GODOLPHIN MARES STAR AT KEENELAND JANUARY THURSDAY by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale continued Thursday with a third session dominated by mares from the Godolphin draft. Dan Hall, acting on behalf of Frank Stronach’s Adena Springs, made the day’s highest bid when going to $480,000 to acquire the unraced Crowning Jewel (Into Mischief). Sheikh Mohammed’s operation, on track to earn the Eclipse Award as leading breeder of 2021, was responsible for three of the session’s top four prices.

In all, 259 head sold Thursday for a gross of $5,471,700. The session average of $21,126 was up 23.04% from 2021 and the median of $10,000 was up 42.86%. With just 39 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 13.09%. It was 19.05% a year ago. Cont. p5

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VETERAN VELAZQUEZ LOOKING SMART FOR WITHERS

by Chris McGrath

When you have been in the game as long as Alfredo Velazquez, nobody has to tell you quite how long a journey divides slop-splattered defeat at Aqueduct on the first day of the year from Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May. By the same token, however, the length of perspective opened by six decades on the racetrack gives persuasive substance to the Parx stalwart’s excitement over Smarten Up (American Freedom), who graduated from a nine-length maiden romp at his home track to mount a storming finish for second in the Jerome S.

Unlike his son Danny, who got Brooklyn Strong (Wicked Strong) to the race last year after similarly developing his candidacy at Aqueduct during the winter, Velazquez has never sampled the GI Kentucky Derby trail. “But you never know, in this business, when the day might come,” he says. “When I was a groom in New York, I worked for some very good trainers. And they could buy a horse for the Derby but by the time they got to the Derby, they had no horse. So you never expect a small guy like me to find one. I’m at the end of the road now, I’m 77. But I went to a sale and I was lucky, I picked the right horse. And now I feel like I’m 18 years old again!”

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Veteran Velazquez cont. from p1

The sale in question was OBS April, last year, where Velazquez considered the son of Airdrie rookie **American Freedom** to have more potential than he could show in the clock-crazed environment of an under-tack show.

“Go to that sale in Ocala every year,” Velazquez explains. “I was looking for a horse that can go long. And when I saw this horse by **American Freedom** out of a Smarty Jones mare, and then when I saw the way he worked, I said: ‘You’re coming home with me.’ Actually the mother used to be a sprinter, but I knew he was going to go long, both sides. He did :21 4/5 that day, but the farther he goes, the faster he goes."

Having been pinhooked through the same ring as a $20,000 short yearling by Blue River Bloodstock, the colt was acquired for $50,000 by Happy Tenth Stable, which has supported Velazquez with a horse or two through the past seven or eight years. And though Smarten Up was initially offered time to regroup on a farm, he was very soon clamoring for action and brought to the track ahead of schedule.

Nowadays Velazquez only has a dozen or so animals in his care, the majority operating in claimers, but he has always been able to find a horse’s level. With 1,168 winners to date, at a career clip of 16%, “Freddie” was inducted into the Parx Hall of Fame in 2019. His resume is capped by the peripatetic Private Zone (Macho Uno), who won the GI Vosburgh and GI Cigar Mile during his stay in the barn in 2014; but perhaps Velazquez deserves still greater credit for the 10-for-23 career of Traffic Light (Peace Rules), a $13,000 Pennsylvania-bred who banked over $600,000.

It's often more challenging, after all, to get any kind of race out of a fragile, low-bred horse, than to push the buttons on a beautiful yearling with a big pedigree.

“Sometimes we have done well with cheap horses that needed time, which people don’t always want to give a horse,” Velazquez reflects. “But with a claiming horse, you’ve got to find out what they like. Sometimes they have problems and don’t want to train too hard. A lot of horses, you just have to play with, try to keep them happy. With better ones, though, you see a race coming up and you can train them up for it. They let you know what they’re ready to do, and you don’t have to be too smart to see that. But even with Private Zone, when we had him, he was a tough horse to train: you never knew what he was going to do, he might put on the brakes any time. But Smarten Up is different.

“This is a horse you can do whatever you want to do with. His temperament is first-class. Whatever you ask him to do, he’ll go out there and do it. You could walk him all the way around the track if you wanted. Yet when we first worked him, we were looking to go :38, :39; and he went :36 and change. I asked the rider what happened and he said he never even moved his hands.”

On debut, over seven furlongs in September, Smarten Up was drawn on the rail in a field of 12 and flew from off the pace for second. Velazquez blames himself for fitting an unsuitable pair of blinkers when the horse finished third next time, but everything fell into place with that runaway maiden win over a
mile and a sixteenth in November.

“That day he wasn’t even running, he just galloped,” Velazquez says. “So I was very happy to go to the Jerome, he was doing so good. Everybody here told me, ‘Good luck, you’ve got a good-looking horse there, hope he runs good.’ And he did. I wanted to be like three lengths off the pace, because he’s got plenty of speed, but he got bumped at the gate and cut on the left front leg. He was unlucky, but as it happened I’ve been very lucky because he’s come back good. He had all that mud in his face, as well; he’d never had that before.”

For much of the race, indeed, Smarten Up appeared to be floundering out the back. But then, switched to the outside by Anthony Salgado into the stretch, he found his stride and came bearing down powerfully on the blue-blooded winner Courvoisier (Tapit). Having reduced the gap to barely a length at the line, he looked as though a few more strides more would have taken him clear. Velazquez is duly eager for a rematch over a ninth furlong back at Aqueduct in the GIII Withers S. Feb. 5.

“Salgado did a good job, he knows the horse, knows what he’s got, he had to go five or six wide but then he finished strong,” he says. “And the longer he can go, the better he will be. That’s why I can’t wait for the next race. One, the pace will be different as he goes farther. And he never gets tired. If you don’t pull him up, he’ll just keep going. He has so much power, he’ll never stop.”

If able to collect some additional starting points in the Withers, then, Velazquez would be entitled to hope that Smarten Up could step up again for the extreme test of the Derby. As he remarked, that whole prospect is a rejuvenation—even if he has had to halve a scheduled Florida vacation, to keep monitoring a colt with the potential to vindicate so many years of toil.

Velazquez left Puerto Rico as a teenage groom, in 1965, having been invited to come and stay with compatriot Eddie Belmonte who was then making his name as a jockey in New York. He worked under a variety of Hall of Fame horsemen, including Woody Stephens, Angel Penna, Sr. and his great mentor P.G. Johnson.

“I worked for good people, for many years, but he was the best for me,” Velazquez recalls. “I worked for him five years. A lot of them trained all horses the same way, but that guy trained each one different. He used to come in real early and check how much they had eaten, how much water they’d had. He knew when a horse was ready. I learned a lot from him, and when I started training [in 1984] I used to call him all the time about what to do.”

Now it’s his own phone that keeps ringing, often with bigger players sniffing around Smarten Up. “Every day, seven eight people call,” says Velazquez. “I say: ‘Listen, this is the guy who owns the horse, you call him. If he wants to sell, then I’ll tell you about the horse. But right now you got to talk to him first.’”

And who can put a price on the chance to ride the Derby trail? The quest has animated Velazquez for 56 years since his buddy Belmonte become the first Puerto Rican to ride in the race.

“For any owner, any trainer, the dream is the Derby,” he says. “We were there with my son, and we had a lot of fun. Now maybe it can be my turn to take him, if everything works out. I
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**KEEJAN cont. from p1**

Through three sessions of the four-day auction, 770 horses have sold for $42,320,400. Without the dispersals which highlighted the 2021 January sale, the cumulative average has dipped 2.21% to $54,962, while the median is up 25% to $25,000.

“It’s hard to buy on the good stuff,” Hall commented after signing for the session topper Thursday. “It’s very competitive. I think it’s carried over from November.”

Bloodstock agent Chad Schumer said competition for the perceived quality lots remained strong.

“I think it’s a very typical January,” Schumer said. “For the right mares, there can be what seems like unlimited funds. If you don’t have what everybody wants, they fall right through the cracks. Personally, I think that broodmare prospects have been a little weak here. Whereas generally in January, they are what drives the market. But overall, it’s a typical January sale.”

The session’s top-priced short yearling was a daughter of Munnings (hip 1122) who sold for $105,000 to the internet bid of JDT Racing, LLC. The bay, out of Soul of Fashion (Perfect Soul {Ire}), was consigned by Bill Murphy. The filly was making her second trip through the ring after RNA’ing for $70,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale.

“She was in the November sale and we couldn’t get $70,000 for her,” Murphy said. “She had some conjunctivitis. I decided to take her home and treat her and bring her back. She just really improved over the last two months. A lot of people were on her.”

Asked to access the strength of the yearling market this week in Lexington, Murphy said, “I would agree, it seems a little soft. We are tickled to death with what we got, but hearing from other people, it’s been very difficult.”

The Keeneland January sale concludes with a final session beginning at 10 a.m. Friday.

**Crowning Jewel Shines**

*Crowning Jewel* (Into Mischief), an unraced 5-year-old half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}), kicked Thursday’s third session of the Keeneland January sale into high gear when selling to Adena Springs for $480,000. Dan Hall signed the ticket on the mare on behalf of Frank Stronach’s operation.

“The pedigree is everything,” Hall said of the mare’s appeal. “She is by Into Mischief and a half to Street Sense. It’s just a great family. She was a typical-looking Into Mischief mare and it was a family that Frank wanted to get into.”

Hall had to see off a determined Eduardo Terrazas, bidding across the pavilion from him, to secure the mare. He admitted the final price, the first six-figure offering of Thursday's session,
was a surprise.

“It was higher than I thought,” Hall said. “It got competitive, but when that kind of family walks up there, it’s going to cost you.”

Crowning Jewel was Adena Spring’s third purchase of the session. Also from Godolphin, the operation acquired Betty Grable (Into Mischief) (hip 886) for $35,000 and purchased Color of Dawn (Exaggerator) (hip 908) from the Elite consignment for $20,000.

“Frank loves the game. He’s back into it now,” Hall said of Adena’s future. “He just loves it.”

Crowning Jewel (hip 914), a daughter of Bedazzle (Dixieland Band), sold Thursday in foal to Street Boss. The mare also has a yearling filly by Bernardini.

“Street Boss is a known quantity. He has a lot of fans. But it was a surprise that the mare made as much as she did being in foal to Street Boss,” admitted Godolphin’s USA Director of Bloodstock Michael Banahan. “That is a pretty big number for him. He has been very successful in Australia and I think we would have seen a different level of value on a mare in foal to him in Australia. He has been successful here; he has a GI Kentucky Oaks winner [Cathryn Sophia]. He gets you nice, solid horses.”

Banahan added of the mare, “She was well over what we would have appraised her for. We would not have thought she would make that much money at all. She was in on the right day [where] she stood out. Lots of people are interested in a young mare like her and by one of the best stallions in the country and with a solid pedigree. Being a half-sister to Street Sense, that was a big draw as well.”

Godolphin sold 26 horses Thursday for $1,434,500.

“We try to keep a broodmare band where we can have about 100 2-year-olds every year,” Banahan said of the decision on
which mares to offer at auction. “We work off that number. The ones that have not raced or not won are the ones that probably will go to a sale.”

