TAKING STOCK: CONSTITUTIONALITY MATTERS

by Sid Fernando

Last Friday, on the same day that Bob Baffert’s New York Racing Association (NYRA) suspension hearing was ending in New York, the Texas attorney general filed a motion in a Texas federal court to join the National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (National HBPA), et al., in arguing that the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), enacted late last year, was unconstitutional.

Baffert had challenged his suspension, which was summarily instituted by NYRA without a hearing May 17 after the Baffert-trained Medina Spirit (Protonico) had tested positive for betamethasone in the Gl Kentucky Derby. Baffert had sought an injunction to stop the suspension so that he could race at NYRA tracks last summer. United States District Court Judge Carol Bagley Amon granted the injunction July 14. She wrote: "In sum, I find that Baffert has established a likelihood of proving that NYRA’s suspension constituted state action, and that the process by which it suspended him violated the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution."

Judge Amon also wrote that "the public has no interest in having the 'integrity of the sport' enforced by unconstitutional means." Cont. p8

FISHMAN CASE HEADS TO JURY

by Robert Gearty

A New York jury began deliberations Feb. 1 in the horse doping trial of Dr. Seth Fishman.

The jury of eight women and four men deliberated for about 30 minutes before retiring for the night without reaching a verdict. They resume deliberations the morning of Feb. 2.

The charges against Fishman, a 50-year-old Florida veterinarian, stem from a federal government crackdown on horse doping at tracks across the country in which more than two dozen individuals were indicted. Those charged include top trainer Jason Servis, who is awaiting trial, and Jorge Navarro, who was sentenced to five years in the case after pleading guilty.

Prosecutors say racehorse trainers at Thoroughbred and harness tracks juiced their horses with performance-enhancing drugs manufactured by Fishman and designed to elude post-race testing. They say Navarro was one of Fishman’s clients. Cont. p3

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Gabriel Duignan’s Springhouse Farm may be on the Derby trail again after Forbidden Kingdom’s win in the GII San Vicente S.

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2008 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero Big Brown spends time in the snow on Monday at Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Farm. One of New York’s leading stallions, the son of Boundary will stand for $5,000 this season. | Bill Leak
Fishman Case Heads to Jury (cont. from p1)

At the start of the trial's 10th day Tuesday, jurors noted Fishman's absence in the courtroom for a second straight day. They weren't told where he was, and Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil advised them not to speculate on his absence. "Please don't draw any inference as to why he may be absent," she said.

The panel spent most of the day listening to prosecutors and defense attorney Maurice Sercarz clash over the evidence in the case in closing arguments.

Prosecutor Sarah Mortazavi addressed the jury first and began by saying that Fishman built "a multi-million drug business through deceit."

"You know what the defendant Seth Fishman is all about," she said. "His business was to peddle adulterated and misbranded drugs, performance-enhancing drugs designed by him to cheat horse racing."

Re-emphasizing evidence submitted during the trial, she paused to play a 2019 Federal Bureau of Investigation wiretap. In that recording, Fishman says that anytime you give something to a horse you are not supposed to, that's doping.

Mortazavi said another wiretap quoted Fishman as saying he was cheating the system.

"If someone says they are trying to cheat the system, that's what they are doing," the prosecutor said.

A few minutes later, Mortazavi held a drug vial that had been seized from Fishman's business in 2018 and showed it to the jury.

"We're not talking about hay, oats, and apples," she said.

Mortazavi said there was overwhelming evidence of Fishman's guilt. The prosecution's case included witness testimony, emails, text messages, and dozens of wiretap recordings. Three of the witnesses were trainers who said Fishman supplied them with PEDs.

To prove its case, the prosecution must prove that Fishman defrauded or misled others over the course of the alleged conspiracy.

Mortazavi said the evidence showed Fishman tried to defraud and mislead the Food and Drug Administration by registering his corporation in Panama.

She said the evidence also shows how Fishman tried to avoid scrutiny by racing regulators.

She reviewed a text quoting Fishman saying "absolutely not" when asked if an order of PEDs should be sent to an address at a track.

"Why not send it to the racing office," Fishman wrote, apparently in jest.

"LOL," was the response from Fishman's business associate Lisa Gianelli.
She was being tried with Fishman, but a mistrial was declared in her case last week after her attorney tested positive for COVID-19.

Sercarz argued to the jury that there was insufficient proof from the government that his client defrauded or misled.

“Did he do something to violate racing regulations? Yes, but intent to defraud or mislead?” Sercarz said.

He contended Fishman’s actions were those of someone acting in good faith and who, as a licensed vet, had the horses’ best interests in mind.

“Seth Fishman improvidently chose to live in a rough neighborhood among racehorse owners and trainers bent on cheating,” Sercarz said.

“I submit it was Dr. Fishman who was trying to wean horses off much more dangerous stuff and provide a safer alternative while adhering to his oath as a licensed vet to protect the welfare and safety of animals.”

After Sercarz finished, prosecutors had the final say. Prosecutor Andrew Adams stood up and asked the jury to reject his adversary’s argument.

“He doesn’t have much to work with,” Adams said. “He’s not a magician. He can’t make the evidence disappear.”

The prosecutor told the jury that Fishman’s actions weren’t about helping racehorses but about helping his clients make money and cheat race regulators.

“He was a drug dealer, not a veterinarian,” Adams said.

The Thoroughbred industry’s leading publications are working together to cover this key trial.
MSW PURSES TO TREND UPWARD AT KEENELAND, CHURCHILL by T.D. Thornton

Purses for maiden special weight (MSW) races are projected to trend upward this spring at both Keeneland Race Course and Churchill Downs.

Track executives disclosed the pre-condition book figures during Tuesday's Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) advisory board meeting.

“MSWs for older horses are going to be $100,000. And the [MSW races for] 2-year-olds are going to be $80,000,” said Keeneland's vice president of racing, Gatewood Bell.

At Keeneland's 2021 spring meet, the comparable MSW purse levels were $79,000 and $60,000.

Mike Ziegler, the senior vice president and general manager at Churchill, told KTDF board members that, “We have yet to finalize our purse structure for the upcoming meet. I expect them to be probably right in line with where they were in the fall, which was at $120,000 for [MSW races].”

In the spring of 2021, Churchill carded two levels of MSW money. For the lead-in to the GI Kentucky Derby, the purses were $115,000. After that, those races were written for $100,000.

Bell also outlined the allowance purse structure for Keeneland’s April meet: Starting at the 1X condition, purses will be $110,000, with consecutive bumps upward of $10,000 for each the 2X, 3X, and open allowance levels, maxing out at $140,000.

Rick Hiles, the president of the Kentucky Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, said, “I think it’s great. Just don’t leave out the claiming races. Make sure the guys that are running their horses in the claiming races every day are well-compensated, too.”

