BACK ON THE ROUTE

By Alix Choppin

NORMANDY, France—The signs had accumulated two years of dust by the time they were taken out again to point towards the farms taking part in France's Route des Etalons. The many stallions who took up stud duties in the northwestern part of the country last year were deprived the chance to show off their credentials to a large number of breeders. There was, as a result, a palpable feeling of excitement when the gates were swung open for the 2022 renewal of the iconic event. Although Covid restrictions didn't allow it to be a fully singing-and-dancing edition, seeing young stallions in the flesh rather than through a computer screen provided widespread interest.

Having kicked off at dawn from Chantilly, with bloodstock agent Tina Rau behind the wheel and her pair of dogs on the back seat, we arrived at 9 a.m. sharp for the first show at Haras de Bouquetot, having duly given the four-legged companions a little walk beforehand. They call it German precision.

Bouquetot is still to celebrate its first decade of operation, and yet it has been one of France's fastest-growing stallion stations with eight sires currently on the roster. All of them, bar the fresh arrival Armor (GB) (No Nay Never), are Group 1 winners, and two share the distinctive feat of having landed one of Europe's most competitive mile contest in the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois. The first crop by Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) included 15 winners at two and already two at three, including recent debut winner Hauran (Fr). Cont. p2

GREAT BRITISH STALLION SHOWCASE LAUNCHED

The 2022 Great British Stallion Showcase was launched by Great British Racing International (GBRI) and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA). The online platform, which welcomed over 10,000 visitors last spring, is a digital tool to support the TBA National Hunt Stallion Showcase at Goffs UK's January Sale on Tuesday and the TBA Flat Stallion Parade at the Tattersalls February Sale on Thursday, Feb. 3.

The website features a selection of Britain's first-, second- and third-season Flat sires and all-age National Hunt sires. Photos and videos are available to view, while there are also audio clips from stud managers, pedigrees, race records and more. In 2022, after a new link-up with Weatherbys, users can also view more in-depth information about the stallions listed, such as annual sales averages and star progeny for those stallions who have offspring of racing age. Cont. p5

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

BELGRADE AN INVESTMENT FOR NEXT KINGDOM

Chris McGrath speaks with Carl Pascarella, who with his wife Yurie, purchased debut winner Belgrade (Hard Spun) for $700,000 at Keeneland January. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.
La Route des Etalons Cont. from p1

Such a promising start has caused his fee to swing back to its initial level of €8,000.

Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), who annexed the Marois on the back of a Classic triumph in the Irish 2000 Guineas, is still to have his first foal on the ground but he was the busiest stallion at Bouquetot last year with 127 mares. His starting fee of €7,000 has been maintained and seems excellent value, as Al Shaqab Racing's Sebastien Desmontils explained.

"Romanised is still owned 100% by Mr. Ng who raced him," he said. "When stud plans were arranged, we offered him to syndicate the horse, arguing that it would guarantee him significant support. Mr. Ng, however, was keen to remain Romanised's sole owner but he suggested that we gave him a very affordable covering fee in order to make him an attractive proposition to breeders." Another stallion expecting his first foals is Wooded (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), who ended a long drought for France when winning the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye. He joined Almanzor (Fr) as the second son of Wootton Bassett to stand at stud in this country and, at €15,000, is the joint highest-priced sire at Bouquetot. He shares top billing with the eye-catching Zeljal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who was one of the sensations of 2021, notably through the achievements of his listed-winning daughter Zelda (Fr). He also boasts a 92% fertility rate and has seen his fee more than double from €6,000.

The latest addition to the Bouquetot roster is Richard Hannon's former charge Armor (GB) (No Nay Never), who won last year's G3 Molecomb S. and ran third in the Middle Park. Still two months from his actual third birthday, the dark bay will be offered at €5,000. Cont. p3
La Route des Etalons Cont.

"The plan is to try to replicate the success story that Al Shaqab has experienced with Mehmas. French breeders are always looking for speed and precocity, so we think he is a great proposition," said Desmontils.

A little deeper into the Norman countryside, Haras de Bonneval is busy celebrating the 100th anniversary of His Highness the Aga Khan’s breeding operation. (Click for Emma and John Berry’s excellent three-part feature: Part I, Part II, and Part III.) And could there be a better advertisement than the excellent performances achieved by Zarak (Fr)’s first 2-year-olds? After all, the powerful bay traces back, through his illustrious dam Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar), to Zahra (Ire) (Habitat), the sole daughter out of the champion Petite Etoile (GB) (Petition {GB}), herself a descendant of the “flying filly” Mumtaz Mahal (GB). One hundred years of breeding excellence summed up in one pedigree.

A son of Dubawi (Ire), Zarak has so far been represented by 18 2-year-old winners, the exact same number as his barn mate Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) achieved with his first crop. And his best offspring to date is the G1 Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Times Square (Fr), who is, fittingly, out of a daughter of Siyouni. Such eye-catching results have had a major impact on the stallion’s worth and he now commands a covering fee of $25,000, doubled from his $12,000 starting price.

"There has been huge interest in Zarak," explained nominations manager Fanny Cyprés. "He has covered a full book every season, and for 2022 he has been full since last October. Mares are coming from Germany, from Ireland and from the UK for him. His value has increased quite dramatically, as shown by the evolution of his share price: when we syndicated him, a share cost €60,000, while at recent auctions on Arqana Online, shares sold for €350,000 to €380,000."

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

RAUSING REFLECTS ON SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA

John Berry speaks with Lanwades Stud’s Kirsten Rausing on her success as a breeder Down Under. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.
La Route des Étalons Cont.

Full credit where it’s due: the now 15-year-old Siyouni remains France’s most expensive stallion at €140,000 and is expecting another stellar crop of foals including full-siblings to Sottsass (Fr) and Dream And Do (Ire), as well as youngsters out of Group 1 winners Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), Kitesurf (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and stakes winner Zarkamiya (Fr) (Frankel {GB}).

Cyrès added, “We have seen with Times Square that Siyouni is starting to make his mark as a broodmare sire, and we think he can follow in the footsteps of his own sire Pivotal in this respect.”

Larissa Kneip’s Haras de Saint-Arnoult is steadily making a name as a source of affordable speed, and she currently has six stallions who all performed over middle to short distances. The good-looking Elarqam (GB) (Frankel {GB}) currently stands out as the sole son of Frankel at stud in France. The Group 2 winner will have his first foals on the ground this season and remains available at an attractive €5,000. The first crop by Seabhac (Scat Daddy) are now 2-year-olds, while Group 1-winning juvenile Mkfancy (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) is the newest recruit.

Only minutes away, Julian Ince’s Haras du Logis is home to an impressive line-up of former Godolphin colourbearers, with the notable exception of the infamous globetrotter Tiberian (Fr) (Tiberius Caesar {Fr}). For the coming season there has been another extremely classy addition to the roster in the dual Group 1 and Classic winner Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal). The handsome bay boasts a special pedigree as he is not only by ‘sire of sires’ Shamardal, but also from the family of Shamardal—he is inbred 3x3 to Helen Street. Victor Ludorum’s placid demeanour and solid constitution guarantee him strong support at €15,000. Another popular young sire is Cloth Of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), whose first yearlings sold extremely well and whose fee remains unchanged at €7,000.

Leaving Calvados for the Orne area, we reach Haras du Petit Tellier. Patrick Chédéville’s historical farm stands the dual Classic winner The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Masterscraftsman {Ire}), whose first crop already includes six winners and made him one of the ‘talking horses’ of the winter.

Driving back to Deauville, one notices a sign indicating where the Greenwich meridian crosses through Normandy. Cont. p5
La Route des Etalons Cont.

Indeed, this part of France should effectively follow the GMT schedule, and it is no wonder days are so dramatically short at this time of year, which make the Route des Etalons an inevitable rush as breeders try and see as many stallions as possible in a limited amount of time. It is a real shame to have to give the likes of Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), Le Havre (Ire) (Noverre), Galiway (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}) or Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}) a miss, and only minor solace comes from the existence of online stallion books.

Great British Stallion Showcase Cont. from p1

It is also now possible to browse stallions by stud.

Grace Skelton, who stands Grade 1 sire Dink (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) at Alne Park Stud in Warwickshire, said, “We were eager to be part of the Great British Stallion Showcase again this year. It’s a great initiative and a really good platform for British breeders to promote their stallions. With Dink being new to the British breeding scene, the ability to upload video and other content is invaluable.”

2022 ITBA NATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES BEGINS

The 2022 Irish Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association National Webinar Series was announced on Sunday. Beginning on Friday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the first webinar will update viewers on the ITBA’s 2021. Chairman John McEnery, Vice Chairman Cathy Grassick and CEO Shane O’Dwyer will provide an update on the organisation and also outline plans for 2022 and beyond.

The second session of Friday’s webinar is titled “Changing in Today’s Environment”, and will cover all aspects of operating in today’s climate. The panel will discuss all elements around movement of animals, difficulties facing breeders post-Brexit and important steps around traceability and functionality that will better serve all involved. Speakers include John Osborne, Director of Welfare and Bloodstock HRI and Grant Thornton.

For the third and final session of the webinar, the focus is on “Sustainable Options For Breeders”. Cont. p6

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**SIRE’S FIRST FOAL**

**FAR ABOVE (IRE)**
- Group winner Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}) welcomed his first reported foal, a colt, at Compas Stallions on Sunday.
- Out of the maiden mare Nadine (GB), the bay is bred and owned by Hugh Hurst.
- The 6-year-old G3 Palace House S. hero stands for €5,000 at Starfield Stud in Ireland.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**
1st-Pau, €22,000, 1-23, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.30, st.
LOUBEISIEN (FR) (c, 3, Kheleyf--Lolif {Fr}, by Loup Breton {Ire})
Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €17,600. O-Le Haras Des Sens, Ecurie Maxime Moczulski, Ecurie Mill Reef SAS & C Ferland; B-M Delaplace (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. *€35,000 2yo ‘21 OSAMAY.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**
Louvetot (Fr), g, 3, **Ectot (GB)**--Loonora (Fr) (SP-Fr, $225,546), by Valanour (Ire). Pau, 1-23, 10f (AWT), 2:07.70. B-Haras De Mandore (FR).

