VALUE SIRES, PART V: FIRST SOPHOMORES IN '22

by Chris McGrath

So, finally, we come to a group of stallions that has at least offered some initial indication of their competence actually to produce a runner. Not that the market tends to enjoy this process! Its nervousness about sires at this stage of their career makes it easy to see why so much investment is instead concentrated in that period of grace when they haven't yet been exposed in such heartless fashion.

Yes, the one or two that are prompt to seize their chance are instantly on their way: their second crop soars at the sales, their fees are hiked, and their next books are oversubscribed. Those that miss out on early headlines, in contrast, find themselves in danger of being discarded almost as hastily. Never mind that some of them could never have been sensibly expected to come up with precocious stock and never mind that a game-changing difference can be made by a single high achiever, wildly distorting an essential parity in underlying ratios. (As such, moreover, it can come down to sheer luck whether or not a particular sire's best prospect happens to get across that highwire of health and soundness).

In fairness, there's a corollary to the complaint that the monster books herded by so many rookie sires are excessive. Because so long as that remains the case, then actually it's pretty reasonable to reach a few conclusions according to the fortunes of their debut crops. Cont. p3

UNDER MICROSCOPE OF HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE, RACING AT LAUREL A ‘GO'

by T.D. Thornton

Amid glowing opinions from stakeholders that the work-in-progress new dirt surface at Laurel Park has improved dramatically after eight equine fatalities from main-track fractures there this autumn, racing has been greenlighted to proceed as scheduled Dec. 16 for the first time in 18 days.

The Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) determined during a Tuesday tele-meeting that it didn't technically need to take a vote for racing to resume, but the board made sure to solicit ample feedback from jockeys, trainers, track executives, track surface consultants and veterinarians before issuing a verbal approval for Thursday's already-drawn card.

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“Pretty good value at his opening fee, as the market has immediately confirmed. He looked great value, last year, at $35,000. So what can we call him at $30,000? ...this is a very generous fee.”

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Value Sires, Part V (cont. from p1)

New sires are given so much opportunity that it really can’t be very auspicious if they draw a complete blank.

A single juvenile campaign is not enough, obviously, to make judgements of that kind. In the meantime, however, I’m always happy to share the interest of the rest of the community when a stallion appears to make a valid statement with his first runners. It’s perfectly coherent to believe, on the one hand, that way too many mares are sent to unproven sires and that those stallions who capitalize are nonetheless legitimately deserving of attention.

And, besides, it’s also fitting to celebrate their success simply because it’s so very tough, for these farms, to get any young stallion established in such an impatient, neurotic environment. So, hats off to Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) for confounding assumptions about the amount of time his stock might need. In the process, however, he has catapulted his fee to $125,000 from $50,000, and rewarded those who stuck with him after he had opened at $70,000.

The only stallion in this group to have started higher (at $75,000) had been the tragic Arrogate (Unbridled’s Song), whose posthumous fortunes show how very differently things can unfold for horses with similar eligibility on paper. Himself a late developer, Arrogate has so far been represented by a pretty timid bunch: no winners before September, and zero black-type. There’s no reason at all, of course, why his maturing stock shouldn’t still prove worthy of his legacy. In the meantime, however, their contrasting fortunes show how precarious is the quest for value. We have to compromise between those sires that retain our faith even if, like Arrogate, they haven’t produced overnight dividends and those that can at least comfort us with some viable momentum, pending any breakthrough.
Cupid (Tapit), for instance, must ride out a bump in his road after plummeting from 223 mares to 53 in his second book. Both figures were equally extreme, but maybe he can continue to eke sufficient credit from his debut crop to make a sustainable revival at what is now a basement fee. Such are the volatilities challenging these stallions. By the same token, the rewards for catching a rising tide now—when many are available at dwindling fees—will be proportionately greater. Here, as subjective as ever, is the choice of one bystander.

Bubbling under: There’s a case for arguing that Practical Joke (Into Mischief) remains value even at his new fee of $35,000, up from $22,500. If the “pipeline” counts for anything, he’s in business, having actually corralled his biggest book yet at Ashford last spring despite serving 608 mares through his first three seasons. And that was before his first crop put him behind only Gun Runner in the earnings table. The action duly continued at the sales, where his second crop (sold 84 of 92) hit it out of the park at an average $162,472—up from $120,243 with his first crop, a rare distinction.

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Strictly on the racetrack, however, he has been matched stride for stride by **Connect** (*Curlin*). Each has 24 winners, from virtually the same number of starters (68 and 65), including five black-type performers apiece. **Practical Joke** has four winners at that level, compared with just two for **Connect**—but both of those are graded stakes scorers, including Classic prospect **Rattle N Roll** (GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity). Albeit **Connect** can’t yet match **Practical Joke** in the sales ring, he has earned a hike to $25,000 from $15,000 at Lane’s End.

No denying that **Mastery** (*Candy Ride* {Arg}) has yet to find his stride. We thought him attractively priced, starting out, at $25,000—and sure enough, he processed his first yearlings at a handsome $129,421. He has had 11 winners so far, and no black-type, but I remain confident he will come good with maturing stock. In the meantime, Claiborne’s extremely generous fee cut, to just $10,000, gives breeders every incentive to keep the faith.

A word, too, for **Astern** (*Aus*) (*Medaglia d’Oro*). His exotic profile has evidently defeated some imaginations, at the sales, but he has made a very purposeful start where it counts—as many as five black-type performers, in fact, from his dozen winners to date. If he can build on that, hopefully, he will start getting due recognition on $10,000 at Darley.

**Bronze: CLASSIC EMPIRE** (*Pioneerof The Nile*–*Sambuca Classica* by *Cat Thief*), $17,500, Ashford

Perhaps this wouldn’t be the most obvious of the four Coolmore sires in the top seven of the freshman’s table. His fee has halved since starting out, and he mustered not even half the fourth book of **Practical Joke**. But, he has actually made a pretty solid start out on the track and, with a pedigree that entitles his stock to keep developing, this might be an opportune moment to take a roll of the dice.
His first crop, standing fourth by earnings, has matched *Practical Joke* and *Connect* with five black-type performers (including a GII Adirondack S. runner-up), only from fewer runners. His 19 winners from 57 starters meanwhile represents a similar base ratio, leaving *Classic Empire* deficient only in the kind of headline acts that so often make or break a young stallion’s career. But he might well have found one of those in Rocket Dawg, who started repaying his $375,000 yearling tag when impressing on debut for Brad Cox at Churchill last month. A couple of days later the $550,000 2-year-old, Classy Edition, extended her unbeaten start for Todd Pletcher with a second stakes win.