Bell said he agreed, and that Keeneland’s condition book—which will come out later this week or sometime next week—will reflect claiming purse increases “just to help bolster those races that [don’t] qualify for the KTDF funds.”

When prodded by KTDF advisory committee chair Bill Landes, III to give a glimpse of what purse levels might look like in the fall when Keeneland hosts the Breeders’ Cup, Bell said the “hope [is] that it'll carry from the spring right into the fall and look fairly similar.”

When Churchill follows Keeneland in the spring rotation, it will open this year with a new turf course in place. Construction and seeding of that surface prevented Churchill from carding grass races last fall.
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Ziegler noted that Churchill will be adding three Wednesday programs in June, making for two five-date weeks of racing and one six-date week that concludes with a Monday, July 4, holiday card.

It was not discussed at the meeting how that outlying six-date final week might adversely affect the available horse population at Ellis Park, which has a scheduled July 8 opening.

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM ONE TO CELEBRATE AT SPRINGHOUSE by Katie Petrunyak

Foaling season is already underway at Springhouse Farm, where breeder Gabriel “Spider” Duignan says they are expecting to see around 50 new foals on the ground this year.

On Saturday, Duignan enjoyed a brief respite from his work on the farm to celebrate a successful day on the racetrack.

Forbidden Kingdom, a son of American Pharoah bred by Springhouse Farm, stamped himself as one to watch on the Triple Crown trail after he upset a trio of Bob Baffert runners in the GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita. Trained by Richard Mandella and campaigned by MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm, the chestnut colt broke his maiden at Del Mar last summer and placed in the Speakeasy S. and the GIII Bob Hope S. in the fall before his winning sophomore debut in the San Vicente, where he showed the way down the stretch to win by 2 1/4 lengths and earn a 94 Beyer Speed Figure.

Duignan purchased Forbidden Kingdom’s dam, Just Louise (Five Star Day), at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November Sale for $150,000. The mare had been a precocious 2-year-old in 2010, breaking her maiden on debut and then taking the GIII Debutante S., while her half-sister Sara Louise (Malibu Moon) was a three-time graded stakes winner.
“She was a beautiful-looking mare,” Duignan recalled. “She was barren, which made the price better. When we inquired about her, it sounded like she had no fertility problems; it was just something that commonly happens with young mares. She was a very fast 2-year and it was a great family, a very good-looking family.”

While her first foal fetched $300,000 as a weanling and won on debut, the mare’s first three foals did not make any major headlines.

When Just Louise was next bred to Malibu Moon, the mare produced a promising filly in 2018, so Duignan decided to send her to American Pharoah.

“American Pharoah speaks for himself,” he said of his reasoning behind the mating. “He’s a fantastic horse and I’m a big believer. I thought that the fact that there was so much speed in her family would suit him well. Physically, I thought they would match up.”

The resulting colt, Duignan said, was everything he had hoped for and more.

“Forbidden Kingdom was always a beautiful colt, beautiful-bodied and fast-looking. He was very straightforward with a lot of quality. He was one of those that never had a bad stage. He was just born nice and he stayed that way.”

Duignan thought the colt was impressive enough to send to the Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Sale, which was held in Lexington in 2020. Despite an uncertain market due to the pandemic, Forbidden Kingdom brought $300,000, selling to Spendthrift and MyRacehorse as one of the top three highest-priced American Pharoah yearlings of the sale.

Just Louise’s Malibu Moon filly, who brought $310,000 as a yearling in 2019 and was named Sianara, broke her maiden at Churchill Downs last year and remains in training with Steve Asmussen. The mare also produced a Bolt d’Oro colt who brought $275,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. She now has a Not This Time yearling filly in the pipeline who Duignan said is one to watch.

When the Not This Time filly was foaled in April, Just Louise was bred once to Tiz the Law, but did not catch. Duignan said mating plans are not yet set for her this year.

Forbidden Kingdom is not Duignan’s first potential Kentucky Derby starter. He was represented by GI Blue Grass S. winner Brody’s Cause (Giant’s Causeway)—whom he bred in partnership with William Arvin, Jr. and Charlie O’Connor’s Petaluma Bloodstock—in the 2016 GI Kentucky Derby.

“It’s what you’re trying to achieve as a breeder, so it’s lovely when it happens,” Duignan said of the experience of having a potential Kentucky Derby starter. “It’s really fun and hopefully he stays on the right track. You can never know which ones will be special, but he was definitely one that you could hope for because he was a beautiful horse.”

Duignan is also a founding partner in Paramount Sales. In addition to what was an exciting Saturday for Springhouse Farm, Paramount Sales enjoyed a big day with their sales graduate Life Is Good (Into Mischief) in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. The gifted 4-year-old was part of Paramount’s 2019 Keeneland September Sale consignment and sold to China Horse Club and Maverick Racing for $525,000.

Asked if he remembers the impressive colt from the Keeneland grounds, Duignan responded quickly. “I sure do. He was a beautiful Into Mischief with maybe a little bit more leg than some of them. He was very popular at the sales and brought a good amount of money.”

How does Life Is Good compare with the rest of the long list of top-performing Paramount sales graduates?

“He ranks well no matter what company you put him in,” Duignan said, chuckling. “He’s a monster.”
Constitutionality Matters (cont. from p1)

That's a profound statement, but it may not mean much to those horse racing folks on social media who'd like to ban Baffert and others with medication positives through any means necessary, constitutional or not. As members of the peanut gallery, they have a right to that sort of chatter.

Journalists, however, are another matter and should be held to a higher standard. They should be impartial in reportage and knowledgeable about the issues in editorials. In their eagerness to support HISA, for instance, some who cover racing have shown little critical thinking about its constitutionality. In fact, my colleague Bill Finley wrote a pro-HISA Op/Ed piece in these pages that implied the National HBPA was challenging HISA in court simply to retain the status quo, rather than having valid concerns about HISA's constitutionality.

He wrote: "It's hard to imagine that there is one horseman anywhere who cares one bit whether or not HISA is unconstitutional or not."

That's his opinion, but there are valid concerns about HISA nonetheless. And taken at face value, his comment could easily apply to those that backed the passage of HISA as well.

With an avalanche of "doping" publicity in the game over the past few years, many writers, like many fans on social media, were understandably smitten with the concept that HISA, with United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA)'s Travis Tygart playing a major role, would form the centralized leadership the sport direly needs, particularly in the area of medication and anti-doping reform. But Tygart, who'd famously nailed Lance Armstrong, and USADA couldn't come to an agreement with HISA's governing board, and they appear to be out of the equation for the moment. That's led to many of these same journalists penning handwringing Chicken Little pieces.

Lost in these articles and editorials were the legitimate concerns--now being litigated--about HISA's constitutionality.

The sport does need to be enforced, but not, as Judge Amon said, "by unconstitutional means." That should be a concern that any journalist can comprehend.

