



PIMLICO NEEDS BASE REPAIRS PRIOR TO PREAKNESS MEET



Horsephotos

by T.D. Thornton

Pimlico Race Course will shut down for training over a three-day period later this month to repair the base of the main dirt track ahead of the GI Preakness S. meet that runs May 12-30.

Mike Rogers, the president of the racing division for The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns both Pimlico and Laurel Park, alerted the Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) to the upcoming closure during Tuesday's monthly commission meeting.

Rogers said the exact dates for the repairs are dependent on weather. Apr. 17-20 is the primary time window, with Apr. 25-27 a backup option.

During the Apr. 5 meeting, Rogers described the work as a "normal, routine process." He later detailed the areas that need attention in a follow-up email to TDN.

"The areas are on the outside before the chute and the outside in the middle of the far turn," Rogers wrote. "The areas are previous repairs that have been repaired a number of times in the last 5+ years. While the track is shut down we can examine any other previous repairs done and fix accordingly."

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SECOND CHANCES: CREATIVE MINISTER ANOTHER PROMISING SOPHOMORE FOR MCPEEK BARN by Steve Sherack

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

Think the word was out on **Creative Minister** (c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Tamboz, by **Tapit**) ahead of his unveiling on the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. undercard at Gulfstream Park Mar. 5 (**video**)? Hammered down to 5-2 favoritism off a 15-1 morning-line quote--having last year's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner **Rattle N Roll** (**Connect**) as a regular workmate will certainly do that--Creative Minister was quickly outsprinted in a ground-saving 10th as they sped through an opening quarter in :22.14. **Cont. p4**

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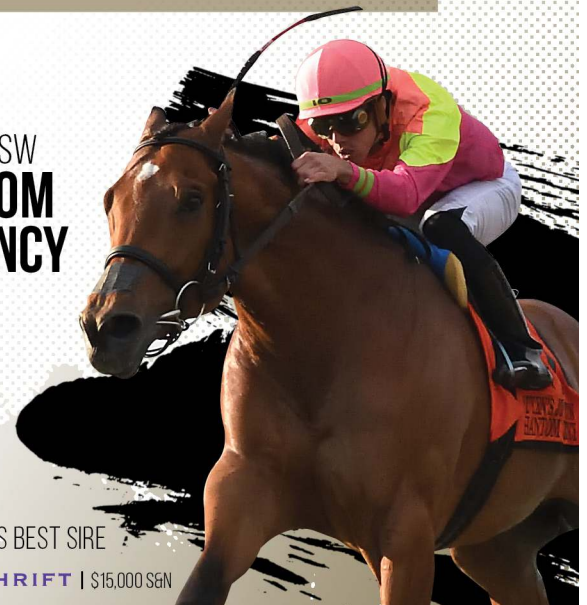
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Pimlico to repair base cont. from p1

Pimlico's main track has been pressed into increased usage over the past year because of a massive main-track replacement project at Laurel. It's also scheduled to see extra usage this summer, because Pimlico is scheduled to host an August meet for the first time since 2005.

One year ago, Laurel's main track was in such bad shape that TSG ceased racing on it Apr. 11, 2021, to begin an emergency rebuild from the base up. The project was repeatedly delayed and had its scope expanded, and it ended up taking five months before racing could resume instead of the initially projected one month. When racing resumed Sept. 9, Laurel's main track had no apparent safety issues. But the onset of cold weather revealed problems with seams in the base of the homestretch, then the cushion atop that layer needed substantial reworking to give it more body and depth.

Eight horses died from fractures while racing or training over Laurel's main track between Oct. 3 and Nov. 28, leading to several halts in racing and training that extended into January while expert track surface consultants scrambled to provide a fix. Rogers reported to the MRC that the surface at Laurel is now in the process of being gradually de-winterized to prepare for warmer weather.

"[Laurel], as we know, we have issues with the cushion,"

Rogers told the MRC. "So we're actually in the process now of converting that cushion back to being a summer track. So we're adding some of the finer materials again so that we can water the track and the track can withstand the warmer temperatures that happen in the summertime."

Rogers continued: "The shoulder season when we go back and forth to the summer track will now be much more manageable than we've seen in the past. We're doing that now and there seems to be positive feedback from the horsemen. We were getting feedback earlier that [the track was] 'dead' or didn't have life to it. And that's kind of consistent with the track having the larger-coarse fibers that we've added [for winter]. And with the temperature warming up, now we're adding that finer [material]."

A check of the base of Laurel's main track will also be scheduled in the near future, Rogers said.

And Laurel's turf course is just 10 days from its first scheduled race on Apr. 15, Rogers reported.

"I know there's been discussions in the past about the drainage of this turf course. But we've undertaken to [install] cameras to check our drainage system. So everything checks so far--the drainage system is absolutely fine. But we do have prior maintenance practices of rolling this turf course quite a bit, so there's compaction that's fairly deep in the turf course.

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"So it's actually a vertical drainage issue [and] we've been aerating it quite a bit. We aerated it last year, and we're continuing to do that. So I'm confident that we're heading in the right direction.

"Is this turf course exactly where it needs to be?" Rogers asked rhetorically. "Not quite yet. We still need to do much more aeration [so that] if we have a big rainstorm, it can drain properly and [we'll be] ready to race in short order. It's a work in progress, but we're definitely much better than we were last year, and I'm confident we'll be in good shape."

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Creative Minister (outside) flew home to finish a promising second on debut at Gulfstream | *Coglianesse*

The gray finally re-entered the picture with an eye-catching, four-wide rally leaving the five-sixteenths marker, and, despite switching back to his left lead in deep stretch, came blitzing home on the outside to finish just a neck short to second-time starter Felix (**Cupid**). The final time for seven furlongs was 1:23.63. Creative Minister, the only runner in the field of 11 to shade :13 for his final eighth (:12.84), earned a 76 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

"I was real pleased going that distance," trainer Ken McPeck said. "We let him settle and take some dirt in his face. He showed a nice finish. He's gonna run next at Keeneland on opening weekend going a mile and a sixteenth."

