WITH A 118 BEYER, FLIGHTLINE HEADS INTO 2022

by Bill Finley

The team that puts out the Beyer speed figure numbers made it official Monday morning. "TDN Rising Star" Flightline (Tapit) is really, really, fast.

Flightline was given a 118 Beyer figure for his sensational performance in Sunday’s GI Runhappy Malibu S. at Santa Anita, which is the top figure assigned to any horse this year. Prior to the Malibu, Flightline and Baby Yoda (Prospective) were tied for the best number on the year, a 114. Baby Yoda finished second in the Malibu, but was never a threat to Flightline, who won eased up by 11 1/2 lengths.

According to the Daily Racing Form's Jay Privman, the 118 is the highest number given to any horse since Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby) got a 121 when winning the 2019 GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga. Shancelot was trained by Jorge Navarro, whose years of doping horses under his care have been well documented.

“We’ve waited a long time for a horse like this and I think we have one,” said Terry Finley, who heads the West Point Thoroughbreds syndicate, one part of an ownership groups that also includes Hronis Racing LLC, Siena Farm LLC, Summer Wind Equine LLC and Woodford Racing, LLC. “He’s a special horse. He’s a gift. You can throw out superlative after superlative. To me, he’s a gift.” Cont. p3

VALUE SIRES FOR ’22, PART VIII: ESTABLISHED STALLIONS by Chris McGrath

And so we reach the final leg of our journey hunting out value among Kentucky sires in 2022. It's been a rather more focused exercise this time round, and if that means plenty of stallions (and indeed some farms) have been overlooked, so be it. It's only ever the subjective view of a single bystander. You'll know what works for your own mare, and for your own agenda, too, whether you're an end user, say, or first and foremost need to anticipate commercial demand.

We've often complained that a market so perilously tilted towards unproven sires is driven by ringside investors, that many breeders feel obliged to choose their matings accordingly, like it or not and that the system works least well for the stallion farms themselves. It's a lose-lose scenario.

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2021 in Photos: August 19. The NYRA gate crew loads horses into the starting gate on a rainy day at Saratoga. | Sarah Andrew

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Flightline had already made headlines before his first career start, selling for $1 million at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. Making just his third lifetime start after very impressive wins in a Santa Anita maiden and a Del Mar allowance, Flightline was tested for class in the Malibu, and couldn’t have passed any more easily. After breaking a step slowly, the 3-year-old took control early on, started to draw clear on the turn and then galloped away from his rivals without ever being asked by jockey Flavien Prat. He was nearly in a walk when crossing the wire after completing the seven furlongs in 1:21.37.

With a horse who did not make his debut until April of his 3-year-old year and, who has raced just three times over the span of eight months, trainer John Sadler has been very deliberate with Flightline. That’s not about to change. He said Monday that he had not picked out a next start for the colt and was not in any hurry to do so.

“No specifics,” he said. “I have said that everything is on the table. He’s the kind of horse that when he’s right and ready to run that’s when he’s going to go. I’m going to take it one step at a time. I’ve got a good ownership group. They keep stressing do what’s right for the horse. That will be my guiding principle.”

Finley said that all decisions regarding a racing schedule will be made by Sadler.

“Dale Romans gave me some good advice,” he said. “He said the best input you can have is to make sure you don’t have any input. In the army they called it unity of command. John doesn’t need any help from us. He’s done a super job and he’s made all the right moves. It will be well thought out and he’ll have him ready to run no matter where he winds up.”

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Flightline cont.
The only thing Sadler would commit to is that Flightline’s next race will not be a sprint. The Malibu was the longest start of his career.
“The big step that I know for sure is that we want to get him stretched out,” he said. “Where and when, I don’t know yet. I don’t think he has any distance limitations.”
While Flightline is expected to have a more complete campaign next year than he did this year, don’t expect him to run seven or eight times. He may just be the type of horse who is so fast than he needs ample time between races. Another very fast horse who was handled that way was Ghostzapper (Awesome Again).
“I’m going to be very mindful of his campaign,” he said. “I think there will be articles about this later in the week, that they’ve never seen a horse that is faster. So some of the traditional rules may not apply. We expect next year to go a lot different than this year because when you do right by a horse, you build a better product going forward. It’s an exciting time. There’s nothing written in stone, but I am mindful of the fact that I need to be careful.”
Considering that he is by Tapit and, therefore, should do his best running at longer distances and that Sadler-trained horses usually don’t reach their peak until turning four, or even five, could Flightline actually get better?
“That is possible,” Sadler said. “There is so much to look forward to out there with him.”
Value Sires cont. from p1

On the one hand, an awful lot of sires with marginal eligibility weaken the gene pool with hundreds of mediocre foals. On the other, since almost all have exhausted their commercial usefulness within a couple of years, some will be discarded while retaining valid potential, but having simply required a little patience.

I do accept that stallions must nowadays expect to be judged pretty early, in that debut books are the biggest and best most will ever muster. So it’s only right to celebrate those that do make a breakthrough. But that doesn’t mean, as you often hear, that freshmen are the only pragmatic option for most investors because the proven operators have all priced themselves out of reach.

The object today is to refute that theory. To give examples of the affordable stallions out there, besides your Into Mischiefs and Tapits and Curlins, with a body of work that will only ever be matched by a tiny percentage of the dozens of rookies starting up every spring.

Those featured in the previous instalment, “Through The Crossroads,” already verge on this status. Now we move onto the real veterans, who have carved out a sustainable niche for themselves despite perennial competition, not least on their own farms, from lavishly promoted new rivals.

The nature of this particular beast, along with the compression of the format this year, means that we will inevitably be rounding up some of the usual suspects. No apologies for that. If we reckoned a horse to be both proven and well-priced last year, then something pretty dramatic will need to have happened to alter that perception, whether for better or worse.

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HANCOCK’S LAW

The late ‘Bull’ Hancock of Claiborne Farm was one of the most successful of all stallion selectors; he laid down five criteria for selecting a stallion. Hancock insisted that a potential stallion should satisfy all criteria:

1. **He must have shown good form as a 2YO.**
   Won the Champagne Stakes-Gr.1 by 4 lengths (previous winners include Coolmore America’s outstanding sires Scat Daddy & Uncle Mo).

2. **He must have demonstrated his ability to stay 1½ miles as a 3YO.**
   Won the Travers Stakes-Gr.1 by 5½ lengths (fifth fastest time ever, faster than top sires Bernardini, Medaglia d’Oro etc.) and runner-up in the Kentucky Derby-Gr.1, both over 10f.
   He also won the Belmont Stakes-Gr.1 (9f.) by 3¾ lengths and Florida Derby-Gr.1 (9f.) by 4¼ lengths (leading sires to win it include Scat Daddy, Quality Road, Constitution and Nyquist).

3. **He must be sound.**
   9 runs at 2 and 3 years, 6 wins, once second, once third.
   6 runs in Gr.1s, 4 very impressive wins and once second.

4. **He must look masculine.**
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5. **He must have the right kind of pedigree.**
   A better racehorse than his leading young sire Constitution (by Tepit).
   His dam Tizfiz (by Tiznow)
   won the San Gorgonio H.-Gr.2
   at Santa Anita and is a full-sister to Fury Kapcori
   (Gr.3 winner & runner-up in the CashCall Futurity-Gr.1).

TIZ THE LAW

Fee $35,000
Value Sires cont.

Tragically, the most dramatic change of all has claimed English Channel, Malibu Moon and Bernardini since we included them, last year, in a wider survey of those who had contributed more to the breed than was implied by their fees. Their loss reminds us, however, how very precious are those stallions that do replicate their prowess and how very irresponsible it is to neglect them in favor of smooth-talking freshmen, almost invariably here today and gone tomorrow.

As it is, one or two of our favorites have actually seen their fees come down again for the coming season. If they have for once lacked the kind of headline horse that can cover a multitude of sins, especially among sires with more industrial books, then they have made no such descent in our esteem. After all, if there's one thing we all find hard to mend, it's obstinacy!

Good luck to you all in '22.

Bubbling under: It has been inevitable for a long time now and Lookin At Lucky must finally accept that his Ashford buddy Munnings has disappeared over the horizon. They started out together, a decade ago, but somehow Munnings was always credited with a glamor that nobody would ever grant to poor old Lookin At Lucky. That has steadily told in both the size and quality of their books, which last spring weighed in at 217 and 80, respectively, to the point that one has now soared to $85,000, while the other dwindles to $15,000.

Lookin At Lucky has long been burdened with a self-fulfilling reputation as supposedly not being a “sales horse.” Even way back when he was champion freshman by winners, at a stunning 29 from 44 starters, it was Munnings who doubled his next book to enter the national top six, while Lookin At Lucky trod water at 115 (from 121). Since then, of course, Lookin At Lucky has sired winners of the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic (with only Monomoy Girl {Tapizar} denying Grade I winner Wow Cat {Chi} the double in the GI Distaff on the same card). But nothing he does ever seems to make any difference. He’d be an annual podium lock, strictly for end-users, but they have enough sense to accept that we can’t keep using up a step for a horse whose commercial treatment is so stubbornly short-sighted.