He continued, “We bought Bedazzled early in her broodmare career, so we have daughters from her at home. Our tie-breaker for deciding which ones to keep is usually fillies who won on the track or if they have black-type. Crowning Jewel never made it to the races, so that was the tie breaker for her.”

Haydens Support Speightster

Jay and Christine Hayden of Saintsbury Farm have been breeding high-class Canadian Thoroughbreds for over a decade, but recently added to their repertoire when purchasing the stallion Speightster (Speightstown--Dance Swiftly, by Danzig) to stand at Northern Dawn Stables in Hillsburgh, Ontario. Bloodstock agent Chad Schumer, who brokered the deal to bring the stallion to Canada, has been busy purchasing mares for the couple at this week’s Keeneland January sale to support the new stallion.

Jay Hayden explained the decision to stand a stallion in Ontario started with the idea of providing another outlet for his mares.

“Originally, it was just because we would have mares that, based on their production history, didn't deserve to go back to Kentucky, but I didn't want to give up on them yet,” he explained. “So it fit for us--if we have an older mare that we don't want to give up on or say we had a mare who was just on the fringe of whether you want to cull her or not, to give her one more shot--we could do that with three or four mares a year. That was what started it all.”

Schumer saw a wider appeal to the region's breeders. “When Chad and I talked about doing this, he said, 'What about the Ontario program?' I asked him if he thought there was enough demand. And he said, 'Looking at it right now, there is a lot of demand, probably a little bit of pent up demand for a new sire. Because there hadn't been a commercially proven stallion in a while.'

Schumer went to work to find a suitable candidate. “We looked at a stallion prospect before the sale which we thought might work out and it didn't,” Schumer said. “And then Jay asked about stallions in Kentucky. I told him Speightster might be available. He didn't believe me at first. He's just a second crop sire and his numbers are good. We made an offer and it was accepted.”

Speightster, winner of the 2015 GIII Dwyer S., had been standing at WinStar Farm in Kentucky. Out of an unraced full-sister to champion Dance Smartly, he is the sire of five stakes winners, including Canadian stakes winners Dreaming of Drew and Aubrieta, as well as graded placed Tough to Tame.

“The market [in Kentucky] is so harsh, there is no room for patience,” Schumer said of the move. “Speightster's numbers are right up there with Frosted, Runhappy, Not This Time and Nyquist. I think he's right there with them, so that bodes well for his future.”

The 10-year-old stallion has settled in well at his new home. “The horse has been really well received in Canada,” Schumer said. “They are getting tons of inquiries and probably already have 25 or 30 mares booked and it's still early.”

Hayden has been impressed by the reception Speightster has received. “It has been a little overwhelming,” Hayden said. “Where he is going to stand, Sherry [McLean] talks to me about two or four people are calling her a day. My friend Bernard McCormack has also been fielding calls. He said the response from some of his clients has been great.”

While many of Saintsbury’s 18 mares were already committed to 2022 mating plans when the Speightster deal went through, the Haydens are committed to supporting the stallion.

Among the mares Schumer has purchased this week who are destined for dates with Speightster is graded stakes winner and Grade I placed Ausus (Invasor {Arg}) (hip 34), in foal to Medaglia
A STRONG FINISH TO 2021:

SWEET MELANIA
1st Suwannee River Stakes-Gr.3 at Gulfstream Park

SKYGAZE
1st Maple Leaf Stakes-Gr.3 at Woodbine

AS TIME GOES BY
1st Bayakoa Stakes-Gr.3 at Los Alamitos

NICEST
2nd American Oaks-Gr.2 at Santa Anita

MACKINNON
3rd Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf-Gr.1 at Del Mar

Sweet Melania became a Graded winner at 2, 3 and 4 years when landing the Suwannee River Stakes-Gr.3 and is being aimed at the $500,000 Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf-Gr.3.

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A GREAT START TO 2022:

AS TIME GOES BY
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d'Oro, who was acquired for $90,000; $37,000 acquisition Popstar (Medaglia d'Oro) (hip 270), in foal to Instagrand; and Cost (Pulpit) (hip 501), in foal to War of Will, purchased for $24,000.

“Generally, as a commercial breeder, Jay likes a big, really attractive mare with a good cover and a good family,” Schumer said. “We have bought some really nice mares over the years. He has bred Breaking Lucky, a Canadian Classic winner and a Grade I horse and Unspurned, a graded stakes-winning mare. And commercially, he’s had a lot of success. He has sold some expensive yearlings at Saratoga and some nice ones here [in Kentucky]. The operation has kind of paid for itself every year.”

Schumer continued, “For Speightser, we were looking for mares that obviously suited him on pedigree and then mares that made sense commercially because we want them to pay for themselves—hoping that the foals they are carrying will pay for the mare and support the stallion at the same time. In the case of the mare in foal to Medaglia, we paid $90,000 for her, but it’s a $150,000 stud fee. If the Medaglia foal looks good, it will pay for the mare.

While the Haydens are committed to supporting their new stallion, the couple will still remain focused on maintaining a commercial broodmare band.

“Fifteen of their mares are going to Kentucky,” Schumer said. “The ones we purchased here are going to Speightster. And then next year, some of his mares will shift to Speightster. We think it’s important to remain commercial with some of his better mares. We have used horses like Charlatan, Maclean’s Music, and top, top stallions, Uncle Mo and Justify. So I think we probably need to keep those mares in Kentucky, almost tier the program.”

The Haydens are taking advantage of positive movement in the Canadian breeding and racing industry, according to Schumer.

“Some great things are happening at Woodbine—the purses have gone up,” he said. “I think it makes a lot of sense to breed and race in Canada. There are some are very good incentives to bring mares into Canada and Jay is taking advantage of all of that. By buying Speightster, we bring in one of the top stallions in Canada. He’s young and there is a lot to look forward to. There are some really big crops from WinStar that are coming, so I think his numbers will continue to rise. He’s out of a half-sister to Smart Strike who was a late-developing stallion himself. We just think in another year or two, Speightster could look like a really smart move.”

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Breeder: Nursery Place & Partners
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Purchaser: West Bloodstock, Agent for Repole Stables

DEFENSE REQUEST TO DELAY DOPING TRIAL
A NO-GO by T.D. Thornton

A request by defendants Seth Fishman and Lisa Giannelli to delay next week’s start of their trial in the alleged nationwide horse doping conspiracy because of COVID-19 concerns was not granted on Thursday by the judge handling the case.

Although no specific court order answering the motion had been filed prior to deadline for this story, a summary entry on the court docket describing what happened at a Jan. 13 pre-trial conference contained the notation, "Trial to begin January 19, 2022," which is the originally scheduled start date.

In two highly redacted letters filed Jan. 12 in the United States District Court (Southern District of New York), both Fishman’s attorney, Maurice Sercarz, and Giannelli’s lawyer, Louis Fasulo, had written that they feared not only the possibility of contagion, but also the chance that any pandemic-related delays that happened once the trial got underway might end up causing a mistrial.

Reading between the lines of the redactions in both court filings, it appears as if someone—quite possibly one of the defendants—has contracted the virus.

The letter written by Giannelli’s attorney contained a redacted portion of a sentence followed by the words, "which counsel learned on Jan. 8, 2022. Although her defense team is fully vaccinated and have received boosters, this is not a shield to the current variant, and it is certainly not a shield to testing positive but being asymptomatic.... Of immediate concern are the heightened risks to members of Ms. Giannelli’s team.”

In arguing for an adjournment of the trial, Giannelli’s lawyer had pointed out to the judge that nearby federal district courts in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey "have all suspended trials in the month of January," but that New York’s federal courts remain on schedule despite "the highest rate of infection [that] continues to surge upward."

Federal prosecutors did not consent to the adjournment of the trial, although they were aware that the request was being made by the defense.

Fishman, a Florida veterinarian, is charged with two felony counts related to drug alteration, misbranding, and conspiring to defraud the government. Giannelli, who allegedly worked under Fishman (her exact role is disputed) faces the same two charges.
NYRA HANDLES $2.37B IN 2021

The New York Racing Association’s 2021 race meets conducted at Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course generated all-sources handle of $2,373,772,916 and average daily handle of $11,809,816 over 201 race days, NYRA announced Thursday.

Average daily handle on the NYRA circuit has increased 21.6% since 2019, when average daily handle over 217 race days was $9,714,868. Average daily handle in 2020, which featured 157 race days, was $11,553,727.

All sources handle for 2021 was $265,646,547 higher than 2019, an increase of 12.6%; and $559,837,825 higher than 2020, a 30.9% increase.

Average field size for the 1,887 races completed in 2021 was 7.68, a 3.9% increase over 2019 and a 1.8% decrease from 2020.

On-track handle in 2021 totaled $266,978,634 compared with $152,114,600 in 2020 and $310,053,754 in 2019.

WHITE HOT, DAM OF BC WINNER PIZZA BIANCA, TO BE BRED TO INTO MISCHIEF

White Hot (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Pizza Bianca (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), will be bred to superstar stallion Into Mischief in 2022, owner Bobby Flay reported Thursday.

"I wanted to take all the guesswork out of it," explained Flay on selecting the Spendthrift stallion.

Pizza Bianca is currently at Christophe Clement's Payson Park base in preparation for her 3-year-old season. White Hot was originally a 1,250,000 gns yearling at Tattersalls October in 2014. She never made it to the races, but Flay held onto the half-sister to G1SW Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), and her first foal to hit the track was Pizza Bianca.

ECLIPSE AWARDS FINALISTS TO BE ANNOUNCED LIVE ON TVG

TVG will televise live the announcement of the finalists in 16 horse and human categories for the 2021 Eclipse Awards this Saturday, Jan. 15 at 11:30 a.m. ET/8:30 a.m. PT, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, National Turf Writers And Broadcasters (NTWAB) and Daily Racing Form announced Thursday.

The Eclipse Awards, honoring excellence in Thoroughbred racing, are voted upon by the NTRA, represented by member racetrack racing officials and Equibase field personnel, NTWAB and Daily Racing Form, and are produced by the NTRA.

TVG also will televise live the 51st Eclipse Awards ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 10 beginning with a “Green Carpet” Preview Show Presented by Keeneland at 7 p.m. ET, followed by the Eclipse Awards broadcast at 8 p.m. ET. The ceremony also will be streamed on additional outlets. The evening will culminate with the announcement of the 2021 Horse of the Year. Finalists in the Horse of the Year category also will be announced earlier that evening.