This is why it's important for those entities challenging HISA to have their days in the courts. It's to everyone's benefit to get judicial opinions on the matter as soon as possible one way or the other. Instead, prominent journalists and organizations have disparaged groups like the National HBPA that are challenging HISA, and in doing so, they seem to be supporting the one powerful segment of the racing industry, headed by The Jockey Club (TJC), which advocated heavily for HISA.
The journalistic optics of this are awful.
By the way, TJC, in an amicus brief filed June 30, supported the unconstitutional NYRA ban on Baffert.

**Some Issues**

There are some, including constitutional scholars, who question if HISA potentially infringes on states’ rights. Anyone who followed the Baffert hearing last week got a glimpse of the complex and intertwined relationships that exist between state regulatory agencies, racetracks, and participants, and it's these states’ rights issues, for example, that put Texas into the fray and added heft to the National HBPA’s suit.

Three years ago, in a column from Feb. 7, 2019 titled "Issues With the Integrity Act," I presaged some of these constitutional concerns, citing the Supreme Court’s landmark decision from May of 2018 that held the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) was unconstitutional.

I wrote: "A central tenet to this decision was something called the 'anticommandeering principle' of the Tenth Amendment, which was previously established in the Supreme Court decisions of New York v. United States and Printz v. United States, both of which were invoked" in the case.

The court explained "anticommandeering" in the PASPA decision: "...conspicuously absent from the list of powers given to Congress is the power to issue direct orders to the governments of the States. The anticommandeering doctrine simply represents the recognition of this limit on congressional authority."

Last Friday, the attorney general of Texas specifically addressed this exact issue in his motion, which states, in part: "HISA unconstitutionally commandeers the legislative and executive branches of state government and puts Congress in control of state branches of government in violation of the Tenth Amendment."

As to specifics, the motion noted these points in part ("Authority" here is the private nonprofit corporation—Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority—established by HISA):

- HISA requires Texas and the Texas Racing Commission (TRC) to cooperate and share information with the Authority; forces them to remit taxes and fees to fund the Authority or lose the ability to collect taxes and fees for their own anti-doping, medication-control, and racetrack-safety programs; and preempts some of Texas’s laws and regulations.
- If the State of Texas refuses to assess, collect, and remit fees to the Authority, HISA strips the state of its right to "impose or collect from any person a fee or tax relating to anti-doping and medication control or racetrack safety matters for covered horseraces."
- HISA requires Texas "law enforcement authorities" to "cooperate and share information" with the Authority whenever a person's conduct may violate both a rule of the Authority and Texas law. HISA § 1211(b), 134 Stat. at 3275. HISA thus forces the State of Texas to spend time and resources to help the Authority carry out a federal regulatory program.
- HISA preempts state laws and regulations on which Texans and the regulated industry have long relied to ensure the safety and integrity of horseracing.

These are valid concerns, and no amount of back and forth bickering between TJC lawyers, pro-HISA journalists, and other HISA supporters, versus those bringing the suits opposing HISA, will amount to anything but hot air until the courts decide.

So, why don't we sit back, chill, and let the judicial process take place?

Constitutionality, after all, matters.

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With the 2022 breeding season right around the corner, we will feature a series of breeders’ mating plans over the coming weeks. Carrie Brogden discusses mating plans for a few members of the 109-mare-strong Machmer Hall broodmare band.

**TIZ DIXIE (m, 9, Tiznow--Comeon Dixie, by Mr. Greeley), to be bred to Constitution**

We bought this 9-year-old mare as a maiden for Golden Pedigree for $5,500 and we subsequently did the mating and then foaled and raised her first foal, a colt by Constitution who became stakes winner Never Surprised (Constitution). He just ran second in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. When Golden Pedigree liquidated their broodmare band due to an illness, we bought her privately. As far as a mating plan, it seemed like a no-brainer to book her back to rising supersire Constitution.

**MISS SHOP (m, 19, Deputy Minister--Shopping, by Private Account), to be bred to Into Mischief**

We owned and raced her half-sister, Shop Again (Wild Again), when Miss Shop won the 2007 GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga, so when Miss Shop came through the back ring as a graded stakes producer, I just had to have her.

We bred her to Into Mischief for her second year with us and the resulting yearling filly might be the best Into Mischief filly we have had (and we have had a LOT of Into Mischief foals!). Even though he has sadly passed out of our comfort range in terms of stud fee, how could we not make an exception and breed back to him just one last time hoping to duplicate the filly we currently have on the ground?

**SPECIAL ME (m, 16, Unbridled’s Song--Delta Danielle, by Lord Avie), to be bred to Twirling Candy**

Special Me is the dam of Grade I-winning Lane’s End stallion Gift Box (Twirling Candy), so I’m not sure why we have not repeated this breeding sooner. Currently in foal to Into Mischief, this three-time graded stakes producer who we bought as a maiden mare for just $6,000 will be bred back to Twirling Candy, who has been a superstar for us as Gift Box, Rombauer, Fore Left, Trophy Chaser and Sweetontheladies were all Machmer Hall-raised or pinhooks for us.

**LAYREEBELLE (m, 16, Tale of the Cat--Voodoo Lily, by Baldski), to be bred to Candy Ride (Arg)**

The dam of GSWs Spellbound (Bernardini) and Kid Cuz (Lemon Drop Kid) and the granddam of GSW Soothsay (Distorted Humor), Layreebelle is a homebred out of our former pensioner Voodoo Lilly, the granddam of Justify. After hurting her shoulder as a yearling, Layreebelle (named for my kids Layne, Reece and Isabelle) has been quite the producer for Machmer Hall.

She is currently in foal to Candy Ride (Arg), who I believe is one of the top values at stud, especially if you have a mare that throws size and bone—which she does. She is booked right back to this lovely, well-priced stallion who throws so much heart with runners of all shapes and sizes.

**DEFY (m, 8, Into Mischief--Shy Lil, by Lil’s Lad), to be bred to Charlatan**

This stakes-winning Saratoga yearling is currently in foal to one of my favorite proven stallions, Speightstown. After having two Speightstown foals in a row for two proven-sired foals, we looked for a “sizzle” first-year sire. Defy is booked to Charlatan, who in my opinion is one of the top physicals to go to stud this year.

**QUEENIE’S PRIDE (m, 11, Special Rate--Solo Rolo, by Air Forbes Won), to be bred to Silver State**

We bought this young, multiple stakes producer privately after watching her daughter Joy’s Rocket (Anthony’s Cross) win a stake at Keeneland. She’s bred very modestly but is producing impressive runners from very inexpensive stallions.