Those were just a couple of late-season straws in the wind. Having excelled both in the ring and on the track, however, they represent a sample of the kind of stock that could quickly turn round the four consecutive fee cuts suffered by their sire. Over the years, the yearling market has acclaimed eventual duds as routinely as it has underrated sires of real potency. And if *Classic Empire* has so far achieved only a modest commercial yield, then his sliding fee has at least maintained sufficient traffic (321 mares across the last three seasons) to keep him in the game as he starts to draw out some exemplary old-school flavors in his pedigree.

Remember how *Classic Empire* unseated his rider leaving the gate in the GI Hopeful S.? The opening was gratefully seized by his future studmate *Practical Joke*, but it was *Classic Empire* who regrouped to be champ. Maybe he could yet do something similar now.

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**VALUE SIRES: FIRST JUVENILES IN ’22**

**Silver:** MO TOWN (Uncle Mo--Grazie Mille by Bernardini) $7,500 Ashford

Now here’s a guy whose every trajectory is climbing sharply-- with the solitary exception of his fee, which is 40% down on his opening $12,500. Time, in other words, for breeders to catch a rising tide... In 2020, down to $10,000, he received 108 partners. Last spring, however, came a transformation: encouraged by Uncle Mo’s flying start as a sire of sires, no fewer than 204 mares profited from another reduction in his fee (partly, of course, a Covid concession). So whatever Mo Town can do with his first couple of crops, he is going to be far better placed than most to consolidate.

In the meantime, moreover, Mo Town has made a fine debut at the yearling sales, processing 70 of 78 at an average $60,250. And his stock is entitled to land running...

Momentum is exactly what Mo Town has now, at a stage in his career when most rivals are nervously treading water.

*Chris McGrath, TDN, Dec. 13th 2021*
Silver: **UNIFIED** (Candy Ride (Arg)--Union City by Dixie Union), $10,000, Lane’s End

The other steps on the podium go to a couple that could heat up a slightly tepid commercial reception for their yearlings, now that they are beginning to offer a more meaningful gauge of their ability to recycle their excellence. **Unified**, in contrast, has achieved an absolutely unmissable momentum at auction. Sure, his first crop has performed with ample credit on the track. His 15 winners from 41 starters include three who scored at black-type level. These include two-for-two Behave Virginia, winner of the Debutante S. at Churchill, and three-for-three **Unified** Result, a $33,000 yearling who has bossed the Louisiana-bred scene.

And that was consistent with the dash **Unified** had shown in his own career, despite never making the track himself at two. He landed running with a 99 Beyer, clocked 1:47.14 in the GI Peter Pan, and missed the GI Carter H. by just a neck. And he has the physique and pedigree for his first sophomores to stretch that speed, too.

However, the really staggering advance made by **Unified** since this time last year is the performance of his second crop at the yearling sales. He sold 39 out of 40 into the ring, an unbelievable ratio, for an average $66,846--dizzily multiplying a fee that has, unusually enough, remained constant throughout. Remember that stallions are typically flattered by sales statistics, in that their averages “reward” them for failing to sell their least attractive stock. (Sure, you also have to factor in the occasional ambitious reserve for better models—but the principle stands.) Remember also that almost all stallions absorb considerable erosion in yearling values between their first and second crops, yet **Unified** elevated his by almost exactly half from $43,390. In the meantime, he had already turned round the slide so familiar in a young stallion’s books.
After shrinking from 152 mares in his debut year (basically oversubscribed, by the commendably restrained standards of this farm) to 102 and then 68, Unified was right back up to 144 last spring.

It's extremely unusual for a stallion at this stage of his career to be accelerating like this, without the kind of racetrack breakout we've seen from Gun Runner. All this buzz about Unified can hardly be attributed to ninth in the freshman's championship, and zero graded stakes action to date. People are plainly loving what they are seeing, in flesh and blood. If his first crop can build on a promising start, then, and his second can run anything like they must look, this fee will be one of many things left in the rear-view mirror.

**Gold: GORMLEY** (Malibu Moon--Race to Urga by Bernstein), $7,500, Spendthrift

Pretty unusual for a commercial farm like this actually to increase the fee of a freshman lurking only 10th in the earnings table, but there are general and specific reasons to think that Gormley represents a value play right now.

He was, of course, among 15 of 21 stallions on this roster to receive business-like cuts this time last year. If that has residually given Spendthrift a consistent presence in this series, so be it.

However, let's not pretend that cutting Gormley again to $5,000 (from $7,500; opened at $10,000) was purely a COVID concession. He had processed the yearlings from a hefty debut book of 180 at a disappointing yield—a median of only $20,000 was pretty disastrous against their conception fee—and traffic had begun to erode, albeit a total 199 covers across years two and three keeps him amply in the game.
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There has been a definite turn in the tide since. True, Gormley again rather struggled for traction at the yearling sales, but pinhookers should have remembered some of the punches he landed in the 2-year-old market (where his maturing stock doubled their yearling average). However, his fourth book rallied to 158 mares, significantly bucking the trend. That will really help him to consolidate, should his opening crops start to outrun their yearling profile out on the track. And that is exactly what I think could happen, judging from the fact that only class leader Gun Runner and Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), who has bombarded the hectic European juvenile sprint program with no fewer than 78 starters, can beat Gormley with a fourth graded/group performer.

Gormley’s trio include GII Saratoga Special romper High Oak, who disappeared (reportedly with injury) after what felt like a disappointing fourth in the GI Hopeful S. and is evidently still considered a Derby prospect. The others finished runner-up in the GIII Sanford S. (this was the $550,000 juvenile, Headline Report, the top colt by a freshman at OBS March) and GIII Pocahontas S., respectively.