Suffice to say that while the relative volume and quality of their support has gradually told in black-type action, even a stallion as avowedly splendid as Munnings still can’t separate himself from Lookin At Lucky by their Grade I/overall graded stakes ratios. His fee now, if an insult to the horse himself and a rebuke to the marketplace, is conversely a gift to anyone in the business of breeding a runner. You couldn’t prove a mare more economically.

Another we’ve long admired is Midnight Lute, who retains a fee of $15,000 after producing a fourth Grade I winner in 2020 and a fifth in 2021. Smooth Like Strait, moreover, was only caught by half a length when trying to add the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile. The Hill 'n' Dale sire has long made plain that there’s far more to him than Midnight Bisou, with 38 graded stakes performers overall, and one-in-10 of his named foals making the grade as stakes horses.

Sky Mesa beats even that lifetime clip. The Three Chimneys veteran had a quiet year by his standards, but those are ridiculously high for a $12,500 cover.

Bronze: MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song--Fleet Lady, by Avenue Of Flags), $10,000, Darley

What an incredible nugget of a horse this is. After eight years, his fee has finally inched back up (from $7,500) in some small testament to his metronomic production of stakes horses from basement covers. All he needs is that breakout Grade I success, but he’s getting ever closer--Royal Ship (Brz) having been foiled by a head in the Hollywood Gold Cup and Special Reserve by half a length in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

That pair featured among 21 stakes performers for Midshipman in 2021, contributing to a lifetime percentage of 13.5% of named foals, a match for Medaglia d'Oro among many others. Okay, so he can’t reach the higher grades quite as often, but that’s hardly surprising when his studmate is getting mares deserving of a six-figure cover.

This is a great example of one of the game’s mighty empires really looking after the little guy. Midshipman, reliably ticking over three-figure books deep in his career, is a half-brother to the dam of Frosted but their mother is out of a Roberto half-sister to a very good horse in Europe. Remember Midshipman was a top-class juvenile on synthetics, and with his mixed pedigree he can get you any kind. Cont. p7
Value Sires cont.

This year, moreover, he moved up his yearlings to $48,671 from $33,236. Midshipman will never let you down, and it's only a matter of time before a small breeder in Kentucky gratefully pulls that first Grade I winner out of the pack.

Silver: BLAME (Arch--Liable, by Seeking The Gold)

$20,000, Claiborne

Oh, will somebody please give this guy a break! I feel sorry for the horse and sorry for the farm. How is it that a stallion who has rallied so well from tough times, elevating his ninth crop of yearlings to an average of $124,402 (from $57,884 in 2020), must take a cut from $30,000?

A year ago even that fee looked the best value around to me, based on his overall body of work, so what are we to make of this new tag? Sure, Blame had a pretty quiet year by his standards, with only a couple of graded stakes winners. But that's no surprise, given that his available footprint was so narrow. His current sophomores graduate from the book that represented his nadir, when he slumped to just 48 mares (from 105) in 2017. That crisis required his fee to be halved from $25,000 to $12,500, and breeders took their cue by promptly restoring him to 112 mares in 2018.

In the myopic world we live in, doubtless there were limits to how much encouragement they had found in the fact that his breakout first Classic success, the previous year, should have been over in France. But he promptly added two Grade I winners on dirt from the same crop, only his third. Since then Blame has mustered two more elite winners from the book preceding his 2017 blip: the brilliant but luckless Nadal, a millionaire in just four starts and alertly picked up by Shadai for a stud career; as well as another turf filly in Abscond.

Despite his aristocratic pedigree and exemplary record, on and off the track, in his whole stud career Blame has never received more than 119 mares. No doubt people have been diffident, albeit childishly so, about a son of Arch who reached his peak in his third campaign. Unsurprisingly, as such, his latest fee cut presumably reflects the fact that last spring his book suffered one of its sporadic dips, to 69. But his superb performance at the yearling sales suggests that he has really seized the chance he created for himself in turning round his 2017 crisis. It also suggests that those who stick with him now can expect his upgrading stock to renew his momentum, on the racetrack, by the time foals conceived this coming spring reach the sales ring. So he's actually a feasible commercial proposition, at this fee—quite apart from the fact that his lifetime output identifies him as outstanding value for any persisting in so quaint a pursuit as trying to breed a runner.

Even in what we know was always going to be a limited year, Blame has had eight stakes winners. He's had a juvenile filly beaten barely half a length for a Grade I, his tiny sophomore group still included a group winner who flew into fourth of 19 in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, and his black-type and graded-stakes action has maintained a ratio that measures up to, well, Uncle Mo for a start! (And beats many other expensive stallions.) That's just what we know to expect of Blame, whose output across all indices is as consistent as many a more expensive stallion. To sample just a few established names too excellent to be embarrassed by the comparison, across-the-board Blame can match or surpass the ratios for stakes winners/performers, graded stakes winners/performers and Grade I winners/performers of Candy Ride (Arg), More Than Ready, Munnings, Twirling Candy, Street Sense and Kitten's Joy. In individual categories, moreover, he can match even more expensive and prestigious stallions.

I don't really know what else he's supposed to do. Remember that this was a nine-for-13 winner of nearly $4.4 million, with nine consecutive triple-figure Beyers, whose grand-dam is a half-sister to Nureyev and Fairy Bridge. He presents Thong and Courtly Dee opposite each other as third dams of his respective parents.

Maybe that's not enough for you, but anyone who wants to breed a runner—as well, of course, as anyone who might be inclined to retain a filly—will remain extremely happy to take the Blame.

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Value Sires cont.

Gold: HARD SPUN (Danzig—Turkish Tryst by Turkoman)
$35,000, Darley

Okay, so Knicks Go has put Paynter in there, too. But this is going to be Hard Spun’s third consecutive year in the top 10 of the general sires’ list, which is otherwise populated by stallions available in 2022 at $250,000, $75,000, $175,000, $100,000, $90,000, $185,000 and $160,000. He’s the parting gift of a breed-changing patriarch, and this year sired his 11th and 12th domestic Grade I winners (to add to three in Australia) in races as resonant as the GI Met Mile and GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint.

So how is Hard Spun still available at a fraction of the cost of his peers? Well, as usual, fees must refer to the market and a yearling average of $80,353 limits how far Hard Spun can be elevated in line with his achievements. While that’s a perfectly respectable yield, and he has never missed a beat in terms of subscription, I guess that the fact he doesn’t get the most precocious stock will always make some commercial breeders nervous.

Yet to add to his resume the fastest horse at a Breeders’ Cup staged round the dizzy turns of Del Mar just confirms his versatility. Short, long; dirt, turf, and everything in between. His top earner is a turf sprinter in Australia, and he’s had a winner of the sharpest group test in Europe, down the five-furlong ramp at Goodwood. He’s had two-turn dirt machines like Questing (GB) and Smooth Roller. Spun To Run made all in the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile, Hard Not To Love scythed them down in the GI La Brea. Already, moreover, he’s showing huge promise as an international broodmare sire. His daughters have so far given us the likes of Good Magic (Curlin), Japanese sprint star Danon Smash (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) and, in Europe this year, dual Group 1 miler Alcohol Free (Ire) (No Nay Never).

It all stands to reason. Though he later landed the GI King’s Bishop over seven, Hard Spun held out for second in the GI Kentucky Derby after setting a pace that left the eventual winner, third and fourth, respectively, in 19th, 13th and 20th after half a mile. He complements Danzig with Darby Dan royalty down the bottom line. His granddam was a Roberto half-sister to Little Current (Sea-Bird {Fr}), while the fourth dam produced two farm legends (both by Swaps) in Chateaugay and Primonetta.

True, his damsire offers little more than substance, but that hasn’t stopped his stakes-winning half-sister from freshening up the page as second dam of multiple Grade I winner Improbable (City Zip).

THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY RAISES $507K FOR TORNADO RELIEF

The Thoroughbred industry in Kentucky has raised $507,724 for both immediate response and longer-term recovery needs of individuals and families impacted by the deadly tornadoes occurring in Western Kentucky Dec. 10 and 11. The Kentucky Thoroughbred Association organized a GoFundMe page Dec. 11, which raised $318,199 since inception. Further donations came in, including a season to Triple Crown winning stallion Justify donated by Ashford Stud/ Coolmore America and private sources, raising the total quickly. All told, 315 Thoroughbred breeders, racehorse owners including Spendthrift Farm, trainers, jockeys, industry stalwarts like The Jockey Club and Breeders’ Cup, Ltd., out-of-state entities We Are NY Racing and the Indiana Thoroughbred Alliance, and members of racing media.

By Tuesday, Dec. 14, response funds were directed immediately to farmers, livestock, and agricultural producers in Mayfield (Graves County), Oak Grove (Christian County), Dawson Springs (Hopkins and Caldwell Counties) and Princeton (Caldwell County) via a distribution channel set up by Don Campbell, a Thoroughbred owner/breeder in Princeton, and his
neighbors Bradley & Rachel Boyd, who run an American Quarter Horse operation. In addition to experiencing major damage to their homes, survivors also had catastrophic loss of livestock, feed, fencing and equipment. In addition to multiple trailers of feed and equipment paid for by KTA, substantial amounts of food, pet food, toiletries, water, clothing and feed were made by James "Mattress Mack" McIngvale.