McPeck's deep bench of 3-year-olds already includes: GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Smile Happy (**Runhappy**) (second in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 19), the aforementioned Rattle N Roll (fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 26) and Tiz the Bomb (Hit It a Bomb) (won GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks Apr. 2).



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“He could work his way up into that level,” McPeek replied. “He needs to jump through a couple of conditions--certainly his maiden and a-other-than. If he does that, then maybe we'll get ambitious.”

Creative Minister has posted three works since his debut, including a four-furlong warning shot in a bullet :47.07 (1/113) in Hallandale Mar. 26.

As for his workouts in company with Rattle N Roll prior to his debut, McPeek added, “They went head and head--he handles his own with Rattle N Roll. Not necessarily one better than the other, but a good, even match. Rattle N Roll's race was respectable over in New Orleans. The winner was real impressive.”

Bred in Kentucky by Dell Ridge Farm, Creative Minister was the most expensive of 59 yearlings sold by his sire in 2020 when bringing \$180,000 from Fern Circle Stables and Back Racing, LLC at Keeneland September. The winning **Tapit** mare Tamboz, a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Tapizar, brought \$440,000 from Dell Ridge Farm at the 2012 Keeneland November sale. Tamboz has produced MGSP Oceanwave (Harlan's Holiday) and Battalion Runner (Unbridled's Song); GISP Dolder Grand (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) and a pair of additional stakes-placed runners. This is also the family of GISWs Olympio, Cuvee, et al.

“He's a big, handsome horse and has a good-looking frame on him,” McPeek concluded. “He's got a lot of upside. He could be a horse by summer that fits with some of the top 3-year-olds. He's got some work to do first though.”

*The 'Second Chances' honor roll is headed by two-time Breeders' Cup winner **Golden Pal (Uncle Mo)**, GI **Runhappy Santa Anita Derby winner and Lane's End stallion Honor A. P. (Honor Code)** and MGISW and '**TDN Rising Star Paradise Woods (Union Rags)**. This term's ultra-impressive GIII WinStar Gulfstream Park Mile S. and GIII Fred W. Hooper S. winner **Speaker's Corner (Street Sense)**, recent narrow GIII Michelob Ultra Challenger S. runner-up **Cody's Wish (Curlin)** and last year's comebacking GI Frizette S. third-place finisher **A Mo Reay (Uncle Mo)** have also been featured. Other standouts include: GSW **Moonlight d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro)**, GSW & MGISP **Spielberg (Union Rags)**, GSW **Backyard Heaven (Tizway)** and MSW and '**TDN Rising Star Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**.*

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HIS TROUBLES BEHIND HIM, WILL WALDEN LAUNCHES TRAINING CAREER

by Bill Finley



Will Walden | Keeneland

It wasn't that long ago that Will Walden, recovering from substance addiction, was working the morning shift at Wendy's, walking a mile and a half, sometimes in the snow, to get to a job where his duties included scraping old ketchup packets off of the concrete in the parking lot.

“I got to a place that I'm not proud of. I was at the end of my rope. I was broken,” Walden said.

But his time at Wendy's, as humbling as it may have been, was an important step. He needed a job because a job was part of the process, one that he hoped would lead him away from years of substance abuse to a career as a Thoroughbred trainer. Now sober, that goal is about to become a reality. Walden has 10 horses and is ready to begin his training career at the upcoming Keeneland spring meet. He is the 31-year-old son of Elliott Walden, the former trainer who is the President and CEO of WinStar Farm. The younger Walden grew up around the barn, was always interested in horses and his father is a leading figure in the industry. He grew up watching his father win races like the GI Haskell with Menifee (Harlan), the GI Belmont S. with Victory Gallop (Cryptoclearance) and the GI Super Derby with Ecton Park (Forty Niner). He said if he wasn't in school he was around the barn. When his father left training in 2005 to go to work at WinStar, he put his equipment in storage, believing that some day his then teenage son would put them to good use.

“I remember when my dad first handed me shank. It was when I was 8 or 9-years-old,” Walden said. “I wanted a pair of Jordans. I couldn't afford them and he wasn't going to pay for them. So, he handed me a shank and had me hot walk to earn the money to buy them. I always had a connection with the horse. When I wasn't in school, every Saturday and Sunday, I was at the barn.”

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"It's pretty much been a 12-year run," Walden said. "Started going to treatment centers and jail. I was pretty much an equal opportunity drug user. It wasn't anything specific. It was mainly heroin and crack cocaine and alcohol. Those were my things. It took me to a place where I about lost my life several times. I kept waking up in hospitals or jail cells or with a defibrillators on my chest or Narcan in my nose."

It's not that he didn't try to get better. It's just that nothing worked. That was until he met Christian Countzler, who worked at Shepherds House, a drug treatment program in Lexington. He convinced Walden to give the facility a try.

"He kind of saved my life," Walden said. "He was running a treatment facility in Lexington and was a sergeant in the military. He did two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. I knew his passion and his heart was in it. There was no agenda with him. He just wanted to help people."

Walden entered Shepherds House in November, 2020. It was at a time that he had hit bottom and was, he said, finally ready to make some changes in his life.

"When I got there, it was at a point where I was going to wake up or I wasn't," he said. "I called Christian and asked him to take me to detox. I was in such a bad place that a willingness to change had been produced. I have been clean ever since I went into Shepherds House."

Those going in for treatment at Shepherds House usually stay from 12 to 18 months, but Walden did so well that he was let out early. His 10-month stay ended in September. Next up was the job at Wendy's. Showing that he was sober and could hold down a job, Walden was ready to start training and his father was there to lend his support.

"He's always been supportive," Walden said. "He just wanted the personal issues that I had to be in the rear view before this jump was made. Something that he's always told me was 'it's never been your professional life that's been in question. It's been your personal life.' Once those two got on the same page, he didn't see why I couldn't have a successful career doing this."