In other words, his first wave was featuring prominently in the kind of races that start shaking down the leading summer juveniles. And it’s not just the fact that Gormley himself added the GI Santa Anita Derby to a juvenile Grade I success that encourages one to think that his 20 winners to date, from 57 starters, will keep progressing.

Because if the turf elements in Gormley’s pedigree contributed to commercial wariness, then their sheer class is going to shine through his stock with maturity and, in some cases, maybe distance too. His family is inlaid with both toughness and flair, ideal to carry speed through the kind of races we all covet most. In fact, I’m not sure too many in this group are more eligible to sire a Classic type. Okay, Gun Runner. But you can now get 17 Gormleys for the price of one of those. Admittedly, Malibu Moon left one critical gap in his legacy, thanks to a preponderance of females and geldings among his best performers. Here, in the nick of time, could yet be the heir he deserved.
Under Microscope of Heightened Vigilance, Racing at Laurel a 'Go' (cont. from p1)

The meeting’s most insightful commentary was provided by commissioner R. Thomas Bowman, a veterinarian who chairs the MRC’s Equine Health, Safety and Welfare Advisory Committee. He spoke bluntly and candidly while outlining a plan for how future horse deaths might be prevented.

“Transparency and trust and cooperation have not always been part of the culture on the racetrack,” Bowman said, noting how the financial interests of horse people and track managements have too often trumped health considerations.

“The safety of the horses and the riders has quite often been put in the background,” Bowman said. “That's not an accusation, and it's not an indication of what exists now. That's just a fact of a way that we have evolved over a long, long time...”

“There doesn't seem to be any indication, in my mind, that there is any party or parties that are not willing to step up and try to straighten this situation out,” Bowman said. “And it’s a daunting task.

“One of the things that bothered me the most, and still bothers me, is the fact that this last collection of tragedies should have been forewarned when the horsemen started screaming that the racetrack was too fast,” Bowman said. “I’m not pointing a finger at anybody. I’m saying that the process with which this information filters upstream to the commission...was not effective, was not working. And it irritates me to death that we have to go through this.”

Bowman said that since the Nov. 29 shutdown of the track, he has worked with backstretch stakeholders and executives from The Stronach Group (which owns the Maryland Jockey Club [MJC], which in turn owns Laurel) to come up with system that will allow everyone involved to have safety-related input that will be monitored on a regular basis.
“If the trainers had felt that they could go to someone and their complaints were not just dismissed, possibly we could have circumvented a lot of this,” Bowman said.

Bowman said the idea of having a weekly required meeting to accomplish that goal was first proposed, but that he wasn’t in favor of having stakeholders air concerns that way because public meetings aren’t always conducive to people speaking candidly.

Instead, he said he’s working on a plan in which Heidi Thomas, the MJC’s senior veterinarian, will actively make the rounds on the backstretch to routinely speak with horse people, other veterinarians, riders, and track executives before fashioning what they say into concise feedback that will be directly related to the MRC and its own team of veterinarians.

“That will give some sort of public voice to people that are concerned,” Bowman said. “That will help out. But even more important is trying to get a process where we don’t have to wait until we see the broken legs before we start recognizing problems, and that’s some sort of an early warning system...

“I don’t think this is the end of this process. I think it’s the beginning of the process. But at least it will give horsemen a chance to express themselves and know it’s going to go somewhere,” Bowman said.

MRC chairman Michael Algeo agreed, “This is a new beginning, as Tom said. Maybe a watershed moment. We’re going to stay on this on a regular basis, because we can’t allow [equine injuries or deaths] to continue to happen."

The cluster of fatalities is the latest safety blow at Laurel. After years of freeze/thaw and drainage troubles, the main track was in such bad shape last spring that Laurel ceased racing Apr. 11 to begin an emergency overhaul, which involved a multi-million-dollar rebuild from the base up.

When racing resumed at Laurel Sept. 9, the main track had no apparent safety issues. However, the onset of cold weather revealed problems with seams in the base of the homestretch, then the cushion atop that layer needed substantial reworking to give it more body and depth.

“There’s been a huge, huge learning curve with this material and this track from when it was put in in July to right now,” said Chris Bosley, the MJC’s track superintendent. “We know that we still have a long way to go. But we’re working with every industry expert we possibly can [and] we’re not going to stop until this thing is perfect. And once it is perfect, we’re going to do everything that we can to keep it the same, to keep it perfect.”

Two among that team of consultants have firsthand knowledge of Laurel: John Passero, who used to be the MJC’s track superintendent several decades ago, and Glen Kozak, who served in that same capacity in the mid-2000s before being hired by the New York Racing Association and eventually promoted to the senior vice president of operations and capital projects.

“This is a changed racetrack,” Passero said. “They’re adding a more medium-coarse sand to give it some body. We’re going back to a system that I used to use—plenty of depth. It seems to be very kind to horses. I look at it, and I look at the hoofprints, and I rode the tractors. I think we’re definitely heading in the right direction [and] I think it can only get better.”

Added Kozak, “It’s certainly trending in the right direction.... The products that are being used on the track are on-site, so this is something that can continue in getting this thing prepared for winter racing. It certainly is a different track than it was a week ago when I saw it, and it all seems like it’s heading in the right direction.”

Tim Keefe, the president of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association, said, “I think we’re definitely in a much better place than we were.”

Jockey Xavier Perez said, “The difference on the surface of the track is 20 times better than what it was.”

Fellow rider Victor Carrasco concurred. “I feel like the track is in great shape,” he said.

But Carrasco added that moving forward, it’s the responsibility of jockeys and exercise riders to let trainers know if a horse has soundness issues or doesn’t feel right instead of saying nothing and letting another person get on a potentially dangerous mount.

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AMBITUOUS SCHEDULE FOR GOLDEN PAL TO INCLUDE TRIP TO AUSTRALIA by Bill Finley

Coolmore and trainer Wesley Ward have started to put together a 2022 schedule for their star grass sprinter Golden Pal (Uncle Mo) and it’s likely to include at least two trips abroad.

With an eye on showcasing the colt and future stallion to as many people as possible around the world, Coolmore is planning on running Golden Pal in the June 14 G1 King’s Stand S. at Royal Ascot, as well as a yet-to-be-determined race in Australia.