**IN UAE:**
Valiant Prince (Ire), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**. See “Dubai”.
Jadwal (GB), g, 4, **Mustajeeb (GB)**--Atab (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). Meydan, 1-23, Hcp. (AED87.5k), 1200mT, 1:10.27. O-Shadwell. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd. (GB). T-Doug Watson. VIDEO.
Book Review (GB), g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Criticism (GB) (SW & GSP-Fr, MGSW & GISP-US, $815,367), by Machiavellian. Meydan, 1-23, Hcp. (AED87.5k), 1900m, 2:00.57. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum. B-Godolphin (GB). T-Salem bin Ghadayer. VIDEO. *Full to Magical Touch (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger 14f+, SW-Ger, GSP-Fr.
Golden Sixty (right) chases home Waikuku in vain in Sunday’s G1 Stewards’ Cup at an empty Sha Tin Racecourse | HKJC photo

WAIKUKU STUNS THE WORLD FOR SECOND STEWARDS’ CUP by Alan Carasso

The Omicron variant of the COVID-19 pandemic dictated that there would be no one on hand Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse to ‘witness’ the running of the G1 Stewards’ Cup. But there was a collective ‘silence’ right round the world when Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) crossed the wire three-parts of a length to the good of the virtually unbeatable Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro), who saw his attempt to equal the winning streak of Silent Witness (Aus) go by the wayside while tasting defeat for just the second time in his 21-race career.

For the record, Russian Emperor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was an eye-catching third over an insufficient trip, but all eyes were on the reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year Golden Sixty, who jumped brilliantly from gate one, but then eased back to take up his customary position at the back, a few lengths less handy than last time in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. Cont. p8
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Francis Lui said.

This (GB) (Dutch Art (GB)) at the three-furlong pole, having continued to race freely, and losing crucial ground in the process, Golden Sixty had clear sailing into the stretch, but Waikuku was able to cause the upset. It was a Hong Kong Derby off a similarly slow tempo, he could not do so too tall. Unlike when he managed to scrape home in the 2020 quarter-mile in :21.95, Golden Sixty had simply been set a task was able to produce his typical barnstorming finish, with a final travel and the alarm bells would have been sounded. Though he

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A healthy Happy (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}) lobbed them along up front, but Zac Purton had Waikuku right at his flank through an opening 800 metres in :49.47, some eight to nine lengths off standard time, as Golden Sixty raced keenly and tactically disadvantaged beneath Vincent Ho.

Steered out and around Hong Kong Mile runner-up More Than This (GB) (Dutch Art (GB)) at the three-furlong pole, having continued to race freely, and losing crucial ground in the process, Golden Sixty had clear sailing into the stretch, but Waikuku raced to the front with a bit more than 300 metres to travel and the alarm bells would have been sounded. Though he was able to produce his typical barnstorming finish, with a final quarter-mile in :21.95, Golden Sixty had simply been set a task too tall. Unlike when he managed to scrape home in the 2020 Hong Kong Derby off a similarly slow tempo, he could not do so this time, and Waikuku was able to cause the upset. It was a seventh Stewards' Cup for trainer John Size.

“I was really happy with the way the race was run, I was in a lovely rhythm and I knew he was going to give me a kick but with Golden Sixty in the race, you’re never home until you pass the post,” said Purton, who only recently returned from injuries suffered in that horror fall in the Hong Kong Sprint six weeks ago. “He’s run many horses down the last few years, he’s a champion and obviously the race wasn’t run to suit him today.”

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“The horse is OK—he appears to have pulled up well,” trainer Francis Lui said. “It was just the draw. The way the race was run, he needed to be closer but, from the inside, it wasn’t possible today.”

Winner of this race in 2020 when favoured at 1-2, the 2019 Derby runner-up was exiting a three-lengths' seventh to Golden Sixty in the international Mile Dec. 12, having previously run second to him in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 20.

Pedigree Notes

Waikuku is one of two top-level scorers for the late Harbour Watch (Ire), the other being G1 Coronation Cup hero Pyledriver (GB), a latest second in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase last month.

London Plane is also the dam of breeder Shane Molan’s Dancing Rebel (Ire) (Highland Reel (Ire)), who broke his maiden over five furlongs at the Curragh Oct. 14, a newly turned 2-year-old colt by Australia (GB) and a yearling filly by Harbour Watch’s sire Acclamation (GB).

Stronger Gives Whyte First Group 1 As a Trainer...

The rare entire horse in Hong Kong, A$1.05 Inglis Easter graduate Stronger (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt (Aus)) rallied from the back of the field and just outfinished G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint winner Sky Field (Aus) (Deep Field (Aus)) to give former jockey Douglas Whyte his first Group 1 success as a conditioner in Sunday’s Centenary Sprint Cup at Sha Tin.

Away alertly for Vincent Ho, Stronger allowed the speedier early types to go on with it and raced with only Sky Field behind him, as Computer Patch (Aus) (Exceed and Excel (Aus)) and Courier Wonder (NZ) (Sacred Falls (NZ)) went a solid gallop up front. Eased out into about the six path as the field hit the straight, with Sky Field now alongside, Stronger (1098 pounds) was roused to the front inside the furlong marker and managed to hold the physically more imposing and similarly colored Sky Field (1205 pounds) in the run to the line.

A Group 3 winner in Australia for Peter and Paul Snowden, Stronger won one of nine starts for trainer John Moore in 2019/2020 and joined the Whyte yard upon the latter’s compulsory retirement last season. Cont. p9
**G1 Centenary Sprint Cup Cont.**
Stronger scored in his first run for the barn in November 2020, and though he had dropped his last 13 races, posted board finishes four times at group level, earning the right to soldier on. He was most recently fifth in the Sprint Dec. 12.

**Pedigree Notes**
Stronger becomes the 16th Group 1 winner for the pensioned Not A Single Doubt (Aus) and his second in Hong Kong, joining the recently retired G1 Champions Mile hero and multiple Stewards' Cup placegetter Southern Legend (Aus).

Stronger is out of a winning daughter of three-time listed winner and Group 1-placed Ain’t Seen Nothin, dam of Singapore Horse of the Year Stepitup (Aus) (Hussonet); GSW Bachman (Aus) (All American {Aus}); and Ain’tnofallenstar (NZ) (Starcraft {NZ}), herself responsible for SW Ain’tnodeeldun (Aus) (Dundeel {NZ}).

Star Pupil is the dam of a yearling filly by Pariah (Aus), a filly foal by Snitzel (Aus) and visited the latter again last November.

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**
**CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G1, HK$12,000,000 (€1,137,224/€1,358,861/A$2,147,623/US$1,541,185), Sha Tin, 1-23, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.78, gd.**

1--**STRONGER (AUS), 126, h, 5, by Not A Single Doubt (Aus)**

1st Dam: Star Pupil (Aus), by Starcraft (NZ)
2nd Dam: Ain’t Seen Nothin’ (Aus),
by Nothin’ Leica Dane (Aus)
3rd Dam: Icecapade (Aus), by Genghiz

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**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**
**AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2, ¥119,900,000, Nakayama, 1-23 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:12.70, fm.**

1--**KING OF KOJI (JPN), 123, h, 6, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Phaenomena (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Caumshinaun (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
3rd Dam: Ridge Pool (Ire), by Bluebird

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**Sunday, Chukyo, Japan**
**TOKAI TV HAI TOKAI S.-G2, ¥106,420,000, Chukyo, 1-23, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:51.70, gd.**

1--**SUAVE ARAMIS (JPN), 123, h, 7, Heart’s Cry (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Bay to Bay (MGSW-Can, SW & MGISP-US, $744,728), by Sligo Bay (Ire)
2nd Dam: Bala, by With Approval
3rd Dam: Muskoka Dawn, by Miswaki
(¥700,000,000 Ylg ’16 JRHAJUL). O-NICKS Inc.; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); T-Naosuke Sugai; J-Daisaku Matsuda. ¥56,134,000.
Lifetime Record: 30-9-5-4. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--Auvergne (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Smart Falcon (Jpn)--Guyenne (Jpn), by Tanino Gimlet (Jpn). O-Tadakuni Sugiyama; B-Meiji Farm (Jpn); ¥22,324,000.
Lifetime Record: 30-9-5-4. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

3--Bullbear Iride (Jpn), 123, h, 6, Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)--Silk Symphony (Jpn), by Storming Home (GB). O-Shigeru Morinaka; B-Fukuoka Farm (Jpn); ¥14,162,000.
Margins: HF, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 14.70, 2.40, 5.20.
Also Ran: Sunrise Hope (Jpn), Cadenas (Jpn), Pretty Chance (Jpn), Gempachi Lucifer (Jpn), Kenshinko (Jpn), Dieu du Vin (Jpn), Great Time (Jpn), Miyaji Kokuo (Jpn), Smasher (Jpn), Iolite (Jpn), Hayayakko (Jpn), It’s Cool (Jpn), Shiny Beam (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**Footstepsinthesand (GB),** unplaced when unveiled at Newmarket last spring, ran second there on July 16 and filled that position again in August trying the all-weather. Gelded after that appearance, he resurfaced at Chelmsford and delivered a nine-length drubbing to his foes on Sept. 2. Part of the vanguard well off the fence through the backstretch on Sunday, he stuck his neck in front as noses pointed toward home. Shrugging off pursuit inside the final quarter mile, Valiant Prince just hung on to win by 3/4 of a length from Al Salt (Ire) (Mukhadram (GB)), who had rallied from farther back in the field. A half-brother to Klassique (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Eng, MGSP-Fr, $180,470; the winner is followed by 3-year-old and 2-year-old half-siblings by Sea The Stars (Ire)--a filly and a colt. Sales history: 200,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $27,386. **VIDEO.**