Funding has been made available for short-term housing needs and will be made available for long-term housing recovery needs for those experiencing a gap in Federal and State disaster relief. Efforts will be coordinated via the Community Foundation for West Kentucky, located in Paducah. The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky in Hazard will function as the custodian for the funds raised, and each donation will receive a tax letter. Contributions can be made via check to the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky, 420 Main St., Hazard, KY 41701 USA, and noting "WKY Thoroughbred Relief" in the check memo. Please contact Chauncey Morris at +1 859 447 5688 if you prefer wiring instructions or are considering donation of securities.

"It is unimaginable the damage and suffering wreaked upon so many of the communities and good people of Western Kentucky," said Three Chimneys Chairman Goncalo Torrealba. "Three Chimneys, our partner Ron Winchell, and the entire Thoroughbred horse industry share the grief of those whose lives have been impacted and this is a way we felt we could directly help."

The price of the nomination is expected to exceed $100,000. Three Chimneys and Kentucky Downs will add an additional $100,000 for a total of at least $200,000.

Ron Winchell, who owns Kentucky Downs and who campaigned Gun Runner, added, “With Kentucky Downs and Three Chimneys additional donations, it shows the commitment the racing industry has to those affected by the devastation in Western Kentucky."

All proceeds will go directly to local communities in the affected counties. Inquiries may be directed to the Three Chimneys’ farm office at (859) 873-7053 or to the Keeneland sales office for those interested in phone or online bidding on the season.

GUN RUNNER SEASON TO BENEFIT TORNADO-RAVAGED WESTERN KENTUCKY

A no-guarantee season to record-setting first-crop sire Gun Runner will be auctioned off at the conclusion of the opening session of next month’s Keeneland January Sale Jan. 10, with all proceeds to benefit victims of deadly tornadoes that struck Western Kentucky earlier this month.

BUSINESS BRISK FOR SANTA ANITA OPENER

In spite of six races moved from the turf to the dirt, resulting in 10 program scratches, a total of $2.3 million was wagered on track and total pari-mutuel handle was $19.4 million, making it the third-best opening day figures ever.

“We really want to thank the fans for supporting us and the horsemen for going with the changes and participating,” said Santa Anita Senior Vice President and General Manager, Nate Newby. "Although it didn’t rain yesterday, we had over 4 1/2 inches of rain in the five days leading into Sunday, so the decision was made to come off the turf.

“I want to acknowledge the great job Dennis Moore and his team did yesterday in having the main track in tremendous shape. We had great racing and some great performances, just a fabulous day," Newby added.
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SANTA ANITA CANCELS THURSDAY PROGRAM

Officials at Santa Anita Park have made the proactive decision to cancel the program scheduled for this Thursday, Dec. 30, given a weather forecast that calls for additional significant rainfall in and around the track. The three turf races scheduled for Sunday's opening day card—the GI American Oaks, GIi Santa Anita Mathis Brothers Mile S. and GIII San Gabriel S.—were transferred to the main track owing to the underfoot conditions. Racing will continue Friday, Dec. 31.

The three turf stakes scheduled for Friday have been pushed back to the weekend with a more favorable weather pattern expected. The GIII Robert J. Frankel S. will now be run Saturday, Jan. 1, while the Eddie Logan S. and Blue Norther S. for 2-year-old males and fillies, respectively, will take place Sunday, Jan. 2. Saturday's card also features the GII Joe Hernandez S., the GIII Sham S. and the GIII La Canada S. In addition to the transferred juvenile stakes, Sunday's program also includes the $75,000 Kalookan Queen S.

SLEW TRAINER TURNER ENTERS HOME HOSPICE CARE

Billy Turner, who called the shots on the career of 1977 Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew, was to enter home hospice care Dec. 27 as he continues to wage a battle against cancer, which has spread to his lungs.

According to a GoFundMe page created by horse owner and breeder Pavla Nygaard, Turner, 81, was diagnosed with prostate cancer about two years ago, which spread to and weakened his bones. According to the GoFundMe page, Turner was admitted to the hospital Dec. 17 with shortness of breath and fluid aspirated from his lungs indicated that the cancer had spread there. According to the page, Turner has elected not to receive further treatment.

Upon conclusion of his training career following the 2008 recession, the GoFundMe page explains that Turner and his wife Pat moved into a townhouse on the property of the Ocala Jockey Club, owned by Nygaard and her husband Erik. The couple sold the farm this past August, and negotiated a continuing lifetime rental agreement on behalf of the Turners, but the new owners of the farm served the Turners notice and forced them out of their accommodations. The Nygaards were successful in securing a new home off the farm for the Turners, but the former trainer’s health subsequently took a turn for the worse.

The Nygaards have pledged to match up to $10,000 in donations.

“Life is unpredictable and full of challenges,” wrote Pavla Nygaard on the page. “It is a time of much pain and suffering, but it is a time of great love and compassion. It is a time when we are reminded of the importance of family and friends. It is a time when we are reminded of the importance of faith and hope. It is a time when we are reminded of the importance of giving back to others. It is a time when we are reminded of the importance of cherishing life and the people we love.”

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MTA TO HOST ONLINE STALLION SEASON AUCTION

The Minnesota Thoroughbred Association (MTA) will conduct its 2022 Stallion Season Auction from Jan. 3, 2022 through Jan. 10, 2022, at www.thoroughlybred.com. The auction will include seasons to more than 50 premier stallions from Kentucky, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, and Minnesota. A $1,000 incentive is being offered from the Minnesota Breeders’ Fund. Any breeder who purchases a season through the auction and foals in the state will receive a check for $1,000 when the foal is registered with the Minnesota Racing Commission in 2023.

“As we look forward to 2022, organizers at the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association are excited to provide breeders with these premier stallion seasons to bid on,” said Kay King, Executive Director of the MTA. “Our partner stallion farms have been wonderful to work with and we encourage breeders to support these farms that help support regional programs like ours.”

Bids will be placed on a rolling basis for all seven days of the sale. Seasons can be searched by state or name on the website. New stallion seasons may continue to be added through the duration of the sale.

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REAGAN MAKES THE RIGHT DECISION
by Jessica Martini

Two years ago, 8-year-old Reagan Ingordo purchased a weanling daughter of Unified for $25,000 at the Keeneland November sale. The filly rewarded her young buyer when winning her career debut at Fair Grounds Sunday, but Reagan wasn’t the only winner when Reagan’s Decision (Unified) crossed the wire first in New Orleans. Before the race, trainer (and stepmom) Cherie DeVaux tweeted out that any purse earnings from the race would be donated to relief efforts following the devastating tornadoes in Western Kentucky.

Visiting Reagan’s Decision on the Fair Grounds backstretch Monday morning, Reagan explained why she was donating to the recovery efforts.

“We wanted to give back to the people who lost their homes,” she explained. “It’s good to help community. We might all need help some day.”

Reagan is the daughter of David Ingordo and, when asked what she liked about Reagan’s Decision as a weanling, she sounded much like her bloodstock agent dad.

“She was very balanced and very athletic,” Reagan explained. Before the sparkling 10-year-old came out and she added with a laugh, “And she was cute.”

Asked what advice her father gave her when shopping at the sales, Reagan said, “He taught me to make sure they have good feet and good parents.”

Reagan’s Decision was a lightly regarded 18-1 longshot when she went to the post at Fair Grounds Sunday, but her owner had plenty of confidence in the juvenile filly.

“She was training really well into the race, so I thought she would win,” Reagan said. “And also because she’s fast.”

Reagan’s Decision proved to be not only fast, but also scrappy as she struggled to find racing room down the stretch before tipping out to the center of the course and closing stoutly to just get her head in front on the wire (video).

Reagan admitted to some nerves as her filly weaved through traffic, but ultimately, “I was really happy and excited,” she said.

Reagan reported Reagan’s Decision looked to be in fine shape Monday morning.

“She looks good this morning,” Reagan said. “She will go in an allowance race next.”
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Not This Time sired two new 2YO stakes winners on Sunday,
giving him a total of 6 juvenile BTWs this year—
#1 Juvenile Sire by BTWs, tied with Gun Runner.

- EPICENTER won the Gun Runner S.
  by 6 ½ lengths and earned 10 points
  on the Road to the Kentucky Derby (G1)
  Leaderboard.

- NORTH COUNTY won the Untapable S.
  to remain undefeated and earned 10 points
  on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks (G1)
  Leaderboard.
Girl With a Dream turned for home in front
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Girl With a Dream broke sharply and made all to win the Letellier Memorial S. and become the fifth stakes winner for her freshman sire Practical Joke (Into Mischief) Monday at Fair Grounds. The 3-5 favorite, adding Lasix for this effort, grabbed the lead and was pressed through an opening quarter in :22.49. She was joined by stablemate Com’ on Sweet Luv at the top of the lane after a half in :46.42 and determinedly held that rival at bay to the wire.