‘Queenie’ is currently in foal to Vino Rosso. This 15’2-hand mare could double as a quarter horse and since she is proven, we decided to breed her back to a stallion that could give her some stretch and speed. Enter GI Met Mile winner, Silver State!
FANCY KITTEN (m, 8, Kitten’s Joy—Endless Fancy, by Ghostzapper), to be bred to Independence Hall

Fancy Kitten is a stakes-placed Kitten’s Joy mare whose first foal was a very solid 2-year-old colt in Japan last year. She is currently in foal to Mendelssohn, who I would hope is the heir apparent to Into Mischief.

MISS SOUTHERN MISS (m, 8, More Than Ready – Miss Atlantic City, by Stormy Atlantic), to be bred to Essential Quality

We bought this stunning stakes-winning mare privately and realized that she needs a bit of stretch in her matings. She’s currently in foal to a super consistent and now great-priced proven guy, Medaglia d’Oro. After mating her to three proven sires to give her a good start to her career, we are opting to send her to champion 2-year-old and first-year stallion Essential Quality.

HOMESTEADING (m, 10, Unbridled’s Song – Homebound, by Dixie Union), to be bred to Audible

We bought this young Unbridled’s Song mare in foal and she had a disappointing foal, but she had been bred to the same sire line three times in a row. We thought that maybe the mating was just not a good one because the mare is super pretty.

We decided to breed her to Audible to see if the change in sire line was what she needed. From the moment her 2021 filly by Audible was born, we said, ‘Wow, wow, wow.’ Like so many Audible weanlings I saw and short listed at the mixed sales, her 2021 baby is nothing short of spectacular. It was a no-brainer to breed her back to that sire and hope she runs to her looks.

ASTRAY (m, 8, Bernardini – Away, by Dixieland Band), to be bred to Hard Spun

We bought Astray as a maiden mare. She is one of the prettiest Bernardini mares I have ever seen but is also from a beautiful family. She is currently in foal to Authentic, along with four other Machmer Hall mares, but we really wanted to give her a shot at another proven sire after her Curlin colt did so well at Keeneland September [sold for $470,000].

She is booked back to Hard Spun, who does not always get you a “sales horse” but there is no doubt that he always throws a racehorse. He’s great value for a proven sire and we have him booked to two of our young, pretty mares.

STORY UNTOLD (m, 11, Old Fashioned–Shappy, by Really Secret), to be bred to Tiz the Law

We bought Story Untold as a weanling to pinhook and unfortunately, she fractured her knee in a paddock accident as a yearling, rendering her an instant broodmare to join the band.

Story Untold’s first foal Arella Rockstar (Astrology) was a graded stakes winner and she had a lovely Bernardini yearling at Keeneland September. She’s currently in foal to Candy Ride (Arg) and is booked back to Tiz the Law. How can you not admire what Tiz the Law did as a racehorse and his sire continues on his march to stardom. We figured that Story Untold had the bone and size that Tiz the Law would want physically and hopefully his extraordinary talent on the racetrack will translate onto his babies.

WEIGHT NO MORE (m, 18, Pure Prize–Aunt Nola, by Olden Times), to be bred to Goldencents

This multiple stakes producer has been with us since 2010 when we bought her and her third foal at the same mixed sale. That foal, Skinny (Private Vow), went on to become her first stakes horse.
To look at this plain Jane mare, you would never think that she throws the beautiful athletes that she has for us. Her striking daughter Bayerness (Bayern) went on to be a listed stakes winner and was graded stakes placed at Saratoga. Her Goldencents yearling filly sold back to those same connections at the Keeneland September Sale.

I have long thought that Goldencents has been an incredible value sire. You just have to breed him to a mare that throws a lot of leg, like Weight No More, and he seems to throw the body and the heart. We have booked this girl back to Goldencents as her filly was one of my favorite yearlings we had last year.

TWO SHAKES (m, 6, Exchange Rate--Perfectforthepart, by Dynaformer), to be bred to Maxfield

We probably overpaid for this stakes-placed filly as a broodmare prospect, but damn she is good looking. Her first foal, a yearling colt by Constitution, is everything you would want in a first foal and she is a pretty enough mare to go back to a stallion that has been so good to us, Flatter. She is due in February and now that she will have two proven sire babies in front of her, we turned to a beautiful son of Street Sense, Maxfield.

Let us know who you’re breeding your mares to in 2022, and why. We will print a selection of your responses in TDN over the coming weeks. Please send details to: garyking@thetdn.com.

OBS MARCH CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now online at www.obssales.com. A total of 635 juveniles have been cataloged for the two-day sale, set for Mar. 15 and 16, with both sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m. The auction’s under tack show will be held Mar. 10-12 and all three sessions are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

Graduates from last year’s March sale include Call Me Midnight (Midnight Lute), winner of the Jan. 22 GII Lecomte S., and last year’s GI Starlet S. winner Eda (Munnings).

OBS will again offer online bidding during the March sale. Buyers can register on the company’s website. For complete information on registration and online bidding, visit obs-online-bidding.

WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RULINGS: JAN. 25-31

Every week, the TDN publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

Here’s a primer on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public and where.

CALIFORNIA

Track: Santa Anita
Date: 01/28/2022
Licensee: Richard Dean Greenman, trainer
Penalty: Required to participate in a fitness for licensure hearing before being permitted to get re-licensed (his license having expired in August of last year).
Violation: N/A
Explainer: Acting on an Order of Remand from the California Horse Racing Board DMTD Ruling #28 issued August 1, 2021, is amended as follows: Pursuant to CHRB rule #1900 (Grounds For Suspension Or Revocation) Trainer Richard Dean Greenman is suspended for 30 Days (August 19, 2021 through September 7, 2021—already served) for violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct—detrimental behavior) on March 3, 4 and 5, 2021, at Santa Anita Park. Further, Richard Dean Greenman must participate in a fitness for licensure hearing before being permitted to apply for a California Horse Racing Board Trainer’s License.

Track: Santa Anita
Date: 01/28/2022
Licensee: Ruben Valdes, owner
Penalty: Suspended license
Violation: Failure to appear at hearing for non-payment of bill
Explainer: Owner Ruben Valdes, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before January 27, 2022, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before a Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility—$4,240 to K.C. Transport). During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Ruben Valdes are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.
Track: Santa Anita  
Date: 01/30/2022  
Licensee: Abel Cedillo, jockey  
Penalty: $750 fine  
Violation: Excessive use of the riding crop  
Explainer: Jockey Abel Cedillo is fined $750.00 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop--more than six times in succession during a race--second offense in the last sixty (60) days) during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 29, 2022.