Eclipse Awards ticket information is available at the NTRA website.
# 2022 Spring Meet Stakes

**APRIL 8 – 29**

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

- **$600,000 Central Bank Ashland (G1)**
  - 3-year-old fillies, 1 1/16 miles | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$400,000 Kentucky Utilities Transylvania (G3)**
  - 3-year-olds, 1 1/16 miles (turf) | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **RETURNING $400,000 Lafayette**
  - 3-year-olds, 7 furlongs | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

- **$1 Million Toyota Blue Grass (G2)**
  - 3-year-olds, 1 1/8 miles | $150,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$500,000 Madison (G1)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, fillies & mares, 7 furlongs | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$400,000 Appalachian (G2)**
  - Presented by Japan Racing Association
  - 3-year-old fillies, 1 mile (turf) | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$350,000 Shakertown (G2)**
  - 3-year-olds and up, 5 ½ furlongs (turf) | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$300,000 Commonwealth (G3)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, 7 furlongs | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

- **$400,000 Beaumont (G3)**
  - Presented by Keeneland Select
  - 3-year-old fillies, 7 furlongs & 184 yards | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$200,000 Palisades**
  - 3-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 15**

- **$600,000 Maker’s Mark Mile (G1)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, 1 mile (turf) | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$200,000 TVG Limestone**
  - 3-year-old fillies, 5 ½ furlongs (turf) | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**

- **$500,000 Jenny Wiley (G1)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, fillies & mares, 1 1/16 miles (turf) | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$400,000 Stonestreet Lexington (G3)**
  - 3-year-olds, 1 1/16 miles | $100,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$200,000 Giant’s Causeway (L)**
  - 3-year-olds and up, fillies & mares, 5 ½ furlongs (turf) | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

- **$300,000 Baird Doubledogdare (G3)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, fillies & mares, 1 1/6 miles | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

- **$300,000 Ben Ali (G3)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, 1 1/8 miles | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

- **$350,000 Elkhorn (G2)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, 1 ½ miles (turf) | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

- **$300,000 Bewitch (G3)**
  - 4-year-olds and up, fillies & mares, 1 ½ miles (turf) | $50,000 KTDF Contribution*

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*pending approval from the KHRC

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*Learn More*
CHRISTIAN RAMOS TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Jockey Christian Ramos has tested positive for COVID-19 and will remain off his mounts at Aqueduct through Sunday, Jan. 16, the New York Racing Association, Inc. announced Thursday. All members of the NYRA jockey colony are vaccinated and adhere to established protocols. In addition, the jockey quarters at Aqueduct Racetrack have been substantially altered to provide maximum physical distancing and reduce density. Ramos sought testing Thursday after experiencing mild symptoms. He received the test result early Thursday morning and was not on-site at Aqueduct. NYRA follows the most updated federal and state guidance regarding contact tracing, testing, required isolation, and quarantine. Accordingly, Ramos will be permitted to return to competition Thursday, Jan. 20 should he remain asymptomatic.

FIRST FOALS: GAINESWAY’S MCKINZIE AND SPUN TO RUN

First foals for Gainesway stallions McKinzie (Street Sense) and Spun to Run (Hard Spun) were born earlier this week. Withholding Info (Midnight Lute), a winner of two of three career starts for Bob Baffert, foaled a filly by McKinzie Jan. 11 in Kentucky at Hill 'n' Dale. Four-time GI/SW and GI Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up McKinzie stands the 2022 season at Gainesway for $30,000. Three-time winner L.A. Style (Scat Daddy) produced a filly by Spun to Run in Louisiana Jan. 11. Spun to Run, upset winner of the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Santa Anita, stands the 2022 season at Gainesway for $10,000.

FIRST FOALS REPORTED FOR TAYLOR MADE STALLION INSTAGRAND

Taylor Made Stallions’ Instagrand (Into Mischief) sired his first reported foals when a filly out of Grade I winner Concrete Rose (Twirling Candy) was born Jan. 10, and a colt out of the unraced Tiznow mare Siesta was born Jan. 8. Concrete Rose was a $1.95-million Keeneland November acquisition in 2020 by OXO Equine LLC, which also bred the filly. Siesta's colt was bred by Jay Goodwin, Michael Hore, DVM, and Doc Atty Stables. A $1.2-million Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale topper and winner of the GII Best Pal S., Instagrand will stand the upcoming breeding season at Taylor Made for $7,500 S&N.
## Leading Second-Crop Sires by Cumulative Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, January 12

Earnings represent North American and European figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

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FOR ALL TDN SIRE LISTS—INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL CROP-YEAR REPORTS—VISIT WWW.THETDN.COM/TDN-SIRE-STATS/

The horse you’ll breed. All the things you dream about, plan for. Darley Just imagine...
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8th-TAM, $31K, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 4:22 p.m.
WinStar Farm, CHC Inc. and Siena Farm’s SHINNECOCK HILLS (Quality Road) debuts for Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. Out of Princess Aspen (Birdstone), the bay realized $600,000 at the Keeneland November sale in 2019. Getting first-time Lasix while stretching out, Giant’s Fire (Gun Runner) finished third in his career debut going six panels here Dec. 23. Trained by John Terranova II, the chestnut was a $510,000 KEENNSEP buy for Robert Baker and William Mack. TJCIS PPs

6th-TAM, $31K, Msw, 3yo, 1m 40yds, 3:15 p.m.
Manzanita Stable’s PEACEFUL SUNRISE (Flatter) kicks off for trainer Christophe Clement. Out of MSP Ire (Political Force), she brought $300,000--the second highest-priced juvenile filly by the sire in 2021--after breezing eighth in :10.2. TJCIS PPs

BLUE-BLOODED JONES HOMEBRED ENTERED AT OAKLAWN

7th-OP, $84K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 4:19 p.m.

FAITH’S REWARD (Uncle Mo) lands on the also eligible's list in this one-mile main track test. Trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, the Brereton Jones homebred is out of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Believe You Can (Proud Citizen), also campaigned by Jones. TJCIS PPs

RISING STAR CLASSIER RETURNS

7th-SA, $72K, $80k Opt. Clm., 4yo/up, 1m, 6:38 p.m.
CLASSIER (Empire Maker) earned TDN Rising Star status in a front-running win at this venue in October of 2020. Eighth next time in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Keeneland, he was third in third in last June’s GII Affirmed S. before getting up for a narrow score in the GIII Los Alamitos Derby in July. He was last seen finishing fifth in Del Mar’s GII Pat O’Brien S. Aug. 28. Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez partners the $775,000 KEENNSEP buy for the first time. TJCIS PPs

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, $85,360, Alw (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 1-13, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.19, ft, 9 lengths.
GREEN LIGHT GO (h, 5, Hard Spun--Light Green {SW & GISP, $167,690}, by Pleasantly Perfect), winner of the 2019 GII Saratoga Special S., finished runner-up in that season's GI Champagne S. before adding a third in the GIII Swale S. The following spring. He won his third start of 2021, an 8 1/2-furlong optional claimer at Oaklawn in April, before finishing off-the-board in his next two facing graded stakes company. In his final start of the season, he came home a much-improved second--beaten only a head--in the six-furlong GIII Fall Highweight H. at the Big A in November. In between The Sound (Hard Spun) and Lil Commissioner (Field Commission) up the chute, the 4-5 choice argued the issue through a :23.17 opening quarter. Assuming a narrow advantage following a :45.82 half, the 5-year-old maintained the advantage for the remainder of the race, running off to win by an emphatic nine lengths over Hanalei’s Houdini (Jersey Town). Cont. p2
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Stakes winner and GISP Light Green produced a filly by Shaman Ghost in 2020 followed by a Hard Spun colt last term. She was bred back to Ghostzapper. Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-1, $458,352. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Stronach Stables; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-James A. Jerkins.

9th-Gulfstream, $54,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 1-13, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2m (AWT) (off turf), 2:37.56, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MEZCAL (f, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Cathryn Sophia {GISW, $1,229,720}, by Street Boss) graduated at fourth asking going 10 furlongs over the Belmont turf in October before having to settle for second last time out in a 1 3/16-mile test at Aqueduct Nov. 26. Slightly awkward at the start, she was sent to the front early by Luis Saez, leading the way by a comfortable margin. In control in the stretch, the 3-5 choice came home 1 1/4 lengths in front of Champagne Ivy (Shackleford). The GI Kentucky Oaks heroine, who brought $2.3 million at KEENOV carrying this filly, is also responsible for a sophomore filly by Medaglia d'Oro followed by colts by Into Mischief and Curlin. Sales history: $625,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-4, $108,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Bobby Flay; B-Don Alberto Corporation & Bridlewood Farm (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

7th-Fair Grounds, $54,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-13, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.65, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MEDLEY (f, 3, Dominus--Beverly Belle {SW, $279,369}, by Far Out Wadleigh) kicked off her career with three consecutive finishes, including the most recent going six panels at Churchill Nov. 4, before coming home a winner next time over that track and trip Nov. 27. Tardy at the start of her latest in the Louisiana Lassie S. against fellow state-breds Dec. 11, she closed to finished a good third and was installed the 4-5 choice while getting blinkers and stretching to a mile. To the front early, she led throughout, scoring by five lengths. Sales history: $25,000 Ylg '20 TTAYHR. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-4, $94,420. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Corinne and William L. Heiligbrodt & Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Robert Lestz (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

5th-Fair Grounds, $53,000, (S), Alw, 1-13, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.25, ft, 5 lengths.

STARBURST (g, 4, Upstart--Favorite Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg}) won his first two starts, including a restricted test at Pimlico in August but failed to land a blow when a distant ninth sprinting over the Laurel sod Sept. 10. Just failing to hang on and settling for fourth going 5 1/2 panels at Delaware Sept. 20, the gelding bounced back to take his latest try at that venue, a six furlong allowance, Oct. 27. On the engine soon after the start, the 9-2 shot kept up an even tempo throughout, crossing the wire 1 3/4 lengths in front. Starburst has a juvenile brother by City of Light and a yearling sister by Blame. Sales history: $30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $110,673. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-David DiPietro (MD); T-Michael Stidham.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-TD & SBC's Jewelers, $60,000, Msw, 1-13, 3yo, f, 1:21.65, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