Golden Pal has raced twice in Europe, finishing second in the 2020 G2 Norfolk S. and seventh in the 2021 G1 Coolmore Wootton Bassett Nunthorpe S. at York. A trip to Australia would be a first for this year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint winner.

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“The Americans think he’s the best sprinter in the world,” Coolmore’s Tom Magnier told RSN. “If they think Golden Pal is the best sprinter in the world, maybe we need to bring him here to Australia.”

“We are planning a schedule for next year and it will include a trip to Australia at some stage,” Ward added. “They want to open up the Southern Hemisphere market for him so far as a stallion goes. We will look into whatever races are available. The race in Australia will probably be after the Breeders’ Cup. It’s hard to plan a year out with a racehorse. But, we do want to race in the Southern Hemisphere with this horse. If the boys from down under get to see him race and see how great a racehorse he is, that would open up a lot of doors.”

Ward also said that Golden Pal could have a dirt race at some point during his 2022 campaign. He has raced just once on the dirt, winning a 4 1/2-furlong race last year at Keeneland.

“To me, he’s equally as good on the dirt as he is on the grass, so we’re also going to be looking at possibly running him on the dirt after Ascot,” Ward said. “If he shows on the dirt what he has showed on the grass, it opens up another market for him as a stallion.”

Golden Pal’s 4-year-old campaign is also set to include a return appearance in the Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint, which will be run at Keeneland.

FEINSTEIN ASKS CHRB FOR ‘THOROUGH, TRANSPARENT INVESTIGATION’ INTO MEDINA SPIRIT’S DEATH

California Senator Dianne Feinstein called on the California Horse Racing Board to conduct a “thorough, transparent and independent investigation” into the death of GI Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit (Protonico) in a letter to CHRB Executive Director Scott Chaney sent from her office Monday.

The letter reads:

“As the California Horse Racing Board proceeds with the investigation into the jarring death of Medina Spirit, I urge you to ensure such efforts are thorough, transparent, and independent of any outside influence. Further, I ask that you provide my staff with regular updates on the investigation and any recommended actions necessary to prevent additional fatalities.

“As you well know, Medina Spirit is one of 71 racehorses who have died at California racing facilities thus far in 2021. While this represents a reduction in deaths from prior years, it is apparent that more work is necessary to prevent these tragic fatalities. The continuation of racehorse deaths across the country illustrates why states’ cooperation is especially critical to support the implementation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. As you know, this law establishes national, uniform safety standards for horse racing, which will take effect on July 1, 2022.

“I recognize that Governor Newsom and the CHRB have worked to improve the safety of horse racing, and I expect this matter will be treated with the seriousness and professionalism it deserves. As a lifelong horse-enthusiast, I appreciate your prioritizing the welfare of racehorses. Your oversight role in this investigation and beyond is critical to protecting these horses and strengthening the integrity of the sport. Please let me know if I can be helpful.”
FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES PAY TRIBUTE TO SAM HUFF AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

“Sam Huff saved the Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry in West Virginia.”

That declaration was made by Ken Lowe, the chairman of the West Virginia Racing Commission, as approximately 150 friends and business acquaintances gathered Monday afternoon at the Middleburg Community Center in Middleburg, Va. to pay tribute to Robert Lee “Sam” Huff. The Pro Football Hall of Fame football player and Thoroughbred owner and breeder died Nov. 13 from complications of dementia in Winchester, Va.

Lowe was one of several speakers at the service, which was held just a few furlongs from the farm where Huff lived on with his longtime partner Carol Holden.

Among them was J.W. Marriott, Jr., the 89-year-old executive chairman of Marriott International, who fondly recalled Huff’s long association with the company as the vice president for special markets. He told the story about Huff’s persistent request for one of the parking spots at Marriott headquarters that were reserved for Marriott board members. Shortly after Mr. Marriott granted Huff’s wish, several other vice presidents complained. So, Mr. Marriott told those who complained that those spots were reserved “for board members and anyone else in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.”

Frank Herzog, one of Huff’s longtime radio broadcast partners covering the Washington Redskins, shared tales of their time together in press boxes across the country. (Huff spent more than 30 years as a broadcaster for the team.)

The 35th edition of the West Virginia Breeders Classics, co-founded by Holden and Huff in 1987, was held Oct. 9. The event has now generated more than $29 million in purses for the breeders and horsemen of West Virginia. In recent years, Huff served as the chairman emeritus; Holden still serves as president.

Lowe read an official resolution honoring Huff from the West Virginia Racing Commission that read in part:

“Sam Huff’s efforts grew the West Virginia Breeders Classics into a premier event, bringing local and national television coverage to showcase the State of West Virginia, Jefferson County, Charles Town and the hard working people of the racing and breeding industries of West Virginia...The West Virginia Racing Commission would like to issue this resolution in honor of Sam Huff for his support, contributions and unwavering dedication to the Thoroughbred racing industry, the West Virginia Racing Commission and the State of West Virginia.”

Relief for Western Kentucky

Kentucky has suffered from major loss of life and property damage in Western Kentucky due to unprecedented tornadoes in the early hours of December 11th.

In times of need, like the flooding in Southeastern Kentucky, the Thoroughbred industry has stepped to the plate financially to assist with rebuild efforts for the most vulnerable. Only fourteen days from Christmas, we have created a GoFundMe page for members to donate for disaster relief. (By Pat McDonogh, 12/11/2021 Courier-Journal)
Also in attendance was trainer Graham Motion, who trained Huff’s stakes-winning filly Bursting Forth.

The service concluded with some personal remarks from Huff’s namesake and grandson Robert Lee Huff III and music provided by the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church’s gospel chorus.

Contributions in Huff’s name may be made to Aftercare Charles Town, PO Box 136, Ranson, WV 25438. The 501(c)(3) organization is responsible for rehoming Thoroughbred racehorses that have raced at Charles Town.

NICK STRONG PASSES AWAY

Nick Strong, whose Old Colony Insurance Services insured a large number of Kentucky farms, perished last week in a small plane crash in Lincoln County. Strong, 63, died along with Ronald Eldridge, 61, in the crash.

In addition to Old Colony Insurance, Strong was also Chairman of Jessamine South Elkhorn Water District, partner in N & R Enterprise & Bluegrass Industrial and a Special Deputy Sheriff for Jessamine County. He was an active board member for the Jessamine County Joint Economic Development Authority, Central Bank and Trust, and Kentucky Lloyd’s Association of Agents.

