favored here at 23-10, the well-bred bay attended a very slow pace for the opening six furlongs, was asked to quicken in the stretch and finished willingly for a half-length success over the U.S.-conceived Fulleren (Jpn) (Pioneerof the Nile–Dust and Diamonds). The winner's dam was raced--like Nyquist--by Paul Reddam and was trained by Doug O’Neill to a victory in the 2016 Gill Fair Grounds Oaks and a runner-up effort to Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) in that year's GI Kentucky Oaks. Also multiple Grade I-placed at two, Land Over Sea was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida with Alienor in utero for $1.3 million at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Alienor’s year-younger half-sister Spirit the Sea (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) won her maiden at first asking going a mile on turf at Hanshin Oct. 24. Land Over Sea is the dam of a yearling filly by Daiwa Major (Jpn) and a colt by Kitasan Black (Jpn) foaled this past April. Sales history: $1,300,000 in utero '17 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, $332,632. VIDEO (SC 9)

O-Koji Murano; B-Shadai Farm; T-Makoto Saito.

Saturday’s Results:

10th-Chukyo, ¥29,130,000 ($257,298), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1800m, 1:54.3, ft.

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O-Koji Murano; B-Shadai Farm; T-Makoto Saito.
4th-Chukyo, ¥9,680,000 ($85,486), Maiden, 2yo, 1600mT, 1:35.5, gd/fm.

SPEED GLAMOUR (f, 2, Into Mischief--Island Escape {MSW, $325,010}, by Petionville) missed by a neck when trying the turf for the first time at Tokyo Oct. 10 and dropped a half-length decision when runner-up in an Oct. 23 maiden on dirt at headquarters. Drawn three from the outside, Speed Glamour jumped straight into the bridle and raced handy to the pace one off the inside down the backstretch. Held together into the final furlong and a half, the bay responded to her jockey's urgings and fought on bravely to take it by a half-length. Bought back on a bid of $250,000 at KEESEP last fall, Speed Glamour was hammered down for $500,000 at this year's OBS March Sale after breezing an eighth of a mile in :9 4/5. The winner is a half-sister to Felifran (Discreet Cat), GSP; and to Tricky Escape (Hat Trick {Jpn}), MGSW, $894,435. Island Escape is the dam of the yearling colt Out of Alcatraz (West Coast) that sold for $70,000 at KEESEP and a weanling colt by Yoshida (Jpn). She was most recently bred to Unified. Sales history: $250,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; $500,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $90,672. VIDEO (SC 14)

Sunday's Results:
4th-Nakayama, ¥13,400,000 ($118,329), Newcomers, 2yo, 1200m, 1:13.2, ft.

FREUD SENSE (c, 2, Street Sense--Fenwick Hall {SP}, by Freud) was led out unsold on a bid of $110,000 at KEESEP last fall and made his way to the OBSMAR sale thereafter, selling for $160,000 after covering a quarter-mile in :21 flat. All the rage in the betting at 9-10, the New York-bred was soon in front, galloped them along at a decent clip and was not fully extended to graduate by five convincing lengths. Produced by a full-sister to MSW Miss Narcissist, Freud Sense has a half-brother by Flatter that fetched $130,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Yearling Sale in Saratoga. The stakes-placed Fenwick Hall is due to Outwork for 2022. Sales history: $110,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; $160,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $69,027. VIDEO (SC 7)

1st-Chukyo, ¥9,680,000 ($85,486), Maiden, 2yo, 1800m, 1:55.4, ft.