Girl With a Dream graduated by 6 3/4 lengths in her five-furlong bow at Ellis Park July 24. A well-beaten eighth after a troubled trip in the Sept. 5 GI Spinaway S., she was second in a Keeneland optional claimer Oct. 21 before winning a six-furlong Churchill allowance last time out Nov. 13.

Henley, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner and multiple Grade I placed Mr. Commons (Artie Schiller), produced a filly by Twirling Candy last year and was bred to Gift Box for 2022. Her yearling filly sold for $110,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

SUGAR BOWL S., $75,000, Fair Grounds, 12-27, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.03, ft.
1--CHATTALOT, 122, c, 2, by Midnight Lute
1st Dam: Mamboalot (SP), by Kingmambo
2nd Dam: Investalot, by Vice Regent
3rd Dam: Myun, by Exclusive Native
($4,500 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT; $110,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR).
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) & David A. Bernsen, LLC; B-Gryphon Investments, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Reylu Gutierrez. $45,750.
Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $199,095. *1/2 to Alydarla (Henny Hughes), GSP, $150,650; A Red Tie Day (Indygo Shiner), SW & GSP, $336,577.

2--Underhill's Tab, 116, c, 2, Unified--Mykindasaint, by Saint Ballado. ($10,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $19,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; $400,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR).
1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Jay Goodwin & Brian Foret (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr. $15,000.

3--Blue Kentucky, 122, g, 2, Include--Sapphire Seas, by Proud Citizen. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Larry & Cindy Jones (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano. $7,500.
Also Ran: Freelancer, Kaely's Brother, Higher Standard, Hoist the Gold, Magician Stone. Scratched: Special Breed.

Chattalot set all the fractions and held on stubbornly late to win the Sugar Bowl S. and complete a four-win day for red-hot jockey Reylu Gutierrez at Fair Grounds Monday. Breaking from the rail, the bay colt dashed out to the early lead and was pressed through an opening quarter in :22.05 and :45.35 before fending off a late challenge from Underhill’s Tab.

Chattalot | Hodges Photography/Amanda Hodges Weir
A debut winner at Saratoga in July, Chattalot added a Churchill optional claimer Oct. 1 before suffering his first defeat when third after pressing the pace in the Oct. 30 Bowman Mills S. at Keeneland. He tired to fourth after setting the pace in the Nov. 27 Lovely Shively S. at Churchill Downs last time out. The Midnight Lute colt was purchased by Jeffrey Bloom for $110,000 following a :10 flat work at this year’s OBS April sale. Bloom purchased a daughter of Midnight Lute for $80,000 at that same sale in 2017 and theilly blossomed into champion Midnight Bisou. Gutiérrez’s four-win Monday followed a three-win Sunday card at the New Orleans oval. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

WOODCHOPPER S., $75,000, Fair Grounds, 12-27, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.08, fm.
1–EXCESS MAGIC, 117, c, 3, by Magician (Ire)
   1st Dam: Exchanted (SW), by Exchange Rate
   2nd Dam: Waverly Bell, by Idabel
   3rd Dam: Favorite Dunce, by Favorecidian
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-William T. Reed (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Reylu Gutierrez. $46,500. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-1, $164,171.

2–Point Me By, 122, c, 3, Point of Entry--Viva Allegiance, by Proud Citizen. ($30,000 Ylg ’19 KEEJAN). O-Homewrecker Racing; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally. $15,000.

3–Rightandjust, 116, c, 3, Awesome Again--Pussyfoot, by Tiznow. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Shane Wilson. $7,500.
Margins: 1HF, 4 1/4, 1. Odds: 2.30, 2.50, 18.10.
Also Ran: Hidden Enemy (Ire), Big Lake, Arabian Prince, Awesome Gerry. Scratched: Concert Tour, Temper Tantrum, Warrior in Chief, Who Took the Money.

EXCESS MAGIC, who came up just a nose short of his first stakes win when second to begin the year in the Texas Turf Mile at Sam Houston in January, ended his campaign with that first stakes score in the Woodchopper S. at Fair Grounds Monday. The dark bay colt rushed up and over from his outside post to vie for the lead with RightandJust heading into the first turn. Those two exchanged blows through fractions of :24.43 and :49.76, but Excess Magic put that foe away at midstretch and strode home a confident winner.

Following his runner-up effort in the Texas Turf Mile, Excess Magic was a troubled sixth in the Feb. 27 Black Gold S. over the Fair Grounds turf and was sidelined until taking a 5 1/2-furlong optional claimer at that oval Nov. 26.

Exchanted produced a colt by Munnings this year and was bred back to Lord Nelson. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

PAGO HOP S., $75,000, Fair Grounds, 12-27, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.56, fm.
1–LOVELY RIDE, 117, f, 3, by Candy Ride (Arg)
   1st Dam: Lovely Lil (GSW, $299,890), by Tiznow
   2nd Dam: How About Now, by Pentelicus
   3rd Dam: Peaceful Intention, by Hold Your Peace
   O/B-Allied Racing Stable, LLC; T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Reylu Gutierrez. $45,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, $284,160. *1/2 to American Xperiment (Nyquist), GISP.

2–Amiche, 116, f, 3, Malibu Moon--Lady Melesi, by Colonial Affair. ($325,000 Ylg ’19 FTSAUG; $430,000 RNA 2yo ’20 OBSMAR). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Backstretch Farms, Inc., Manganaro Bloodstock and Ingordo, David; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. $15,000.
Also Ran: Touch of Class, Barista, Out of Sorts, Arm Candy, Assertive Style, Amalfi Princess, Becca’s Rocket, Suki. Scratched: Inajiffy, Youens.

Since entering stakes competition with a fifth-place effort July 7 in the GIII Indiana Oaks, and picking up Reylu Guitierrez in her subsequent gutsy victory Aug. 24 in the Cathryn Sophia S. at Parx, Lovely Ride has finished off the board only one other time in her career.

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After finishing fifth Sept. 26 in the GIII Remington Park Oaks at its namesake track, she was given a couple months freshening before making a return earlier this month at Oaklawn Park in the Mistletoe S. Dec. 4, finishing a stubborn third. Spring boarding off that effort three weeks later here, shortening to a mile and trying the turf course for the first time as a 9-1 shot, Lovely Ride has now found success on both surfaces. Breaking well with the group, she held her third position to the outside of another stalker going into the first turn. Cruising along down the backstretch behind a pair of frontrunners, a clear path became a luxury when the field bunched up heading into the far turn, and Touch of Class (Mizzen Mast) drifted to the center at the top of the stretch, closing the hole on Gutierrez right when the pair was starting to roll. As the Allied Racing homebred cut the corner to take the inland route, Touch of Class pin-balled between her and runner-up Amiche in deep stretch, further weakening as those went by her. The wire arrived in the nick of time for Lovely Ride, solidifying another game victory by three-quarters of a length. The winner is out of GSW Lovely Lil, making her a half to a GISP 2-year-old American Xperiment (Nyquist). There are no younger siblings on record and the mare visited Mo Town for 2022. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

Audrey’s Time, who had been plying her trade mostly over the turf, has found a new level of success over the main track and captured the first stakes win of her career in the Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial S. at Fair Grounds Monday. Away well, the bay filly was allowed to settle into stride at the back of the field. She improved her position down the backstretch and loomed a threat with a three-wide move turning for home. She darted to the lead with a furlong to run and strode clear to an easy win.

Audrey’s Time romped home a seven-length winner of a 1 1/4-mile optional claimer over the main track at Churchill Downs Nov. 5 and she was coming off a third-place finish in the Nov. 25 GII Falls City S.

Unforgotten has an unraced 2-year-old filly by Nyquist and a yearling filly by West Coast who sold for $27,000 at this year’s Fasig-Tipton October sale. She was bred to Vekoma this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
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2nd-Fair Grounds, $46,000, (S), Alw, 12-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.82, ft, 2 lengths.

**PLUM GOOD** (f, 3, Star Guitar--Penelope Plum, by Badge of Silver) was making her first start since romping to a 10 1/2-length debut score at Louisiana Downs Sept. 20. The 3-5 favorite hopped at the start and trailed in the early strides before rushing up through the field to be just in behind the pacersetters as the quarter went up in :22.70. With nowhere entering the straight, the chestnut filly was tipped out three wide and inched closer to the leaders even as she drifted out and in. Finally straightened with a sixteenth to run, she surged to the lead and pulled away to win by two lengths. **Stephanie Spirit** (Midshipman) was second. Plum Good is a half-sister to Crescentcitypretty (Bernardini), SW, $170,305. Her dam, a half-sister to Canadian champion Uncaptured (Lion Heart), produced full-siblings the last three years and was bred back to Evelyn Beniot’s Star Guitar this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

**O/B-Brittlyn Stable, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo.**

1st-Santa Anita, $73,520, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.96, gd, 3/4 length.