He was also a member of the Keeneland Association, The Thoroughbred Club of America, National Professional Association of Insurance Agents, Thoroughbred Farm Managers, Independent Insurance Agents, Chamber of Commerce, and Home Builders Association.

Strong is survived by his wife Kimberly Strong (Froelich), his children, Sarah (Brandon Wells), Maggie (Alex Blanton), Lesley (Jared Hager), Lauren (Clayton Fitch) and Travis (Jen Cowley) and his grandson, Pierce, as well as his sister, Karla Martello, his niece and nephew, Jeff and Katie Martello, and his in-laws, Max and Brenda Froelich.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in his memory to the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), your local Humane Society or Western KY Tornado Relief Fund via Southland Christian Church.

A celebration of life will be held in the Spring of 2022.

MONMOUTH MOVES FRIDAY POST TIME, TO ADD FIVE MONDAY CARDS IN 2022

Monmouth Park’s Friday cards will begin at 2 p.m. in 2022 and feature an anticipated eight races, the track announced Tuesday. Monmouth’s 2022 live season kicks off Saturday, May 7. The first of 14 Friday cards is scheduled for June 3. The track’s final Friday is slated for Sept. 2. New for the 2022 season, Monmouth Park will also race four days a week in August, with the addition of five Monday cards. Post times for weekends and Mondays will be announced closer to the start of the season.

PRIVMAN, HAIGHT, MANN SELECTED TO HALL OF FAME MEDIA ROLL OF HONOR

Daily Racing Form national correspondent Jay Privman and the late turf writers Walter Haight and Jack Mann have been selected to the National Museum of Racing’s Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor.

Haight (1899-1968), a native of Washington, D.C., joined The Washington Post in 1924, embarking on a prolific 44-year run with the paper. He started with The Post as a general assignment reporter and began covering Thoroughbred racing for the paper in 1932. He reported on his first Kentucky Derby that year, beginning a streak of 37 consecutive years writing about the event. Haight was The Post’s racing writer and editor for 36 years and held the honorary No. 1 seat in the Churchill Downs press box for his longevity covering the Run for the Roses.

Mann (1925-2000), a New York City native, began his writing career in 1940 while in high school for the weekly Long Islander. After serving with the Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946 in the North Pacific during and immediately after World War II, he returned to newspapers as a reporter and editor of two Long Island weeklies, then joined Newsday, first as a reporter, then as assistant city editor, then as sports editor. Specializing in coverage of horse racing and baseball, Mann wrote for Newsday (1952 to 1962); The Detroit Free Press (1962 to 1963); The New York Herald-Tribune (1963 to 1965); Sports Illustrated (1965 to 1967); The Miami Herald (1968 to 1970); The Washington Daily News (1970 to 1971); The Washington Star (1971 to 1972); The Baltimore Evening Sun (1980 to 1990); and The Racing Times (1991 to 1992), among others. While sports editor at Newsday, Mann led the section’s transition from having a local focus to one that covered sports nationwide.

The Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor Committee is comprised of Edward L. Bowen (chairman), author of more than 20 books on Thoroughbred racing; Bob Curran, retired Jockey Club vice president of corporate communications; Ken Grayson, National Museum of Racing trustee; Jane Goldstein, retired turf publicist; Steve Haskin, Secretariat.com and longtime BloodHorse columnist; G. D. Hieronymus, retired Keeneland director of broadcast services; Jay Hovdey, five-time Eclipse Award-winning writer; and Dan Smith, retired senior media coordinator of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

LAUREN MORGAN NEW DIRECTOR OF BLOODSTOCK AT BUCKLAND SALES

Lauren Morgan has joined Buckland Sales Agency as Director of Bloodstock. In her new role, she will handle client relations, horse evaluations and other bloodstock services for the consignment agency.

Morgan, who is a native of Troy, Michigan, most recently worked for Vinery Sales as a Sales and Bloodstock Consultant. Prior to that, she handled client relations and bloodstock services for Darby Dan Farm.

"I made it a point to gain as much experience as I could in all aspects of the industry after graduating college," she said. "I felt it was necessary to understand the importance of every job in the business, which helps me be well-rounded and appreciative of the roles that we all play in the lives of these horses. I grew to love sales and knew that I had found my niche when I started to develop my own client base. The personal relationships I have formed with my clients and seeing all of their hard work pay off in the sales ring is what makes me love this part of the business. My clients are like family and when they succeed, there is no greater feeling."

Buckland Sales’ principal Zach Madden launched the consignment agency in 2015.

“Horsemanship is such a huge part of our industry,” Madden said. “Over the 10 years I worked at Three Chimneys, the first seven of those were spent in the barn, working hands-on with horses. You can’t put a number value on that kind of experience—it’s exponential. Lauren has worked incredibly hard to gain hands-on experience with some of the best operations in the game. I feel incredibly fortunate to have her on our team and I am very excited for Buckland’s future.”
Leading Third-Crop Sires by YTD Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, December 13

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
3rd-Parx Racing, $34,500, (S), Msw, 12-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.25, ft, 5 lengths.

FAR MO POWER (g, 3, Uncle Lino--J. D. Safari (MSP, $209,879), by Power by Far) rallied to be third in a state-bred event here Nov. 22 and added Lasix for this second go. Contesting the pace through moderate early fractions, the 2-1 shot took command at the quarter pole and rolled clear in the lane to graduate by five lengths over Palace Supernova (Palace Malice). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $24,140. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Joseph E. Sutton; B-Peter Giangiulio (PA); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr.

5th-Mahoning Valley, $22,100, Msw, 12-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.35, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

FAUDAH (f, 3, Honor Code--Swaythisaway, by Scat Daddy) checked in fourth on debut at Belterra Sept. 30 and added Lasix and blinkers for this start. The bay raced near the back, but in contention early, swept up four wide in the lane and was under a strong hand ride to the wire, winning by 1 1/4 lengths. Boudoir Burlesque (Jack Milton) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Edgemont Road (Speightstown), MSP, $218,750. Sales history: $42,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $14,070. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Kingsport Farm; B-Nursery Place (KY); T-Pavel Matejka.