**BENDOOG (c, 3, Gun Runner--Nellie Cashman (GSW-US, $349,839), by Mineshaft)** was asked for run from the bell and charged up to press the pace. In front midway down the backstraight while under pressure, the colt was given his cue with 500 metres remaining and kicked away to win well by 1 1/2 lengths. Sari Dubai (Creative Cause) was runner-up. His dam, who won the GIII Virginia Oaks and placed three other times at the graded level, has a yearling filly by City of Light and was covered by that sire last spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, AED$13,479. **VIDEO.**

**3rd-Meydan, AED82,500, Maiden,** 1-23, 1600m, 1:38.92, ft.

**Also Ran:** Sunrise Hope (Jpn), Cadenas (Jpn), Pretty Chance (Jpn), Gempachi Lucifer (Jpn), Kenshinko (Jpn), Dieu du Vin (Jpn), Great Time (Jpn), Miyaji Kokuo (Jpn), Smasher (Jpn), Iolite (Jpn), Hayayakko (Jpn), It’s Cool (Jpn), Shiny Beam (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

**Sunday’s Results:**

**5th-Meydan, AED95,000, Hcp.,** 1-23, 1600mT, 1:35.46, gd.

**VALIANT PRINCE (IRE) (g, 4, Dubawi (IRE)--Chachamaidee (IRE) {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 5-7f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9 1/2f, MG5SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SW-Ire, $650,743}, by Footstepsinthesand (GB)},** unplaced when unveiled at Newmarket last spring, ran second there on July 16 and filled that position again in August trying the all-weather. Gelded after that appearance, he resurfaced at Chelmsford and delivered a nine-length drubbing to his foes on Sept. 2. Part of the vanguard well off the fence through the backstretch on Sunday, he stuck his neck in front as noses pointed toward home. Shrugging off pursuit inside the final quarter mile, Valiant Prince just hung on to win by 3/4 of a length from Al Salt (Ire) (Mukhadram (GB)), who had rallied from farther back in the field. A half-brother to Klassique (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Eng, MGSP-Fr, $180,470; the winner is followed by 3-year-old and 2-year-old half-siblings by Sea The Stars (Ire)--a filly and a colt. Sales history: 200,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $27,386. **VIDEO.**

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RAUSING REFLECTS ON SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA

by John Berry

The three Group 1 victories of Zaaki (GB) (Leroidesanimaux (Brz)) in 2021 have shone a spotlight on Lanwades Stud, the successful nursery near Newmarket where he was bred. He is one of several Lanwades proteges to have shone in Australia in recent seasons, but the stud’s Antipodean links go back a lot farther than this.

Lanwades proprietor Kirsten Rausing bought the stud in 1980 and promptly recruited Niniski (USA) (Nijinsky {Can}) as her foundation stallion. A tough stayer, Niniski had finished third in the St Leger in 1979 before taking the equivalent races in both Ireland and France later that autumn.

It didn’t take Niniski long to establish both himself and his home as significant players in the bloodstock world. At the yearling sales in the autumn of 1983, Lanwades consigned four colts and one filly from Niniski’s small first crop, which had numbered only 27 foals. Two of this quintet became Group 1 winners. First off the mark was Kala Dancer (GB) whose unbeaten first season in 1984 saw him crowned Britain’s Champion 2-year-old courtesy of his victory in the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket.

Kala Dancer at Wakefield Stud

Having been ill as a 3-year-old and consequently failing to add to his laurels in his second season, Kala Dancer was bought by Wakefield Stud (NSW). He sired plenty of good horses there including G1 Flight S. winner Angst and G1 WATC Derby winner Firing Range, but he is best remembered for siring the horse who arguably brought more pleasure to more Australians than any other thoroughbred in history: the mighty 1992 Melbourne Cup hero Subzero.

Lanwades’ second notable contribution to Australian racing was via the Darshaan (GB) mare Shana (GB), bred by Miss Raising from the family of Petoski (GB). Sold at Tattersalls’ July Sale in Newmarket in 1998 after failing to see a racecourse when trained by Michael Stoute, Shana was exported to Australia, where she bred Kisumu (Carnegie {Ire}), a Group 2 placegetter in Melbourne who in turn produced the 2012 G1 SA Derby winner Zabeelionaire (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and his full-sister Gondokoro (NZ), winner of the following year’s G1 Queensland Oaks.

A more recent member of Petoski’s family to have headed to Australia has been Sidereal (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), a winner in Miss Rausing’s colours in novice company at Salisbury in August 2020 when trained by Andrew Balding before being bought later that year by Dynamic Syndications for 100,000 gns (AU$198,000) at Tattersalls’ Autumn Sale. He is now with Richard and Michael Freedman and most recently finished third at Warwick Farm just before Christmas.

Rausing on Zaaki

In recent years the buoyancy of Australian prizemoney has seen plenty of horses bought out of training in Europe, both via the sales-ring and privately, to continue their careers chasing the riches on offer.

Zaaki (GB), bought by Blandford Bloodstock on behalf of Annabel Neasham out of Sir Michael Stoute’s draft at Tattersalls’ Autumn Sale in 2020 for 150,000 gns (AU$297,000), has been one of the stand-out recruits in recent years thanks to his victories last year in the G1 Channel 7 Doomben Cup, the G1 Quayclean Underwood S. and the G1 Paramount+ Mackinnon S.

Zaaki’s success has come as no surprise to Miss Raising. She recalls, “I loved him as a yearling. He was an absolute star, outstandingly the best of my yearlings that year. He was a great walker with great presence. I was shattered when he fetched what I thought was a very small sum (40,000 gns (AU$79,000)).
“At the time it seemed as if he might be heading for Kuwait. However, I was at Yarmouth one day the following summer and there he was, trained by Mohammed Moubarak. He ran a lovely race on debut, starting slowly before running home strongly to finish second. Thereafter he only ran in stakes races for the rest of the season, running well without winning. The following year he was switched to Sir Michael Stoute, won his novice race easily first time out and has just continued to progress from there.”

Zaaki’s sire Leroidesanimaux (Brz), a top-class racehorse in both South and North America before beginning a peripatetic stud career whose highlight was producing 2011 G1 Kentucky Derby and 2013 G1 Dubai World Cup winner Animal Kingdom (USA), stood at Lanwades for three seasons, 2014 to ’16 inclusive.

Another of the Leroidesanimaux horses bred by Miss Rausing is Le Don De Vie (GB), born the year after Zaaki. She reflects, “He was a lovely yearling, a really nice horse. His dam, the Selkirk mare Leaderene, is a lovely big mare. She won six races, the last two of which when she was in foal, carrying Le Don De Vie. He was bought as a yearling by Andrew Balding on behalf of Mick and Janice Mariscotti, for whom he did very well before being bought by his current connections. They had him with Hughie Morrison before he headed away, and he is now a listed winner in both England and Australia.”

The Lanwades Way

It is the Lanwades way to develop families, and none has been developed more effectively than Miss Rausing’s ‘A’ family, descending from Alruccaba (GB) (Crystal Palace (Fr)), who was bought from the Aga Khan at Tattersalls’ December Sale in 1985 for 19,000 gns after having won a 2-year-old maiden race at Brighton for Sir Michael Stoute.

Like so many influential broodmares around the world such as the three-time NZ Broodmare of the Year Eight Carat (GB) (Pieces Of Eight (Ire)), she descends from the Aga Khan III’s great foundation mare Mumtaz Mahal (GB) (The Tetrarch (Ire)). Time has shown her to have been an absolute diamond, with her descendants having shone through the decades right up to the present day, most recently via Miss Rausing’s homebred three-time 2021 Group 1 heroine Alpinista (GB) (Frankel (GB)).

Three Lanwades-bred descendants of Alruccaba have so far made their way to Australia. The first of them was My Nordic Hero (GB), who raced in Europe as Algonquin (GB). By the former Lanwades stallion Archipenko (USA), he is a son of Alruccaba’s granddaughter Alborada (GB) (Alzao (USA)), winner for Miss Rausing of the G1 Champion S. at Newmarket in both 1998 and ’99.

Miss Rausing recalls, “He is the last foal of Alborada and sadly she died foaling him, so he was brought up by a coloured pony called Splash, who did a wonderful job. I was reluctant to sell him as he was Alborada’s last foal, so he went to Jim Bolger, who had trained his grandam Alouette. He did well, without being quite good enough to be a stallion, and after he had won four races including a listed race at Killarney in August 2015, we accepted a very good offer from Hong Kong.”

Plans for Algonquin in Hong Kong were disrupted by a setback and after a lengthy absence he resumed racing in Sydney in September 2017, by now in Chris Waller’s stable. His toughness and durability proved valuable assets as he put together a string of good performances, highlighted by his victory in the G3 Festival S. at Rosehill the following year. Closely related to My Nordic Hero is the Danny O’Brien-trained Wyclif (GB) who became a stakes winner last season when taking the Port Adelaide Cup. Also by Archipenko, he is a son of Alborada’s unraced daughter Altruiste (GB) (Montjeu (Ire)). He did not change hands between the English and the Australian phases of his racing career, having been bought as a yearling at Tattersalls’ October Yearling Sale in 2018 for 30,000 gns (AU$59,500) by Jeremy Brummitt on behalf of Quantum Leap Racing, whose modus operandi is to race their young stock in Britain before sending them Down Under at a later date.

The third Lanwades-bred descendant of Alruccaba to have headed to Australia recently is Aleas (GB), yet another son of Archipenko. He is out of Alborada’s Group 3-winning great-granddaughter Alea lacta (GB) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)). A winner in Miss Rausing’s colours in listed company of the Glasgow S. at Hamilton in Scotland last July when trained by Ralph Beckett, he was sold for 150,000 gns (AU$297,000) at Tattersalls’ Autumn Sale in October, bought for export to Australia by Jamie McCalmont.
Two interesting Lanwades-bred half-brothers currently in training in Australia are Lord Belvedere (GB) and Pondus (GB). Lord Belvedere, who raced in England as Mister Belvedere, was bought by Co. Durham-based trainer Michael Dods as a yearling for 20,000 gns (AU$39,500) and returned to Tattersalls as a three-time winner three years later. The son of Archipenko was bought by the Sackville Donald Agency for 100,000 gns (AU$198,000) for export to Australia. He has won a further five races since then, most notably taking the Final of the Lexus Banjo Paterson Series at Flemington last winter.