HANA KIRI (c, 2, Tapit--Tamarack Bay {GSP, $218,695}, by Dehere), a $325,000 KEESEP purchase, was beaten a combined 31 lengths in his first two career starts, but perked up to be a much-improved second when last seen over this distance at Hanshin Nov. 7. Pounded into 2-5 favoritism to go one better, Hana Kiri prompted a modest pace from the outside, claimed the front-runner under a hold with 300 meters to run and was punched out to score by an easy 1 3/4-length margin. Hana Kiri is a half-brother to Tamarack Smarty (Smart Strike), SP, $284,296; Luckarack (Lucky Pulpit), MSW, $634,552; U'narack (Unusual Heat), SW, $194,080; Tamarando (Bertrando), GISW, $722,652; Pulmarack (Lucky Pulpit), MSP, $286,457; and Ward ‘n Jerry (Lucky Pulpit), GSW, $486,303. Tamarack Bay is the dam of the yearling colt California Bay (California Chrome). Sales history: $325,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $69,027. O-Tsuyoshi Ono; B-Mr & Mrs Larry D Williams (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
3rd-Remington, $44,468, (S), 12-6, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:12.49, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
LINGERING PROMISE (f, 4, Mr. Nightlinger--Keep Promise, by Western Expression) Lifetime Record: 8:3-2-1, $86,414. O/B-Bryan Hawk (OK); T-Kenneth Nolen. *$4,800 RNA Ylg '18 OKCYRL.

2nd-Turf Paradise, $33,150, (C)/Opt. Clm ($40,000-$50,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.66, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.
ZUMURUDEE (g, 7, Stormy Atlantic--Voting Right {Fr}, by High Chaparral {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 25-4-6-5, $210,492. O-Bennie L. Woolley, Jr. & Jack Eklund; B-Double K LLC, Brookdale & Jack Swain III (KY); T-Bennie L. Woolley, Jr. *$50,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR; 70,000gns 3yo '17 TATAHI; $4,000 7yo '21 FTKFEB.

5th-Turf Paradise, $26,650, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 12-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.10, fm, 1/2 length.
TRIBAL BID (f, 3, Smart Bid--Tribal Syn, by Tribal Rule) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, $38,358. O-Saratoga West; B-Pacific Coast Thoroughbreds (CA); T-Jeffrey Metz. *$3,700 2yo '20 CTBAJA.

6th-Mahoning Valley, $25,000, 12-6, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.06, sy, 5 1/2 lengths.
MALICED (f, 4, Palace Malice--Electric Temptress {MSP, $190,667}, by First Samurai) Lifetime Record: 29-6-4-8, $71,100. O-Urieta's Racing Stable; B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Johanna Urieta.
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6th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $22,610, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 12-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.72, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

**BYBEE** (g, 5, Flashback--Miss Ann Perry, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-3, $121,841. O/B-Bobby McIntyre (KY); T-Eduardo Caramori.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Hosanna**, f, 2, Flat Out--Atlantic Zip, by Stormy Atlantic. Mahoning Valley, 12-6, (S), 6f, 1:14.52. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-3, $29,701. B-Daniel J & Patricia J Yates (OH). *$27,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Dare Day (Can the Man), SP, $165,856.

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黄山 (g, 4, American Pharoah--Empire City (Jpn), by Empire Maker. Remington, 12-6, 1m, 1:40.55. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $33,437. B-Hakurei Farm (KY). *$180,000 Wlg ’18 KEENOV; $200,000 Ylg ’19 KEESEP.

**Rex Kwon Do**, c, 3, Firing Line--Alexandria J, by Forest Camp. Parx Racing, 12-6, 1m 70y, 1:45.54. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, $42,465. B-Flying H Stables, LLC (KY). *$60,000 Ylg ’19 KEEJAN; $110,000 Ylg ’19 FTKJUL; $50,000 2yo ’20 OBSMAR.

**Twilight Empire**, f, 4, Empire Way--Rugula (SW & GSP, $129,400), by Bernstein. Golden Gate Fields, 12-5, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.22. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $31,200. B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA). *$1,200 Ylg ’18 BAROCT.