FIRST & SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, $50,000
127 foals of racing age/23 winners/6 black-type winners
6-Remington, 10:27 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Levy, 5-1
$40,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, $12,500
137 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Remington, 10:27 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Ice Cold Jimmy, 15-1
$23,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
7-Remington, 10:55 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Keen Cat, 9-2
$47,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $21,000 KEE SEP yrl

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STAKES RESULTS:

STEVE PRATHER S., (NB) $100,000, Zia, 12-13, (S), 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:43.32, ft.

1--WHEREAS BRAYDEN, 120, g, 2, by Artful Run
   1st Dam: Little Mandate, by Full Mandate
   2nd Dam: Royal Navy, by Polish Navy
   3rd Dam: Little V., by Buckfinder
   O/B-R. Dwain Yarbar (NM); T-Greg Green; J-Enrique Portillo Gomez. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, $168,505.

2--Warriors Mark, 120, g, 2, Marking--Flying Humor, by Distorted Humor. O/B-Pierre & Leslie Amestoy (NM); T-Todd Fincher. $20,000.

3--Lonzo Who, 119, g, 2, Comfort--Weekends for Love, by Not For Love. O/B-Sam & Sammy Stevens (NM); T-Todd Fincher. $10,000.


ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Turf Paradise, $27,300, 12-13, (C), 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:29.33, fm, 1 length.

BLACK OPS (g, 8, Hard Spun--Rendition, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 41-8-7-7, $269,515. O-John Pinkerton; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *$85,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP; $24,000 RNA 2yo '15 OBSOPN.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, $25,500, 12-14, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.85, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

FIRST CITIZEN (g, 4, Proud Citizen--First Circle (MSP, $192,983), by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 23-6-5-3, $149,989. O-Jorge Calixtro-Villanueva; B-Berreton C. Jones (KY); T-Caryn Vecchio. *$17,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEENOV.

5th-Turf Paradise, $25,350, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($10,000-$12,500), 12-14, 3yo/up, 5ft, .57.19, fm, head. 

TAPPED TO THE MAX (g, 3, Tapiture--Unbridled Harlan, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-1, $103,119. O-Gotcha Horse Stable LLC; B-Denis Malone (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. *$19,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Delia, f, 2, Delhomme--Shezapirate (MSW, $166,414), by Desert God. Zia, 12-14, (S), 6f, 1:09.75. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $21,600. B-Allen Farm, LLC (NM). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Jeeps Stride, g, 2, Marking--On Stride, by Ghostly Moves. Zia, 12-13, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.08. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $25,200. B-Fred Alexander (NM). *Full to Delbert Too, SW, $185,899.

Egot a Poker Face, g, 2, Tiznow--Egot, by Dehere. Parx Racing, 12-14, (S), 1m, 1:42.04. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $20,900. B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center, LLC & Best Foot Forward, LLC (PA). *$52,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; $42,500 2yo '21 EASMAW.
A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY AT SUMBE

By Kelsey Riley

Sumbe—under its previous guises as Haras de la Cauviniere and Haras de Montfort et Preaux and still today under the guidance of new owner Nurlan Bizakov—has made a concerted effort to upgrade the level of stallions standing of France. It has done so with success, too; as part of its fruitful relationship with Gerard Augustin-Normand, the Cauviniere principals retained the 2009 G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Le Havre (Ire) to stand in France, and the son of Noverre rose through the ranks to become one of the most successful domestic sires ever, climbing to a career-high fee of €60,000 and leaving behind 50 stakes winners and five Group 1 winners and counting.

Shortly after changing its name to Montfort et Preaux, the stud added Recorder (Ire), The Queen’s homebred G3 Acomb S. winner by Galileo (Ire) who was well supported by breeders and, with eight first-crop winners this year, sits behind only Zarak (Fr) on the French first-season sires’ table.

Last year, Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}) became the first stallion recruited to the stud since it was purchased by Bizakov and renamed Sumbe in homage to his hometown in Kazakhstan.

A’ALI TO STAND AT NEWSELLS PARK STUD

Multiple group-winning sprinter A’Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}) will begin his stud career at Newsells Park Stud in 2022, rather than Meadow Farm Stud as originally announced, after Newsells purchased a significant stake in the 4-year-old.

Trained by Simon and Ed Crisford for Shaikh Duaij Al Khalifa, A’Ali broke his maiden at second asking in the G2 Norfolk S. in 2019 and added the G2 Prix Robert Papin and G2 Flying Childers S. before season’s end. He took the G3 Coral Charge S. and G2 Sapphire S. last summer before finishing fourth in the G1 Nunthorpe S., and on his only run in 2021 was third in the G2 Meydan Sprint in February.

Newsells Park Stud General Manager Julian Dollar said that the stud moved to purchase an interest in A’Ali after he and Newsells racing and nominations manager Gary Coffey saw the horse at the National Stud during the December Sales.

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

VALUE SIRES PART V: FIRST SOPHOMORES IN 2022

Chris McGrath examines the Kentucky sire crop with its first 3-year-olds to run next year, and delivers his podium verdict.

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A Golden Opportunity At Sumbe cont. from p1

The G1 Commonwealth Cup winner Golden Horde represents a unique opportunity for French breeders, he being one of very few representatives of the red-hot Acclamation sireline in the country, and its only Group 1 winner.

Bred by CN Farm, Golden Horde was picked up by trainer Clive Cox for £65,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale of 2018. He made his debut in mid-May for owner Al Mohamediya Racing and broke his maiden at second asking two weeks later when making all to win a Windsor maiden by 4 1/2 lengths. Two lengths from the winner Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never) when fifth in the G2 Coventry S., Golden Horde won the G2 Richmond S.—just like Acclamation’s ascendant sire Mehmas (Ire)—over Threat (GB) (Footstepsinthesand (GB)), who would go on to add the G2 Gimcrack S. and G2 Champagne S. in his next two starts.

Golden Horde, meanwhile, stepped up to Group 1 company finishing third behind Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Prix Morny before running that rival to a neck when second in the G1 Middle Park S.