Pondus has arrived more recently. The son of the popular young Lanwades stallion Sea The Moon (Ger) started his career in England with James Fanshawe, for whom he won at Nottingham and Sandown in 2019. Switched to Joseph O’Brien’s stable in Ireland when bought by Lloyd and Nick Williams, he won a listed race at Roscommon the following year and, having signed off by finishing second in the G2 Curragh Cup last July, he arrived in Melbourne in time to finish fourth in the G2 McCafe Moonee Valley Gold Cup and 17th of the 23 runners in the G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup.

Marvellous Prizemoney

Miss Rausing finds it easy to understand why so many horses of proven ability have been bought in recent years for export from Britain to Australia.

She observes, “What marvellous prizemoney they have! Japan and Australia stand out in this respect. It would seem to me that they must have very co-operative governments. And it clearly helps that Australia is the leader of the world in syndicate ownership. We look on that with awe as it is an immense support to the whole industry.”

IN HONG KONG:

The Golden Scenery, g, 4, Deep Field--Saga’s Gift, by Real Saga.
Shatin, 1-23, Hcp. (C2) ($429k), 1400m, 1:21.52. B-G
Rapisarda (Qld). *$4,000 Ylg ‘19 MMJUN. VIDEO

Navas Two, g, 4, Excelebration (Ire)--Our Cougette, by Flying Spur.
Shatin, 1-23, Hcp. (C3) ($281k), 1400m, 1:22.36. B-Eden Thoroughbreds, Mr Paul Eden, Mr Kent Eden, Mr Shea Eden (Vic). VIDEO

Beauty Live, g, 4, Shamus Award--Miss Ethics (Saf) (GSW-Saf),
by Count Dubois (GB). Sha Tin, 1-23, Hcp. (C4) ($186k), 1400m, 1:22.97. B-Golden Grove Stud Farm (Vic). *Full to Ethical

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FISHMAN’S DEFENSE IS HARD TO SWALLOW
The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

Indicted veterinarian Seth Fishman started to tell his story last week, both to a jury and to the Washington Post. Fishman, currently on trial in a federal courtroom in Manhattan for his role in a widespread scheme to dope racehorses, wants you to believe that he is an animal lover who was devoted to working for the benefit and health of the horses he treated. He wants you to believe that the drugs he dispersed were given to help and heal and not to improve performance.

"It will be for the government to prove that his intent and purpose was something other than limiting animal suffering.” Fishman’s attorney Maurice Sercarz told the jury during opening arguments of Fishman’s trial, which also includes his associate Lisa Giannelli.

The government has said otherwise, that he was a relentless horse doper, had close ties to Jorge Navarro and was obsessed with winning races and manufacturing drugs that were undetectable. Cont. p8

BELGRADE A CAPITAL INVESTMENT FOR NEXT KINGDOM

by Chris McGrath

In terms of the luck so indispensable on the GI Kentucky Derby trail, Carl and Yurie Pascarella are perfectly aware that they have used up a lot of "credit". Certainly they know just how fortunate they were, to have been in the Team Valor partnership that won the race in 2011 with Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). And prior to that, Carl was CEO of Visa during its hugely successful association with the Triple Crown series, between 1995 and 2005 offering a $5-million bonus to anyone who could slake the industry's increasingly avid thirst for a successor to Affirmed.

Credit, however, resembles fire in the old axiom: a bad master, but a very good servant. That’s true whether you’re dealing with a bank, or Lady Luck. And in spending $700,000 for one of the headliners of the Keeneland January Sale, in debut winner Belgrade (Hard Spun), the Pascarellas were not so much pushing their luck as actually making a measured calculation.

After all, it would have been easy to spend that kind of money in the same ring last September, on a yearling colt with breeding and conformation that might feasibly support Derby aspirations. But with those youngsters never having even had a saddle on their backs, plenty of prospectors try to improve their odds by waiting to see whether they can sprint an eighth in 10 seconds under tack the following spring. Cont. p3
ADDITIONAL COURT FILINGS FOR DOPING TRIAL

The federal doping trial of Seth Fishman and Lisa Giannelli may have paused for the weekend, but court filings didn’t, and T.D. Thornton reports on requests made by lawyers on both sides.

KNICKS GO BREEZES BULLET FOR PEGASUS

In what will almost certainly be the last timed workout of his career, Knicks Go (Paynter) breezed a bullet five furlongs Sunday at Fair Grounds as he prepares to defend his GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. crown in what’s expected to be his career finale.
Belgrade a Capital Investment for New Kingdom cont. from p1

In this instance, then, the Pascarellas have simply extended the same logic to land a colt much farther down the road, having won a Fair Grounds maiden in December by six lengths.

Be in no doubt, they are absolutely versed in--and reconciled to--the unpredictability of the Turf. In fact, they recognize precisely that as what makes the whole game captivating.

"Horse racing is a great ego leveler, a great field leveler," says Carl. "People can pay $5 or $10 million for a yearling or 2-year-old and then see horses like Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) or Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) come along and win the Derby. So you can't buy your way in. Well, you can try--but it's very humbling. And that's kind of fun. We know how very fortunate we were, with Animal Kingdom. But once you get bitten by that bug, believe me, you'd like to get back there."

So the Pascarellas make sure they do their due diligence and then just hope for the best.

"It was more than we ever hoped to spend on a horse," admits Yurie. "But we bought a couple of yearlings a few years back that had very good pedigrees, but didn't do well on the track. We breed a few of our own, but they're just a side thing we do for pleasure. So for several months we've been talking to our trainer Graham Motion, saying that if we want any traction on the racetrack, we might as well buy a horse that's already been running, one where we can know a bit more about the potential. But it's not been easy."

It was Motion, of course, who did such a masterly job with Animal Kingdom.

"Coming up to this sale Graham had counseled us that, this year, any of these 3-year-olds that was looking good round a couple of turns, with the right kind of lineage, was going to be expensive," says Carl. Cont. p4
A private offer was duly made for Belgrade, but owner Randy Bradshaw was already committed to public auction. Motion urged them to follow the horse through: he commended both Bradshaw and trainer Brendan Walsh as the types to give a horse a good grounding, and both had attested to the horse’s quality and temperament.

"And in fact I think Randy Bradshaw broke Animal Kingdom at some point, so it was a connection we felt really good about," Yurie says. "We liked that the horse had not been pushed too early, to make that maiden race. And when I watched the video, he just walked through the finish line. It was only six furlongs but he looked like he has lots more to give, running farther."

The Pascarellas, who are based in San Francisco, were represented at the sale by Motion’s racing manager Jane Buchanan.

"She was on the grounds for us and was very, very impressed when she saw the horse," Carl says. "And while it’s not like we’re ultra-conservative, we vetted him like no horse has ever been vetted. And at the end of the day Jane came to us and said: 'You’re not going to get him for even close to what we offered, pre-sale, but this boy has got it all. He's got good bone, good structure, good temperament.' And that last aspect is especially important to us: we know it doesn't mean everything, but being so close to Animal Kingdom, we knew that he was a smart horse and a tough horse, and how being so strong, mentally, was key to his success."

Having been shipped from Fair Grounds to Lexington, and now to Motion’s Tampa Bay division, Belgrade is being given time to regroup and settle in. And that feels instructive of the whole merit of this project: that this horse is assured respectful handling by his new connections. 

Cont. p5
“He ran 6 lengths farther than Authentic in the Breeders’ Cup Classic and only lost by 2 [lengths]. If he would have had a clean trip there, he would have been $75,000 or $80,000… At $35,000, WOW, that’s where I see POTENTIAL and more importantly, VALUE. As a breeder, that’s what I’m looking for.”

- Stuart Grant
  The Elkstone Group

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Sure, Carl permits himself to hope that after a few breezes, and eventually a race to test the water, Belgrade might look eligible to try the competition somewhere with Derby starting points on the line.

"As you can tell, my husband has very high hopes," interrupts Yurie teasingly.

"Of course, he may end up in Los Alamitos!" acknowledges Carl with a chuckle.

"Maybe I tend to be a little more pragmatic," says Yurie. "But we both leave it all up to Graham. We trust him so much, we certainly don't tell him what to do. So let's just see how the horse is, see what he's made of, see what suits him. Of course the 3-year-old Classics are the ultimate goal for any horse owner. But it doesn't happen very often, and we've already been very fortunate. What I really like is that Hard Spun is such a sturdy stallion: he produces horses that are durable. I prefer a horse to have longevity, as opposed to a quick dash to the goal, then nothing. So it's not the end of the world, if doesn't make those Classics. There'd still be Saratoga, still lots of opportunities for 3- and 4-year-olds, so hopefully he'll give us a lot of fun."

No doubt the Pascarellas owe something of this seasoned perspective to the privilege of a world-class mentorship. Carl met Yurie, a Tokyo native, when he was heading up Visa's Asia-Pacific region and the couple was introduced to the Turf by the Yoshida family at Shadai Farm. The late Zenya Yoshida, that master horseman, would trot up a handful of yearlings and discuss their different characteristics with Yurie; and the Pascarellas entered regular partnership with his sons Katsumi, Haruya and Teruya.

"We'd race two or three horses a year together," Carl recalls.

Cont. p6
"Mo Town on Track to Become Uncle Mo's Next Sire Prodigy"  

First yearlings in 2021 sold for:

$450,000, $300,000, $275,000, $255,000, $200,000, 
$150,000, $130,000, $110,000, $110,000, $100,000, etc.

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"We had some great experiences, not higher than the mid-range but one of them ran until the age of seven or eight. So we cut our teeth with some phenomenal horse folks."

That education resumed back in the United States after Carl, one Derby weekend, happened to be introduced to the president of ABC, who mentioned that the current sponsorship deal would end the following year. Carl went back to his head of marketing and gave him the number: he didn't know whether they wanted to be involved in something like this, but there would be no harm in giving the guy a call and hearing what he had to say.