**American Pharoah**, Miss Americana, f, 3, o/o Empire City (Jpn), by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-6, Remington

**Empire Way**, Twilight Empire, f, 4, o/o Rugula, by Bernstein. MSW, 12-5, Golden Gate

**Firing Line**, Rex Kwon Do, c, 3, o/o Alexandria J, by Forest Camp. MSW, 12-6, Parx Racing

**Flashback**, Bybee, g, 5, o/o Miss Ann Perry, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 12-5, Mountaineer

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**Flat Out**, Hosanna, f, 2, o/o Atlantic Zip, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 12-6, Mahoning Valley

**Mr. Nightlinger**, Lingering Promise, f, 4, o/o Kept Promise, by Western Expression. ALW, 12-6, Remington

**Palace Malice**, Maliced, f, 4, o/o Electric Temptress, by First Samurai. ALW, 12-6, Mahoning Valley

**Smart Bid**, Tribal Bid, f, 3, o/o Tribal Syn, by Tribal Rule. AOC, 12-6, Turf Paradise

**Stormy Atlantic**, Zumurudee, g, 7, o/o Voting Right (Fr), by High Chaparral (Ire). AOC, 12-6, Turf Paradise

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FASTNET FOAL THE STAR OF ARQANA

Lot 675, a son of Fastnet Rock, was on top on Monday | Arqana

A colt foal by Fastnet Rock (Aus) (lot 675) starred at Deauville as trade wound down a notch during the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale on Monday. Consigned by Haras de Castillon, who had also offered eventual €2.5-million buy and Group 1 winner Grand Glory (GB) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), the bay is out of the winning Purple Magic (GB) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). He was purchased by Benoit Jeffroy on behalf of Manister House Stud for €60,000.

Besides the top lot, race fillies and broodmares were the most sought after, especially those in foal to promising young sire Zarak (Fr). Zarak already has a pair of Group 1-placed horses and two black-type winners to his credit. One of the former, G1 Criterium International runner-up Purplepay (Fr) brought €2 million during Saturday’s session.

Haras de Cercy’s Anjella (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) (lot 782), sold in foal to the son of Dubawi (Ire), made €45,000 from Jeffroy’s Ecurie Castillon Bloodstock on behalf of Magic Dream. A full-sister to German listed heroine Ambria (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), the chestnut 15-year-old has produced Stable Genius (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), who ran third in the G3 Prix la Force. This is also the family of G1 Preis der Diana heroine Amarette (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}).

Joining Anjella at €45,000 is the 3-year-old Siyouni (Fr) filly Dariyla (Fr) from His Highness The Aga Khan’s Studs. Cont. p2

APPLEBY NAMED HWPA FLAT AND INTERNATIONAL TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Trainer Charlie Appleby was named the 2021 British Champion Flat Trainer and the Flat Trainer of the Year at the Horserace Writers & Photographers Awards (HWPA) Derby Awards at the Royal Lancaster in London on Monday evening. The 46-year-old was also named the Champion International Trainer, sponsored by the International Racing Bureau.

The retained trainer for Godolphin based at Moulton Paddocks in Newmarket, Appleby celebrated 17 Group/Grade 1 victories internationally in 2021, including five British Group 1s, four QIPCO British Champions Series races and a trio of Breeders’ Cup victories. The Trainers’ Championship runs from New Year’s Day to New Year’s Eve every year, and is based on prizemoney won in that period. Currently, Apple’s prizemoney is £4,888,314 through Sunday, Dec. 5 before the UK’s cards began on Monday. He is £570,507 ahead of Andrew Balding.

He sent out runners to win at the highest level in Canada, France, Ireland and the United States in 2021. Cont. p4

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

MEDINA SPIRIT DIES OF APPARENT HEART ATTACK

GI Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit (Protonico) died of an apparent heart attack at Santa Anita on Monday morning. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Cont. from p1

Also in foal to the Aga Khan’s Zarak, lot 832 caught the eye of BBA Ireland. She is a descendant of French champion G1 Prix de Diane victress Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift), who also landed the G1 Prix Vermeille.

Yet another carrying to the Haras de Bonneval resident, Seemingly (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)) hammered at €36,000 to Guy Pariente. From the Haras du Quesnay draft, lot 658 is out of Listed Prix Vulcain heroine Oh Beautiful (GB) (Galileo (Ire)) and is from the same family as outstanding bluehen Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge (Ire)).