**I GOT A GAL** (f, 2, Pioneerof the Nile--Desert Illusion, by Sky Mesa) was adding blinkers and trying the lawn for the first time after tiring to fifth going 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 20. The 6-1 shot stumbled leaving the gate and was squeezed back to be last while headstrong heading into the first turn. She pulled her way straight to the front, and shot clear to a three-length advantage down the backstretch and determinedly held off Pammy’s Ready (More Than Ready) into the far turn and skipped clear while Gold Dragon Queen closed relentlessly to just get her nose in front on the line. The winner is a half-sister to Blue Harbor (Rockport Harbor), MSP, $370,557, and is out of a half-sister to SW & GSP She’s A Lively One (Lively One). Water Park is the dam of a yearling filly by Orb, a weanling filly by First Samurai and was most recently covered by Air Force Blue. Sales history: $25,000 Ylg ‘20 KEESEP. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

**O-Moon S Han; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Richard Baltas.**

9th-Santa Anita, $69,500, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:40.37, sy, 1/2 length.

**GOLD DRAGON QUEEN** (f, 2, Goldencents--Water Park {MSP, $172,849}, by Strodes Creek), sixth sprinting over the main track while debuting for trainer Paul Aguirre at Delaware in August, relocated to the West Coast and moved to the lawn to be fourth going one mile at Santa Anita Oct. 15 and fifth over five furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 26. The 26-1 longshot settled well off the early pace as Darling Donna (Peace and Justice) splashed along on a clear lead through fractions of :21.97 and :46.07. Pammy’s Ready (More Than Ready) took over the lead into the far turn and skipped clear while Gold Dragon Queen steadily improved her position along the rail. Pammy’s Ready had a four-length advantage at the top of the lane and looked home free, but Gold Dragon Queen closed relentlessly to just get her nose in front on the line. The winner’s third dam is champion Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $45,385.

**O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, Brian Doxtator & Michael Jawl; B-BSW Bloodstock LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate (KY); T-Peter Eurton.**

She was bred back to Maclean’s Music and RNA’d for $100,000 last month at Keeneland. The winner’s third dam is champion Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

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**Hidden Brook Florida Graduate**

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3rd-Fair Grounds, $40,000, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.03, fm, 1 length.

HOLIDAY HOUSE (c, 2, More Than Ready--Glorietta Bay, by A.P. Indy) closed to just miss going this distance over the Laurel turf in his Oct. 1 unveiling and was third over the Woodbine synthetic surface Oct. 30 before finishing a lackluster fifth going one mile of the Fair Grounds lawn last time out Nov. 27. Adding Lasix for this effort, the 9-2 shot was well back early, shifted to the center of the course at midstretch and stormed to the lead to win going away by one length. Rumble Ready (More Than Ready) completed the exacta for his sire. Glorietta Bay, a daughter of graded winner Miss Coronado (Cornado's Quest) and a full-sister to Grade I placed Arethusa, produced a colt by daughter of graded winner Miss Coronado (Cornado's Quest) and a full-sister to Grade I placed Arethusa, produced a colt by

4th-Hawthorne, $23,760, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:46.70, gd, 9 1/4 lengths.

TRIGGER HAPPY (c, 2, Gun Runner--Stayclassysandiego (SP), by Rockport Harbor), the 2-5 favorite, zipped out to the early lead and battled on the front end through an opening quarter in :23.60 and began pulling away after a half in :47.48. He shrugged off a rival entering the far turn and sailed home unchallenged to win by 9 1/4 lengths despite racing greenly down the lane. Trigger Happy, the 28th winner for his freshman sire (by Candy Ride (Arg)), is a half-brother to Pretty N Cool (Scat Daddy), MGSw & GISp, $562,905. He was a $170,000 KEENOV weanling and a $235,000 FTKOCT yearling. Stayclassysandiego produced a colt by Justify in 2020. The colt was a $435,000 KEENOV weanling before selling for $950,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale. The mare, a half-sister to Grade I winner Sean Avery (Cherokee Run), was bred to Caravaggio this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. 

5th-Fair Grounds, $40,000, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.71, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

WHENTHEDAWNBREAKS (f, 2, Ghostzapper--Mushka (GISW-USA, GSP-Can, $1,096,125), by Empire Maker), an expensive $370,000 Keeneland September acquisition and a bit below the public’s radar at 7-1 on break here, experienced more in the first few furlongs of her career debut than most, getting swamped by rivals going into the first turn before shuffling to the rail. Trapped in her position for most of the 8 1/2-panel journey over the turf, Colby Hernandez chose a ground-saving trip through the final turn, but was unable to unfurl his mount’s closing kick from ninth due to the wall of horses still in front of him since the start. Running out of real estate, Hernandez guided his filly out from behind the leading group midstretch, and when he asked, Whenthedawnbreaks responded with a determined rally. She closed quickly on Red Hot Mama (Cupid), who had gotten the best of that group, and went right over the top by better than a length. The winner is out of millionaire Mushka, who has run a streak of barren years since 2020, most recently not catching when sent to Tom’s d’Etat for 2022.

The dam had marked sales success as a broodmare in her early years: $1.65 million Heyaarat (Empire Maker) in the 2012 Keeneland September sale to the Shadwell Estate; $1.2 million Crowned (Bernardini) to John Ferguson in the 2014 Keeneland September sale; $675,000 Follow the Flag (Tapit) to Skara Glen Stables at 2017 Keeneland November, and $320,000 Ifurhappynuknowit (Bernardini) to Repole Stables last year at Keeneland November. She herself exchanged hands on a few occasions and for tags befitting a third-generation black-type earning mare: $1.6 million as a 2006 Saratoga yearling, $2.4 million in 2008 at Keeneland November, and $650,000 at 2016 Keeneland November.

This is the female family of graded stakes winner and producer, $965,330, Lakeway (Seattle Slew). Sales history: $370,000 Ylg ’20 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000. 

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O-Michael De Broglio; B-SF Bloodstock LLC & Matthew Sandblom (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Saenae Sun, f, 3, Dialed In--Switched Up, by Pleasantly Perfect. Seoul, 12-26, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY).

* $64,000 Ylg ’19 KEESSEP; $17,000 2yo ’20 OBSJUL. VIDEO (SC 11)

Northern Time, g, 3, Not This Time--Stella Prima, by El Prado (Ire). Seoul, 12-26, Hcp. (C4), 1800m. B-Martin Lake & Serendipity Farm (KY). *1/2 to Stella Rose (Mineshaft), SP-Can, $168,769; and Small Bear (Macho Uno), SW, $417,923.

** $65,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT. VIDEO (SC 9)

Haengbok Wangja, c, 4, Daredevil. See ‘TDN Europe--Asia’
FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Greenpointcrusader** (Bernardini), Ocala Stud, $3,500
38 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, La Lima, 12-1
$1,000 FTN MIX wnl; $10,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Keen Ice** (Curlin), Calumet Farm, $12,500
137 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Salagadoola, 10-1
$35,000 EAS DEC wnl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DEC. 28
2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Optimizer** (English Channel), Calumet Farm, $2,500
45 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turf Paradise, 5:40 p.m. EST, $37K Richard Hazelton Overnight S., 1 1/16m, Optimistic Valor, 4-1
$1,300 KEE SEP yrl; $9,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; $14,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, $4,000
135 foals of racing age/38 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 2:56 p.m. EST, $100K Mrs. Claus S., 7f, Excitable Lady, 15-1
6-Penn National, 8:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, My Lady's Aunt Ma, 8-1
$5,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESSEP.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
3rd-Santa Anita, $72,484, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.82, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.
**LINCOLN HAWK** (IRE) (g, 3, Mehmas {Ire}--Glamorous {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Red Ransom) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, $119,698. O-Rockingham Ranch & Supreme Racing; B-Richard & Nora Ahern (IRE); T-Richard Baltas. *$20,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV.

5th-Santa Anita, $71,500, 12-27, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.74, gd, 3 lengths.
**VANTASTIC** (g, 5, **Dialed In**--Lemon Secretary, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 17-4-3-3, $192,871. O-Ciaglia Racing LLC and SAF Racing; B-David Berman (FL); T-Peter Eurton. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESSEP.

7th-Santa Anita, $70,000, (S), (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37.87, gd, 5 1/4 lengths.
**WILER THAN MOST** (g, 4, Vonys---Q T Shae, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, $117,340. O-Mark Devereaux & F Scott; B-Mark Devereaux & Scomar Enterprises (CA); T-Carla Gaines. *1/2 to Tiger Dad (Smiling Tiger), SW, $358,925.

5th-Parx Racing, $61,098, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.98, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
**SPICETHEMAINBRACE** (h, 5, Poseidon’s Warrior--Aunt Bobby, by Ecclesiastic) Lifetime Record: MSP, 33-7-5-5, $345,194. O-LC Racing & Wellesley Stable; B-Swilcan Stables LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.

8th-Laurel, $55,640, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($28,000-$35,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.02, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.
**ALPHA CHI RHO** (g, 3, Alpha--Unbridled Star {MSP}, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-1, $140,199. O-I R Sanchez Racing Stable; B-Chester & Mary R. Bromman (NY); T-Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon. *$3,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. **$1 to Friend Or Foe (Friends Lake), MSW, $349,134; Stolen Star (Cat Thief), MSP, $210,544; and Star Grazing (Sky Mesa), SW, $277,800.