In rehab, he made two close friends, Tyler Maxwell and Michael Lowrey. Walden said their support was an important factor in his recovery and he wanted to stay close to them. So, he convinced them, upon their release, to sign up for the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship. The school, created by Taylor Made's Frank Taylor, was created to teach horsemanship skills to people recovering from substance issues and provide them

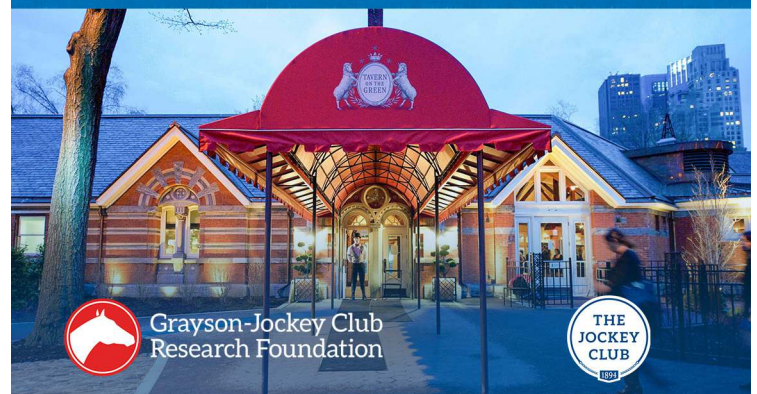
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"I'm off at Wendy's or wherever I am at and I get texts during the day from Tyler and Michael," Walden said. "There were all these questions, like how do I get this foal to walk into the paddock? It had been two years since I had been on the track but I recognized that spark. They had the passion."

So Walden hired the two as part of his training team.

He expects his first starter will be the 2-year-old Sergeant Countzler (Bolt d'Oro), who was named for Christian Countzler. The colt was bought at Keeneland September for \$45,000. It's a modest price, but was part of an overall strategy. Walden wants to focus on young horses who are eligible for maiden races that are restricted to horses that sold for less than a certain price.

"These horses run for \$90,000 in Kentucky and for \$85,000 in New York," he said. "If you win or run second in one of those races the odds are you've covered the purchase price or gotten pretty close. Everything after that is profit."

He will not have any horses for WinStar.

"I haven't earned something like that," Walden said.

Ten horses isn't going to guarantee success, especially when many of them were inexpensive yearling buys. For Walden, it could be tough at first, but he's not complaining. It beats the life he had been living.

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MSW PURSES SET FOR CD, ELLIS, & KY

DOWNES by T.D. Thornton



Kentucky Downs | Coady

Purse levels for maiden special weight (MSW) races on the Kentucky circuit have been established for the upcoming meets at Churchill Downs (\$120,000 in the first condition book), Ellis Park (\$50,000 through July and August) and Kentucky Downs (\$150,000 for seven days in September).

Those figures were revealed by representatives of those tracks Tuesday during a video meeting of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) advisory committee.

Ben Huffman, the vice president of racing and racing secretary at Churchill Downs, also confirmed that the **newly installed turf course** in Louisville is ready for racing.

"We're still on target for opening the turf course opening night [Apr. 30]," Huffman said. "The turf course is looking good. We certainly want it to warm up here a little quicker. We've had our consultants out there all winter. They were out there about a week, 10 days ago, and everything so far looks great. The root system's great. So we're on schedule as of right now."

The \$120,000 figure for Churchill's first-book MSW races through May 15 is an uptick over 2021's MSW purses, which were \$115,000 during Derby week, then \$100,000 for the balance of the spring/summer meet.

The \$50,000 Ellis projection is a slight dip from \$51,000 last year.

Kentucky Downs is adding one race date this season, up from six in 2021. MSW purses for the all-turf meet have risen from \$90,000 in 2020 and \$135,000 last year.

When Ted Nicholson, the senior vice president and general manager at Kentucky Downs, disclosed the \$150,000 figure for this year's meet, Bill Landes III, the chairman of the KTDF, reacted with mock astonishment at such a high figure by asking if that figure was actually in United States dollars.

"Do you have a grass horse?" Nicholson deadpanned in response. When Kentucky racing shifts back to Turfway Park next December, horsemen can expect not only the completion of the racino's new clubhouse/grandstand (scheduled to open to the public Sept. 1), but five new barns, a new two-story dormitory, and a new post-race testing barn in the stable area.

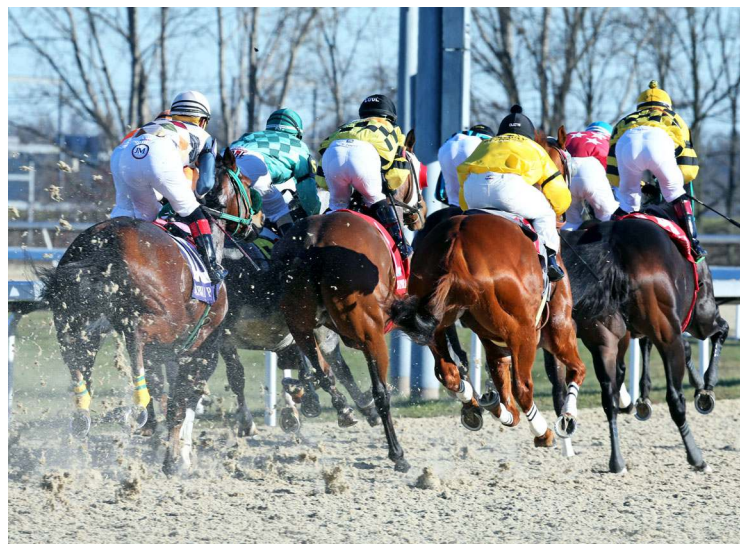
Chip Bach, Turfway's general manager, said the new dormitory will be "very similar to what they have at Churchill Downs" and it will be "a thousand percent better for our horsemen who live on the grounds...Our goal is to have them ready before we open the barn area in November."

Quipped Landes: "From what I hear, you'll have no problems filling them next year."

An Ellis Park turf widening project has been stalled by wet weather, but surveying is set to begin once the infield dries out, an Ellis representative told the KTDF.