Haras du Buff sent Geneva Spur (Distorted Humor) (lot 644), in foal to first-year covering sire Persian King (Ire) (Kingman (GB)), through the ring and the 5-year-old was purchased by Six of Us for €42,000. Group winners Silk and Scarlet (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) and Danger Over (GB) (Warning (GB)) are full- and half-sisters to her dam, My Dark Rosaleen (GB) (Sadler’s Wells). Silk and Scarlet foaled subsequent Group 1 winners Eishin Apollon (Giant’s Causeway) (Japan), Master of Hounds (Kingmambo) (Dubai) and Minoret (Smart Strike) (United States).

The Aga Khan’s Studs’ Deriyana (Fr) (Oasis Dream (GB)) (lot 835) was knocked down to Crispin de Moubray for €36,000 near the end of Monday’s session. Although unraced, the 3-year-old is well-bred, being a daughter of the dual listed-placed Deremah (More Than Ready), herself a half-sister to French listed winner Dariyma (Fr) (City Zip), who would also place third in the G2 Prix Dollar. Under the group-placed third dam is the 2006 G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent).

At the close of business on Monday, the gross was well up on 2020’s at €2,119,500 for 205 sold from 276 offered (74.3%), from an admittedly bigger catalogue. The average and median were slightly off the 2020 marks as well at €10,339 and €7,000, respectively. Cont. p3
Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Cont.
The fourth and final session of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale begins at 11 a.m. local time on Tuesday.

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Fifth Group 1 winner for Wootton Bassett as Zellie dominates in Marcel Boussac

The rise and rise of Wootton Bassett continued at Longchamp on Sunday as Zellie became the Coolmore stallion’s fifth Group 1 winner with a polished performance in the Prix Marcel Boussac. RACINGPOST.com

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European Champion 2YO and one of Europe’s most exciting sires

Fee: €150,000

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6 Group/Stakes-winning 2YOs in 2021

No other sire has more!

ZELLIE
1st Prix Marcel Boussac-Gr.1

ROYAL PATRONAGE
1st Royal Lodge Stakes-Gr.2
1st Acomb Stakes-Gr.3

ATOMIC JONES
1st Champions Juvenile Stakes-Gr.2

TOPGEAR
1st Prix Eclipse-Gr.3

ATTAGIRL
1st Roses Stakes-1.R.

TEXAS
1st Criterium du Languedoc-L.R.

All conceived at €20,000 nominations

3 other Gr.1 winners in 12 months

INCARVILLE
1st Prix Saint-Alary-Gr.1

AUDARYA
1st Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf-Gr.1
1st Prix de l’Abbaye de Longchamp-Gr.1

The latter pair were conceived at €4,000
and €6,000 nominations respectively!

BREEDING INSIGHTS: Coolmore’s sires attract the world’s best

Group/Grade 1 winners scanned in foal to Wootton Bassett in 2021 included Albigna, Alexandrova, Awesome Maria, Bracelet, Clemmie, Curvy, Deirdre, Fancy Blue, Found, Immortal Verse, Mabs Cross, Miss Yoda, Nickname, Peeping Fawn, Proviso, The Fugue and Was.

Also in foal are the dams of Group/Grade 1 winners Audarya, Channel, Golden Horde, Limato, Line Of Duty, Mukhadram, One Master, Sioux Nation, Snowfall, Technician, Tenebrism, Tepin and Zoustar.

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Some of his best winners in 2021 include G1 Derby and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. hero Adayar (Ire) (Frankel [GB]), G1 Irish Derby, G1 St Leger, and G1 Grand Prix de Paris victor Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel [GB]) and Native Trail (GB) (Oasis Dream [GB]), who won a brace of juvenile Group 1s.

Appleby said, “It’s huge for myself and the team at Moulton Paddocks. Most importantly, from the get-go back in 2013, we set our stall out on what we’d like to try to achieve and that was getting the success back into Godolphin and getting the big race winners on the board, while also taking on stallions and broodmares to bolster the future.

“We began growing steadily with winners and then the nicer horses started to come into the yard. Thankfully, we’ve been able to make the most of it. The success over the last three to four years has improved year on year after a breakthrough year in 2018 with Masar (Ire) winning the Derby and Cross Counter (Ire) winning the G1 Melbourne Cup.