4th-Fair Grounds, $46,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 12-27, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:36.30, ft, 1 length.
**HOOPERDRIVESTHBOAT** (g, 4, Fusaichi Pegasus--Samantha Mulder, by Lac Ouimet) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, $81,535. O/B-Jeff Allen (KY); T-Donald J. Habeeb.

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4th-Laurel, $44,400, (C), 12-27, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.64, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

CAN'T PASS IT UP (g, 5, El Padrino--Cant Pass a Turtle, by Domestic Dispute) Lifetime Record: 28-5-5-5, $171,514. O-Dunham Thoroughbreds; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Bernard G. Dunham. *$2,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

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5th-Mahoning Valley, $36,400, 12-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.84, sy, 4 lengths.

BIG TRUCK (g, 3, Birdrun--Small Secret, by Ministers Wild Cat) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-6-7-1, $231,283. O-Smith Red Gate Farm, LLC; B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Larry E. Smith.

7th-Mahoning Valley, $33,700, (S), 12-27, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.88, sy, 1 length.

MA MOOS WARRIOR (g, 3, Mobil--Big Ma Moo, by Sir Cat) Lifetime Record: 21-2-1-3, $64,449. O-JSR Stables, Inc.; B-Jake & Shelly Radosevich (OH); T-Jake S. Radosevich.

8th-Turf Paradise, $27,300, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($10,000-$12,500), 12-27, 3yo/upo, 1m (off turf), 1:36.15, ft, 5 lengths.

PROVOST (g, 4, Street Boss--Tourist Trap, by Sightseeing) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, $59,099. O-Harry Richardson & Perry Ray; B-John R. Penn (KY); T-Jack McCartney. *$210,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

7th-Hawthorne, $25,760, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1:12.02, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

SHARP HERO (f, 3, Hero of Order--Helli, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, $38,510. O-Georgianna DeLong, Shelley Steele & Art Zacharski; B-Raut, LLC (KY); T-Gary Delong.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Itch, f, 3, Tidal Volume--Lady Yellow Tail, by Arch. Mahoning Valley, 12-27, (S), 6f, 1:16.07. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $25,570. B-Randy Allen Blackhurst (OH).

Alpha, Alpha Chi Rho, g, 3, o/o Unbridled Star, by Unbridled. AOC, 12-27, Laurel

Bayern, Shero, f, 4, o/o Don't get madalexisas, by Don't Get Mad. STR, 12-27, Parx Racing

Birdrun, Big Truck, g, 3, o/o Small Secret, by Ministers Wild Cat. ALW, 12-27, Mahoning Valley

Candy Ride (Arg), Lovely Ride, f, 3, o/o Lovely Lil, by Tiznow. Pago Hop S., 12-27, Fair Grounds

Colonel John, Colonel Juan, g, 7, o/o Senorita Louisa, by Louis Quatorze. STR, 12-27, Parx Racing

Dialed In, Vantastic, g, 5, o/o Lemon Secretary, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 12-27, Santa Anita

El Padrino, Can't Pass It Up, g, 5, o/o Cant Pass a Turtle, by Domestic Dispute. ALW, 12-27, Laurel

Fusaichi Pegasus, Hooperdrivesthboat, g, 4, o/o Samantha Mulder, by Lac Ouimet. AOC, 12-27, Fair Grounds

Ghostzapper, Whenthedawnbreaks, f, 2, o/o Mushka, by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-27, Fair Grounds

Goldencents, Gold Dragon Queen, f, 2, o/o Water Park, by Strodes Creek. MSW, 12-27, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Trigger Happy, c, 2, o/o Stayclassysandiego, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 12-27, Hawthorne

Hero of Order, Sharp Hero, f, 3, o/o Helli, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 12-27, Hawthorne

Magician (Ire), Excess Magic, c, 3, o/o Exchanted, by Exchange Rate. Woodchopper S., 12-27, Fair Grounds

Mehmas (Ire), Lincoln Hawk (Ire), g, 3, o/o Glamorous (Ger), by Red Ransom. AOC, 12-27, Santa Anita

Midnight Lute, Chattalot, c, 2, o/o Mamboalot, by Kingmambo. Sugar Bowl S., 12-27, Fair Grounds

Mineshaft, Bess, m, 5, o/o Brenda Leigh, by Forest Wildcat. STR, 12-27, Parx Racing

Mobil, Ma Moos Warrior, g, 3, o/o Big Ma Moo, by Sir Cat. ALW, 12-27, Mahoning Valley

More Than Ready, Holiday House, c, 2, o/o Glorietta Bay, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-27, Fair Grounds

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Practical Joke, Girl With a Dream, f, 2, o/o Henley, by Corinthian. Letellier Memorial S., 12-27, Fair Grounds
Star Guitar, Plum Good, f, 3, o/o Penelope Plum, by Badge of Silver. ALW, 12-27, Fair Grounds
Street Boss, Provost, g, 4, o/o Tourist Trap, by Sightseeing. AOC, 12-27, Turf Paradise
Tidal Volume, Lady Itch, f, 3, o/o Lady Yellow Tail, by Arch. MSW, 12-27, Mahoning Valley
Uncle Mo, Audrey’s Time, f, 4, o/o Unforgotten, by Northern Afleet. Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial S., 12-27, Fair Grounds
Union Rags, Sevier, g, 7, o/o Hand Crafted, by Mineshaft. STR, 12-27, Parx Racing
Vronsky, Wilder Than Most, g, 4, o/o Q T Shae, by Unusual Heat. AOC, 12-27, Santa Anita
A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

One hundred years after the Aga Khan III made his first purchase at the Tattersalls July Sale, the bloodstock empire he built, and which has been carefully cultivated by his grandson, HH the Aga Khan IV, continues to thrive. Over the next three days we look back over the history of one of the most influential owner/breeder operations in the history of the Thoroughbred, with edited highlights from the Aga Khan Studs’ centenary brochure, written by Emma Berry and John Berry.

They say that the future belongs to those who plan for it. That maxim definitely applies to the Aga Khan Studs, the foundations of which were laid only after lengthy and careful planning. The Aga Khan III bought his first horse in Europe (Paola) at Tattersalls’ July Sale in Newmarket in 1921, but he had been working towards that moment for two decades.

The late Aga Khan was already a leading owner in India by the time that he first visited England in 1898. The first race-meeting which he attended in Britain was the Epsom Spring Meeting, and he returned to the historic course a month later for the Derby. He was then granted a Royal Household Badge for the Royal Enclosure at Ascot, and was soon a devotee of the British turf.

By the time that the Aga Khan III finally started to buy the fillies who would become the foundation mares of his stud, he was more than ready to put his plans into action. He had visited Colonel Hall-Walker’s stud (now the Irish National Stud) at Tully in 1904 and his plans had started to solidify.

Other key characters in the establishment of the stud were the Hon. George Lambton and William Duke. Lambton’s commitments to Lord Derby meant that he had to decline the request to train for the Aga Khan III, but he agreed to help in the selection of the yearlings and recommended that Dick Dawson, then based at Whatcombe, should train them. In France, William Duke was commissioned both to buy and train his horses there.

The Aga Khan III did not merely hand the reins to his advisors when it came to buying the horses, but played a key role in the selection himself. The results were stunningly successful, right from the outset.

The enterprise began at the Tattersalls July Sale in Newmarket in 1921 with the purchase of two fillies: a daughter of The Tetrarch, subsequently named Paola, and a filly by Bridge Of Earn, named Bombay Duck. The Aga Khan III and Lambton did not have to wait long before receiving confirmation that their judgement was sound. Paola won the Cheveley Park S. and finished second in the Middle Park S. before taking the Coronation S. at three, while Bombay Duck won the Richmond S.

A filly bought later that autumn turned out to be the first of several crucial foundation mares for the Aga Khan Studs. Teresina, by Tracery, was third in both the 1000 Guineas and St Leger and at four won three races including the Goodwood Cup and the Jockey Club S. She subsequently did even better at stud, breeding nine winners including the 1930 Irish Oaks heroine Theresina, in turn the dam of St Leger winner Turkhan.

Teresina was, however, arguably not the best bargain from the St Leger Sale. A daughter of Flying Orb was bought for 5,000 guineas and named Cos. She became England’s best 2-year-old filly of 1922, when she won six of her seven races including the Queen Mary S. – on debut – and Imperial Produce S. As a 3-year-old Cos raced three times for two wins and second place in the 1000 Guineas.

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At stud she bred four winners, including Costa Pasha, who won the Chesham S., Hopeful S. and Middle Park S., and Mrs Rustom, who landed the Ham Produce S., Gimcrack S. and Dewhurst S.

The dream start which Cos gave to the late Aga Khan's British ownership venture was continued later in the meeting when his second runner, Tricky Aunt, made a winning debut in the Windsor Castle S. By the end of the season, largely thanks to the exploits of Paola and Cos, he finished ninth in the list of winning owners.