FROMANOTHAMUTHA (c, 3, Unified--Prevention, by Aptitude), who hit the board in three of his four initial starts, finished a distant seventh while stretching to nine furlongs for the GII Remsen S. here Dec. 4. Well backed at 1-5 for this cut back, he went straight to the front and led throughout, crossing the wire 4 1/4 lengths ahead of Jester's Song (Maclean's Music). The half to Tiz Lately (Tiz Wonderful), SW-PR, $180,229, also has a newly-turned juvenile sister by Mo Town. Sales history: $120,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, $95,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Blue Lion Thoroughbreds, Craig Taylor, Peter M. Rinato & R. Handal; B-Todd Frederick, Chad Frederick & Phoenix Farm & Racing LLC (KY); T-Raymond Handal.
5th-<strong>Aqueduct, $80,000, Msw, 1-13, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.68, ft, neck.</strong> CHAMPAGNE POETRY (f, 3, Carpe Diem--C J Oz, by Colonel John), third in her unveiling sprinting six panels over the turf here Dec. 31, was given a 3-1 chance while trying the main track this time. Up to pressure favored Glitter Up (Connect) through initial splits of :22.57 and :45.96, the bay battled with that rival through the stretch, gaining a neck advantage at the wire. C J Oz produced a colt by Always Dreaming last season. Champagne Poetry’s second dam, Home From Oz, is a full-sister to Grade I winner and leading sire Tapit (Pulpit). Sales history: $9,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $20,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $53,600. <a>Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.</a> O-Jonathan Hardoon; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Chad Summers.<br><br>9th-<strong>Fair Grounds, $52,000, Msw, 1-13, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.83, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.</strong> BIRD EMPRESS (f, 3, Empire Maker--Bird Harbor, by Boston Harbor), sixth in her debut sprinting six furlongs at Churchill on Halloween, didn’t fare any better when finishing in the same position while routing at the Louisville oval Nov. 27. Getting first-time Lasix for this go around, the full to GSP Bird Maker ($165,617) kept Chardonnay (Candy Ride {Arg}) in her sights through a :24.14 quarter. Continuing to hound the pacesetter through a :48.28 half mile, the Norm Casse trainee took over at the head of the stretch and kicked clear late to score by five lengths, giving her rider Reylu Gutierrez a four-race winning day. Bird Harbor, who hails from the family of Whitney’s champion 3-year-old filly Bird Town, produced a filly by Astern (Aus) in 2020 followed by a Double Irish filly last term. She was bred back to Alternation. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $33,461. <a>Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.</a> O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta.<br><br>10th-<strong>Gulfstream, $41,500, Moc ($50,000), 1-13, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.42, ft, 1/2 length.</strong> QUALITY CONTROL (f, 3, Quality Road--Daveron (Ger) {MGSW & GISP-USA, SW-Ger, $495,642}, by Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}), third two back over the Aqueduct turf in November, finished eighth most recently in Hallandale and was given a 3-1 chance to make amends while trying the synthetic for the first time here. Trailling in the early going, the bay started to make some headway approaching the far turn. Weaving her way between rivals rounding the final turn, Quality Control took over in early stretch and had enough left to hold off School Dance (Animal Kingdom). Third across the wire, Barbara (Not This Time) was demoted to fourth behind Mia Camila (Creative Cause). The winner is a half to Global Access (Giant’s Causeway), Ch. 3-year-old Colt-Can, GSW-USA, MGSW-Can, $373,401; and March to the Arch (Arch), GSW & GISP-Can, GSW-USA, $980,789. This represents the family of GI Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom. MGSW Daveron is also responsible for a pair of colts by Uncle Mo the past two seasons. She was bred back to Imporbable. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, $38,270. <a>Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.</a> O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JANUARY 14
2021 Stud Fees Listed

**American Freedom** (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, $6,000
191 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m., Alw 4 1/2f, American Bound, 6-1
$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $15,000 OBS WIN wnl; $340,000 RNA I
‘21 KEE APR
6-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Restoration, 20-1
$23,000 FTK OCT yrl; $47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Astern (Aus)** (Medaglia d’Oro), Darley, $10,000
141 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Holly’s Persuasion, 20-1
$2,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, $5,000
148 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Lovetheoneyougot, 10-1
5-Delta Downs, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Saint A. J., 3-1
$1,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Blofeld** (Quality Road), Murmur Farm
50 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Penn National, 6:00 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, My Dixie Lass, 12-1

**Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, $17,500
186 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Oaklawn, 4:19 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Awesome Taylor, 8-1
$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; $74,000 RNA FTS ANA 2yo

**Connect** (Curlin), Lane’s End Farm, $25,000
194 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Always Connected, 6-1
$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; $150,000 OBS MAR 2yo
6-Oaklawn, 3:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Charter Oak, 9-2
$65,000 OBS APR 2yo
Cont.

Danzing Candy (Twirling Candy), Rancho San Miguel, $5,000
150 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Golden Gate Fields, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Love Candy, 7-2

Gormley (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
197 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:05 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Bron and Brow, 4-5
$35,000 ESL YRL yrl; $200,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Delta Downs, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Dreamer's Delight, 5-2
$1,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl

Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Three Chimneys Farm, $125,000
245 foals of racing age/31 winners/6 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 3:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Elusive Target, 8-1
8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:22 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Giant's Fire, 4-1
$510,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Oaklawn, 4:19 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Run the Tap, 6-1
$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

Klimt (Quality Road), Jockey Club of Turkey, $7,500
281 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 5:05 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Cosmic Train, 5-1
$55,000 KEE SEP yrl; $19,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Practical Joke (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, $35,000
266 foals of racing age/24 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Jackie the Joker, 5-2
$10,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $2,500 FTK OCT yrl
3-Aqueduct, 1:20 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Oh Mrs. Maisel, 5-1
$150,000 KEE SEP yrl

Rainbow Heir (Wildcat Heir), Shamrock Farm, $2,000
23 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Reign On and On, 15-1

Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North, $7,500
115 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Golden Gate Fields, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Dimmi Quando, 20-1
$2,500 NCA AUG yrl

Straight Fire (Dominus), Legacy Ranch
48 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Golden Gate Fields, 5:21 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Carasynthia, 6-1

Takeover Target (Harlan's Holiday), Red River Farms
51 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Aqueduct, $72,000, (S), 1-13, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.26, ft, 5 lengths.
MASHNEE GIRL (f, 4, Air Force Blue--Passionate Diva, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, $91,640. O/B-Mashnee Stables LLC (NY); T-Mark A. Hennig.

8th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-13, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.85, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
ORIENTAL TRIGGER (ARG) (h, 5, Cosmic Trigger {Arg}--Reprisa {Arg}, by Ride the Rails) Lifetime Record: G1SP-Arg, 8-2-2-0, $51,337. O-Tarantino Racing Stable; B-Abolengo (ARG); T-Amador Merei Sanchez.

8th-Fair Grounds, $48,000, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-13, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.77, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.
GENTLE SOUL (g, 5, Tapizar--A Jealous Woman {MSW & GSP, $469,956}, by Muqtarib) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, $89,266. O-Martin Mueller, Richard Reid and Donald Ladd; B-Martin Mueller, Richard Reid, Donald Ladd, Joe Bowley & Garry Randall (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *1/2 to By My Standards (Goldencents), MGSW & MGISP, $2,294,430.

8th-Delta Downs, $41,600, 1-13, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:28.60, ft, neck.
EILEEN ALEXANDRA (f, 4, Jess's Dream--Miss Stonestreet, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-2-1, $157,356. O-Bob Mahoney; B-Bob Mahoney (LA); T-Ronnie P. Ward.

6th-Delta Downs, $40,000, (S), 1-13, (NW4L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.35, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
SHE'S GONE D'WILD (m, 5, D'wildcat--Bonita Saleeta, by Porto Foricos) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-4-3-2, $133,972. O/B-William T. Reed (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

7th-Charles Town, $30,800, 1-12, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.68, ft, 1/2 length.
NO CHANGE (g, 4, Fiber Sonde--Looks Like Trouble, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-6-5-2, $166,896. O/B-T/John D. McKee (WV).

4th-Turf Paradise, $29,400, (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 1-13, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.47, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
THE BEAT (g, 4, Dominus--Beat the Blues {GSW, $521,634}, by Great Pyramid {ire}) Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-2, $92,228. O-5th Street Stables; B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY); T-Reed Saldana. *$12,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

8th-Turf Paradise, $28,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 1-12, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.77, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.
KENNEBEC (c, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Thisdanseistaken {SP, $258,910}, by Gators N Bears) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-4, $97,433. O-Sergio A. Salguero; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Jonathan Wong. *$27,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

5th-Turf Paradise, $27,300, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($10,000-$12,500), 1-13, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.28, ft, 1/2 length.
FENESTRA (g, 6, Street Sense--Curlina {GSP, $161,537}, by Cuvee) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $34,818. O-Holly & David Wilson; B-Martha Jane Mulholland (KY); T-Vladimir Cerin. *$95,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV. **1/2 to Sine Wave (Big Brown), MGSP, $147,715.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Iberville, c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Fascinating (MGISP, $166,320), by Smart Strike. Fair Grounds, 1-13, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:48.59. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $23,352. B-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Bruce W Lunsford (KY). *$260,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

Tapit Cat, f, 4, Cowtown Cat--Fantast Tapit, by Tapit. Charles Town, 1-12, (S), 4 1/2f, $53.19. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $25,158. B-Dennis W Behrmann (WV).
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Norman Queen, f, 4, Normandy Invasion--Unbridled Blessing, by Unbridled's Song. Aqueduct, 1-13, (S), 6f, 1:10.97. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $41,500. B-Lindy Farms & Preferred Equine Marketing, Inc. (NY). *$7,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTNMIX. **1/2 to Building Permit (Bellamy Road), SP, $174,478.

Alhambra Palace, f, 4, Palace Malice--Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. Delta Downs, 1-13, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23.38. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-4, $59,110. B-James Boyd (LA). *$22,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; C$37,000 Ylg '19 BRCSEP. **1/2 to Jimi's a Star (Star Guitar), SW, $263,850; 1/2 to Berniestrike (Wilburn), SW, $169,470.

Kizzy B, m, 5, Ghostzapper--Exclude (GB), by Include. Sam Houston Race, 1-13, 1m, 1:41.71. Lifetime Record: 16-1-5-3, $115,851. B-Popatop, LLC (KY). *$190,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Empire Maker, Bird Empress, f, 3, o/o Bird Harbor, by Boston Harbor. MSW, 1-13, Fair Grounds

Fiber Sonde, No Change, g, 4, o/o Looks Like Trouble, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 1-12, Charles Town

Ghostzapper, Kizzy B, m, 5, o/o Exclude (GB), by Include. MSW, 1-13, Sam Houston

Hard Spun, Green Light Go, h, 5, o/o Light Green, by Pleasantly Perfect. AOC, 1-13, Aqueduct

Jess's Dream, Eileen Alexandra, f, 4, o/o Miss Stonestreet, by Mr. Greeley. ALW, 1-13, Delta Downs

Lookin At Lucky, Kennebec, c, 4, o/o Thisdanseistaken, by Gators N Bears. AOC, 1-12, Turf Paradise

Normandy Invasion, Norman Queen, f, 4, o/o Unbridled Blessing, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 1-13, Aqueduct

Palace Malice, Alhambra Palace, f, 4, o/o Unusual Strike, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 1-13, Delta Downs

Pioneerof the Nile, Iberville, c, 3, o/o Fascinating, by Smart Strike. MCL, 1-13, Fair Grounds

Pioneerof the Nile, Mezcal, f, 4, o/o Cathryn Sophia, by Street Boss. AOC, 1-13, Gulfstream

Quality Road, Quality Control, f, 3, o/o Daveron (Ger), by Black Sam Bellamy (Ire). MOC, 1-13, Gulfstream

Street Sense, Fenestra, g, 6, o/o Curlina, by Cuvee. AOC, 1-13, Turf Paradise

Tapizar, Gentle Soul, g, 5, o/o A Jealous Woman, by Muqtarib. AOC, 1-13, Fair Grounds

Unified, Fromanothamutha, c, 3, o/o Prevention, by Aptitude. MSW, 1-13, Aqueduct

Upstart, Starburst, g, 4, o/o Favorite Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 1-13, Fair Grounds
DUBAWI AT TWENTY

Click for a video on Dubawi commemorating his 20th birthday | Amy Lynam photo

By Emma Berry

Strip away the brass name plates, parade the Darley stallions in front of seasoned horsemen and ask them to pick the horse who last year sired three Breeders' Cup victors among 38 stakes winners and was the broodmare sire of the Derby winner. Of those who haven't seen him before, it is unlikely that many would choose Dubawi (Ire).