“Going into the start of this season we were confident our 3-year-olds had wintered well as 2-year-olds, but like everyone in the spring you’re trying to get a feeling of what you’re dealing with. We felt early doors that our middle distance horses were coming to the fore and on the evidence of the trials we were very competitive. We went on to win the Derby, the Irish Derby, the King George and ended up with the St Leger on British soil, so we really did tick all the boxes.”

Creative Force (Ire) (Dubawi [Ire]) captured the G1 British Champion Sprint S. for Appleby, who added, “I’d have to say the King George win gave us the most satisfaction this year. We were very lucky to win the Derby again, but to repeat history in terms of Adayar going on to win the King George, which hadn’t been done in 20 years, that was a very proud moment for the team. A lot of people here at Moulton Paddocks took a lot of pleasure from that.”

Overall, Appleby has had 113 domestic winners, at a strike rate of 29%, and 196 places in 2021 from 389 runs.

Newmarket-based jockey Buick, retained rider for Appleby and close runner-up in this year’s Flat Jockeys’ Championship, said, “It’s a fantastic achievement for Charlie and very well deserved. I feel very privileged to be working so closely with him and the great team at Moulton Paddocks and Godolphin. Charlie’s management of his horses and team has been a pleasure to witness and his CV as a young trainer is outstanding. Many congratulations Charlie.”

Charlie’s wife, Aisling, said, “As a family all five of us are very proud of Charlie and this award. He may have missed a few Pony Club meets and bath times but this makes it all worthwhile.” Cont. p5
Appleby Cont.

Hugh Anderson, Chief Operating Officer at Godolphin (UK and Dubai) said, “Everyone at Godolphin is delighted for Charlie and very proud of his success this season. It has been a superb year for Godolphin and he has led the charge with his handling of superstars like Adayar, Hurricane Lane and Native Trail as well as his exceptional campaigning across the Atlantic and elsewhere. He fully deserves the accolade of champion trainer and now joins the greats of the sport. We couldn’t be happier for him and his whole team.”

Appleby’s trio of Breeders’ Cup winners were: Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Juvenile Turf, Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Mile and Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Turf. That threesome joined earlier Grade I winners at Woodbine among his outstanding season of international scorers: Albahr (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Summer S., Wild Beauty (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in the GI Natalma S. and Walton Street (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the GI Pattison Canadian International S.

Adrian Beaumont said, “It has been an amazing year for international racing, especially given the extra protocols caused by Covid. British based trainers have won major races in Bahrain, Canada, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and the States as well as throughout Europe. It is remarkable that John and Thady Gosden won the world’s richest race, the Saudi Cup with Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}), but didn’t win our award due to Charlie Appleby’s stellar season.”

**GOLD CUP DEFENCE FOR SUBJECTIVIST AS SIR RON PRIESTLEY RETIRED**

Dual Group 1 winner Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), who was injured in training in July, is aiming for a title defence of the G1 Gold Cup in June. The 4-year-old won the G1 Prix Royal-Oak, G2 Dubai Gold Cup and Gold Cup in succession before his plans were derailed for the season.

“Subjectivist is still here at Kingsley Park and there are no immediate plans for retirement,” said trainer Mark Johnston. “It is well publicised that an injury came to light soon after he won this year’s Ascot Gold Cup and there is no doubt that that injury is career threatening but, in the absence of a suitable job at stud, we will make an attempt to bring him back for the Royal meeting next year.

“As the clock ticks by towards the 2022 covering season it looks likely that he will still be here in the New Year and returning to training.”

Regarding Sir Ron Priestley (GB) (Australia {GB}--Reckoning {GB}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}), who won both the G2 Princess of Wales’s S. and G2 Jockey Club S. this year besides running second in the 2019 G1 St. Leger and third in the 2021 G1 Goodwood Cup S., Johnston added, “His three-parts brother, Sir Ron Priestley, on the other hand, will definitely be retired. He is also currently still with us but it is hoped that he will shortly be departing for France where he will take up stud duties.”