In 1924, the Aga Khan III achieved the unprecedented feat of being champion owner in both Britain and France, an achievement made even greater by the fact that it was only his third year racing horses. By 1925, he had completed the clean sweep by becoming champion owner in Ireland, with statistics that are easy to recount: one winner of one race! That race, of course, was the Irish Derby, won by the Dick Dawson-trained Zionist, a son of Spearmint who had been bought for 2,400 guineas as a yearling.

Thereafter his success in the two countries went in different directions. Success bred success in England, whereas in France he disbanded his stable when William Duke decided to return to the USA in 1925. He was soon, though, racing there again, giving his French operation plenty of impetus by buying Haras de Saint-Crespin and all its stock from the executors of the late M. Edouard Kann. His principal motivation in this transaction was to secure the Bridaine mare Uganda, which proved to be an inspired decision as she bred the 1932 Oaks heroine Udaipur, who in turn bred the Gold Cup winner Umiddad.

The Tattersalls St Leger Yearling Sale in 1922 turned out to be a crucial event in the establishment of the Aga Khan Studs. The policy remained the same, with the acquisition of fillies who had the potential to be foundation mares augmented by the acquisition of a handful of colts. Remarkably, the few colts bought contained two subsequent British Classic winners. A colt by Grand Parade, named Diophon, provided the Aga Khan III with his first Classic triumph by landing the 2000 Guineas in 1924. Later that season Salmon-Trout, a son of The Tetrarch, won the St Leger.

The previous month's yearling sale in Deauville also yielded a Classic winner in the shape of Pot-Au-Feu who landed the Prix du Jockey-Club in 1924.

Worth Her Weight In Gold

If those purchases were to prove more than satisfactory, how can one describe the filly by The Tetrarch bought at the same sale?
The Aga Khan III, right, with Lord Carnarvon at the Doncaster Sales in 1926 | The Aga Khan Studs

A Century of Excellence Cont.

Admittedly, the daughter of the Coventry S. heroine Lady Josephine was expensive (she was knocked down to Lambton at 9,100 guineas, which at that point was the largest sum paid for a yearling in the 20th century), but she turned out figuratively to have been worth her weight in gold.

Named Mumtaz Mahal by her new owner and subsequently nicknamed 'The Flying Filly' by the racing public, the beautiful grey showed herself to be an outstanding 2-year-old, topping the Free Handicap after easily winning five races including the Queen Mary S., the National Breeders' Produce S., the Molecomb S. and the Champagne S. The following spring she led the 1000 Guineas by 10 lengths at the bushes, only to run out of stamina and surrender the lead close home to Plack. Returned to sprinting, she recorded brilliant victories in the King George S. at Goodwood and the Nunthorpe S.

Supreme though Mumtaz Mahal was as a racehorse, it is as a broodmare that she earned true immortality. It is not merely that she ranks the most influential broodmare ever to have graced the Aga Khan's studs...she can be viewed as arguably the most influential broodmare ever to have graced any stud.

Seven of Mumtaz Mahal's foals won. None was quite as special as their mother, although Mirza, a son of Blenheim, was just about as fast. However, her fillies came into their own after their retirement to the paddocks. Mumtaz Mahal ranked as the Aga Khan Studs' most notable matriarch throughout the 20th century and remains thus in the 21st, with her descendants including Petite Etoile, Shergar and Zarkava.

While the early years of the Aga Khan III's ownership revolved around racing horses whom he had bought, the main aim of breeding his own stock started as soon as the first batch of fillies retired to the paddocks. Cont. p4
A Century of Excellence Cont.
To this end, he bought several properties in Ireland to form the core of his studs. First came Sheshoon Stud, in 1923, with Ballymany Stud purchased shortly afterwards.

Blenheim Provides A Notable First
Just as Cos had got the ball rolling for the Aga Khan III as an owner with her debut victory in the 1922 Queen Mary S., so was she a key player in the formative years of his career as a breeder. His best 2-year-old of 1928 was her homebred Gainsborough colt Costaki Pasha, winner of the Chesham S. at Ascot followed by the Hopeful S. and then the Middle Park S. The ease of his Middle Park S. victory ensured that he ended the year as joint-second top weight in the Free Handicap, only 1lb behind the top-weighted Tiffin.

Although Costaki Pasha’s 3-year-old season was disappointing, the Aga Khan III still ended the 1929 season as leading owner in Britain, his cause greatly helped by a tremendous crop of 2-year-olds. Four of them were earmarked by Dick Dawson for Ascot. Two of the quartet had already run and won (Blenheim, who had been bought from his breeder Lord Carnarvon as a yearling; and Qurrat-Al-Ain, who been an expensive yearling at 12,500 guineas) while Rustom Pasha (a homebred colt by Son-In-Law from Cos) and Teacup would make their debuts.

The dream became reality when all four won. On the Tuesday Qurrat-Al-Ain justified odds-on favouritism in the Queen Mary S.; on the Wednesday Rustom Pasha dead-heated for the Chesham S.; on the Thursday Blenheim won the New (now Norfolk) S.; on the Friday Teacup won the Windsor Castle S. The four horses made varying progress as that season and the next went on. Cont. p5
A Century of Excellence Cont.

Qurrat-Al-Ain was largely disappointing although she did win the Coronation S. 12 months later, whereas Rustom Pasha developed into one of the best 3-year-olds of 1930, winning the Eclipse S. and Champion S.

It was Blenheim, though, who went on to the greatest glory. Rustom Pasha and Blenheim both lined up for the 1930 Derby and, although Rustom Pasha went off the shorter-priced, Blenheim galloped his way to immortality by giving his owner his first victory in the greatest race of all. The excitement of the occasion was perfectly summed up by a contemporary report which related that the crowd gave “a striking display of enthusiasm when the Aga Khan, hat in hand, and laughing like a happy schoolboy, led the colt through a lane of humanity to the unsaddling enclosure”.

While Blenheim, of course, had been bred by Lord Carnarvon, the Aga Khan III was still able to taste Classic glory with a homebred that year when Theresina won the Irish Oaks. Theresina, incidentally, was arguably not the most distinguished of Teresina’s offspring, her Classic triumph and subsequent great achievements as a broodmare notwithstanding. That honour could be said to have fallen to Alibhai, a son of Hyperion who was sold as a yearling in 1939 to race in the USA. He reportedly broke the track record at Santa Anita for four furlongs in training before suffering a career-ending injury while still unraced, but he subsequently became one of the best stallions in the States, most notably siring 1954 Kentucky Derby winner Determine. Alibhai was one of two Hyperion colts bred by the Aga Khan Studs who became leading sires in the States, the other being Khaled, responsible for 61 stakes winners headed by the mighty Swaps.

French Foundations

By this stage, the bulk of the Aga Khan III’s British string was trained in Fitzroy House in Newmarket by Frank Butters, who had taken over the horses when their owner and Dick Dawson had parted company in 1931. That was one of two major changes to the Aga Khan III’s operation that year. The other concerned the French studs. From the outset, the Aga Khan III had set great store by the dosage system of pedigree analysis formulated by Lt-Colonel Jean-Joseph Vuillier. The two men never actually met until 1925 but, when they did, the Aga Khan III immediately hired him as his breeding advisor and manager of his stud farms in France. The latter held the position until his death in 1931, when Vuillier’s protégé Robert Muller was put in the charge of the farms while Madame Vuillier continued to provide advice. Cont. p6
A Century of Excellence Cont.

The new partnership of the Aga Khan III and Frank Butters was an instant success, a glorious season in 1932 highlighted by two British Classic victories. Udaipur won the Oaks and Coronation S., while Firdaussi won the St Leger and the Jockey Club S. Butters ran four of the Aga Khan’s horses in the St Leger and they finished first, second, fourth and fifth.

Greater glories were soon to follow, most notably via two of the greatest Derby winners: Bahram and Mahmoud. Each holds a particular place in the record books.

To this day, only two horses have won the British Triple Crown and subsequently retired unbeaten: Ormonde in 1886 and Bahram in 1935. Bahram and his half-brother Dastur were sons of the Friar Marcus mare Friar’s Daughter, who bred 11 winners including Fille d’Amour (who finished fourth in the Oaks in 1929 and subsequently bred the 1943 Irish Derby winner The Phoenix) and Sadri who, exported to South Africa after failing to win in Britain, won the Durban July Handicap in 1941.

Mahmoud’s claim to fame is that he set a new record time for the Derby (2:33.8) when scoring in 1936. That record stood for 59 years until Lammtarra won the race in 2:32.31. Mahmoud was a son of Mumtaz Mahal’s Gainsborough filly Mah Mahal, who also bred Mah Iran (dam of Migoli, winner for the Aga Khan III and Butters of 11 races including the Dewhurst S., the Eclipse S. and Champion S. in 1947; and the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe in 1948) and Petite Etoile’s dam Star Of Iran.