KENTUCKY  
Track: Turfway Park  
Date: 01/25/2022  
Licensee: Wesley Ward, trainer  
Penalty: Thirty-day suspension (15 days stayed), and $500 fine  
Violation: Medication overage  
Explainer: Upon receipt of notification from Industrial Laboratories, the official testing laboratory for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and confirmed at Texas A & M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, sample number E418071 taken from Averly Jane, who finished first in the ninth race at Churchill Downs on April 28, 2021 contained Metformin in blood (Class 8). After a formal hearing before the Board of Stewards, Wesley A. Ward is hereby suspended 30 days and fined $500.00. Due to mitigating circumstances (number of violations in relation to overall record), 15 days are to be served from January 26, 2022 through February 9, 2022 (inclusive). The remaining 15 days are stayed on the condition that no Class A or Class 8 medication violation occurs in any racing jurisdiction within 365 days from the date of this ruling. Averly Jane is disqualified and all purse money forfeited. Pari-mutuel wagering is not affected by this ruling. During his suspension Mr. Ward is denied the privileges of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Entry of all horses owned or trained by Mr. Ward is denied pending transfer to persons acceptable to the stewards. Upon receipt of this ruling, it is required within 30 days to pay any and all fines imposed to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.  
Read the TDN story on the matter here.

NEW YORK  
Track: Aqueduct  
Date: 01/28/2022  
Licensee: Heman Harkie, jockey  
Penalty: Three-day suspension  
Violation: Careless riding  
Explainer: For having waived his right to appeal Jockey Heman Harkie is hereby suspended three NYRA racing days January 29th 2022, January 30th 2022 and February 3rd 2022 inclusive.

This for careless riding during the running of the seventh race at Aqueduct racetrack on January 27th 2022.

LED BY HASKELL, MONMOUTH RELEASES STAKES SCHEDULE  
Led by the $1-million TVG.com GI Haskell S., Monmouth Park is set to offer $8.135 million in stakes races when the track kicks off its 77th season Saturday, May 7. This year’s race meet, which runs through Sept. 17, will feature 50 total stakes, 10 graded events, and nine stakes restricted to New Jersey-bred horses. Several stakes will see purse boosts in 2022, including the GI United Nations, which goes from $500,000 to $600,000 and is now double its purse from just two years ago; the Gill Monmouth Cup going from $300,000 to $400,000; the Gill Molly Pitcher going from $250,000 to $400,000; and, the Gill WinStar Matchmaker, moving from $150,000 to $200,000. All of those races, along with the $100,000 Wolf Hill S., will be run on Haskell Day. In preparation for the July 23 Haskell program, Monmouth will offer a "Haskell Preview Day" with four stakes events Saturday, June 18--TVG.com Pegasus, Gill Monmouth, Gilli Salvator Mile and Gill Eatontown. The 20th annual New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival, with three stakes events, will be renewed Aug. 28. The meet will conclude Sept. 17 with the third running of the $500,000 Nownownow S. for 2-year-olds going a mile on turf. Stall applications, which are due by Mar. 16, are now available online at www.monmouthpark.com or in hard copy format in the Monmouth Park racing office.
FIRST FOAL A FILLY FOR FOG OF WAR

Hidden Lake Farm’s Fog of War (War Front), winner of the GI Summer S. at Woodbine, sired his first reported foal when a filly out of the Tapit mare Kitty Foyle was born for breeder 3C Stables Monday, Jan. 31 at Hidden Lake Farm in Stillwater, N.Y. Kitty Foyle, a $575,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by Crupi’s Newcastle Farm in 2016, is produced from the multiple graded stakes-placed Mt. Livermore mare Lavender Sky, a half-sister to multiple GISW and millionaire Alpha and to multiple graded stakes-placed Mystic Melody. Fog of War, a $400,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Peter Brant, will stand the 2022 season for $7,000 S&N.

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BREEDERS’ CUP FOAL NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEB. 28

The last opportunity to nominate foals of 2021 to the Breeders’ Cup closes Feb. 28 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

The one-time nomination fee of $1,500 entitles each foal to lifetime eligibility to the Breeders’ Cup World Championships and the Breeders’ Cup Racing Programs. All foals sired by a fully nominated North American Breeders’ Cup stallion are eligible for nomination to the Breeders’ Cup program in their year of birth and up to Feb. 28 of their yearling year.

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T.I.P. CHAMPIONSHIPS RETURNS TO STABLE VIEW

The Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) Championships in hunters, jumpers, combined test, English pleasure, and English in-hand will return this year to Stable View in Aiken, South Carolina, The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program announced Tuesday. The show will kick off with a welcome party on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 6, and will run through Sunday, Oct. 9. "We are thrilled to be returning to Stable View for T.I.P. Championships in 2022," said Kristin Werner, senior counsel for The Jockey Club and administrator of T.I.P. "Thoroughbreds continue to prove their versatility across a wide range of disciplines, and we are excited to again team up with Stable View to showcase and promote Thoroughbreds’ abilities beyond the racetrack." Created and announced in October 2011, T.I.P. recognizes and rewards the versatility of the Thoroughbred through sponsorship of Thoroughbred classes and high point awards at sanctioned horse shows, performance awards, and non-competition awards.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

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Click here to access the TDN graded stakes calendar.
**Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:44 p.m. EST**

**BAYAKOA S.-GIII, $250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

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## 2022 Leading Turf Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Jan. 31

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Cupid** (Tapit), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
173 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 2:02 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Cumulonimbus, 15-1

**Keen Ice** (Curlin), Calumet Farm, $7,500
191 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 2:02 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Queen Maha, 9-2
$16,000 KEE SEP yrl
2-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:45 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, She's Peachy Keen, 5-2
$17,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $47,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Klimt** (Quality Road), Jockey Club of Turkey, $7,500
282 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, 2:36 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Rumble Strip Ron, 5-2
$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; $50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Midnight Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, $7,500
126 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Midnight Alibi, 8-1

**Ocean Knight** (Curlin), Averett Farm
31 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:45 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Lady in Heels, 5-1

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, $52,590, 2-1, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.97, ft, 3/4 length.

DON'TMESAWITHME (g, 5, Fast Anna--Paloma Mesa {SW, $162,856}, by **Sky Mesa**) Lifetime Record: 18-6-0-5, $170,420. O/B-Dr. Stephen G. & Debbie Jackson (KY); T-Flint W. Stites.

5th-Sunland, $32,600, (S), 2-1, (NW2L), 3yo, 1m, 1:38.56, ft, nose.

DIABOLICAL STORM (g, 3, Attila's Storm--Diabolical Dame {MSW, $696,480}, by **Diabolical**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $42,600. O/B-Joe Dee Brooks, Scott Bryant & Derrol Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

7th-Sunland, $32,600, (S), 2-1, (NW2L), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.08, ft, 1 length.

LIFE JACKET (g, 3, Abstraction--Partyband, by Chimes Band) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-2, $48,767. O-Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC & Bob Matney; B-Dale Taylor (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. *1/2 to Golden Band (Quinton's Gold), MSP, $249,538; Raider Red (Diabolical), SW, $135,630; and Roll Out the Band (Roll Hennessy Roll), MSW, $231,928.

3rd-Turf Paradise, $27,300, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($10,000-$12,500), 2-1, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.59, ft, 3/4 length.