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WAGERING DOWN IN MARCH, NARROWLY UP FOR FIRST QUARTER



Racing at Turfway | Coady

Betting on U.S. Thoroughbred races dropped slightly in March compared to the month's total in 2021, while remaining narrowly ahead through 2022's first three months compared to its pace from the first quarter of 2021, according to Equibase's report of economic indicators released Tuesday.

Overall, \$942,589,741 was wagered in March, a 2.37% decline from \$965,453,678 in March of 2021. The number of race days conducted was nearly identical, with 291 being run this March compared to 292 last year, making the average wagering per race day \$3,239,140, down 2.03% from last March's average of \$3,306,348. Purses rose 6.15% to \$86,833,249 this March compared to \$81,798,689 from last year. Average field size dropped 3.03% from 7.59 horses per race to 7.36.

Through the first quarter of 2022, a total of \$2,796,360,290 has been bet, a 1.09% increase from \$2,766,166,337 in 2021. However, with 807 race days having been run through March this year compared to 766 by the same point in 2021, average wagering per race day is down 4.04% at \$3,465,130 compared to \$3,611,183. Purses are clearly outpacing last year's numbers at \$244,753,188, a 13.84% increase from 2021's first quarter total of \$214,998,157, while field size for the first quarter averaged 7.56, a 3% decrease from 7.79 in 2021.

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Fans will have the final pari-mutuel opportunity to bet on this year's GI Kentucky Derby in advance of the May 7 race beginning Thursday at noon ET through Saturday at 4:30 p.m. ET for Pool 5 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager ("KDFW"). Pool 5 of the KDFW features 24 betting interests and the 5-1 early morning-line favorite is Winchell Thoroughbreds' GII TwinSpines.com Louisiana Derby winner **Epicenter** (**Not This Time**). Unlike the previous three-day Kentucky Derby Future Wager opportunities, Pool 5 will feature an early start Thursday and will close Saturday prior to the first Road to the Kentucky Derby Championship Series event held that day. Nine individual betting interests in Saturday's pool are expected to run in that day's GI Toyota Blue Grass S., GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby and GII Wood Memorial S.

Here is the complete field for Pool 5 of the KDFW (with sire, trainer and morning-line odds): #1 **Barber Road** (Race Day, John Ortiz, 50-1); #2 **Charge It** (**Tapit**, Todd Pletcher, 12-1); #3 **Crown Pride** (**Jpn**) (Reach the Crown {Jpn}, Koichi Shintani, 50-1); #4 **Cyberknife** (**Gun Runner**, Brad Cox, 12-1); #5 **Early Voting** (**Gun Runner**, Chad Brown, 20-1); #6 **Emmanuel** (**More Than Ready**, Pletcher, 20-1); #7 **Epicenter** (Steve Asmussen, 5-1); #8 **Ethereal Road** (**Quality Road**, D. Wayne Lukas, 50-1); #9 **Forbidden Kingdom** (**American Pharoah**, Richard Mandella, 8-1); #10 **In Due Time** (**Not This Time**, Kelly Breen, 50-1); #11 **Messier** (Empire Maker, Tim Yakteen, 8-1); #12 **Mo Donegal** (**Uncle Mo**, Pletcher, 20-1); #13 **Morello** (**Classic Empire**, Asmussen, 20-1); #14 **Pioneer of Medina** (Pioneerof the Nile Pletcher, 30-1); #15 **Simplification** (**Not This Time**, Antonio Sano, 15-1); #16 **Slow Down Andy** (**Nyquist**, Doug O'Neill, 50-1); #17 **Smile Happy** (**Runhappy**, Kenny McPeek, 6-1); #18 **Summer Is Tomorrow** (**Summer Front**, Bhupat Seemar, 50-1); #19 **Tawny Port** (Pioneerof the Nile, Cox, 50-1); #20 **Tiz the Bomb** (Hit It a Bomb, McPeek, 12-1); #21 **White Abarrio** (Race Day, Saffie Joseph, Jr., 8-1); #22 **Zandon** (**Upstart**, Brown, 20-1); #23 **Zozos** (**Munnings**, Cox, 30-1); #24 "All Other 3-Year-Olds" (15-1).

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DELL HANCOCK TO RECEIVE DINNY PHIPPS AWARD *Edited Press Release*



Dell Hancock with Grayson-Jockey Club's Ed Bowen at the 2016 Hall of Fame ceremony | *Horsephotos*

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation announced today that Dell Hancock, chairman of the foundation, has been named the fifth recipient of the Dinny Phipps Award. She will be presented with the award at the Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration, which will be held Thursday, June 9.

Earle Mack, an active participant in Thoroughbred racing and breeding for more than five decades, created the award in 2017 in memory of Phipps to honor an individual or individuals who have demonstrated dedication to equine health. Previous winners of the Dinny Phipps Award are the Phipps family, Frank Stronach, John Oxley, and Michael Del Giudice.

"Dell has been a tireless worker and friend in every area of our industry and most deserving of the Dinny Phipps award," Mack said. "Dell, thank you for a lifetime of dedication."

Hancock joined the Grayson board in 1985 and was named chairman in 2004. She has been an active member of The Jockey Club (TJC) for more than 25 years and served two terms on the board of stewards. She is currently a member of TJC's Thoroughbred Safety Committee. Under Hancock's leadership, Grayson has become the largest private funder of equine research. Since 2004, the year Hancock became chairman, Grayson has provided more than \$21 million to fund 231 projects as well as an additional \$480,000 to fund 30 career development awards.

"The Hancock family and the Phipps family have a long, deep relationship, which makes me even more honored to be the recipient of this award bearing Dinny's name. He is a man I respected in so many ways," Hancock said.

The Belmont Stakes Charity Celebration, traditionally one of Grayson's largest fundraisers, will be held at the famed Tavern on the Green in New York City's Central Park. It will be hosted at the venue's south patio, which features views of the park and Manhattan skyline.