Unlike his sire, the brilliant but ill-fated Dubai Millennium (GB), he is not a horse who 'fills the eye' with those long classic lines and fluent stride. On the short side and fairly close-coupled, with a habit of growing a coat as thick as a native pony in midwinter, Dubawi is not your archetypal elegant Thoroughbred. But those same seasoned horsemen will doubtless have seen enough in their time to know that when it comes to racing and breeding, handsome is as handsome does. And Dubawi does it all.

That started on the racecourse. An unbeaten juvenile who became his sire's first stakes winner in the G3 Superlative S. and went on to land the G1 National S., Dubawi then graduated to his Classic season with a warm-up fifth in the 2000 Guineas before winning the Irish equivalent. The Derby distance proved too much for him, but he was not disgraced when third to Motivator (GB) and Walk In The Park (Ire). Dubawi then emulated his sire by winning the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois, and signed off by finishing second to Starcraft (NZ) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Cont. p2

ZARAK SHARE KNOCKED DOWN FOR €350,000

A 1/50th share in rising sire star Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) (lot 1) made €350,000 from Peter Brant’s White Birch Farm to top the Arqana January Online Sale on Thursday. Already the sire of 18 first-crop winners, the son of Arc heroine Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) also has a pair of Group 1-placed runners, with one of them, Purplepay (Fr) bringing €2,000,000 at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale.

Paul Harley Bloodstock shelled out €25,000 for a breeding right in Group 1 sire Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot 2) and Xavier Malaviolle acquired a half-share in Group 1 winner Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) (lot 3) for €21,000.

Unbeaten, the nine-length hurdle winner Why (Fr) (Tin Horse {Ire}) (lot 5) hammered at €125,000 to Davide Satalia Stables, while Dungarvan (Fr) (Dunkerque {Fr}) (lot 6) made €74,000 to the same buyer. Cont. p7

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

VELAZQUEZ LOOKING SMART FOR WITHERS

Chris McGrath speaks with veteran trainer Alfredo Velazquez, whose Smarten Up (American Freedom) is on the GI Kentucky Derby trail and aiming for a start in the GIII Withers S. on Feb. 5. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.

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Dubawi at 20 Cont. from p1

Since then, he has spent all bar one of the Northern Hemisphere seasons at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket, while he also made three visits to Darley Australia in the early years of his second career. As his 20th birthday approaches on Feb. 7, Dubawi is rightly revered as an outstanding stallion, a burgeoning sire of sires and broodmare sire, and the main conduit of the Mr. Prospector line in Europe, making him a more-than-useful mate for mares from the dominant Northern Dancer lines. For four years, he was accompanied on the Darley roster by another son of Dubai Millennium, the €1.2 million yearling purchase Echo Of Light (GB), who died in 2012.

"With one of his two stallion sons, the great Dubai Millennium has delivered for us, and that means everything," says Sam Bullard, Darley's director of stallions. "Now we want sons of Dubawi to be successful. Night of Thunder has got off to such an incredible start, and Time Test, Zarak and others doing so well is testimony to the horse. We are very fortunate that we've got horses like Ghaiyyath, Space Blues and Too Darn Hot all coming through on the roster."

Dubai Millennium winning the 2000 Dubai World Cup | racingfotos.com

The first foal of his dam, the Italian Oaks winner Zomaradah (GB) (Deploy {GB}), Dubawi was born at Kildangan Stud, where he later stood one season, and he hails from the same family as a sire who was already ensconced in the Kildangan stallion unit at that time, the Breeders' Cup Turf and Coronation Cup winner In The Wings (GB). More pertinently, though, he was also one of a small number of foals expected that year by Dubai Millennium. Sheikh Mohammed's pride in his homebred so prophetically named to win the Dubai World Cup of 2000 was renowned. Dubai Millennium's racing record was hugely impressive.

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Dubawi at 20 Cont.

He was beaten only once in 10 starts when finishing ninth behind Oath in the Derby, and on what would transpire to be his final performance in the G1 Prince of Wales’s S. at Royal Ascot, the applause started ringing out when he was only halfway up the straight, so emphatic was the manner of his victory. But a little over six weeks later his racing career was over when he suffered a hind-leg fracture on the gallops. Brutally, Dubai Millennium’s stud career was even more brief when, during his first covering season, he was struck down with grass sickness and died on Apr. 29, 2001.

"The whole stallion operation at Darley was set up on the back of Dubai Millennium really," recalls Bullard. "We had this wonderful racehorse, the greatest horse that Godolphin had ever had, and when he retired to stud that was the catalyst really for the stallion operation that is here now, and always the number one goal was to get the top stallions of tomorrow." Clearly, those mares to have visited Dubai Millennium before his untimely death were of a decent calibre, but the odds were stacked against him making a meaningful impression on the breed when the foaling season of 2002 was complete and his sole crop numbered just 56. Sheikh Mohammed set about buying up a number outside those bred by his operation, but ultimately it was a homebred who would become not only Dubai Millennium’s best son, but one of the best stallions in the world.

Most importantly, Dubawi’s influence is now growing through his sons. He stands alongside five of them on the Darley roster: Ghaiyyath (Ire), Too Darn Hot (GB), Night Of Thunder (Ire), Postponed (Ire) and the recently retired Space Blues (Ire). And up to 20 sons of Dubawi are at stud around the world, including in America, Japan and India. Cont. p4
27 first crop winners including
3 Stakes winners...

**SNAFFLES** won the Star Appeal Stakes-L. for Joseph O’Brien and Demi O’Byrne having previously won his maiden by 5 lengths

‘**JDG Rising Star**’ **VADENI** won twice for Jean-Claude Rouget and HH Aga Khan including the Criterium du Fonds Europeen de l’Elevage-L.

**LADIES CHURCH** two wins over 5f. for Johnny Murtagh and Mark Dobbin including the Marwell Stakes-L.

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**RIVER THAMES** earned ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ status when winning on debut at Punchestown for Aidan O’Brien & the Coolmore partners

**THE ACROPOLIS** won by 3½ lengths and Gr.2-placed for Aidan O’Brien & the Coolmore partners

**UNCONQUERABLE** winner and Gr.2-placed for Donnacha O’Brien & Atlantic Thoroughbreds

**LA ESTRELLITA** winner and Stakes-placed in Germany

**FRIDAY NIGHT** won comfortably on his only start in Milan on 3rd Nov.

**GOLDEN WAR** made all to win a novice stake by 4 lengths for Charlie Hills and Lady Bamford

**ENCOUNTERED** won a novice stake at Doncaster by 4 lengths for Marco Botti & will now race in Hong Kong

**SCRIPTWRITER** won at Gowran Park for Aidan O’Brien & the Coolmore partners

“when switched late on he picked up strongly to win a shade cosily... he looks one for middle-distances next season” *RACING POST*

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Dubawi at 20 Cont.

Night Of Thunder, his second 2000 Guineas winner, was the champion first-season sire in Europe in 2019, while the Aga Khan Studs’ Zarak (Fr) led the French freshmen last year, and the National Stud’s Time Test (GB) was another young son to make a favourable impression with his first runners in 2021.

A top-five finisher in the stallion table in each of the last nine years, and on four occasions runner-up to Galileo (Ire), Dubawi had to settle for third in 2021 when Frankel (GB) nudged his own sire down a slot to second. But Dubawi’s 54% winners-to-runners strike-rate was higher than both Frankel and Galileo, and was a figure that only his son New Bay (GB) could match in the top 50 stallions in Britain and Ireland. On worldwide earnings for last year he was at the top of the table, those lucrative Breeders’ Cup victories no doubt helping in this regard.

In his 39 years with Darley, head stallion man Ken Crozier has worked with both Dubai Millennium and Dubawi and describes the horse now regarded as the king of the stallion yard as "straightforward, uncomplicated, a hard, gutsy horse."

He continues, "When Dubawi first arrived here, he's obviously physically a very different animal to his father, but he was coming in as a Classic winner with a high profile and I guess we had high expectations given that, sadly, Sheikh Mohammed and Darley had lost Dubai Millennium so young."

While Dubai Millennium’s short stud career was beset with illness from an early stage, the only concerns Dubawi ever gives those looking after him is how to keep him trim.
Night Of Thunder, Dubawi’s second 2000 Guineas winner, is a leading young sire | Marc Ruhl

Dubawi at 20 Cont.

Crozier adds, "We have him on shavings. He would eat everything in sight. He gets fed a little and often. He will get fed hay three times a day because he would eat a bale of hay in a half an hour. So that's the only problem we have with Dubawi, keeping the weight off him."

Even within the sons of Dubawi just on the Darley roster, it is easy to see that he is not a horse who stamps his stock in the manner of his old friend and rival Shamardal.

"They come in all shapes and sizes," agrees Bullard. "You can't look at them and say, 'I can see Dubawi in that'. But what you can't see is what's between their ears, and that is consistent with all of them. They just have these extraordinary temperaments, he really does pass that on."

Darley's head of nominations Dawn Laidlaw has, like Crozier and Bullard, worked with Dubawi throughout his stallion career and has witnessed the change in attitude towards him.

"I think every breeder, agent and ourselves would be honest enough to say that we probably didn't see the success of Dubawi coming in those early days," she says. "Obviously he was a great racehorse by a fantastic stallion, so he had a special place in our hearts from the beginning. But I think it would be fair to say that people didn't necessarily take to his early progeny. I mean, everybody’s seen him and he’s a little bit on the short side, a little bit dumpy, not the greatest walker. I think initially that's what people thought about his yearlings. I think right until they started running, and it was when they started winning that people very quickly realised he was a special stallion."

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DREAL DEAL
winner of Moscow Flyer Novice Hurdle Grade 2
sold by Ballincurragh House Stud to Ballinaroone Stud for €7,500

Tattersalls Ireland
Dubawi at 20 Cont.

Dubawi's first crop included the 2000 Guineas winner Makfi (GB), who, in an example of the blossoming of the line, sired the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Make Believe (GB) in his first crop, who in turn is the sire of G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Mishriff (Ire) from his first crop. Along with Makfi in the class of 2007 were the Group 1 winners Lucky Nine (GB), Poet's Voice (GB), Dubawi Heights (GB), Monterosso (GB) and Prince Bishop (GB), as well as the Group 3 winner and Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Anna Salai (GB), who would later become the dam of Adayar (Ire) (Frankel {GB}).

Among his 142 group winners, Dubawi is now the sire of 48 Group/Grade 1 winners--six of those having come from his three stints down under—with the group including the 2020 Horse of the Year Ghaiyyath. From an opening fee of £25,000, he stood his fourth season at £15,000 before gradually climbing to his fee of £250,000 for the last six years, making him the most expensive stallion in Europe.

"It's very typical in a stallion, and his third and fourth years were a little bit more difficult to sell," recalls Laidlaw. "Even the best of stallions usually go through that dip. Then as soon as he had his winners, he just absolutely took off. One of the most difficult things since then has been selecting the mares. There's always an upper limit on the numbers he'll cover, so unfortunately every year there have been mares that we would have loved to have that haven't always been able to come to him. The quality of mare that comes to him every year is fantastic. It's like a who's who of the broodmare band in Europe and beyond. We're lucky to have him and I say that every day."

The sense of pride in their star stallion is quite clear at Dalham Hall Stud, where they have now had many years to bask in the reflected glory of Dubawi. Now entering his third decade and about to embark on his 17th stud season, he fortunately shows no waning in enthusiasm for his main task.