"I guess we were very fortunate at Visa, I always had Chief Marketing Officers that were smart and knew how to leverage the brand," Carl reflects. "Under my tenure as CEO we signed the Olympics, we signed the NFL, we got into Broadway. And after vetting this idea through everything in the world, we said that this was the most watched two minutes in sport, and let's go for it. And you know, the Triple Crown was probably the biggest return that we ever got on our marketing or partnership investment."

Just let that sink in a moment. When we consider all the problems besetting our sport, and its image, that tells us just how high the stakes can be, if only we can get it right.

"I know that we were incredibly lucky, in that we had horses going for the Triple Crown in six Belmonts in eight years," Carl reflects. "But that basically meant that we owned the sport's airwaves, at the weekend and some days leading up to it, from April until June. So we started building around this: horse stories, jockey stories, trainer stories. And in the process we were able to lift horse racing, maybe not from a situation of negativity, but from a lack of awareness. Though I had very little to do with it, people always used to thank me for shining a light on horse racing in the United States--but Visa got so much out of it, too." Cont. p7
CALL ME MIDNIGHT CLOSED LIKE A FREIGHT TRAIN DOWN THE LANE IN THE $200,000 LECOMTE STAKES (G3) AT FAIR GROUNDS.

WITH A MOVE THAT WOULD PLAY PRETTY WELL ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY AGAINST A FIELD OF 20, THE SON OF MIDNIGHT LUTE DEFEATED A SALTY FIELD WHICH INCLUDED EPICENTER COMING OFF A 6 1/2 LENGTH STAKES ROMP AND BEST PAL (G2) WINNER PAPPACAP, WHO WAS SECOND TO CORNICHE LAST TIME OUT IN THE BC JUVENILE.
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COWAN’S STAKES WIN AT FAIR GROUNDS.

The sponsorship lapsed after Carl left the firm in 2005, but not the couple’s interest. Yurie has always adored horses, and rode dressage for 30 years, while a decade of ringside Triple Crown engagement had been too engrossing to suspend now. Alongside a long commitment to the San Francisco cultural scene—nearly its ballet, fine arts museums and symphony orchestra—the Pascarellas embraced the kind of wonderful companionship they had found in the likes of Bob and Beverly Lewis, owners of Silver Charm (Silver Buck).

The Pascarellas describe Loren Hebel-Osborne of Louisville, in particular, as "invaluable in guiding us and sharing her vast experience in racing for nearly three decades," and they have had a couple of fun partnerships together. But to land on Animal Kingdom with Team Valor was obviously an unbelievable dividend, taking them from the euphoria of Churchill to an exotic sequel at the Dubai World Cup, and his retirement to stud prompted investment in two or three broodmares that board at Hidden Brook Farm, Kentucky.

But the vital residue of that personal experience, for the Pascarellas, is one that neatly dovetails with the lessons available to our industry from Carl’s professional experience, in his Visa days. And that’s the imperative to invest in people like Motion, who allow us to present the sport to the wider world with clean hands. Without wishing to rock any boats, Yurie admits that racing in their home state has had too many damaging headlines for their horses to be stabled more conveniently. In broader terms, she hopes to see the industry make a collective effort to clean up its act.

"After all these scandals, we need positive headlines," Yurie says. "It’s often perceived as a crooked sport, and I hate that when we have trainers like Graham who do everything ethically. I don’t want to go to the races and have to cover my eyes every time. Sometimes Graham’s approach can be frustrating for my husband, because he will take his time when he sees that a horse is not to be pushed. But that’s because he understands that if you do push them, they burn out. I’m not a big fan of babies running around when their bones are not set properly. You have to give these horses time to mature, time to grow up."

"And, of course, there are a lot of owner-trainer relationships out there that are pure business," adds Carl. "Sometimes even confrontational: we’ve watched some of that. But Graham is the kind of guy you like having a beer with. It’s the same with [Motion’s wife] Anita, we like them, we meet them socially, they’re great family people. If you can’t have that kind of relationship with the people directing your course, then you might as well not do it. The idea is to enjoy the experience. We feel very lucky to have had the introduction to Graham, through ‘A.K.’, and to be able to grow that relationship."

The Pascarellas prize Motion’s honesty even when it extends to uncomfortable candor. As Carl says, he "doesn’t sugarcoat". In the past, he has told them that he couldn’t keep taking training fees with a clear conscience when a horse has shown a transparent aversion to its calling. Whatever its level of ability, moreover, trainer and owners alike insist on being uniformly accountable for aftercare.

So the Pascarellas know that they can trust their man not only to maximize the potential of Belgrade, but also to give them a reliable sense of what kind of investment they may have made.
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"We’re very excited," says Yurie. "I can’t wait to go see him. He sounds like a cool guy, apparently he came out of the trailer into his new environment cool as a cucumber. It seems like he has a good mentality, so let’s see how that translates onto the track and how he handles the pressure from now on. It’s still early, but we’re looking forward to making this journey with him."

Week in Review cont. from p1

From Fishman’s team, it’s textbook stuff. Our client is misunderstood. There are two sides to every story. It’s really horse racing that is dirty and not Seth Fishman.

The problem is, they don’t seem to have anything to back it up. The government has done its job and done it well. The original indictment includes a trove of evidence, and says that Fishman was cold and calculating, cared nothing about the animal and would inject a horse with anything he could find if he thought it would help the horse win a race and collect a purse.

According to the original indictment, after X Y Jet (Kantharos) won the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen, Fishman sent a text congratulating Navarro. Navarro replied: “Thank u boss u are a big part of it.” The reference, allegedly, is to Fishman’s role in procuring drugs for Navarro to use on X Y Jet, who later dropped dead.

There’s more, and, from the indictment, the government’s conclusion is that treating and healing horses were not a part of Fishman’s playbook, despite his position as a veterinarian. The indictment charges that Fishman “did not perform medical examinations, provide a diagnosis, or otherwise evaluate the medical necessity of providing PEDs in advance of selling PEDs. Indeed, the administration of those PEDs was not intended to be therapeutic, but rather to increase the chances of winning horse races.” Cont. p9
He flashed **G1 brilliance** on the racetrack, offering breeders value to tap into **UNCLE MO**’s emerging sireline.

Was a **key contender** leading up to the 2020 Kentucky Derby following a runner-up effort in the Travers (**G1**) to Tiz the Law.

**Defeated** some of the best of his crop incl. **G1Ws** Country Grammer, Max Player, & Mystic Guide, plus MGSW Modernist.

A “**TDN Rising Star**”, Caracaro broke his maiden by six lengths & posted the **fastest dirt mile** by a 3-year-old during the 2020 championship meet at Gulfstream (1:35.16).

**$6,500 LFSN**

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(Uncle Mo - Peace Time, by War Front)
Sunday, we learned that the government is requesting to enter into evidence charges that Fishman was investigated in Delaware more than a decade ago after a standardbred died after being injected with one of his products.

Yet, it appears that Fishman is intent on portraying himself as a heroic figure. In a Washington Post story that ran Wednesday, the reporter writes that Fishman depicts himself as “a sort of racetrack St. Francis of Assisi.” He also told the Post that the reason he continued to fight the charges was because “I'm going to take one for the team of veterinarians.”

According to the Post, Fishman defied his lawyer's wishes when granting an interview to the paper. No doubt, his legal team can’t be pleased with what was a rambling, strange interview in which he did himself no favors and didn’t present any credible evidence that has been wrongly accused.

Rather, he stuck to the “I’m really an animal lover, please believe me” defense.

He goes on to claim that what this is really all about is the sport trying to make itself more attractive to bettors by offering a cleaner product...as if that is a bad thing.

From the Post story: “Fishman claimed that the real motive of those seeking regulatory reform was to make the sport more palatable for bettors by eradicating any foreign substances—at the expense of the animals. “I don’t think the veterinary world should have to answer to a gambling product that seems to be getting more and more corrupt, not less corrupt,” Fishman said. “The animals' needs need to be put before the gamblers’ needs.”

In another weird exchange with the Post, Fishman said that in another case, the feds had asked him to wear a wire in an attempt to catch racetrack cheats. He refused to do so, telling the paper that “to make them happy I would have had to violate two of the Ten Commandments. Just say for biblical reasons I couldn’t do it.”

The trial will continue Monday, and unless his attorney has some sort of unforeseen trick up his sleeve, it appears that the defense strategy will be more of the same. Their defense is weak, but that’s likely because it’s all that they have.

It means they are hoping the jury will ignore the evidence presented by the government and buy into Fishman’s claims that he’s, well, not such a bad guy. According to Pew Research, fewer than 1% of all federal criminal cases result in the defendant taking their case to trial and winning. The most likely scenario is that the self-described animal lover will come out on the losing end here and his future includes a stint in a federal prison.

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In Doping Trial, Are New Names About to Surface?

The opening day of testimony in the Fishman-Gianelli trial included what may turn out to be a bombshell, courtesy of the government lawyers. Prosecutor Anden Chow told jurors that the government’s case would include the testimony of trainers who bought Fishman’s drugs.

It was unclear what exactly that means, but what if it means that trainers who were not included in the original indictment are about to step forward and admit they bought PEDs from Fishman? Surely, Fishman sold his goods to many others not included in the indictment. If any new trainers do come forward, it’s likely they worked out a deal with the government to avoid prosecution. But if anyone comes forward and admits using illegal PEDs, they would surely face sanctions from tracks and racing commissions, which, very well, could mean a lifetime ban.

Stay tuned.

DOPING TRIAL PAUSES FOR WEEKEND, BUT COURT FILINGS DON’T

by T.D. Thornton

Although the federal racehorse doping conspiracy trial for veterinarian Seth Fishman and his assistant, Lisa Giannelli, paused for the weekend, attorneys for both sides remained busy on Saturday and Sunday, filing requests with the court over the admissibility of evidence regarding an equine fatality and the way witnesses must testify while wearing masks as a pandemic precaution.

Sunday morning, the prosecution filed a motion in United States District Court (Southern District of New York) that asked for permission to present evidence related to Fishman being investigated in Delaware more than a decade ago when a Standardbred died after being injected with one of his prescribed products.