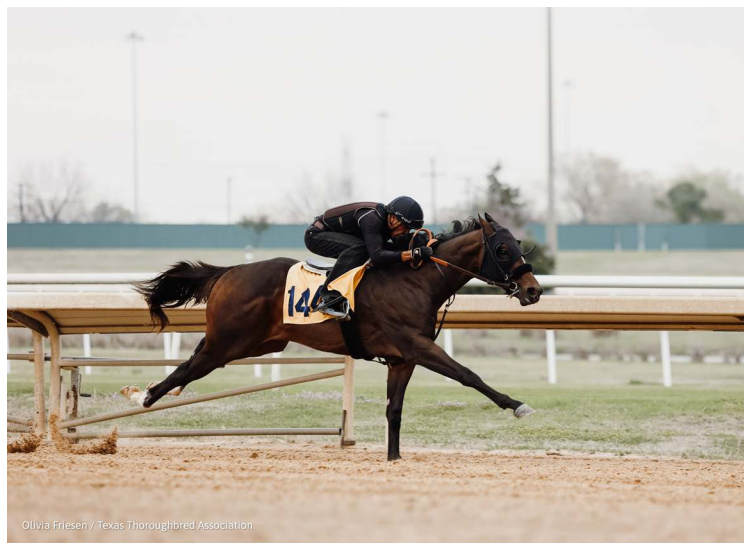
The event is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. and will include cocktails and food stations with an emphasis on Kentucky flavors. Entertainment will be provided by Kentucky's own Wolfpen Branch, a bluegrass band co-founded by Arthur Hancock IV.

Tickets for the celebration are \$250 each, and various sponsorship levels are available. Those interested in purchasing tickets or sponsorships can do so at [this link](#) or by contacting Shannon Kelly at skelly@jockeyclub.com or 212-521-5327.

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STRAIGHT FIRE COLT BREEZES :10 1/5 FOR TTA SALE



Olivia Friesen / Texas Thoroughbred Association

A colt by Straight Fire tops Texas 2-year-old workers | Olivia Friesen

A Straight Fire colt out of Luckfromabove (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}) topped workers for the 2022 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Monday, breezing his eighth in :10 1/5 at Lone Star. Cataloged in the supplement as **Hip 144**, the colt was bred by LNJ Foxwoods in California and is consigned by Pike Racing, agent. The annual sale is conducted by the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) and is scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 6, at 12 p.m. CT at Lone Star.

"I think the quality horses the consignors sent to us for this sale really put on a show today," TTA Sales Director Foster

Bridewell said. "The last horse to breeze drops the bullet, we had six go :10 2/5, and 17 stopped the timer in :10 3/5; that's a testament to the horses and the training leading up. We owe a debt of gratitude to the folks that trust us to sell for them and we're thankful for the consignors who have brought these athletes to this sale."

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WOODBINE AND CENTURY MILE PARTNER FOR CANADIAN-ONTARIO DERBY INITIATIVE




Frosted Over won the 2021 Ontario Derby | Michael Burns

Woodbine Entertainment and Century Mile have partnered up to give the winner of the GIII Canadian Derby free entry to the GIII Ontario Derby. The Canadian Derby will be run Aug. 20 at Century Mile in Edmonton, while the Ontario Derby is scheduled for Oct. 23 at Woodbine. Any runner that wins both events will earn connections a \$50,000 bonus.


"This exciting initiative provides a great opportunity to connect our sport across the country and further develop the Canadian Thoroughbred industry," said Tim Lawson, Woodbine's director of Thoroughbred racing.

Woodbine's 2022 Thoroughbred season begins Apr. 16; Century Mile's begins Apr. 30.

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Edited Press Release

For the second consecutive year, Stoneware & Co. will offer a signed, numbered and limited number of Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby 148 bottles to benefit the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF). This year's signed collector's edition will commemorate the 10th anniversary of I'll Have Another winning the Run for the Roses, and will be signed by two-time Kentucky Derby winning trainer, Doug O'Neill and two-time Kentucky Derby winning jockey, Mario Gutierrez.

"It is an exciting time of year with the Kentucky Derby approaching," said Pat Stickney, TRF's Executive Director. "With so many eyes on horse racing, we are happy to be able engage a new audience on the importance of Thoroughbred aftercare. We are so grateful for the continued support from Stoneware & Co., as well as the generosity of Doug O'Neill and Mario Gutierrez who are devoting their valuable time to participate."

With 400 bottles available exclusively through Stoneware & Co. for \$129 each, the bottle is offered for pre-sale at www.stonewareandco.com.

"We believe bourbon collectors and horse racing fans will be clamoring to own one of these rare bottles," said Steve Smith, owner of Stoneware & Co. and Managing Partner of Paristown. "These signatures represent the finest in KY Derby history and are a perfect complement to this beautiful bottle of the world's finest bourbon. It will make a great addition to any bourbon aficionado's collection, while supporting an organization that literally saves horses and changes lives."

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TAA LAUNCHES SECOND ANNUAL CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) Calendar Photo Contest is now open for submissions. The TAA is seeking photos of Thoroughbreds at a TAA-accredited organization or of Thoroughbreds who have been adopted from a TAA-accredited organization. Online submissions will be accepted now through June 11, 2022.

Twelve photos will be selected, including one cover photo winner which will receive a Tipperary 9800 Devon with MIPS helmet. Additionally, all twelve winners will receive a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance swag bag and 2023 TAA Calendar. Winners will be announced in August 2022. Repole Stable is once again sponsoring the production and distribution of the TAA calendar.

Photo submissions must be in JPEG format in high-resolution (at least 300 ppi) and in landscape layout only. Color photographs are preferred. Themes of photos may include the following: Seasons (showcasing a winter scene, etc.), OTTB in training, happy adopter, OTTB used in equine-assisted therapy, etc. Submissions are free and open to residents of the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico. For more information, the official rules, and to enter the contest, [click here](#).

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COMMONWEALTH CHALLENGE KICKS OFF APR. 8

The Commonwealth Racing Challenge kicks off Friday, Apr. 8 with the opening of the Keeneland spring race meet. The new initiative is designed to encourage Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) members to visit all of Kentucky's racetracks during the 2022 Kentucky horse racing circuit.