"When covering season comes, he will go down to that barn roaring and shouting, whether it's at the 8 a.m. covering session or the fourth session at midnight," says Crozier. "You'll hear him coming. You know, if he was a human, he would have his neighbours round knocking on his door."

With a reputation so hard earned, Dubawi has every right to shout about it.

Sottsass, a multiple Group 1 winner by Siyouni, pictured at Coolmore Stud this week. | Coolmore
**EUROPEAN NEWS**

**Zarak Share Cont. from p1**

Finally, **Becquascenthe (Fr)** (Nombre Prmeier (GB)) (lot 4), in foal to Doctor Dino (Fr), changed hands for €72,000 to Ecurie de Cachene.

Six of the seven lots sold for a gross of €667,000. For the full results, please visit the Arqana website.

**TIME TEST BREEDING RIGHT AND NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT OF NEXT TATTERSALLS ONLINE SALE**

A breeding right (lot 1) and a nomination (lot 4) to promising young stallion **Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will be offered at the Jan. 19 Tattersalls Online Sale of Breeding Rights and Nominations. Bidding will open at 10 a.m. and will close at noon.

The National Stud’s Time Test already has the G3 Dick Poole Fillies’ S. winner Romantic Time (GB) to his credit. In addition, his Sunset Shiraz (Ire) placed in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. Of his 11 winners, five have earned black type, among them the listed winners Tardis (GB) and The King’s Horses (GB). He was the leading European first-crop sire by black-type winners in 2021.

Also selling are breeding rights to first-crop covering sires **A’Ali (Ire)** (Society Rock {Ire}) (lot 3) and **Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) (lot 2). The former, now residing at Newsells Park Stud, won the G2 Norfolk S., the G2 Prix Robert Papin and the G2 Flying Childers S. during his 2-year-old year. He added the G2 Sapphire S. and G3 Coral Charge S. as a sophomore and is the highest-rated son of the late Society Rock on Timeform.

Now based at The National Stud in Newmarket, Lope Y Fernandez was a €900,000 yearling who placed five times at the highest level including the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 Breeders’ Cup Mile and the G1 Queen Anne S. Rated 120 by Timeform last year and a leader of the sprint division in Ireland in 2020, his owners Coolmore retained part ownership in the young stallion, alongside Whitsbury Manor Stud and Nick Bradley Racing.

**ASCOT TO REDUCE ATTENDANCE AT ROYAL MEETING**

Crowd capacity numbers will be reduced at Royal Ascot beginning in 2022, Ascot Racecourse announced on Thursday. After feedback from racegoers attending the smaller scale Royal Ascot in 2021, attendance caps will be instated across the Royal Enclosure, Queen Anne Enclosure, and Windsor Enclosure for the five-day meeting from June 14-18, 2022.

In addition to reducing capacity in the Royal Enclosure by 1,000 guests (-7%) to 12,500, a new area for circulation has been added—the Royal Enclosure Gardens. The Queen Anne and Windsor Enclosures have been reduced by 4,150 (20%) to 16,600 and 2,000 (12%) to 15,000 attendees, respectively and new facilities will be introduced. The Village Enclosure, located on the Heath proper in the middle of the course, will be in operation for the first time since the 2019 pre-pandemic meeting and its capacity is 6,500. Royal Ascot was held behind closed doors in 2020 and with reduced attendance last year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Felicity Barnard, Commercial Director at Ascot, said, “We are really pleased to be making these customer-focused changes to Royal Ascot this summer. They will provide an improved experience for all our racegoers across the three main enclosures, ensuring a more enjoyable atmosphere and better access to facilities throughout the site.

“A key message in the feedback from the 2021 Royal Meeting, when attendance was limited to 12,000 per day as part of the Government’s Events Research Programme, was that people really appreciated the benefit of additional space.

“This set us on a journey to look at how we could reduce density to improve comfort across the site going forward in a ‘normal’ scenario. Incorporating feedback from previous years and other racedays, it became clear to us that we needed to make a fundamental change in terms of the capacities across the site.” **Cont. p8**

A share in **Zarak** was the most expensive lot at the Arqana Online Sale

*The Aga Khan Studs*
**Attendance Cap at Royal Ascot Cont.**

She added, “This was especially the case in our premier public area—the Queen Anne Enclosure—and reducing the number of people there significantly and investing in improved facilities will deliver a much better environment for people to enjoy the world-class racing on show.

“It is crucial that we protect the unique and very special sense of occasion that people feel when they come to Royal Ascot and we hope that these changes will provide an enhanced experience for all our racegoers.

“Ticket sales have been strong since launch last summer and they will clearly be in higher demand as a result of these changes at what will be a special Royal Meeting in the Platinum Jubilee year.”

**REAL WORLD TARGETS SAUDI CUP**

Dual group winner **Real World (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) pleased trainer Saeed bin Suroor in his work on Thursday and is being pointed at the $20-million G1 Saudi Cup in February. Godolphin’s 5-year-old son of Nafura (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the Listed Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot on June 16, added the Aug. 21 Strensall S. prior to signing off last season with a narrow victory in the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein at ParisLongchamp on Oct. 2.

“He worked today and he worked really well, he’s in good order and I’m very happy with him,” said Bin Suroor on Thursday. “The target with him is to take him to Saudi, but I would like to give him a race first at the end of this month.

“I will judge him when he works next week and see when I think he is ready for a race and then we’ll make a plan. We don’t need to run him on dirt before Saudi, I’ll run him on turf, we’ll go back on dirt in the Saudi Cup.”

He added, “When we took him back to Newmarket he grew and became a better horse, it’s as simple as that. That is why I want to run him on turf first, to get him ready for the Saudi Cup.”

**SIRE'S FIRST FOAL**

**SHAMAN (IRE)**

- Yeomanstown Stud’s dual group winner and Classic-placed **Shaman (Ire)** (Shamardal–Only Green {Ire}, by Green Desert) welcomed his first reported foal on Jan. 13.
- The chestnut colt is out of the listed-placed Wings Of The Rock (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}).
- “We’re delighted with the foal, he has great action and is very like his sire,” said Yeomanstown’s Gay O’Callaghan.
- Shaman stands for €5,000 this year.

**KAMEKO**

- Tweenhills Stud’s G1 2000 Guineas hero **Kameko** (Kitten’s Joy–Swetter Still, by Street Sense) celebrated his first reported foal on Thursday.
- The dark bay colt is out of Golden Spell (GB) (Al Kazeem {GB}), who placed four times at the listed level in Ireland.
- The 5-year-old’s 2022 fee is £20,000.
Classic winner Kameko celebrated his first reported foal on Thursday, a colt out of Golden Spell.

BRITAIN

Thursday’s Result:
6th-Newcastle, £10,800, Novice, 1-13, 3yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:45.45, st/sl.

STORMY OCEAN (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}–As Good As Gold {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), reappearing for the first time since finishing fourth behind stablemate and eventual G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up Noble Truth (Fr) (Kingman {GB}) over seven furlongs at Newmarket in July, was guided instantly to the front. Never in any danger, the even-money favourite was pushed out to record a 3 3/4-length success from fellow Appleby trainee Blue Trail (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). The dam, whose 2-year-old full-brother to the winner was the fifth-highest-priced colt at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1 when selling to Godolphin for 900,000gns, is out of the G1 Fillies Mile third You’ll All Be Mine (Kingmambo) whose son of Frankel, Eminent (Ire), captured the G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano and was placed in the G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and who later produced the G1 Pretty Polly S. winner Diamondsandrubies (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). As Good As Gold’s yearling is a daughter of Zoustar (Aus). Sales history: 480,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record:

3-1-0-1, $10,457. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Godolphin; B-Newsells Park Stud & Partners (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
4th-Newcastle, £20,000, 1-13, 4yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:14.89, st/sl.

AL ZARAQAAN (GB) (g, 5, Golden Horn {GB}–Asheerah {GB} {SP-Ire}, by Shamardal) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-0, $74,162. O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XVIII & Partner; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (GB); T-Archie Watson. *45,000gns HRA ’21 TATAHI. **1/2 to Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Eng, $534,238; 1/2 to Mehnah (GB) (Frankel {GB}), SW & GSP-Ire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cerulean (Fr), g, 4, Siyouni (Fr)–Fugitive Angel (GSW-US, $382,661), by Alphabet Soup. Chelmsford City, 1-13, 10f (AWT), 2:09.37. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, $16,749. B-George Strawbridge (FR). *18,000 HRA ’21 ARQSRM. **1/2 to Utmost (Giant’s Causeway), GSW-Can, SW-Eng, SP-US, $168,571.

FRANCE

Thursday’s Result:
2nd-Lyon La Soie, €19,000, Mdn, 1-13, 3yo, c/g, 2150m (AWT), 2:18.03, st.

IL FANTASISTA (FR) (c, 3, Belardo (Ire)–Tawteen, by Street Sense), sent off at 15-1, was settled with two behind after the early stages. Shaken up to challenge wide, the bay was in front approaching the furlong pole en route to a three-length success from Charly Boy (Ger) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The dam, who also has a 2-year-old filly by Taareef, is a daughter of the dual listed-placed Wid (Elusive Quality) descended from the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Shadayid (Shadeed). Sales history: €30,000 Ylg ’20 ARQOCT; €78,000 2yo ’21 TATJUN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €9,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Paolo Zambelli, Mme Elisa Berte, Javier Pastore, Thomas Whitehead & A & G Botti; B-Ecurie Biraben & A Gilibert (FR); T-A & G Botti.
CONDITIONS RESULT:
4th-Pau, €18,000, 1-13, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:33.40, st.
CASTLE (IRE) (c, 4, Frankel GB)--Plumania (GB) (G1SW-Fr, $838,738), by Anabaa) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, €41,900.
O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland. Plumatic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Eng & Fr, $288,134, to Maniaco (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, & to Starmaniac (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), GSP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Win Daisy (Fr), f, 3, Shaiban (Ire)--Green Daisy (Fr), by Green Tune. Lyon La Soie, 1-13, 2150m (AWT), 2:19.30. B-Pierre Carosso (FR).

CURTAIN RISES ON CARNIVAL PROPER
The 2022 Dubai World Cup Carnival lasts from Jan. 14-Mar. 5, Super Saturday and begins on Friday. The 19th edition of the DWCC features enhanced purses and a new group of turf races, the Jumeirah Series. Anchoring the first seven-race card is the $250,000 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 Presented by Nakheel, which attracted a field of 14.

Meydan veterans abound in the 1600-metre dirt contest, with 2021 G2 Godolphin Mile hero Secret Ambition (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) signed on, one of five for trainer Bhupat Seemar. Breaking from stall five, the 9-year-old entire hasn’t been seen in action since his Dubai World Cup night heroics.

“Secret Ambition has a good draw, is fit, healthy, and good to go,” said Seemar, who also saddles dual Meydan winner Imperial Empire (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), 2020 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 victor Kimbear (Temple City), the two-for-two Kafoo (Curlin) and 2021 Godolphin Mile third Avant Garde (Tonalist). “Kafoo is drawn 10 but is unbeaten this season. He’s doing everything right. I only hope inexperience doesn’t catch him because he’s definitely got the talent to be up there to compete against this class of horses.”