LAUNCH PAD (r, 4, First Samurai--Simply Magic, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, $62,060. O-Dale Dobson; B-Brook T. Smith Investments, LLC (KY); T-Mike Chambers. *$32,000 RNA Ylg ’19 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Glacken's Cause, f, 3, **Creative Cause**--Glacken's Gift, by Medaglia d'Oro. Mahoning Valley, 2-1, 1m, 1:40.90. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $20,615. B-Foundations Farm (KY).

I Think I'm Here, g, 3, **Marking**--Limeade, by Summer Bird. Sunland, 2-1, (S), 6f, 1:11.87. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $15,840. B-Chuck Dunleavy & Shawn Davis (NM). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Luck in My Eyes, g, 4, **Attila's Storm**--Consort Music (GSP, $187,299), by Prospector's Music. Sunland, 2-1, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.62. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $15,840. B-Anthony Trujillo (NM). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
A Tale to Bee Told
First 2YOs from Fipke stallions

TALE OF VERVE

Classic-placed runner from the Storm Cat line

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DARK ANGEL INFLUENCE SPREADS TO KENTUCKY

Raging Bull winning the 2020 Shoemaker Mile. Click above to view a TDN video feature with the new Gainesway stallion | Benoit photo

By Kelsey Riley

Fresh off a season in which he earned the mantle of Europe’s leading sire of 2-year-olds, it would seem that Dark Angel (Ire)’s legacy as a sire of precocious and classy sprinter/milers is set. The question inevitably becomes, then, who is next in line to carry on his branch of the Acclamation (GB) sireline?

The 17-year-old Dark Angel already has a Group 1-producing sire son in his G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and G1 July Cup-winning Lethal Force (Ire), whose Golden Horde (Ire) also won at the Royal meeting when he took the G1 Commonwealth Cup in 2020. Both Lethal Force and Golden Horde are now at stud in France. Dark Angel sons Gutaifan (Ire), Markaz (Ire), Alhebayeb (Ire) and Heeraat (Ire) have also sired stakes winners, and a significant chapter could be written over the coming seasons, with Dark Angel’s world champion sprinter Harry Angel (Ire)’s first runners set to hit the track in just a few months.

In the meantime, Dark Angel’s line also has a chance to branch out intercontinentally, with his son Raging Bull (Fr), a Grade I-winning turf miler, about to cover his first book at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky.

Raging Bull was in no way a small coup for Gainesway, or for Kentucky breeders: with the exception of only the brilliant gelded sprinter Battaash (GB), Raging Bull is Dark Angel’s most accomplished son by both earnings (£1,335,394) and Grade/Group 1 wins (3).

Raging Bull was purchased by Eugenio Colombo on behalf of Peter Brant for €90,000 from the Wildenstein Dispersal at Goffs Orby in 2016. Joining trainer Chad Brown from the outset, Raging Bull didn’t appear until April of his 3-year-old campaign but soon stamped himself a top-class turf runner in the U.S., winning his first two starts before adding the GII Hall Of Fame S. and the GII Saranac S. at Saratoga, over 1 1/16 miles and 1 1/8 miles, respectively. He capped a 3-year-old season in which he won five of his seven starts with a victory in the 1 1/8-mile GI Hollywood Derby in his first attempt at the highest level.

Though Raging Bull didn’t find the winner’s circle during a 4-year-old campaign in which he ran exclusively in Grade Is, he was never disgraced and picked up placings in the GI Manhattan S. and the GI Fourstardave H. Cont. p2
Raging Bull Cont. from p1

Raging Bull kicked off his 5-year-old season in 2020 with a win in the GI Shoemaker Mile at Santa Anita before finishing third in the GI Maker’s Mark Mile. He would return to Keeneland last spring to win the Maker’s Mark, and was also third in the GI Woodbine Mile. In a career that spanned 22 starts over four seasons, Raging Bull ran in 15 Grade Is at seven different racetracks. He won seven times for earnings of over $1.7 million.

Raging Bull stands for an advertised fee of $10,000. He has been syndicated at Gainesway, with Brant staying in, and Gainesway’s Director Of Stallion Sales and Recruitment, Sean Tugel, said he expects Raging Bull to cover “150-plus” mares this season.

“He has been very popular,” Tugel acknowledged. “He’s been well-supported by his syndicate and that includes Mr. Brant—he’s going to breed a large number of mares to him. The breeders who have come to see him, most are leaving here booking a mare to him; they like what they see. Certainly the initial contracts and the initial interest in him tells us he’s going to be very well supported his first year.”

Among the black-type mares booked to Raging Bull before the start of the covering season are Boat’s Ghost (Silver Ghost), the dam of Grade I-winning turf horse Finnegans Wake (Powerscourt (GB)) and the stakes-winning filly Puca (Big Brown); the multiple stakes-winning and graded-placed Courtesan (Street Sense); the multiple Grade II winner and Grade I-placed Great Hot (Brz) (Orientate); the multiple graded stakes-placed General Consensus (Giant’s Causeway); and Concert Strike (Smart Strike), the dam of three stakes horses including the listed-winning Night Strike (Liaison).

Indeed, social media was awash with praise for Raging Bull as breeders ventured out to inspect him during the November sales. “I think breeders were pleasantly surprised by his physical presence when he comes out,” Tugel said. “He has a lot of leg under him and he has bone and substance. Not everybody who was coming out to see a son of Dark Angel was expecting to see that kind of physical presence. He’s an extremely good mover and uses himself extremely well. Everyone wants to breed an athlete and he certainly presents himself as an athlete.”

With his aforementioned size, scope and leg, Raging Bull takes the eye as a dirt horse just as much as a turf horse. That could be down to the American influence lent to his pedigree by dam sire Mr. Greeley, a son of Gone West and grandson of Mr. Prospector. Cont. p3
Raging Bull Cont.

Raging Bull’s dam, Rosa Bonheur, was also purchased by Brant from the Wildenstein dispersal in 2016; she cost €80,000 in foal to Siyouni (Fr), who was at the time a rising talent but not the breakout star he is today. Rosa Bonheur was bred by the Wildenstein family out of their Rolly Polly (Ire) (Mukaddamah), whose versatility and talent on the track is indicative of her grandson’s: Rolly Polly won group/graded stakes races in England, France, Italy and the U.S. during a career that spanned three seasons, 18 starts, 10 wins and eight stakes wins. Though Rosa Bonheur’s racing career was shorter, the daughter of Mr. Greeley showed the constitution that is evident in Raging Bull when running eight times between April and December of her 3-year-old campaign.

While breeders will overwhelmingly send their mares to Raging Bull expecting to get a turf animal, Tugel noted that it is a distinct possibility, given his pedigree and physique, that Raging Bull’s progeny could handle the dirt, too.