**BLACKMORE FAVOURED TO WIN WORLD SPORT STAR TITLE**

Jumps jockey Rachael Blackmore has been nominated in the World Sport Star category at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards. Blackmore will be competing against tennis superstar Novak Djokovic and American football quarterback Tom Brady, boxer Saul ‘Canelo’ Alvarez, Formula One star Max Verstappen and Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah.

The first woman to win the Cheltenham Champion Jockey title on the back of six wins during the festival including Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire})’s G1 Champion Hurdle victory, Blackmore also was the first female jockey to win the G3 Grand National aboard Minella Times (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}) in April.

Nicola McGeady of Ladbrokes said, “Rachael Blackmore goes up against a list of global superstars in a bid to become the BBC World Sports Star of the Year. Her rivals have all achieved incredible things, but we think Blackmore comes out on top after she became the first female to win the Grand National.”

Voting has opening for the award and will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 14, with the winner announced live on Dec. 19.
FEARGHAL HOGAN JOINS MANTON PARK STALLIONS

Fearghal Hogan has been appointed the Nominations and Bloodstock Manager of Manton Park Stallions. A graduate of the Irish National Stud Course, Hogan also worked for Coolmore America and Goffs prior to spending three years in the nominations and sales department of Ballyhane Stud. He began at Manton Park on Dec. 1, 2021.

“Fearghal brings to the position a great deal of experience and thorough knowledge of both the racing and breeding sectors,” Manton Park’s owner, Martyn Meade, said. “He will be a tremendous asset to the team here and has developed a good reputation amongst breeders through many years of experience within the sector.”

“It is an exciting opportunity to work with this calibre of stallions which doesn’t arise every day,” Hogan said. “I am delighted to take on this new challenge.”

PROMOTING RACING IS EVERYONE’S DUTY

By Lachlan Pethica

In Global Views, Godolphin Flying Start trainees provide insight into practices experienced and observations taken on their worldwide travels. Trainee Lachlan Pethica discusses ways the industry can attract new fans.

Attracting a new and diverse audience is of paramount importance if racing’s popularity is to avoid demise. This remains a topical discussion in the industry and is being acted upon across the world; however, individual participants must collaborate to ensure the ongoing success of the sport.

To an ‘insider’, our industry is often perceived as open and accessible, where passionate people can interact with the stars of the show both equine and human. In some respects this is true; however, to the uninitiated person, racing can undoubtedly appear opaque and uninviting. Take the paddock on race day for example; people dressed in their finery stand amongst the stars of the show, with little to no interaction with everyday racegoers. This symbolic divide represents those ‘in the know’ and those not so learned. Our sport’s complex race card and jargon do not promote inclusion and instead have the potential to scare away newcomers. If we can expand what it means to be ‘a racing person’, we’ll move swiftly towards a brighter future.

The term ‘racing person’ is to many a badge of honour and rightly so; we’re all proud to be involved in this great game. We’re an industry of committed and passionate people.

CELTIC ART TOPS TATTERSALLS ASCOT DECEMBER SALE

Celtic Art (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) (lot 36) topped the Tattersalls Ascot December Sale when purchased by Tom Malone Bloodstock and Jeremy Scott for £39,000. The winning 4-year-old has been placed at Group 3 level and listed level during his career and he was offered by Whatcombe Stables.

Second on the leaderboard was lot 38, the 2-year-old gelding Sen Ding (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). Stuart Williams snapped up the Castledillon Stud-consigned grandson of stake winner Al Ihtithar (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) for £26,000.

Of the 89 lots catalogued and 68 offered, 50 sold (74%) for a gross of £277,100. The average was £5,542 and the median was £2,450.
Global Views Cont.

At times, though, one must wonder if our industry is too much a coterie which appears out of bounds to others. If we can expand our horizons on what it means to be 'a racing person' and foster a greater sense of belonging, we’ll be far better placed for what will be a challenging future. The more we open the door and remove the veil of secrecy and some of the barriers of entry to our sport, the sooner we open the door to a new and diverse audience.