He added, “Imperial Empire is a Dubawi and is a half-brother to a Group 1 winner, so hopefully he should show up. Kimbear ran a good race on his debut for us but unfortunately he’s drawn a bit on the outside, while Avant Garde is doing really well. This is his minimum trip, he would rather go over a mile and quarter, but it’s a good place to start him.”

Others signed on are last year’s G1 Dubai World Cup fourth-place finisher Hypothetical (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and the 2021 G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 and G1 Al Matoum Challenge Round 3 scorer Salute the Soldier (Ger) (Sepoy {Aus}). The 2019 G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 winner Capezzano (Bernardini) is also back for more, as is four-time Meydan dirt lover and Doug Watson trainee Thegreatcollection (Saint Anddan).

Said Watson, who also sends out Midnight Sands (Speightstown) and Golden Goal (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), “They’re all doing well at home. We were a bit disappointed with Midnight Sands last time [when unplaced in the Listed Dubai Creek Mile on Dec. 16] but it was his first run after a long lay-off. He’s been training well since.

“Thegreatcollection and Golden Goal are both in great shape. They both ran well recently after being off for the track for eight to nine months. It looks like they’ve come on so we’re hoping they all run well.”

The Grass is Greener
Just after the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 is the G2 Cape Verdi, also over a mile, for fillies and mares on grass. The royal blue silks of Godolphin have been carried to victory in the race nine times already, and trainer Saeed bin Suroor has a pair entered, among them Soft Whisper (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas victress of last year. Although off the board in a Riyadh after her Guineas win in January, she failed to see out the 1900 metres of the G2 UAE Derby on dirt in March. Returned to the UK, she ran out a 1 3/4-length winner in the Listed Rosemary S. at Newmarket in September going this trip, but gave way and finished ninth in the 2000-metre G3 Pride S. there on Oct. 8.

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DWCC Preview Cont.

“She ran well last year, here in Dubai and also when we took her back to England,” said bin Suroor. “She won listed races on both dirt and turf. This looks like it is the right race to start her four-year-old campaign as she has been pleasing us at home.”

Bearing the second-string white cap is Stunning Beauty (Ire) (Shamardal), who was third after briefly leading in a Goodwood conditions race in August.

“Stunning Beauty showed better form in the UK last season and has been going well at home, so I’m hoping for a nice performance over a trip that suits,” said Bin Suroor.

Fellow Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby also has a contender in the lightly raced Nov. 13 Wolverhampton synthetic conditions scorer Wedding Dance (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

Successful in the past three renewals, Appleby said, “Wedding Dance improved from her first to second run last season, winning nicely at Wolverhampton on the latter occasion.

“The plan was always to bring her out to Dubai afterwards and we have been pleased with the way she has been training out here. She will potentially come forward for this, but we feel that she is ready to have a run and should be competitive.”

Mnasek (Empire Maker) appears to be the main threat to shake up the Godolphin domination. Raced exclusively at Meydan for her five starts to date, she was a distant second to Soft Whisper after a slow break in the 1900m UAE 1000 Guineas, but thrived in the G3 UAE Oaks last February. Only ninth in the colts’ equivalent on Dubai World Cup night, she returned on Nov. 18 to run second in a rated conditions heat, but this will be her turf bow.

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**Turf Classic Pointers**

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CHAMPION ALMOND EYE FOALS A COLT

Dual Japanese Horse of the Year Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) delivered her first foal shortly after midnight on Jan. 13, Silk Racing Company Limited announced. The bay foal is a colt by Shadai Stallion Station’s Epiphaneia (Jpn).

Bred by Northern Farm and raced by Silk Racing, the 7-year-old claimed nine Group 1 victories throughout her career. Ridden all bar one race by Christophe Lemaire and trained by Sakae Kunieda, the bay won the 2018 Japanese Fillies’ Triple Crown and G1 Japan Cup. Named the Champion 3-Year-Old Filly and Japanese Horse of the Year that year, she returned at four to win the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan. Third in the G1 Yasuda Kinen later in 2019, she signed off with a G1 Tenno Sho Autumn title and was the champion older horse in the UAE from 7-9 ½ furlongs.

Kept in training at five, Almond Eye added the G1 Victoria Mile to her haul in May of 2020, and was second to Gran Alegria (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen a month later. Taking her second Tenno Sho Autumn in November of that year, she retired with a 1 1/4-length victory over Japanese Triple Crown Winners Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) and Daring Tact (Jpn) (Epiphaneia (Jpn)) in the Japan Cup, her second.

Out of the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup winner Fusaichi Pandora (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), who later placed in that race when it was promoted to Group 1 status, Almond Eye is a half-sister to the Japanese listed-placed Unakite (Jpn) (Johannesburg). This is the extended family of blue hen mare Sex Appeal (Buckpasser) and her Northern Dancer sons and successful sires El Gran Senor and Try My Best.
**GROUP ENTRIES**

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Lot 585, a colt by I Am Invincible, topped Thursday's trade

Magic Millions

by Bren O'Brien & Bryan Littlely

An extraordinary third day at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale saw a record eight lots sell for $1 million or more, with Coolmore Australia's Tom Magnier leading the way with three seven-figure purchases, including $1.9 million for an I Am Invincible colt from Newgate's draft.

At A Glance:

- The sale heated up further with the average at a dizzying $298,668, up from $257,000 at the same stage last year, while the clearance rate sits at 94% (88% last year), the median at $230,000 ($180,000) and the aggregate sits at over $154 million ($134 million).
- The desire for Australia's best stallions appears insatiable, with I Am Invincible leading the way in terms of aggregate sales, with $17 million across 29 sales, while Not A Single Doubt leads sire averages on $717,143.
- Arrowfield's The Autumn Sun leads the way in total sale by a first-crop sire, with $6.2 million across 19 lots, and averaging an impressive $327,105, just ahead of Justify (USA) ($320,294).
- Ciaron Maher Bloodstock took its investment in the sale under its own name to $9.8 million across 25 purchases while it has spent another $4.3 million across five yearlings in partnership.
- Newgate is the leading vendor on aggregate, with $11.72 million in sales, while Silverdale Farm leads the vendor averages on an impressive $743,750.
- Tom Magnier, Coolmore Australia's principal, spent $1.9 million on an I Am Invincible colt, and $1.1 million on colts by Snitzel and Not A Single Doubt.
- Also among the buyers of million-dollar lots were Ciaron Maher Bloodstock, Glentree Thoroughbreds/Badgers Bloodstock, Victorian Alliance, Annabel Neasham/Brian McGuire, Gai Waterhouse/ Adrian Bott and Go Bloodstock.

Vinnie Colt Heads Coolmore Hat-Trick

Coolmore Australia principal Tom Magnier struck with a hat-trick of seven-figure purchases on Day 3 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, headlined by the $1.9 million paid for Lot 585, an I Am Invincible colt from the draft of Newgate.

Coolmore struck gold with a son of I Am Invincible last spring with the Chris Waller-trained Home Affairs booking his progress to the Jerrys Plains stud barn with a runaway success in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. in October.

Magnier is clearly keen to revisit that success with the same trainer after he prevailed in a tough bidding dual to go to the top-price of the sale so far for the well-related colt.

"He's a lovely horse. To the team at Newgate, they don't need any introductions as to how well they raise their horses. He was a lovely type. We know how good Dubious was," he said.

"We have a great team here at the sale picking these horses. Everyone landed on this horse. They liked him a lot.

"He's one of the lovely horses in the sale. He was fast and has got the pedigree that everybody understands. Chris will have to work his magic now."

The colt is out of Suspicieuse (Fr) (Elusive City {USA}), who has already produced the Group 2-winning son of Not A Single Doubt and young Aquis stallion Dubious. It is a family with rich international bloodlines, featuring stakes winners Sediciosa (Ire) (Rail Link {GB}) and San Huberto (Ire) (Speightstown {USA}).

Suspicieuse was originally a €55,000 (AU$86,000) Arqana purchase and is owned by Love Racing. Since foaling this colt, she has produced a filly by Pariah and visited King's Legacy (GB).

It was a marquee result for Newgate, which continued to reign supreme on top of the vendors' list at the end of the third day, with nearly $12 million in sales.
"He was born on the farm. James Harron purchased the mother and put a syndicate together to buy the mare and some great supporters of the farm are in the mare. We were really pleased when he was born because he’s been a star colt since day dot," Newgate Managing Director Henry Field said.

"The day he was born, I remember talking to James Harron and saying this horse will top a yearling sale one day and that’s exactly what he’s done. He’s the real deal and it’s great that Coolmore have bought it. There was hot competition for him but he was a rare jewel."

Field was particularly pleased to see the colt head to the Coolmore syndicate.

"I’m glad they got him. Tom Magnier and M.V. Magnier are really close friends of mine and it will be very special if the horse can run as good as he looks because, if he does, he’ll be a horse that will certainly take the market share away from our stallion barn in two years’ time," he said.

"We feel great about the fact that he was so well admired by so many judges but I’m most happy for the clients of the farm that own the horse. Most the owners of that horse have been long time clients of Newgate and when he was born it was... we hit the jackpot."

Snitzel Colt Fits the Bill

Earlier, Magnier had paid $1.1 million each for colts by Snitzel (Lot 428) and Not A Single Doubt (Lot 436).

The Snitzel colt, out of American mare Red Lodge (USA) (Midshipman {USA}), was purchased from Emirates Park, with Magnier saying Coolmore was keen to access a family which had global appeal.

"We liked this horse a lot but the thing that stood out for us was the Midshipman. Obviously we have Golden Pal, probably the fastest horse in America out of a Midshipman mare and Wesley Ward has been onto us all week because he trained the mother and it’s a very, very fast family," he said.

Golden Pal (USA), the winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, could be headed to Australia this year to tackle some of the rich sprint races and Lot 428 is also from a family with plenty of speed with his dam a stakes winner over 1100 metres and a granddaughter of multiple Grade I winner Memories Of Silver (USA) (Silver Hawk {USA}).

"He’s a horse that we’re thinking about taking down here, Golden Pal, so it’s kind of a page that we know well, it’s got plenty of speed and it’s what we liked in Australia. They’re very fast, loves the speed and the proof has been in the pudding, so far," Magnier said.

The colt will join Waller’s stable as well.

"We need a bit of luck now and there’s no better man than Chris (Waller) to get the job done."

For the second day in a row, Emirates Park managed to secure a seven-figure result, having sold an I Am Invincible filly (Lot 306) for $1.55 million on Wednesday.

"He was lovely colt and it’s a great result. We bought the mare in America a few years ago and it’s the first one we bred ourselves out of her. To get a result like that, it pays for her and it’s gone to a good stable. That’s all you can hope for," Emirates Park General Manager Bryan Carlson said.

"From when he was born, he has always been a lovely colt. He was always aimed at Magic Millions so we couldn't ask for much more."

Red Lodge produced a Tassort filly last year while she is now in foal to I Am Invincible.

Emirates Park has sold eight lots across the first three days at an average price of $517,500 which Carlson said was a brailing outcome to this point.