“The Government is entitled to fairly rebut the joint defense theory that the defendants lacked criminal intent because they sought only to help animals. Given that defense counsel has placed the safety and welfare of animals squarely at issue with respect to the defendants’ intent to defraud or mislead in distributing these drugs, the Rule 403 balancing has shifted significantly,” the filing continued.

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Rule 403 pertains to a judge’s discretion to exclude certain evidence if it is outweighed by the potential danger of unfair prejudice to defendants or could cause confusion among jury members.

In this case, prosecutors had previously been told that the evidence related to Louisville would not be permitted. But now the feds are saying that based upon the defense’s strategy presented in the first few days of the trial, the evidence related to that equine death and its investigation by the state is newly relevant and should be allowed.

“The defendants each have advanced the theory that Seth Fishman was acting only in the best interest of the animal, and that Lisa Giannelli acted in reliance upon Seth Fishman’s so-called veterinary expertise,” the motion stated.

“A defendant suffers unfair prejudice only where evidence ‘lure[s] the factfinder into declaring guilt on a ground different from proof specific to the offense charged,’” the motion argued.

“But defense counsel cannot have it both ways: they cannot raise the defense that the defendants were concerned with the welfare of horses (or had no reason to believe they risked the safety of horses), then exclude highly probative evidence to the contrary...”

“Countervailing evidence that Seth Fishman and Lisa Giannelli were aware of the risks of Pentosan, in particular, and IV drugs, generally, yet still distributed those drugs directly to racehorse trainers without prescriptions from or the oversight by a veterinarian is now highly relevant to the defendants’ state of mind—the central point of contention as a result of defense counsel’s arguments and questioning,” the filing stated.

“By giving trainers and other non-medical personnel access to prescription and custom injectable drugs, Fishman and Giannelli provided the means by which trainers could do serious injury to their horses, and both defendants were aware of that fact at least as a result of the complaint lodged against them...

“There is no question that Giannelli and Fishman were aware of these risks as of at least 2010 when the complaint was filed with the Delaware Division of Professional Responsibility. That they continued to distribute Pentosan, and other IV medications to trainers, grooms, and others, has significant relevance in light of the arguments now raised to the jury;” the filing stated.

Fishman is charged with two felony counts related to drug alteration, misbranding, and conspiring to defraud the government. Giannelli, who worked under Fishman (her exact role is disputed) faces similar charges.

In a separate letter to the judge filed by Fishman’s attorney on Saturday, the defense took umbrage with a courthouse COVID-19 safety protocol requiring witnesses to testify while wearing masks despite already being sequestered in a HEPA-filtered plexiglass box.

“In our respectful view, adding a mask requirement to the current precautions hampers adequate assessment of witness demeanor and credibility, impermissibly impairing defendants’ Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights to confrontation, due process and fair trial,” Fishman’s lawyer wrote.

“Granted, balancing those essential guarantees against public health considerations is no easy task. But even amid an ongoing pandemic, an additional witness mask requirement seems unwarranted overkill, a belt-and-suspenders approach,” the Jan. 22 letter stated.

“Conversely, the prevailing lesser restrictions—including ample distancing and continuously masking all trial participants and spectators save a single testifying witness and speaking lawyer, each sequestered in their own HEPA-filtered plexiglass box—appear more than sufficient,” the defense stated.

**KNICKS GO BREEZES BULLET IN FINAL TUNERUP FOR PEGASUS**

Knicks Go (Paynter) tuned up for a title defense in Saturday’s $3-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park with a bullet five-furlong workout Sunday morning at Fair Grounds.

The Brad Cox trainee, who captured last year’s Pegasus World Cup by 2 3/4 lengths, was timed in 1:00 2/5, the fastest of 57 workouts recorded at the distance at the New Orlean’s track. Exercise rider Edvin Vargas was aboard. Sunday’s breeze was the gray’s second straight bullet in a series of eight workouts (seven at Fair Grounds) since capturing the Breeders’ Cup Classic by 2 3/4 lengths at Del Mar Nov. 6.

Knicks Go, widely expected to be named 2021 Horse of the Year next month, is scheduled to ship to Gulfstream Park by van Monday for his final career start in the Pegasus, in which he is slated to clash with GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile winner Life Is Good (Into Mischief).

“He breezed good and we’re really happy with him. We’ll check him in the morning [Monday] and if everything is good to go, he’ll be on the van and head out at 8:30 a.m.,” Cox said.

“We’d like to get him there as quickly as possible; I’m thinking it will take around 13 hours. I’m flying in Monday afternoon, so I’ll meet him there and we’ll be ready to go.”

Post positions for Saturday’s Pegasus as well as the $1-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational and the GII Pegasus World Cup Filly and Mare Turf will be drawn Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Sport of Kings at Gulfstream Park and can also be viewed on the Pegasus Facebook page and Pegasus website.
### Sunday, Sam Houston Race #7, post time: 5:53 p.m. EST

**HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII**, $400,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

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### Sunday, Sam Houston Race #8, post time: 6:23 p.m. EST

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**BUSANDA S.**, $100,000, Aqueduct, 1-23, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:51.29, ft.

1--**MAGIC CIRCLE, 118, f, 3, by Kantharos**
    1st Dam: Magic Humor, by Distorted Humor
    2nd Dam: Barracks Road, by Elusive Quality
    3rd Dam: Padmore, by French Deputy

($50,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; $110,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-J.W. Singer LLC; B-Manitou Farm, LLC (KY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $55,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-2-1-1, $194,000.

2--**Morning Matcha**, 120, f, 3, Central Banker--Home Ice, by Iam the Iceman. ($18,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-LC Racing, Cash is King LLC and Barber, Gary; B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. $20,000.

3--**Reigning Chick**, 118, f, 3, Sky Kingdom--Bet On a Chick, by Alphabet Soup. ($12,000 RNA Wlg '19 FTNMIX; $11,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Noda Brothers, LLC, WLIR Racing Stables and Final Turn Racing Stable, LLC; B-Windhorse Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Orlando Noda. $12,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 3/4, 6HF. Odds: 1.05, 2.05, 23.20.
Also Ran: Rosebug, Waters of Merom, Gamestonks.

Magic Circle’s first foray into graded stakes competition came in just her second lifetime start when she ran fourth behind ‘TDN Rising Star’ and expected Eclipse-Award winner Echo Zulu (Gun Runner) in the GI Frizette S. Oct. 3 at Belmont Park. She got a bit of class relief Nov. 5 in the Tempted S. at Big Sandy, finishing second by a half-length going a one-turn mile, and finished third Dec. 4 when once again attempting graded stakes company in the GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct; her first time trying nine furlongs.

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Busanda S. cont.

Given a brief freshening, the turned 3-year-old returned for the track-and-trip Busanda S. and encountered some trouble coming out of the gates, with three horses bouncing off one another. Quickly righted and sent up to control the pace, the even-money favorite was in front before the clubhouse turn, and put up a comfortable :24.38 opening quarter. The race remained largely the same up the backstretch, and by the time the field hit the final furlong pole, Magic Circle had built up a four-length lead. Morning Matcha managed to cut into the margin slightly, but was almost three behind at the wire. With her win here and picking up 10 Kentucky Oaks points to bring her tally to 13, Magic Circle currently sits third on a list lead by a dominant Echo Zulu.

“I’m going to talk to the owner about that and decide what we are going to do,” said trainer Rudy Rodriguez on his filly’s next start, with the Busher Invitational S. and GIII Gazelle S., both options. “I don’t know. You never know. Right now she’s learning, so we just have to hope for the best.” Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

LEONATUS S., $99,240, Turfway, 1-22, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.70, ft.

1—ERASE, 118, c, 3, by Dialed In
   1st Dam: Gabeira, by Medaglia d'Oro
   2nd Dam: Surf Club, by Ocean Crest
   3rd Dam: Horns Gray, by Pass the Tab
   1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Robert V. LaPenta & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Joseph Talamo. $59,120. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $89,180.

2—Twenty Four Mamba, 118, c, 3, by Classic Empire--Oh Maybe Baby, by Harlan's Holiday. ($55,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV). O-Gary Barber; B-Respite Farm, Inc (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. $19,200.

3—Rich Strike, 118, c, 3, by Keen Ice--Gold Strike, by Smart Strike.
   1ST BLACK TYPE. O-RED TR-Racing, LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Eric R. Reed. $9,600.

Margins: 2, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.60, 5.30, 8.40.

Erase aired at second asking in the Indiana mud Oct. 25, and was most recently fourth behind a couple of these after making a middle move sprinting over this strip Dec. 17. Right to the front and always in control through splits of :24.57, :48.76 and 1:13.80, he kept right on going into the lane and cruised clear to the wire.

Out of a half-sister to GISW Emcee (Unbridled's Song) and to the dam of Constitution (Tapit), the winner's dam has a 2-year-old filly by Tapwrit. Gabeira was bred to Catholic Boy last season. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
4th-Aqueduct, $88,000, Alw (NW3$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 1-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.25, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.
GLASS CEILING (m, 5, Constitution--Fighter Wing {MSP, $153,307}, by Empire Maker) was claimed by these connections from Robert Amendola and trainer Mertkan Kantarmaci at Belmont back in May and aired by six lengths in allowance company four starts later in September. She was second by a head in a division of Big Sandy's Oct. 31 Pumpkin Pie S., won by next-out GIII Go For Wand H. romper Lady Rocket (Tale of the Cat), and earned the first black-type score of her own last out in the local Garland of Roses S. at six furlongs in the slop Dec. 11. Backed at even money and clearly the one to beat despite a field of foes with stakes credentials of their own, Glass Ceiling drafted just off the pace along what has been a strong rail in recent days. She swung out for clear sailing as they approached the stretch, and was too much for her competition to handle from there. Its Cold in Dehere (Ice Box) rallied for second, 5 1/4 lengths behind the winner. The winner is a granddaughter of MGSW Lakenheath (Colonial Affair), who also produced the likes of GSW Decorated Soldier (Proud Citizen); SW/GISP The Truth or Else (Yes It's True); and a dam of stakes winners and graded-stakes placed runners. Dam Fighter Wing, who raced until she was seven, sold for just $9,000 carrying a Mission Impazible filly at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Fall Mixed Sale. She produced a Destin colt in 2020 and was bred to Volatile for 2022. Cont. p3
4th-AQU cont.
Sales history: $47,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEEJAN; $17,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTJUL; $34,000 Ylg '18 FTKOC. Lifetime Record: SW, 24-6-6-4, $381,012. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Charlton Baker & Michael S. Foster; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Chalton Baker.