Golden Horde returned to Royal Ascot for a belated 3-year-old debut in the G1 Commonwealth Cup, and shook off the cobwebs in decisive fashion when racing prominently and pulling 1 1/2 lengths clear in the closing stages for a first top-level win. Facing older horses for the final three starts of his career, Golden Horde made a good account of himself on each occasion, beaten 1 1/2 lengths when third in the G1 July Cup, fifth in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and third in the G1 Sprint Cup S. Golden Horde proved both consistent and versatile, having been Group 1-placed over both good and soft ground.

“He was very consistent, very tough, and I loved his way of racing—first out, running hard all the way and very, very tough and genuine,” said Sumbe’s Mathieu Alex.
A Golden Opportunity At Sumbe cont.

“It’s a great pleasure to have him here too, he is very well behaved and has a great mind, and we have a lot of faith in him.”

Golden Horde’s pedigree has continued to go from strength to strength since his purchase as a yearling. His dam, the Pivotal (GB) mare Entreat (GB), was sold by her breeder Cheveley Park Stud for 14,000gns at Tattersalls July in 2016 carrying Golden Horde. A month after Golden Horde became a pattern-race winner, his elder sister Exhort (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) also scored at listed level. Line Of Departure (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Entreat’s 3-year-old of 2021, won the Listed Cathedral S. in June, and was ultimately gelded after tall assignments in the July Cup and G2 Hungerford S. Entreat has a 2-year-old filly by Zoffany (Ire) named Heart To Heart (GB) who was a 580,000gns Tattersalls October purchase last year by MV Magnier and won one of nine starts this year, and a filly foal by Zoustar (Aus) who was bought back for 240,000gns at the same sale.

Golden Horde traces back to a highly productive American family: his third dam is Imagining (Northfields), best known as the dam of the champion and Group 1 producer Serena’s Song (Rahy), whose legacy includes G1 Coronation S. winners Sophisticat and Rizeena (Ire), Jim Bolger’s useful sire Vocalised, dual Grade I winner and Grade I sire Honor Code and G1 Prix d’Ispahan victor Zabeel Prince (Ire).

The recent death of Golden Horde’s broodmare sire Pivotal may mean that his genes are more highly sought after than ever, especially considering Pivotal’s position in the pedigree of French champion sire Siyouni as well as exciting young stallions like St Mark’s Basilica (Fr), Sottsass (Fr), Cracksman (GB) and Advertise (GB).
A Golden Opportunity At Sumbe cont.
“Golden Horde’s sireline is very proven—Acclamation, Dark Angel, and his dam Entreat is by Pivotal and is the dam of six winners including three stakes winners, and it is the family of American champion Serena’s Song and Sophisticat,” Alex said.

Breeders can be encouraged, too, by the fact that Sumbe threw the strength of its broodmare band behind Golden Horde, who Alex describes as “a very good-looking horse,” in his first season at stud.

“He’s very masculine and has a lot of strength, and he’s a great mover,” Alex said. “We supported him heavily on the farm sending 20 very good mares—stakes performers and dams of stakes performers. He’s been very well received in France, and across Europe.”

After covering his first book in 2021 for a fee of €10,000, Golden Horde will be available for €8,000 next year.
“I think Golden Horde should be a very commercial sire because he was a very talented 2-year-old who brings a lot of precocity, but also trained on and won a Group 1 race at Royal Ascot as a 3-year-old,” Alex said. “He’s a fast horse, a very good-looking horse with a great pedigree, so fingers crossed he has a lot of things going for him.”

A’Ali To Stand At Newsells Park Stud cont. from p1
“When Gary and I saw A’Ali at the National Stud, we both commented on what an absolute belter of a horse he was,” Dollar said. “He really fulfils a niche for speed and precocity, which the commercial breeder is looking for. He’s absolutely gorgeous to look at, with a wonderful walk and a beautiful temperament. He’ll be very easy for breeders to use and should throw a lovely model, if they look anything like him. Newsells Park Stud have purchased a significant percentage of A’Ali, who was already owned by a passionate group of shareholders, including his original owner Shaikh Duaij, all keen to give him great support, so we’re excited about this new partnership.
“What also works for us is that A’Ali really fills a void left by the sale of Equiano last year and helps to balance our boutique stallion roster of Nathaniel and Without Parole. We now stand one of Europe’s most proven and successful middle distance sires in Nathaniel, together with one of Frankel’s fastest sons at stud in Without Parole.”

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JUDGE RULES IN TATTERSALLS’S FAVOUR IN DISPUTED PURCHASE CASE

A judge has ruled in favour of Tattersalls over trainer Tom George and bloodstock agent Alex Elliott after Tattersalls brought legal action against them over George’s refusal to pay for a horse purchased at Tattersalls that he later found had wind problems.

Elliott, on George’s behalf, purchased Lariat (GB) (Poet’s Voice (GB)) for 90,000gns out of trainer Andrew Balding’s consignment at the 2019 Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale. Shortly after he arrived at George’s yard, Lariat was allegedly declared unfit for National Hunt racing by a veterinarian. Lariat, who had no pre-purchase veterinary inspection or declaration of wind issue, was found to be suffering from laryngeal hemiplegia, a condition that restricts airflow. Tattersalls referred Lariat to an independent panel of vets who confirmed the laryngeal hemiplegia, but found that Lariat was not making abnormal breathing noises at exercise. Under Tattersalls terms and conditions, a horse is returnable if they exhibit whistling or roaring sounds.

Tattersalls Marketing Director Jimmy George said in a statement on Tuesday, “We are pleased that the Judge has ruled in favour of Tattersalls and upheld the integrity of our conditions of sale. Mr. George has aired his views regarding our terms and conditions and associated procedures. His views have been fully considered by the court during a three day trial and each and every defence raised by Mr George has been dismissed by the judge.

‘Tattersalls’ conditions of sale have always been carefully calibrated to strike a fair balance between the rights of purchasers and vendors and we are pleased that the court has upheld their validity and effect. It should be noted that the judge made specific reference to the published article on the ‘Endoscopy of Horses’ written by eminent equine vets Deirdre
Industry bodies have banned together in a conduct action plan after Robbie Dunne was found guilty last week of bullying and harassing jockey Bryony Frost (pictured) | racingfotos.com

“...it is essential that horseracing remains a progressive, modern industry when it comes to the conduct of our people. We must prioritize the well-being and development of our workforce, stand against discrimination of any kind in British racing, and invest in making racing a safe, fulfilling place to work... We must encourage a culture of openness and seek to support anyone who faces problems or has found themselves in difficulty. We must promote a culture of respect in how those involved in racing interact with one another and promote more diversity and inclusion at all levels of the industry.”