“I think being out of a Mr. Greeley mare—who is from the Gone West line and very influential to American dirt and speed—certainly will help,” Tugel said. “Having Northern Dancer lines as well as multiple Mr. Prospector lines—that blood has worked extremely well in America. The amount of leg that he has; you need leg to win dirt races and get over the dirt. So if he transfers that on to his offspring I think he could absolutely be a multi-surface type of sire.”

Raging Bull’s sire, Dark Angel, has certainly proven to be that. While his success as a sire, naturally, has been heavily focused on the turf, he has had 366 winners on the dirt and 13 stakes winners on that surface. Last month, Dark Angel’s Golden Goal (Ire) established himself as a leading contender for the Gulf region’s best dirt races with a win in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 at Meydan, while a week later Godolphin homebred Real World (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) made it five wins in a row with victory in the G2 Zabeel Mile. That win was on the turf, but trainer Saeed bin Suroor was vocal post-race that Real World, who is already stakes-placed on the dirt, may switch surfaces to target the likes of the Dubai World Cup or Saudi Cup.

It is worth noting, too, that Golden Goal and Real World are eight and five, respectively, making them just the latest stakes winners by Dark Angel to still be at the top of their game well into their careers. Cont. p4
Raging Bull Cont.

Dark Angel was among the very first of a wave of commercial stallions to retire to stud at the end of a 2-year-old campaign, and while that trend is a polarizing one in bloodstock circles it has undeniably in this case resulted in a sire that routinely begets that rare combination of early speed, longevity and class. And it won’t hurt Raging Bull’s profile that another son of Acclamation who retired at two, Mehmas, is already looking like following Dark Angel’s path.

Tugel noted that, like all of Dark Angel’s best progeny, Raging Bull had speed, and that he was most effective at or around a mile.

“Dark Angel is a source of speed and that’s what we’re all looking for in America,” he said. “Raging Bull is a miler and we always say milers make sires. Plus you add Mr. Greeley on the bottom side, it’s really speed on speed which is what we’re trying to produce here in America.”

“Raging Bull ran through his 6-year-old career and he was a multiple graded stakes winner over multiple seasons,” Tugel added. “To be able to hold that type of form is fantastic. In America we need outcrosses, and he is a complete outcross to all major sirelines barring Mr. Prospector, but you can find many different lines of Mr. P and go different ways. The fact that he can go to all the Storm Cat, Unbridled’s Song and Unbridled lines, and Seattle Slew; having that ability to mix with every great American line you want will help him.”

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BRILLIANT AT 3!

Rated higher at 3 by Timeform than the winners of the Epsom Derby, French 2,000 Guineas, Irish 2,000 Guineas, Irish Derby etc.

CALYX remains unbeaten with a blistering display of speed in the Gr.3 Commonwealth Cup Trial

“The performance that Calyx put up in the Gr.3 Commonwealth Cup Trial was as striking as any seen in a pattern sprint all season and marked him down, even at such an early stage, as champion sprinter material” Timeform

Calyx

His dam, HELLEBORINE, is a Group-winning 2YO and a full-sister to both Gr.1-winning sprinter AFRICAN ROSE and to the dam of unbeaten Champion 2YO NATIVE TRAIL
Raging Bull Cont.

It is no small matter, either, that turf milers are a pivotal part of the bedrock on which Gainesway is built.

Throughout its history, the farm’s various owners have imported turf influences to mix with the American breed, including no fewer than five winners of the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains: Blushing Groom (Fr), Green Dancer, Riverman, Irish River (Fr) and, most recently, Karakontie (Jpn). The 2014 Poulains and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner has, with three crops of racing age, established himself as a very solid and versatile source of winners and stakes horses for his $10,000 pricetag; his first crop includes the high-class turf horses Kenzai Warrior and Princess Grace, as well as Sole Volante, the GII Tampa Bay Derby winner on the dirt. It is most certainly not lost on breeders that Gainesway has a proven track record of turning high-class turf horses into a sought-after sires. And Tugel said he expects Karakontie to go to the next level once his better-bred crops hit the track.

“The last two seasons, once Karakontie’s runners got to the track, we’ve seen his best quality books come,” Tugel said. “His initial crop was his most mares bred, but in the past two seasons he has bred his second and third largest books and best quality. He has graded stakes winners in both of his first two crops of racing age and he has black-type horses in his third crop and hopefully they can go on to be graded stakes winners. But the 2-year-olds coming behind them we have great expectations for, as well as the yearlings and the foals that are hitting the ground this year.

Cont. p6

First foals sold for €125,000, €115,000, €80,000, €70,000, €68,000, €65,000 etc and were bought by

Arthur Hoyeau Bloodstock, BBA Ireland x 2, Bitten Bloodstock, Browne Brothers Bloodstock, Diana Mottershead, Gillon Bloodstock, Grangemore Stud, Hillwood Bloodstock, Hyburcon Bloodstock, Jeremiah McGrath, JS Bloodstock, Kelly Equine Services, Peria Stud, Siskin Lodge, Suzanne Roberts, Tally Ho Stud, WH Bloodstock, Yeomanstown Stud etc.

“Speed is the holy grail and he’s got it in abundance, an unbelievably talented horse”

Hubie De Burgh

Fee: €12,500
Raging Bull Cont.

“I truly believe over the next several years we’re going to see a lot more from Karakontie. He gets you good, honest horses that train on. They run on dirt and turf, they run on synthetic, he’s had a Kentucky Derby starter, he’s had multiple graded stakes winners on the dirt. Princess Grace looks like she could be a top level filly, and she’s almost a millionaire. His commercial presence has continued to grow; he’s only averaged about nine to 10 yearlings per year through the ring but still gets multiple six-figure horses throughout the year. He’s just a good, honest horse with great value and potential.”

With the path to success for a turf sire paved at Gainesway, Raging Bull has the chance to cement not only his own legacy, but also that of his sire, Dark Angel, as a sire of sires.

THE PALACE A JEWEL IN CASHEL’S CROWN

While the ever-resilient bloodstock industry barely flinched in the face of a global pandemic—the return of sky-high prices in the sales ring testament to that—the travel industry slowed to a grinding halt.

However, with the news that—whisper it—the world has fully reopened, there’s never been a better time to dust off the suitcase and begin planning trips away again. And if it’s Ireland you’re thinking of, Tipperary might just have the answer, for waiting patiently in the starting stalls is John Magnier’s most exciting new prospect.

We’re not talking about the Saxon Warrior 2-year-olds burning up the gallops down the road at Ballydoyle, but rather the Cashel Palace, opening on Mar. 1 and a Palladian manor, lovingly restored and reimagined to be a 42-room hotel with a ballroom and luxury spa attached. Cont. p7

Frankel’s Cracksman: the Champion racehorse by the Champion sire.

WITH FIRST-CROP JUVENILES IN TRAINING WITH CHAMPION TRAINERS...