8th-Santa Anita, $73,140, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.09, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.
DISTRACTEDPRINCESS (f, 4, Distorted Humor--Celtic Princess (Brz) {Ch. 2-year-old Filly--Brz, Horse Of The Year--Brz, Ch. 3-year-old Filly--Brz, MG1SW--Brz, GSW & GISP--USA, $330,624}, by Public Purse) parlayed an uber-impressive 13-length debut seven-furlong romp Dec. 31 into a second career win on the slight stretch out to a mile Sunday at Santa Anita. She broke on top, dueled briefly with Eyes Open (Street Sense), but had a half-length advantage and was moving easily with her ears flicking back and forth by the time she passed the first quarter mark in :24.11. John Velazquez sat quietly through the next quarter with Eyes Open still just off her flank as the half-mile registered in :48.65. Distractedprincess began accelerating off the turn as Velazquez shook the reins, threw a few crosses, and waved the whip at her, but it was little more than a hand ride as she cruised down the lane to the easiest of 6 1/2-length victories while drifting out as the prohibitive 3-10 favorite. SW Fi Fi Pharoah (American Pharoah), who was coming off a fourth in the Jan. 1 GII Ll Canada S., was the runner-up. His dam = fourth foal, Joe is her second black-type horse, as his half-sister is Irony of Reality (Animal Kingdom), GSP, $197,323. Battle Bridge is expecting a foal by War of Will this season. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-0, $133,324. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

4th-Laurel, $67,104, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 1-23, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.66, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
JOE (c, 3, Declaration of War--Battle Bridge, by Arch) broke his maiden at second asking here at a mile Nov. 21, and rallied determinedly to win the seven-furlong Maryland Juvenile Championship S. Dec. 18. Getting first-time Lasix and stretching out to 8 1/2 furlongs, Joe was the overwhelming 2-5 favorite by the time the pools closed. Breaking okay on the rail, the colt was a headstrong third inside of rivals and Victor Carrasco was playing mediator as well as pilot to keep his charge from running off. Coming into the far turn, there was a wall of horses to navigate around, and Joe was hustled hard to kick into gear in the lane. Pushing their way to the front from between horses, the pair kept on in deep stretch and scored a workman-like win by 2 1/2 lengths on the wrong lead. Shady Munni (Friesan Fire) tried hard, but had to settle for second. His dam’s fourth foal, Joe is her second black-type horse, as his half-sister is Irony of Reality (Animal Kingdom), GSP, $197,323. Battle Bridge is expecting a foal by War of Will this season. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-3-0-0, $133,324. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
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Joe | Jim McCue/MJC
9th-Gulfstream, $54,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.68 (NTR), ft, neck.

PHANTOM VISION (f, 4, Declaration of War--Zucchini Flower (MSW, $248,665), by Flower Alley) was second in last February's Cincinnati Trophy S. in her lone prior Tapeta try, and was fourth in April's TVG Limestone Turf Sprint S. at Keeneland. Last seen finishing seventh around two turns on GI Preakness S. weekend in the Hilltop S., she was away at 5-1 to get the job done off the long break. Locked on to the pacesetter early, Phantom Vision put her white face in front at the head of the lane and fended off Headline Hunter (Tapizar) gamely to prevail by a neck and lower a three-day-old track record. The winner is half to Candy Flower (Twirling Candy), GSP, $305,067 and a yearling colt by Blame. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, $85,480. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Albert Frassetto (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

5th-Fair Grounds, $53,000, Alw, 1-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

PRIME FACTOR (c, 4, Quality Road--Haylie Brae, by Bernardini), briefly on the Kentucky Derby trail last year when trained by Todd Pletcher and finishing third in the GIII Holy Bull S., had tailed off and was last seen finishing fifth in an optional allowance at Churchill on Derby Day. Changing hands for $185,000 at Keeneland November, he reappeared in the Cherie DeVaux barn and made his first start for his new connections here. Off as the 3-2 favorite, Prime Factor bounced out of the gate full of energy and led the field comfortably through a first quarter in :23.17 and a half in :46.58. Rider Colby Hernandez let him out a notch and he cruised home an easy winner, leaving the impression the 3 3/4 lengths he had on runner-up Pledgeofallegiance (Constitution) could have been more if he'd been asked. Dam Haylie Brae, a half-sister to GSW and sire Speightster (Speightstown), has a 2-year-old colt by Distorted Humor and was bred to Speightstown for this term. Her granddam was blue hen Classy 'n Smart (Smarten). Sales History: $900,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $185,000 3yo '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-0-1, $81,540. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Two Hearts Farm LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Oaklawn, $84,000, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.83, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

HOT AND SULTRY (f, 3, Speightster--Hot Water, by Medaglia d'Oro) burst out of the gate at Oaklawn Sunday with her mind on running and never looked back, toying with the field for a facile 3 3/4-length score. The dark bay was sent as the 8-5 choice and kept a narrow advantage through :21.97 and :46.21 splits. She changed leads on cue coming off the turn, batted off her rivals, and drew clear in the stretch, easing up late as Little Mombo (Into Mischief), who had gotten within a head two furlongs from home, chased her to the wire. Her final time of 1:10.83 for the six furlongs was significantly faster than the earlier division on the card, won by Peace Peddler (Gun Runner) in a similar trip, by the identical margin, in a final time of 1:11.73. Hot and Sultry came into the race with the highest previous Beyer--77--in the field, earned in her Dec. 18, runner-up debut over track and trip. Peace Peddler had finished third to her in that joint debut.

A half to Tracksmith (Street Sense), SW & GSP, $282,133; Hot and Sultry claims as her third dam 2001 champion 3-year-old filly and GISW Xtra Heat (Dixieland Heat). The winner's dam, Hot Water, has a 2-year-old colt by Runhappy that brought $7,000 at Keeneland September from Adco Farms and a yearling filly by Omaha Beach that hammered to The Elkstone Group for $160,000 at Keeneland November. She was bred back to War of Will. Sales History: $475,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Cont. p5
Hot and Sultry cont.
Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $67,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Alex & JoAnn Leblong; B-Cobalt Investments, LLC (KY); T-Steve M. Asmussen.

6th-Oaklawn, $84,000, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.73, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.
PEACE PEDDLER (f, 3, Gun Runner--Embur’s Song {Ch. Older Mare-Can, GSW-USA, MGGSW-Can, $616,926}, by Unbridled’s Song) set the pace while well backed before settling for third behind two tough foes in the mud here Dec. 18, and was let go at 11-2 this time as the money poured in on Firewolves (Practical Joke), who had run second on debut here two weeks before Peace Peddler. Ridden along to eventually make the lead, the bay snuck free to put up splits of :22.21 and :46.56. She was still well clear straightening for home, and was never challenged in the lane while traveling on her incorrect lead. Madelyn’s Magic (Hard Spun) made a strong late run to be second, 3 3/4 lengths back. Firewolves settled for fourth. Dam Embur’s Song, who did all of her best work on synthetic surfaces, was purchased by Bridlewood Farm for $900,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale while in foal to More Than Ready. She was acquired by Machmer Hall for $135,000 in foal to Game Winner at this past Keeneland November sale. Sales history: $200,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $58,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Calvin Nguyen & Joey Tran; B-Bridlewood Farm, LLC (FL); T-Richard Baltas.

4th-Turfway, $61,130, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.56, ft, 11 3/4 lengths.
LA BELLEZA NEGRA (c, 3, Cairo Prince--Visavis {GSP, $100,064}, by Indian Charlie) was third on debut at Keeneland last April, and third beaten just a neck at Churchill the following month. He was a well-beaten second when shaking off the cobwebs going an additional sixteenth here Dec. 30, and was 4-5 to break through this time around. Seizing the lead early, he dominated from there and ran up the score to 11 3/4 lengths at the line. The Judge and Jury (Klimt) was best of the rest. Sales history: $75,000 RNA Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $27,000 RNA Ylg ’20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, $65,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. O-Rey Hernandez & Brereton C. Jones; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Rey Hernandez.

1st-Laurel, $59,892, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.04, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.
QPIDSCARIZMATKQTEE (f, 3, Cupid--Veturia, by Distorted Humor) left the gates at 5-1 for her maiden voyage Sunday, her rider opting to bide his time early. Initially fourth between runners up the backstretch, the grey wasted no time passing her competition and was sitting second behind betting favorite All Worked Up (Outwork) midway on the far turn. Still chasing the leader in the lane, she hit her best stride late after drifting to the middle of the track, and momentum carried her to a 3 1/2-length tally.
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O-Kirwin Equine Group Inc.; B-Brunacini Stables Inc (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

**9th-Fair Grounds, $52,000, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, 1/2 length.**

ZOZOS (c, 3, Munnings--Papa’s Forest, by Forestry) shipped from Keeneland to fire two bullets locally in preparation for this, and was away at 2-1. Perched out in midpack early, the homebred was hard ridden to advance heading for home as the pacesetter threatened to steal it. Zozos struggled with his lead changes as they lined up five across the track to midstretch, but he took advantage of Stayed in for Half (Maclean's Music)'s own greenness late to get the job done by a half-length. The winner's dam visited Classic Empire last breeding season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

**6th-Fair Grounds, $46,000, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.47, fm, 1 length.**

SIN CITY GAL (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Sierra Vista {GB} {GSW-Eng, $454,614}, by Atraf {GB}) donned cap and gown at first asking after a series of six steady but not showy works in New Orleans. Off as the longest shot on the board at 47-1, Sin City Gal took cover behind the leaders as they carved out fractions of :23.07 and :47.23, then charged through on the rail and found clear sailing to the wire. She held the others at bay to win by a final margin of a length over Omkara (Ghostzapper), giving their shared sire the exacta. Sin City Gal is a half to Stubbins (Morning Line), GSW, $562,051; a full to Meadow Rose, GSP, $129,720; and a full to Golden Rifle, SW, $292,984. She is the last foal for her 22-year-old dam, who was bred to Mendelssohn for 2022. Sales History: $170,000 RNA 2yo ’21 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $27,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Joel B. Hunsburger; B-Joel Hunsburger & Black Oak Farm (KY); T-Tanner Tracy.