Many in the industry have already recognised this opportunity. Take for example the Irish National Stud and its Irish Racehorse Experience, which is as awe-inducing to an 8-year-old as undoubtedly it is for a 68-year-old. The tourist attraction opened earlier this year to rave reviews, taking visitors on a journey from the birth of a foal through the sales, onto a trainer and eventually into the winner’s circle. Visitors are taught about the life cycle of the horse, the incredible physiological capacity of Thoroughbreds, equipment and tack and even the history of ‘the punt.’ For conventional ‘racing people’ and the less experienced alike, this is a phenomenally enjoyable experience which is invaluable to our industry. The more touchpoints we can have with young people throughout their development and older folk alike, the better positioned we are as an industry to convert them into regular racegoers and participants.

Programmes such as the Newmarket Pony Academy help to foster an understanding of the horse, not just racing. Targeted at primary school-aged children, the programme offers a week-long experience to local schools and combines essential learning such as reading and writing with horses and their care as the principal focus. Based in the heart of the British Racing School, participants are indirectly exposed to racing, building an appreciation for both the leisure and the racing horse. The deeper the relationship with the horse, the better positioned our industry is to convert young people into racing fans. Any opportunity we can give children to learn about and enjoy horses, the better served our industry is.

The power of these initiatives is immense, but without industry buy-in their impact is limited. It is incumbent upon every industry participant to acknowledge the benefits of an open relationship with the public. The divisive undertones of our sport are harmful to our future and in changing times, we too must adapt. We should be promoting our work to the masses to humanise our industry; the rise of digital initiatives like Thoroughbred Tales is a demonstration of what can be achieved through openness and humanisation. No longer is it acceptable to be passive; every participant has a duty to promote racing to the best of their ability and foster interest. We’re an industry of excitement which people from a host of backgrounds are intrigued by. To convert these people to new racegoers and participants, and retain them, we must work to avoid our parochial tendencies.

Many will point to the success of syndicates as a measure of racing’s changing ways; this is undeniable. Is there enough cultural diversity among these newcomers? Changing the definition of what it means to be ‘a racing person’ can only serve to grow our influence in broader societal groups. No longer can we allow the status quo to stymie our future growth. It’s time for racing and its participants to show their wares to a group beyond the current microcosm. Our future depends on it.

First-Season Sires

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021:

United Kingdom

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
19:00-Southwell, 7f, Coast (GB)
14,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2020;
20,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford
155 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners
18:30-Southwell, 7f, Government (Ire)
£37,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2020; €48,720 Arqana Deauville 2yo Breeze Up 2021

Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Irish National Stud
46 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
19:00-Southwell, 7f, My Brother Jack (Ire)
BROTHE TO ZABEEL PRINCE STEPS ON TO THE TAPETA

7.0 Southwell, Novice, £6,800, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT)

TEUMESSIAS FOX (IRE) (Lope de Vega {IRE}) is the 10th foal out of Princess Serena (Unbridled’s Song), who has produced the G1 Prix d’Ispahan hero Zabeel Prince (Ire) by this sire, as well as the multiple Group 1-placed Puissance de Lune (Ire) (Shamardal) and her G2 Middleton S.-winning full-sister Queen Power (Ire).

Like the latter, the April-foaled chestnut carries the King Power Racing silks with Andrew Balding committing him to the newly-laid Tapeta where he encounters Juddmonte’s 310,000gns purchase from the Tattersalls October Book 2 Sale, the John and Thady Gosden-trained fellow newcomer Nazca (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a grandson of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Pure Grain (GB) (Polish Precedent).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Arctician (IRE), c, 3, Dark Angel (IRE)--Atlantic Drift (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-6, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.49. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-3, $30,091. B-Newells Park Stud (IRE).

**MGSP-Ire.

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Just Albert (GB), g, 4, Toronado (Ire)--Deire Na Sli (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Aussie Rules. Wolverhampton, 12-6, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:03.81. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, $5,266. B-The National Stud (GB). *$16,000gns RNA Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; 6,500gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT.