Nasrullah The Wartime Hero

In the years leading up to the Second World War, the Aga Khan III greatly reduced his involvement owing to the uncertain wider global outlook. In 1938 he sold 18 yearlings at Tattersalls and 17 in Deauville, but still made the occasional purchase. Most notably, that autumn he bought a colt by Hyperion out of the Friar Marcus mare Sister Stella. Named Stardust, he was one of two top juveniles in 1939, winning Britain’s most valuable 2-year-old race (the National Breeders’ Produce S. at Sandown) while the homebred Turkhan (a son of Bahram and Theresina) won the Coventry S. at Ascot. The following season Turkhan won the St Leger and Irish Derby, while Stardust finished second in both the 2000 Guineas and St Leger. In time, Stardust’s legacy became secure thanks to his son Star Kingdom, a breed-shaping stallion in Australia.

Far and away the most distinguished horse raced by the Aga Khan III during the Second World War, however, was Nasrullah. Wartime restrictions meant that Nasrullah raced only on Newmarket’s July Course adjacent to the Heath on which he was trained. If one were being charitable, one could say that Nasrullah knew the area too well because he quickly learned that trying hard in his races was voluntary. His record was good but it was generally felt that had his resolution matched his ability he would have been a true champion and very possibly a Triple Crown winner. Ultimately, though, Phil Bull’s observation in Best Horses of 1943 turned out to have been very prescient: "If conformation and innate ability count for anything he may make the name for himself as a stallion which his unfortunate temperament prevented his making for himself as a racehorse".

As the war neared its conclusion, the pendulum swinging in favour of a return to normality in the allied countries, racing began the long journey back to health. In 1944, the Aga Khan III was able to enjoy the sterling efforts of his Butters-trained 3-year-old Tehran, a son of Bois Roussel from the Solario mare Starfalla, in the wartime Triple Crown races: third in the 2000 Guineas, second in the Derby and first in the St Leger. Also enjoying Tehran’s success were the beneficiaries of the Indian Armies Comforts Fund as the Aga Khan had pledged at the outset of the war to donate all his winnings in England for the duration of the hostilities to this charity.

Another highlight in 1944 was the triumph of Umiddad in the Gold Cup (run on Newmarket’s July Course early in July). In what was to be his last race, Umiddad gave his all for Gordon Richards to get the better of the previous year’s Cesarewitch winner Bright Lady at the end a protracted battle. As a visibly exhausted Umiddad was walked around afterwards, the consensus of opinion among racegoers was that had Nasrullah possessed even half the determination of Umiddad, he would have shown himself to have been the best horse ever raced by the Aga Khan.

The Aga Khan III’s best horse in the immediate post-war years was Migoli, a son of Bois Roussel from Mumtaz Mahal’s Bahram granddaughter Mah Iran who excelled at both two and three before winning the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe as a 4-year-old in 1948. Cont. p7
A Century of Excellence Cont.
The Aga Khan III's smart bunch of homebred juveniles in 1947 included the Nasrullah colts Noor and Irish Derby winner Nathoo as well as the Nearco filly Masaka. The latter proved to be as frustrating as her paternal half-brother Nasrullah. She won the Oaks by six lengths but either side of that run just about refused to race in the 1000 Guineas and refused to race altogether in the Coronation S. Banished by Butters to Ireland, where she joined the Aga Khan's Irish trainer Hubert Hartigan, she won the Irish Oaks with her head in her chest, ridden by the National Hunt jockey Aubrey Brabazon.

That same year the Aga Khan III celebrated his fourth Derby victory, as part-owner of the Richard Carver-trained My Love, having bought a 50% share from the colt's breeder Leon Volterra for £15,000 after he had won the Prix Hocquart. This proved to be money well spent as My Love's next two races resulted in victories in the Derby and the Grand Prix de Paris.

The homebred 2-year-old crop of 1949 was even more special, including Britain's best colt, Palestine, and best filly, Diableretta, a great granddaughter of Mumtaz Mahal. The former won his first six races, starting odds-on favourite each time. Diableretta was beaten on debut but then won her next seven races including the Queen Mary, July, Cherry Hinton and Molecomb S.

Sadly, the 1940s ended on a very low note. Frank Butters had been a superb trainer for the Aga Khan III as well as "a very dear friend ... for whom we all in my family have the greatest affection". Towards the end of 1949, Butters was knocked off his bicycle in Newmarket’s High Street. He survived but suffered irreparable brain damage that effectively ended his active life, although he lived for another eight years.

Tomorrow: a Time of Transition
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Koropick (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)), Hedgeholme Stud
6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-PAU, 2000m, Gaara (Fr)
€1,000 RNA Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2021

Recorder (GB) (Galileo (Ire)), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
112 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
4-PAU, 2000m, Dream Bahama (Fr)
€16,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020
7-PAU, 2000m, Jubile (Fr)

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Aasser (Fr), c, 2, Dabirsim (Fr)--Ifhraja (Ire), by Ifhraaj (GB).
Wolverhampton, 12-27, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.29. B-Thierry de la Heronniere & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). *€35,000 Ylg '20 ARDEAY. **1/2 to Abama (Fr) (Alhebayeb (Ire)), SW-Fr, $127,673.
Poptronic (GB), f, 2, Nathaniel (Ire)--Alpine Dream (Ire), by Dream Ahead.
Wolverhampton, 12-27, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:48.42. B-David & Yvonne Blunt (GB).
Apache Star (Ire), g, 2, No Nay Never--Instinctively (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire).
Wolverhampton, 12-27, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.76. B-Whisperview Trading Ltd (IRE). *12,000gns 2yo ’21 TATAHI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Delia (Ger), f, 2, Neatlico (Ger)--Destille (Ger), by Paolini (Ger).
Dortmund, 12-27, 9f (AWT), 2:03.65. B-Gestut Sommerberg (GER).

Monday’s Results:
4th-Deauville, €34,000, Cond, 12-27, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.36, st.

WOOTTON DIVA (FR) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Jed Water (Fr), by Stormy River (Fr)), a Nov. 24 debut winner over this course and distance last time, settled off the pace in fifth through the early fractions. Making continued headway in the straight, the 19-10 favourite gained control approaching the eighth pole and drew off late to score by three lengths from Lily Rose (Fr) (Charm Spirit (Ire)). Wootton Diva is the lone foal produced by a multiple-winning granddaughter of Listed Prix des Tourelles victrix and G2 Prix de Royallieu runner-up Dame Kiri (Fr) (Old Vic (GB)), herself one of three black-type performers out of MGSP Listed Grand Prix de Clairefontaine winner Aborigine (Fr) (Riverman). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €30,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Rainer Kellner (FR); T-Stephane Wattel.

Sunday’s Results:
39TH GRAND PRIX (BT), ￦650,000,000 (US$547,543), Seoul, 12-26, 3yo/up, 2300m, 2:28.4, gd.
1--HAENGBOK WANGJA, 126, c, 4, Daredevil--First Installment, by Broken Vow. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($67,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; $30,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Lee Bang Hoo; B-Richard Forbush (KY); T-Park Youn Gu; J-Kim Yong Guen; ￦357,500,000. Lifetime Record: 16-8-3-1, ￦711,310,000. *1/2 to Bourbon Cowboy (Cowboy Cal), GSP, $485,295.
2--Touch Star Man (Kor), 126, c, 4, Testa Matta--Useung Touch (Kor), by Menifee. ￦143,000,000.
3--Jeongmun Sai (Kor), 126, h, 5, Simon Pure--Kayville, by Giant's Causeway. ￦91,000,000.
Margins: 3, NK, 2. Odds: 1.30, 33.20, 75.60. VIDEO

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IN HONG KONG:

**Galaxy Witness**, g, 3, **Star Witness**--Black Tulip, by Lonhro. Sha Tin, 12-27, Hcp. (C4) ($184k), 1000m, :57.13. B-Bird Rock Thoroughbreds (Vic). *1ST-TIME STARTER. *1/2 to Niedorp (Not A Single Doubt), SW-Aus, $387,850. **$160,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS. VIDEO

**All Beauty**, g, 4, **All Too Hard**--Extension of Time (SW & G1SP-Aus, $328,535), by Dash For Cash. Sha Tin, 12-27, Hcp. (C3) ($278k), 1400m, 1:22.44. B-Encompass International Pty Ltd, Werrett Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW). *1/2 to Morrissy (Snitzel), GSP-Aus, $575,034. **$110,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR. VIDEO

**Carroll Street**, g, 4, **Outreach**--Brooklyn Rain, by Manhattan Rain. Sha Tin, 12-27, Hcp. (C3) ($278k), 1000m, :56.67. B-Widden Stud Australia Pty Ltd (NSW). *$32,000 Ylg '19 INGMAY. VIDEO

**Senor Toba**, g, 4, **Toronado (Ire)**--Bahamas (G1SP-Aus), by Teofilo (Ire). Sha Tin, 12-27, Hcp. (C2) ($425k), 2000m, 2:02.72. B-D Peacock (SA). *GSW & G1SP-Aus. **$180,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR. VIDEO

**Sight Spirit**, g, 4, **Toronado (Ire)**--Marmelo, by Duke of Marmalade. Sha Tin, 12-27, Hcp. (C4) ($184k), 1400m, 1:22.70. B-The Toorak Thoroughbred Breeding Trust (SA). *$80,000 Ylg '19 MGMMAR. (Kapranos) VIDEO

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