KEEP members who successfully scan a unique QR code and tag KEEP in a social media post at each of the six participating Kentucky racetracks during their 2022 racing meets will be entered to win four VIP tickets the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland Nov. 4-5 in addition to dinner for four at Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse in Lexington. Elisabeth Jensen, KEEP's Executive Vice President who oversees the daily operations of the organization, said, "Thanks to the support of Kentucky's legislature and governor, Kentucky continues building the strongest racing circuit in the country. The Commonwealth Racing Challenge gives people an opportunity to see the depth and breadth of the circuit throughout 2022."

For more information, visit www.horseswork.com/commonwealth-racing-challenge.

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HALLWAY FEEDS' STEVE CADDEL RETIRES



Steve Caddel

Hallway Feeds Technical Services Team Member Steve Caddel announced his retirement after 30 years with the company. The Uvalde, Texas native, Caddel began working for Hallway Feeds in technical services and sales in April of 1991. While working at Hallway Feeds, Caddel served the Thoroughbred community, balancing science with real-world knowledge of horses to advise clients on feed choices.

“I was out on the farm seeing the horses,” Caddel said. “When we would try something new, I could see if it was working or not. That allowed me to bring useful information back to [Hallway Feeds]. It wasn’t anything planned, that’s just how it evolved.”

Caddel has been part of several of Hallway Feeds’ initiatives, including the incorporation of body condition score data into growth management, a growth study with Kentucky Equine Research (KER) resulting from the collection of weight and height data of thousands of horses being fed the feeds, and the advent of using information gleaned from radiographs to pinpoint joint issues.

“Having weighed, measured and body condition scored more Thoroughbreds than any other individual worldwide, Steve has led Hallway Feeds in collecting the largest set of growth data on the breed in the world,” said Lee Hall, vice president of Hallway Feeds.

Caddel will conclude his tenure with Hallway following an upcoming collaboration between the company and KER's Dr. Joe Pagan. The seminar will center around the results of many years of growth data compared to health records, sales results, and performance records.

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AMPLIFY HORSE RACING, MYRACEHORSE LAUNCH CHILDREN'S TOUR SERIES

Amplify Horse Racing and MyRacehorse are launching “Amplify Junior, Sponsored by MyRacehorse”—a partnership that will deliver a children’s educational tour series to Kentucky. The new initiative will teach young children and their parents and guardians about the Thoroughbred horse racing industry. The new junior program for children 12 and under will feature monthly educational tours from April through October at iconic locations in Kentucky, including Keeneland Race Course, Fasig-Tipton Sales Company, and Taylor Made Farm. Each of the seven destinations will include a tour of the facility and hands-on engaging activities for children to learn about horses and the life cycle of the Thoroughbred. MyRacehorse and Amplify personnel will be onsite to host tours and enhance learning alongside facility representatives. “This collaboration between MyRacehorse and Amplify perfectly aligns with our mission to bring all the fun, excitement, and opportunity that the Thoroughbred racing industry has to offer,” said MyRacehorse CEO and Founder Michael Behrens. “To be able to educate a younger generation of fans, who may become industry participants in the future, is a very worthwhile endeavor.” Added Annise Montplaisir, Amplify President and Co-Founder, and Equine Education Coordinator for the Kentucky Equine Education Project Foundation, “Amplify Horse Racing is excited to be working with MyRacehorse on expanding our educational programming to include children 12 and unde. Developing a passion for horses frequently happens at a young age, so we look forward to cultivating the interest of the children and families who participate, and sharing our own love of the horse.” Registration for the first event on April 23 at Godolphin’s Gainsborough Farm will open in the coming days. For more information about the program and to view the complete list of tour destinations, [click here](#), or contact info@amplifyhorseracing.org.

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Friday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT


CENTRAL BANK ASHLAND S.-GI, \$600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Mattie B 	Tonalist	Westlake Racing Stable	Hess, Jr.	Rosario	121
2	Interstatedaydream 	Classic Empire	Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	121
3	Awake At Midnyte 	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	121
4	Nest 	Curlin	Repole Stable, Eclipse Tbred Partners & Michael House	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	121
5	Sterling Silver	Cupid	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Ortiz	121
6	Happy Soul 	Runhappy	Gayla Rankin	Ward	Velazquez	121
7	Cocktail Moments 	Uncle Mo	Dixiana Farms LLC	McPeck	Lanerie	121
8	Heavenly Hellos 	Overanalyze	Victory Racing Stable, LLC	Hernandez	Morales	121

Breeders: 1-R. S. Evans, 2-William D. Graham, 3-Forty Oaks, 4-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 5-Mallory Mort & Karen Mort, 6-Harris Training Center, LLC, 7-Mark Stansell, 8-Upson Downs Farm

Friday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT

KENTUCKY UTILITIES TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Credibility 	Nyquist	Harry T. Rosenblum	Casse	Geroux	118
2	Napoleonic War	War Front	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	118
3	Sy Dog	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Motion	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Grand Sonata 	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	118
5	Coinage 	Tapit	D. J. Stable LLC, Chester Sr & Mary Broman	Casse	Saez	118
6	Verbal	Flintshire (GB)	Juddmonte	Brown	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-DJ Stable, LLC, 2-White Birch Farm, Inc., 3-Head of Plains Partners & MadaketStables, 4-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 5-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc



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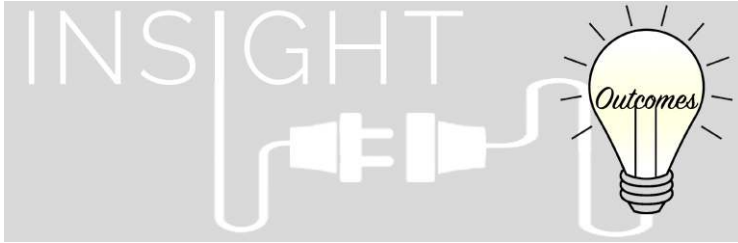
for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Apr. 4