"We’ve had a great sale. We are trying not to be at the top end for a boutique farm and get the results."
Lot 436, a colt by Not a Single Doubt | Magic Millions

Million-dollar Milestone for Lauriston

Also celebrating a marquee result was Lauriston Thoroughbred farm, which sold its first $1 million-plus lot when Magnier paid $1.1 million for its Not A Single Doubt colt, Lot 436.

Magnier was again effusive in his praise of the colt out of Rhodamine (Success Express {USA}), saying Coolmore was particularly keen to secure one of the final colts by now-pensioned Arrowfield Stud stallion Not A Single Doubt.

“It’s like certain types of property, they don’t make them anymore. He was just such a lovely horse. The strength and the power and the width. He looks like a real fast, early type. James O’Brien and all their staff did a great job with the horse,” he said.

“There’s good horses here and there’s just such tough competition. You’ll have days when you get plenty and days when you won’t.”

Rhodamine, who sadly died when foaling this colt, is the dam of two stakes performers by Not A Single Doubt, Legend Of Condor and Pantanario, the latter who finished third in the G3 Gimcrack S. for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott in October.

James O’Brien of Lauriston Thoroughbred Farm said it was a milestone moment for the Victorian Farm, whose previous best result was the $520,000 this colt’s brother secured in 2017.

“He’s a lovely colt, really strong. I think he will be really early. His sister ran third in the Gimcrack, and I think that he’s given us every indication that he is as early, if not earlier than her,” he said.

“To go into a Coolmore stallion syndicate as well as Chris Waller training him, that’s a fantastic outcome.”

That Pierro-Redoute’s Nick

Ciaron Maher Bloodstock continued to invest at will throughout the third day, and the Sale’s biggest buyer made a considerable splash when paying $1.5 million for Lot 419, a colt by Pierro from Kia Ora Stud.

The colt, who is out of Kia Ora’s multiple stakes-winning homebred Ravi (Redoute’s Choice), became the equal highest-priced yearling of his Coolmore-based sire, but it was a price that Maher’s Bloodstock Manager, Will Bourne, said they were prepared to pay.

“He’s got a lovely physical and going along with that, he’s a Pierro out of a Redoute’s mare who’s won herself,” he said.

“Pierro-Redoute’s crosses have produced three Group 1 winners from a sample of sales of about 40 horses. So it’s a proven sire, the mare could run, it’s a proven cross so it was a real no brainer for us. We loved the colt and we thought we had a bit of profitability in our favour.”

Bourne said the physical nature of the horse and his pedigree suggested he would be a horse that would be peaking in his 3-year-old season.

“He’ll be more of a 3-year-old but he’s that athletic, I wouldn’t put it past him to do something at two. Pierro sires more 3-year-olds but in saying that we saw Snowden’s horse (Paris Dior), a Pierro, really win dominantly at Canterbury (Friday) so he can still get a 2-year-old,” he said.

“Going off the benchmark of yesterday at $1.7 million, he’s a quality colt, one of the proper colts in the Sale so that ($1.5 million) is what the market says.”

Ravi won a G3 Sheraco S. and Listed How Now H. in the dual blue colours of Kia Ora and is a sister to Elzaam, who was a listed winner and Group 1-producing stallion.

She has produced an unraced brother to this colt, Ravin, who cost Mick Price $200,000 through last year’s Inglis Easter Sale, while she foaled an I Am Invincible colt last year before visiting that stallion again.

Kia Ora Bloodstock and Breeding Manager Shane Wright said the result meant a lot to the team.
"A phenomenal result, we love the colt and expected him to sell well but you can never foresee a result like that," he said.

"He's been very popular all week and has taken everything in his stride the whole way through the sale and never put a foot out of place. This kind of temperament along with his physical attributes made him a very sought-after colt and one of the busiest horses I've ever had pleasure of selling at Magics."

Among the nine stakes winners by Pierro from Redoute's Choice mares are Group 1 winners Arcadia Queen, Regal Power and Levendi.

"We all know the Pierro x Redoute's cross works so well and when you can combine that with the type of horse he is a very exciting colt going forward, and the market reflected that," Wright said.

"Ciaron and David have bought a magnificent group of horses this week and we couldn't be happier that he joins their stable, he gets every chance and we wish them the best of luck with him."

Another Record Day

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said the extraordinary success of the third day had been building over the first two sessions of the sale.

"To be already at $154 million is a huge sale. I think the momentum that we'd got over the first two days of the sale was evident today. It was bullish bidding. There was from bottom to top, it was strong and I'm speechless to be honest. It's an outstanding sale," he said.

Again, despite the dizzying figures and host of $1 million-plus lots, it is the 94% clearance rate which is most pleasing for Bowditch, with vendors getting rewarded for putting their horses on the market.

"If you had said we'd be sitting here at the end of Day 3 and we'd sold 516 horses and only passed 34 in, I would have told you to get your head read. But that's exactly what we strive to do. To find buyers at all numbers for these horses," he said.

"It's not about us just finding people to buy the big horses, there's work in them but there's just as much work in the lower end of the market and that's just as vital for our vendors who support the sale at all levels.

"It's going to be a record-breaking Magic Millions Yearling Sale. We're super proud of what we've put together."

Silverdale Celebrates After Snitzel Sale

The top-price filly on the day was Lot 590, the daughter Of Snitzel and Sweet Sherry (Bel Esprit) offered by Silverdale Farm and sold for $1.35 million to Badgers Bloodstock and Glentree Thoroughbreds.

The filly is the first living foal out of Sweet Sherry, who was a Group 2 winner on the track and is a half-sister to multiple Group 2 winner Arinosa (Dash For Cash) as well as stakes-placed pair Onerous (Dash For Cash) and Andaz (Dash For Cash).

"She is by Snitzel and a great physical type... it made her a key target for us right from the very start," Glentree Thoroughbreds' manager Luke Simpson said.

"The plan is to race her and she'll later enter our broodmare barn. Ciaron Maher and David Eustace will have her to race."

It was a first seven-figure result for burgeoning outfit Silverdale Farm, and a moment worth celebrating for principal Steve Grant and his team.

"It's just our second consignment, so just wait until we get good at it," he said.

"We prepare these horses for life and the sale is only one of the processes for us.

"We're just on our way to celebrate, we've given her a big kiss goodbye as she won't be here in the morning and we're off to kick up our heels." Silverdale is in the remarkable position of leading all vendors by average, having sold four horses at an average of $743,750.

"We came with good expectations and I like looking at the average sales by studs. We were pleased to get on the board up high last year and looking at that now well that's of course fantastic to be leading the list," he said.

Sweet Sherry, who was a $260,000 yearling purchase from Swettenham Stud by Cloud 9 Thoroughbreds and who raced for trainer Brent Stanley, produced an Exceed And Excel filly last year and then visited I Am Invincible.

Another Zoustar For the Victorian Alliance

The Victorian Alliance swooped to pay $1.3 million for a Zoustar colt (Lot 375) on Wednesday and replicated that approach a day later, by paying $1.25 million for Lot 574, a son of the same stallion, who was offered by Widden Stud.
Thursday's purchase is out of Group 2 winner Summer Sham (Not A Single Doubt), meaning this colt boasts a triple cross of blue hen Shantha's Choice (Canny Lad) in his pedigree.

His third grandsire is Redoute's Choice through both his sire Zoustar and his dam, who is also a granddaughter of the late Arrowfield stallion's half-sister Unspoken Choice (Giant's Causeway {USA}).

"He's got an unbelievable family, out of a Group 2-winning daughter of Not A Single Doubt and the family of Redoute's Choice," Ryan McEvoy, General manager, Bloodstock at Rosemont Stud, which spearheads the Victorian Alliance said.

"The Victorian Alliance, clearly our emphasis is to buy colts that can ultimately end up in the stallion barn at Rosemont and again he's a horse that fits that profile."

Widden-based Summer Sham was purchased by David Redvers for $650,000 in 2019 and has an unnamed Star Witness 2-year-old and a Zoustar foal filly, going back to the same sire again in 2021.

It's Go Time For Snitzel

Four-time champion sire Snitzel had three $1 million-plus lots on the day, with the third, Lot 567, a colt from Segenhoe Stud, going to Annabel Neasham and Brian McGuire for $1.1 million.

Like the other seven-figure Snitzel colt, he is out of an American mare, the listed winner Street Secret (USA) (Street Cry {Ire}), who has already produced the listed winner and Group 1 placegetter Frankly Awesome (Frankel {GB}).

The rich international pedigree includes Urban Sea (USA) (Miswaki {USA}), the half-sister to this colt's third dam, and the dam of influential sires Galileo (Ire) and Sea The Stars (Ire), who were both G1 Derby winners.

On pedigree and type, he was hard to fault for Neasham.

"He was an absolute beauty. We've had our eye on him since we saw him on the farm. Snitzel you can't go wrong with, can you? And she's already a producer of a Group 1-performed horse," she said.

"When you buy off farms like Segenhoe it just gives you a bit of assurance. Year in, year out they produce good horses off their farm and he was born and raised there. That for me is a big tick, where they come from. That combined with him just being a beauty is probably what made us go to that price."

The colt was bred by Sir Owen Glenn's Go Bloodstock, who purchased his dam, Street Secret for $680,000 in 2017. Segenhoe Stud General Manager Peter O'Brien said the result was a fitting success for Sir Owen and his bloodstock manager Stephen O'Connor.

"He is a really good client of ours, a great friend of the farm and everyone was over the moon for Sir Owen to get a million-dollar horse because he puts so much in," he said.

"He's a terrific man. He's put a lot of money into the horses and if anyone deserves that result, it's him. Particularly it's gone to Annabel, who is also another great friend of ours so it's a perfect scenario."

Street Secret has a Lonhro foal filly, while she was sent to Snitzel's son Russian Revolution, last year.

Sir Owen Re-Invests

Go Bloodstock was also active as a buyer at the top end, spending, in conjunction with Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, $1 million on Lot 523, a colt by I Am Invincible from the Yarraman Park draft.

Go Bloodstock's flagbearer in Australia was Criterion (NZ) (Sebring) and this colt is out of his stakes-winning half-sister Silently (Anabaa {USA}), who has already produced the Group 2 winner Muwaary (O'Reilly {NZ}).

"Great stallion, I Am Invincible, there was a lot of strength particularly through his second dam there. Criterion featured prominently there. Sir Owen's Go Bloodstock raced Criterion so they've bought into the partnership in the horse," Bott said.

"He just looks a nice forward type, athletic colt that caught our attention pretty early in the sale and has held that all the way through. He was the one that we were really prepared to secure."

Silently, who is owned by Yarraman Park's Mitchell family, foaled a brother to Lot 523 last spring before visiting Wootton Bassett (GB).

It was the first million-dollar lot for Waterhouse and Bott of the sale, but they have purchased a total of 24 horses either on their own or in partnership, spending a combined $10.355 million and trailing only Ciaron Maher Bloodstock in terms of investment.
"We’ve bid strong on a couple of colts but this one we were particularly strong on. This one was very easy because we all rated him very highly, we all marked him very highly across the board," Bott said.

Day 4 of the sale commences at 10 a.m. local on Friday (11 a.m. AEDT).