**IN UAE:**

Bendoog, c, 3, Gun Runner. See “Dubai”.

Majhoola, m, 5, Trappe Shot--Northern Miss, by Bellamy Road. Meydan, 1-23, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 1400mT, 1:23.60. O-Mohammed Ahmad Ali Al Souibi. B-Trackside Farm & Chet Blackey (KY). T-Ahmed bin Harmash. **VIDEO.** *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$1,500 Wlg ’17 KEENOV; $16,000 Ylg ’18 FTKSEL; $47,000 2yo ’19 OBSAPR.

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WINSHAM LAD H., $65,000, Sunland, 1-23, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.04, ft.
1--MINE THAT STAR, 118, h, 5, Pioneerof the Nile--Mining My Own, by Smart Strike. ($775,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $35,000 3yo '20 KEENOV). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Judge Lanier Racing, LLC; B-Phil & Judy Needham, Bena Halecky & WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Nancy Summers; J-Francisco Amparan. $39,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, $111,478. *1/2 to Dullahan (Even the Score), MGISW, $1,735,901; 1/2 to Mine That Bird (Birdstone), Ch. 2-year-old Colt-Can, GISW-USA, GSW-Can, $2,228,637.

2--CONVENTION, 116, g, 4, Constitution--Fancy Day (Ire), by Shamardal. ($230,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/T-Greg Lebsock; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). $13,000.

3--ZESTFUL, 124, g, 7, Ghostzapper--Sweet Relish, by Smoke Glacken. ($100,000 3yo '18 FTKHRA). O-Stable H. M. A.; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Bart G. Hone. $6,500. Margins: 3 1/4, 1, 2 3/4. Odds: 4.20, 22.70, 0.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, $101,000, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-23, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.59, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

CHIPOFFTHEOBLUCK (g, 5, Ready's Image--Mizzen My Momma, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: SW, 26-8-6-2, $381,190. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Penny S. & Michael E. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer. *$1,000 RNA Wlg '17 FTNMIX; $2,500 Ylg '18 OBSOCT.

7th-Turfway, $44,380, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:17.96, ft, 3 lengths.

DIVINE LEADER (g, 5, Will Take Charge--Divine Trick, by Divine Park) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, $99,988. O-Mark Arnold; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-John Ennis. *$230,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL.

6th-Sam Houston Race, $37,000, (NW2L), 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.68, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

FASHION RAGE (f, 4, Will Take Charge--Final Mesa {GSW-USA, SW-Can, $211,602}, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $63,414. O/B-Tom Durant (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *Full to Cashcheckorcharge, SW, $117,833.

8th-Sam Houston Race, $37,000, (S), 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1:13.30, ft, 3/4 length.

DANCIN ALL ALONE (m, 5, Congrats--Silver Frame, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 20-4-5-4, $95,791. O-Stephen R. Baker; B-No Escape Ranch (TX); T-M. Brent Davidson. *$150,000 Ylg '18 KEENSEP; $5,500 3yo '20 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Jungle Runner (Candy Ride (ARG)), SW, $155,615.
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Hoorayhoorayhooray, g, 3, Bahamian Squall—Awesome Rekha, by Awesome Again. Gulfstream, 1-23, (S), 7f, 1:26.00. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, $60,820. B-Milton W Wolfson (FL).

Sundown Warren, c, 3, Bernardini—D’oro Tomorrow, by Medaglia d’Oro. Santa Anita, 1-22, (C), 1mT, 1:37.75. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $26,500. B-Hardacre Farm LLC (FL). *$24,000 Ylg ’20 KEENOV.

Legerity, f, 3, Connect—Clear Destiny (SW, $193,667), by Deputy Minister. Turfway, 1-23, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48.71. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $69,400. B-Scarteen Stud LLC (KY). *$50,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $185,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Elusive Fate (Elusive Quality), GSP, $231,258; 1/2 to Pilot House (Midshipman), SP, $154,658.

Bistrita, f, 3, Gormley—Light the Causeway, by Giant’s Causeway. Aqueduct, 1-23, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.87. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $32,250. B-Saratoga Glen Farm, LLC (NY). *$90,000 Wlg ’19 FTNMIX.

Oneparticulaharbor, c, 3, Majestic Harbor—Ithihinkihadthatone, by War Chant. Santa Anita, 1-23, (C), 1m, 1:42.66. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $24,683. B-David W. Osborne & Loren Hebel-Osborne (CA). *1/2 to Domonette (Dominus), SP, $160,129.

Mob Boss, c, 3, Sky Mesa—Hard Way Ten (SW-USA, SP-Can, $164,820), by Rock Hard Ten. Golden Gate Fields, 1-22, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:10.64. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, $59,260. B-Thomas W. Bachman (CA). *$50,000 Ylg ’20 FTCAYR.


Frosted Bourbon, f, 4, Frosted—Jeanne’s Honor, by Honour and Glory. Aqueduct, 1-23, (S), (C), 6f, 1:14.34. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, $36,333. B-Jerry Bilinski (NY). *$240,000 Wlg ’18 KEENOV; $120,000 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Going to Kukaro (Speightstown), SW, $173,648.

Of the Moment, c, 4, Vancouver (Aus)—Marq the Moment, by Marquary. Sam Houston Race, 1-22, 1mT, 1:39.47. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $28,884. B-Lyda M. Williamson (KY).

American Pharoah, Rhythmic Ruler, c, 4, o/o Dancing General, by General Meeting. MSW, 1-22, Sam Houston

American Pharoah, The Pharaoh’s Girl, f, 4, o/o Lady Zieg, by Touch Gold. MSW, 1-23, Golden Gate

Bahamian Squall, Hoorayhoorayhooray, g, 3, o/o Awesome Rekha, by Awesome Again. MSW, 1-23, Gulfstream

Bernardini, Sundown Warren, c, 3, o/o D’oro Tomorrow, by Medaglia d’Oro. MCL, 1-22, Santa Anita

Cairo Prince, La Belleza Negra, c, 3, o/o Visavis, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-22, Turfway

Congrats, Dancin All Alone, m, 5, o/o Silver Frame, by Northern Afleet. ALW, 1-22, Sam Houston

Connect, Legerity, f, 3, o/o Clear Destiny, by Deputy Minister. MSW, 1-23, Turfway

Constitution, Glass Ceiling, m, 5, o/o Fighter Wing, by Empire Maker. AOC, 1-23, Aqueduct

Cupid, Qpidscarizmatkqtee, f, 3, o/o Veturia, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 1-23, Laurel

Declaration of War, Joe, c, 3, o/o Battle Bridge, by Arch. AOC, 1-23, Laurel

Declaration of War, Phantom Vision, f, 4, o/o Zucchini Flower, by Flower Alley. AOC, 1-23, Gulfstream

DIALED IN, Erase, c, 3, o/o Gabeira, by Medaglia d’Oro. Leonatus S., 1-22, Turfway

Distorted Humor, Distractedprincess, f, 4, o/o Celtic Princess (Brz), by Public Purse. AOC, 1-23, Santa Anita

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**Ghostzapper**, Sin City Gal, f, 3, o/o Sierra Vista (GB), by Atraf (GB). MSW, 1-23, Fair Grounds

**Gormley**, Bistrita, f, 3, o/o Light the Causeway, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 1-23, Aqueduct

**Gun Runner**, Peace Peddler, f, 3, o/o Embur's Song, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 1-23, Oaklawn

**Jimmy Creed**, Thundering Creed, f, 4, o/o Thundering Gale, by Thunderello. AOC, 1-22, Turfway


**Majestic Harbor**, Oneparticularharbor, c, 3, o/o Ithinkihadthatone, by War Chant. MCL, 1-23, Santa Anita

**Munnings**, Zozos, c, 3, o/o Papa's Forest, by Forestry. MSW, 1-23, Fair Grounds

**Outwork**, Manorelli, f, 3, o/o Conquest Lil Miss, by Horse Greeley. MSW, 1-23, Santa Anita

**Oxbow**, Baby Gundin, f, 4, o/o Minx, by Tapit. AOC, 1-23, Tampa Bay

**Pioneer of the Nile**, Mine That Star, h, 5, o/o Mining My Own, by Smart Strike. Winsham Lad H., 1-23, Sunland

**Quality Road**, Prime Factor, c, 4, o/o Haylie Brae, by Bernardini. ALW, 1-23, Fair Grounds

**Ready's Image**, Chipofftheoldblock, g, 5, o/o Mizzen My Momma, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 1-23, Oaklawn

**Redeemed**, Going to the Lead, g, 6, o/o Lead Time, by Gilded Time. ALW, 1-23, Laurel

**Sky Mesa**, Mob Boss, c, 3, o/o Hard Way Ten, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 1-22, Golden Gate

**Speightster**, Hot and Sultry, f, 3, o/o Hot Water, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 1-23, Oaklawn

**Speightstown**, Speight'spercomete, c, 4, o/o Perfect La Comete, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MSW, 1-23, Fair Grounds

**Stay Thirsty**, Stella Noir, f, 4, o/o Guadalupe High, by Cuvee. ALW, 1-23, Santa Anita

**Tonalist**, The Addison Pour, g, 3, o/o Graser (Ire), by Motivator (GB). WMC, 1-23, Laurel

**Vancouver (Aus)**, Of the Moment, c, 4, o/o Marq the Moment, by Marquetry. MSW, 1-22, Sam Houston

**Will Take Charge**, Divine Leader, g, 5, o/o Divine Trick, by Divine Park. AOC, 1-23, Turfway

**Will Take Charge**, Fashion Rage, f, 4, o/o Final Mesa, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 1-22, Sam Houston