Earnings represent NA & EU figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2022 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 15 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$100,000	2	10	1	7	--	--	62	9	838,500	1,690,217
										Golden Sixty (Aus)	
2	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 11 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$250,000	2	7	2	5	--	1	54	11	360,000	995,996
										Man of Promise	
3	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 13 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$100,000	1	7	--	3	--	--	63	13	120,000	778,597
										Sumter	
4	Temple City (2005) by Dynaformer Crops: 9 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	4	5	3	3	--	--	45	14	163,560	700,257
										Temple	
5	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 12 Stands: Calumet Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	1	5	1	4	--	--	52	15	190,000	695,057
										Two Emmys	
6	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 15 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000	1	5	--	3	--	1	32	5	84,875	449,445
										Coinage	
7	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 14 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$50,000	3	4	2	2	--	--	75	14	378,866	1,014,124
										Gendarme	
8	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 9 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$150,000	2	4	2	4	--	--	35	9	225,900	700,260
										Bleecker Street	
9	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 15 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$90,000	1	4	1	3	--	--	30	7	118,034	540,884
										Detroit Tesoro	
10	Pioneerof the Nile (2006) by Empire Maker Crops: 10 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Retired)	2	4	1	1	--	--	31	9	64,000	364,455
										Canoodling	
11	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 5 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	2	4	1	2	--	--	30	4	89,140	337,361
										Seven Scents	
12	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 19 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000	1	3	--	2	--	--	72	10	274,060	905,118
										Stoltz (Aus)	
13	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 8 Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$160,000	2	3	1	1	--	--	55	14	120,870	697,694
										Family Way	
14	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 8 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$60,000	--	3	--	1	--	--	46	10	46,740	530,227
										American Starlet	
15	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 15 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000	2	3	1	1	--	--	28	7	150,000	420,303
										Chewing Gum	

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INSIGHT OUTCOMES: MARACUJA, MENDENHALL, MORE HINT AT BRIGHT 2022

by Jill Williams



Mendenhall beat a tough field Sunday | Ryan Thompson

An abundance of well-bred runners went to post this week with some very satisfying visits to the winner's circle. A Grade I winner kickstarted her 2022 campaign with a win before facing tougher company, while a number of first-time starters ran with promise, perhaps foreshadowing bigger things down the road.

Thursday's Insights: Mandy Pope Starts Pair at Oaklawn 4th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Msw, 3-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.99, gd, head.

Regally bred **SALUTE THE FLAG** (f, 4, **Curlin**--Private Ensign {GSP, \$124,384}, by A.P. Indy) gamely wore down a loose-in-the-stretch late leader to win by a head with the rest of the field more than 10 lengths behind. The Larry Jones trainee for Fox Hill and Siena Farms traces back to undefeated champion and Broodmare of the Year Personal Ensign (Private Account). Meanwhile the Whisper Hill-owned pair of **Dance It** (**Tapit**), a \$500,000 purchase at Keeneland September, and **Goldena** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), finished off the board. Dance It was making her career debut only to hop awkwardly out of the gate and prove a bit rank early, but finished evenly. Goldena had added

blinkers for what was her third start after working two bullets at Oaklawn in a month. Like winner Salute the Flag, both also hail from exceptional female families, with Dance It tracing to Starlet Storm (Storm Bird), dam of and granddam of, respectively, champions Flanders (Seeking the Gold) and Surfside (Seattle Slew); and Goldena tracing to Numbered Account (Buckpasser), 1971's champion 2-year-old filly and the dam of both GISW Dance Number (Northern Dancer), the ancestress of several GISWs, and MGISW Private Account (Damascus), sire of the aforementioned Personal Ensign. In spite of the results of this maiden race, Mandy Pope and her Whisper Hill operation didn't fare too badly over the weekend, with homebred '**TDN Rising Star**' Charge It (**Tapit**) finishing a green but exciting second in the GI Florida Derby. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

Friday's Insights: Maracuja Begins 2022 Campaign at Oaklawn 8th-Oaklawn, \$108,000, Alw (NW4L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 4-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.51, ft, 2 lengths.

MARACUJA (f, 4, **Honor Code**--Patti's Regal Song {SP}, by **Unbridled's Song**), vanquisher of both champion Malathaat (**Curlin**) and GISW Clairiere (**Curlin**) in last year's GI Coaching Club American Oaks, kicked off her 2022 campaign by overcoming a bumpy start--literally, as she ricocheted repeatedly off her inside rival out of the gate--and circling the field wide with enthusiasm to storm past all by two lengths. It was the classy filly's first start since finishing fourth behind Clairiere in the Sept. 25 GI Cotillion S. Trainer Rob Atras is reportedly considering Oaklawn's Apr. 23, \$1-million GI Apple Blossom S. as a next start for the gray. Both Clairiere and reigning Eclipse older female champion Letruska (Super Saver) are also pointing to the race. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

Saturday's Insights: Karen With an I Flies Beholder's Colors on Debut

8th-Santa Anita, \$68,500, Msw, 4-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.27, ft, neck.

Debuting **MY KENTUCKY GIRL** (f, 3, **American Pharoah**--**Easy Living** {SP, \$153,300}, by **Big Brown**) raced very wide, failed to change to her proper lead until late stretch, and got no more confidence from the public than 20-1, but none of it mattered as she rallied late to win by a neck. The dark bay sold for \$475,000 as a 2020 Keeneland September yearling, making her among the top 10 highest-priced yearlings by her sire that year. The Jonathan Wong pupil had been working steadily over the Golden Gate all-weather surface for this unveiling. Bred by Stonehaven Steadings and owned by Tommy Town, My Kentucky Girl beat

another filly also 'Insighted' in the race, **Karin With an I (Curlin)**. The latter has had a close following since birth as the second foal and first daughter of superstar mare Beholder (Henny Hughes). A Spendthrift homebred, Karin With an I had been working nicely for this debut, but broke from the rail and never quite got involved. For the record, Beholder didn't win first-time out either and things worked out just fine for her. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG](#).**

8th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 4-2, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.97, ft, 1/2 length.