All groups will take part in a working party which will report to the industry People Board and will assist in promoting the positive elements of conduct within the industry, education, deterring poor behaviour and discrimination while empowering people to call out conduct which falls short. The group will be chaired by the BHA and include representatives from the BHA, NTF, NARS, PJA, RCA, ROA and TBA.

NEW COVID PROTOCOLS BEGIN DEC. 15

In accordance with the updated UK Government protocols for sports venues, the British Horse Racing Authority (BHA) issued an outline of protocols that enter effect Wednesday, Dec. 15.

“Racing must continue to do all we can to protect the health and livelihoods of our people and maintain business continuity,” said Dr. Jerry Hill, BHA’s Chief Medical Adviser. “These measures are considered essential to support this objective at a time where cases of the Omicron variant of the virus are increasing exponentially and other sports are facing COVID-related fixture cancellations.

All attendees at fixtures in England where attendance is likely to exceed 4,000 will require evidence of COVID status certification. This will apply to individuals 18 or over. To enter the racecourse, individuals must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have completed a negative lateral flow or PCR test a maximum 48 hours out, unless medically exempt. Any individuals entering weighing rooms will be subject to the same conditions. Face masks will also be required in all outdoor settings, as well as indoor settings unless food or drink is being consumed.

For more information on the BHA’s procedures (updated periodically), click here.

BRITISH RACING HIGHLIGHTS INDUSTRY CONDUCT

Several stakeholder bodies of British horseracing have assumed a united front in regard to the conduct of those who work in the sport, while committing to take wide-ranging action to offer support and education to industry members.

In an excerpt from a joint statement issued Tuesday by The British Horseracing Authority (BHA), National Trainers Federation (NTF), Professional Jockeys Association (PJA), National Association of Racing Staff (NARS), Racehorse Owners Association (ROA), Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association (TBA) and Racecourse Association (RCA):

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JAMES FRY TO RETIRE FROM IRB

After 31 years, James Fry is set to take early retirement and will leave the International Racing Bureau at the end of December. He will be succeeded in his role of director of trainers’ services by Rob Hartley.

Ian Russell, who worked for many years as travelling head lad to David Simcock, has also joined the trainers’ services team as Max Pimlott moves across to racecourse services, working alongside Adrian Beaumont.

Rob Hartley, Ian Russell and Barbie Hurrell will look after all European countries bar Scandinavia, which will be overseen by Max Pimlott, who also is the point of contact for runners in Hong Kong. Adrian Beaumont and Pimlott will also look after America, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Dubai and Saudi Arabia.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, December 15:

FRANCE

Birchwood (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie
59 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
4-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Atlantigo (Fr)
€12,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020
4-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Il Maestoso (Fr)
€18,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020
4-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Oulalah (Fr)

Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), Haras du Logis
52 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Concerto (Fr)

UNITED KINGDOM

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Dynamic Talent (GB)
12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £8,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2020; £15,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2021

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford
155 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners
13:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Brolly (GB)

Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Irish National Stud
46 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Audette (GB)

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Mashkuur (Ire)
£9,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £12,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020; £25,000 Tattersalls Ire Goresbridge Breeze Up (Newmarket) 2021

Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {Ire}), Haras du Saz
54 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Griffin Park (GB)

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
16:15-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Kanakam (GB)
32,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Kangaroo Jack (Ire)
£5,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £5,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2020; £10,000 Tattersalls Ire Goresbridge Breeze Up (Newmarket) 2021
17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Night Glass (Ir)
£45,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020; 35,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
137 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Dance Floor Diva (Ire)
19,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020
13:50-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, My Bonnie Lassie (GB)
£19,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020; 16,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Irish National Stud
29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Beerenberg (GB)
2,500gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

Galileo Gold | Al Shaqab
First-Season Sires cont.

**Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi (Ire)), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, August Place (GB)
40,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

**Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Hold The Press (Ire)
€38,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019
17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Jacks Profit (Ire)
17,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2020; 15,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2021
17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Keeping Hoping (Ire)
58,000gns Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket

**Recorder (GB)** (Galileo (Ire)), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
112 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
12:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Denning (GB)

**Ulysses (Ire)** (Galileo (Ire)), Cheveley Park Stud
87 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
16:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, The Writer (GB)
£42,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2020

IRELAND:
**Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford
155 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 8f, In Ecstasy (Ire)
205,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

**Karpino (Ger)** (Cape Cross (Ire)), Glenview Stud
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 8f, Deceit (GB)

**Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit (Ire)), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
5-DUNDALK, 8f, Knocklane Lass (Ire)

FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**
2nd-Pornichet La Baule, €15,000, Cond, 12-14, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:27.59, st.
**GROUP DEUX CREUX (FR)** (g, 5, Stormy River (Fr)--Topsy Blue (Fr), by Anabaa Blue (GB))
Lifetime Record: 19-5-5-1, €68,175.
O-Gilles Le Baron, Maxime Perdiguier, Philip Prevost Baratte, Francis-Henri Graffard, Haras du Hoguenet & SARL Ecurie Borgel; B-Xavier Richard, Herve Lair & Jean-Louis Lair (FR); T-Joel Boisnard. *€7,500 Ylg ’17 ARQNOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
**Vangostyle (Fr)**, g, 3, Style Vendome (Fr)--Belle et Sage (Fr), by Sagacity (Fr). Pornichet La Baule, 12-14, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:09.01. B-Mme Corinne Rouffie-Huve & Yves Jean (FR).
*1ST-TIME STARTER. **€3,000 Ylg ’19 ARQFEB.

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IRELAND:

**Tyrrenian Sea (Ire)**, g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Nocturne (Ger), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Newcastle, 12-14, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:39.93.
B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to So I Told You (Ire) (Gleneagles (Ire)), SP-Ire.
# Top 10 Sires of 2021 Yearlings Ranked by Average Price

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