Charlie Appleby (two), Andrew Balding (four), Ralph Becket, Simon & Ed Crisford (three), André Fabre, John & Thady Gosden (three), Francis-Henri Graffard, William Haggas, Richard Hannon (three), Mark & Charlie Johnston (three), Jean-Claude Rouget (three), David Simcock, Saeed bin Suroor, Archie Watson.

Call to see him at Dalham Hall Stud between 11.30am and 3pm during the Tatts February Sale.

£17,500 Oct 1, SLF

Breeding the future

An artist’s rendering of the Cashel Palace Hotel
Cashel Palace Cont.

Under the reins of Adriaan Bartels, leader of this passion project since the first plans were laid in 2017 right up until the first guest walks through the doors in March and beyond, one can’t help but think that Magnier has found a very safe pair of hands. The former general manager at two of Ireland's finest hotels, Bartels says, "This is truly a dream job. It has been fantastic to be a part of a project like this from the start, working closely with Mrs. Magnier and Jerome Casey to create a hotel that is just as we want it. We’re really excited to throw open the doors now and for guests to see it for themselves.

He continues, "The Cashel Palace offers something that is entirely unique as it’s located between town and countryside, giving visitors the opportunity to explore both. Obviously, the thriving Thoroughbred industry on our doorstep is a great asset but Tipperary has a lot more to offer in addition. When it comes to outdoor pursuits, there is no end of spectacular scenery if hiking is your thing, and the hotel also has private fishing rights along the River Suir which guests can avail of. Irish culture runs richly throughout the county and for the history buffs, there are a number of monuments in the area which have great stories to tell."

None more so than the Rock of Cashel, providing an epic vista from the palace grounds; the most spectacular cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland and more iconic in religious terms than even St Mark's Basilica. The cathedral, not the horse, that is, although there’ll be plenty in these parts praying that he too becomes an icon.

On the subject of stallions, the relationship between Coolmore and Cashel Palace is well acknowledged and, at a level, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy "Equine Experiences" that allow them into the stud and even the hallowed training grounds of Ballydoyle. Cont. p8

5% Group winners to runners from his 2018 crop: only Dubawi and Frankel have done better than BELARDO.

Started 2022 with a Stakes winner in the US and a winning debutant in France.

Big fifth crop coming!

€9,000 Oct 1, SLF
Kildangan Stud, Ireland

Darley

Breeding the future
Cashel Palace Cont.

Indeed, the hotel's association with the racing world is longstanding. In the 1980's a certain Vincent O'Brien was proprietor and the Guinness Bar became a regular haunt for racegoers to enjoy a pint of the "black stuff" on their way home. Revellers will be delighted to learn that the same bar has been restored to its former glory, alongside the original Bishop’s Buttery for those with a taste for fine-dining.

"We're spoilt to be situated in Tipperary's Golden Vale which is filled with great food producers, providing the country's natural larder," Bartels adds. "As far as possible, we'll be using local produce across all of our eateries and we hope to offer guests a wide variety of options. There'll be fine-cuisine in The Bishop’s Buttery, Afternoon Tea served in the Queen Anne Room or a more casual dining experience in the already well-established Mikey Ryan's next door."

Another trump card in the palace's armoury is undoubtedly The Spa which, as well as treatment rooms, includes an indoor/outdoor swimming pool and seaweed baths overlooking the Rock of Cashel. And as for the spa products, they are by Bamford; the creation of another great racing family who have paved the way in hospitality excellence with their growing Daylesford empire in the UK.

Of course, this isn’t Magnier’s first dalliance into the hotel industry either. The Sandy Lane, a jewel on the Barbadian coastline, is another under his ownership with partners Dermot Desmond and JP McManus, regularly playing host to the great and the good.

While the white sands of Barbados might be a long way from Tipperary, in the Cashel Palace you'll find a rural retreat at a standard that is synonymous with the Magnier family's way of doing things.

NATIONAL STUD TOURS RETURN FEB. 18

Tours of The National Stud will begin again from Feb. 18 through Discover Newmarket. Visitors will be able to view new stallion Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), as well as Time Test (GB) (Dubawi (Ire)) and Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation (GB)). The 90-minute behind-the-scenes tour will allow visitors to hear about the history of the stud and the work that goes into producing future champions. They will also be able to view mares and foals at close range. The tours run on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holiday Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

ROBIN DES CHAMPS MARE TOPS

TATTERSALLS IRELAND FEBRUARY SALE

Robin de Carlow (GB) (Robin des Champs (Fr)) (lot 298A), consigned by Closutton Stables, brought a sale-topping €70,000 from Simon Cox and Ballincurrag House during the Tattersalls Ireland February National Hunt Sale on Tuesday. The 9-year-old has won at the Grade 3 level over both hurdles and fences and her granddam is the Grade 1 hurdle heroine Nas Na Riogh (Ire) (Presenting (GB)).

Ballincurrag House Stud’s Perfect Ball (Fr) (No Risk At All (Fr)) brought the next dearest amount, going for €62,000 to Kieran Shields. Cont. p9
The flying filly Coolangatta (Written Tycoon) tops TDN AusNZ’s Road To The Slipper. She was purchased by Ciaron Maher Bloodstock for AU$280,000 at the 2021 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Robin de Carlow topped the sale | Tattersalls Ireland

Tattersalls Ireland February NH Sale Cont.

The yearling (lot 104) is out of the accomplished chaser/hurdler Princesse Kap (Fr) (Kapgarde {Fr}), who won three times in graded company.

Overall, the one-day sale saw 167 lots sold (60%) for a gross of €2,181,750. The average set a new record at €13,064 (+14%) and the median came in at €9,000 (-3%), the second-best median figure to date.

Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins said, “We are delighted to kick off our first sale of 2022 with another record-breaking session, following last year’s record-breaking renewals of the November NH Sale and the Derby Sale that returned the highest average and median on record for any store sale.

“The February NH Sale was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid-19 and it was fantastic to stage a sale today under more ‘normal’ conditions and witness the fierce competition for choice foals between buyers from near and far. It is very pleasing to see the figures reach new highs, proving the February NH Sale is worth the wait.

We look forward to sponsoring the €150,000 Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle (Grade 1) at the Dublin Racing Festival this coming weekend and catching up with many of our loyal vendors and purchasers ahead of the Derby Sale inspections commencing. Derby Sale graduates dominated at the 2021 Dublin Racing Festival with four Grade 1 winners and we cannot wait to cheer them on this weekend on what is sure to be a superb weekend of racing.”

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Moonflight (Fr), c, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)--Morning Sun (Ger), by Law Society. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-1, 2150mT, 2:19.86. B-Haras De La Perelle (FR). *€85,000 Ylg ’20 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Beaulieu (Ire) (Motivator {GB}), GSP-Fr, $157,940.