IN JAPAN:
Trnava (Ire), f, 2, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Bratislava (GB), by Dr Fong. Hanshin, 12-5, Novice Race, 9fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $69,912. O-Godolphin; B-John Grogan & Lope de Vega Syndicate (Ire); T-Takashi Saito. **€150,000 Wlg ‘19 GOFNOV. **½ to Katla (Ire) (Majestic Missile {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Ire, SW-Eng, GSP-Fr, $233,132; and Rapid Reaction (Ire) (Shamardal), GSP-Ire.

Summer Tryst (Ire), f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Midsummer Fair (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn, $1,182,998), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). Chukyo, 12-5, Chukyo Nikkei Sho, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, $292,212. O/B-Godolphin (Ire); T-Hideaki Fujiwara.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MCGRATH TO HEAD UP SHEN YOU HOLDINGS

Former Managing Director of Tony Fung Horse Investments and Aquis Farm CEO, Shane McGrath, has taken up the position of Executive Director for Shen You Holdings Limited. McGrath has been a well-established figure in the Australasian bloodstock industry for over 20 years having held senior bloodstock positions at Eliza Park, Coolmore Australia and within the Aquis Farm Group.

“I will forever be grateful for the opportunity afforded to me by the Fung Family and the Aquis Group, they always showed great faith in our selection process, and we have cherished every success along the way,” McGrath said. “When this opportunity presented itself, I could not consider the role until I had spoken to Mr. Fung. He has been incredibly good to me and my family and we have parted ways as friends and with his blessing. Shen You Holdings have exciting plans over the coming years, and I am honoured that they have entrusted me to head the company and drive our significant investment into a truly buoyant domestic market.”

McGrath will assume his new role in the first week of January at the 2022 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.
## Cumulative Leading Second-Crop Sires by Earnings

For stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Dec. 5

*Earnings represent European figures, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.*

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TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021

Barry Bowditch
Magic Millions

ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR MAGIC MILLIONS

by Bren O’Brien

Buyers, vendors and other Australian-based members of the thoroughbred industry are set to have relatively unrestricted access to travel to Queensland to attend next month’s Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, after the state government confirmed it would be opening its borders earlier than expected.

Queensland was initially expected to fully open its borders to New South Wales, Victoria and other hotspot areas on Dec. 17, but with its race to reach a level of 80% double vaccination ahead of schedule, it will now open from 1 a.m. AEST on Monday, Dec. 13.

That confirms that industry participants from all over Australia will be able to enter Queensland by either road or air to attend the much-anticipated Sale, which begins on the Gold Coast on Jan. 11, as long as they are double vaccinated and have provided a negative COVID-19 test prior to their arrival in the state. There will also be additional testing requirements while they are in Queensland.

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What Will Change?

The Queensland Government provided the following guidelines around entry into Queensland from Dec. 13.

- Queensland will reopen its borders to COVID hotspots including NSW, Victoria, ACT and Adelaide at 1 a.m. AEST on Monday Dec. 13 with people able to enter via road or air, providing they are fully vaccinated, have a border pass and have not travelled further than the designated border zone. Border passes are valid for 14 days.
- Unvaccinated residents will be restricted to travel for the limited essential reasons that currently exist in Queensland.

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Specifically around international travellers to Queensland, the State government said it won't fully open the borders to those travelling from overseas yet:

- International arrivals must be fully vaccinated and return a negative COVID test within 72 hours of departure, they will be required to get a test on arrival and must go into home or hotel quarantine for 14 days.

**Relief for Border Areas**

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said she anticipated Queensland would hit 90% fully vaccinated by mid-January at which point further restrictions may be eased.

Travel into Queensland is expected to ramp up significantly ahead of Christmas and police will be conducting compliance checks at and around borders. Those disregarding the directive will face heavy fines of $4,135.

Monday will also see a significant opening up of travel between border communities on Queensland and New South Wales.

"From Monday, vaccinated border zone residents will be able to move freely across the border for any reason," Premier Palaszczuk said.

"You will need a border pass and the border pass will run for 14 days--but you will not need a test.

"We know that it has been extremely difficult for our border communities and we're hoping to provide some greater flexibility and freedom of movement for those communities."

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