The highest-priced 2-year-old by her now-sophomore sire when she hammered for \$575,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Gulfstream sale last year after working in a sharp **:10, WISH YOU WELL (f, 3, American Freedom--Listen to Libby, by Indian Charlie)** debuted accordingly. The Brereton Jones-bred chestnut leaped eagerly out of the gate, pricked her ears, led the field through :22.10 and :44.75 fractions, and held off fellow 'Insighted' filly **Inventing (Union Rags)** to win gamely. The George Weaver trainee is a half-sister to GSW Chanteline (Majesticperfection). Their dam is undoubtedly named for Libby Jones, co-proprietor of Airdrie Stud, where this filly was bred and where **American Freedom** stands. Fellow firster Inventing, a \$390,000 Keeneland September purchase now in Todd Pletcher's barn, targeted Wish You Well on the turn and was closing with every stride, but couldn't quite catch her rival. She had stumbled at the start and will surely be stretched out down the road, as she's had family members appreciate a little extra distance, including GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Status (A.P. Indy) and GI Alabama S. winner Dunbar Road (**Quality Road**). **Easy to Love** (Empire Maker) also debuted in this spot. The Bill Mott-trained Gainesway homebred broke inwardly from the outside and set off a chain reaction of bumps. All seven of her siblings are winners, including half-brother Lukes Alley (Flower Alley), who is a Canadian champion and U.S. GISW, and another half-sister who is a SW and GSP, so don't count her out yet. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG](#).**

Sunday's Insights: Hall of Famer-Trained Maidens in at Gulfstream

7th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 4-3, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.50, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

Pedigree handicappers may have had a tough time with this race, as a slew of well-bred and/or expensive sophomores contested this spot. **MENDENHALL (c, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Mamma Kimbo {GSW, \$242,250}, by Discreet Cat)** got the job done at second asking after two bullets at Payson since his Mar. 5 seventh-place debut for Bill Mott. He had dwelt at the start that day and was never an active part of the race, but what a

difference a little experience makes. The \$675,000 Keeneland September OXO Equine purchase took command early and never left the result in doubt with Tyler Gallalione riding him confidently to a 1 1/2-length win after easing up late. His GI Fantasy-winning dam is a granddaughter of Canadian champion Deputy Jane West (Silver Deputy) and has produced two stakes winners from her six foals to race. Mendenhall was also a part of 'Insights' for his first career start. **Logico (Violence)** closed from last to second after being bumped at the start and has been knocking heads with some major players in his previous starts, including Saturday's GI Florida Derby winner White Abarrio (Race Day) and runner-up Charge It (**Tapit**) in their respective maiden wins. The debuting Stuart Janney III homebred **Breakwater (Flatter)** finished third. That left other 'Insighted' horses **Days of Yore (Street Sense)**, **Gate Runner (Arrogate)**, and **Broken Spur (American Pharoah)** off the podium in their respective unveilings. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG](#).**

9th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Moc (\$50K), 4-3, 3yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.02, fm, neck.

Great Uncle (Uncle Mo) debuted in this softer spot while not in for a tag and just missed the win against a bevy of more seasoned competitors. He broke from the rail, set all the pace with ears flicking back and forth early, and got a good education, as he was pressed most of the way and repelled that protracted challenge to pull away from the field before just getting caught at the wire by **MR MAC QUHAE (g, 3, Classic Empire--Starlight Lady, by Elusive Quality)**. The Live Oak homebred, a half to MGSW Souper **Tapit (Tapit)**, is trained by Mark Casse and is the second foal to race out of GISW Zo Impressive (**Hard Spun**), who is out of GISW Zofig (Cozzene) and is a half-sister to GISW Zaftig (Gone West). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG](#).**

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
2022 Stud Fees Listed

Alliance (Harlan's Holiday), Bonita Farm
17 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 9:49 p.m. EDT, Alw 4 1/2f, Math Man Marco, 8-5

Connect (Curlin), Lane's End Farm, \$25,000
194 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Weekender, 7-2

Lord Nelson (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm
158 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Mahoning Valley, 1:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Quimby, 3-1
\$28,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$19,000 RNA FTK FEB yrl

Noble Bird (Birdstone), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
72 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Dirty Dawg, 15-1
\$14,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Takeover Target (Harlan's Holiday), Red River Farms
51 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Big Sessy, 20-1
\$1,200 ESL MIX wnl; \$5,600 TTA YHR yrl



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, \$51,080, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-5, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27.01, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

STARSHIP LAOBAN (f, 3, Laoban--Starship Pandora, by First Dude) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-2-1, \$87,870. O-Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger Inc.; B-Mustang Farms, Inc. (NY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$20,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

Halcyon Hammock Graduate

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900, (S), 4-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.51, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

MORESTRIDE (c, 4, Midshipman--Smart Stride, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-6-3-1, \$210,760. O-Michael L. Rone; B-Steve M DeMaiolo (OH); T-Penny Rone.

9th-Parx Racing, \$35,750, (S), 4-5, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.26, ft, nose.

EXCITABLE LADY (f, 4, Uncle Lino--Our Deer Lady, by Deerhound) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, \$126,988. O-Freedom Racing LLC; B-Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk (PA); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr..

5th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400, (S), 4-5, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.81, gd, nose.

JESSIE'S VALENTINE (m, 5, Include--Southern Swing, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$47,789. O-Steve Dupy & Randy Chelf; B-Daniel P. Kelliher, Three Oaks & Joe Keenan (OK); T-Roger F. Engel. *\$20,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Erinsouthernman (Eltish), GISP, \$126,338.

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7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080, (S), 4-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.18, gd, 8 1/4 lengths.

THAT'S SOMETHING (g, 5, Read the Footnotes--Cherokee Princess, by Concern) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-0, \$58,995. O/B/T-Lynn Chleborad (OK). *1/2 to Zella Rose (Native Ruler), MSP, \$444,701.

3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$20,273, 4-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.30, gd, 3 lengths.

BRODY'S STREAK (g, 3, Brody's Cause--Part of the Charm, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$44,471. O-Larry S. Henry;

B-Spendthrift Farm, LLC (KY); T-Alex T. Hartman. *\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Copper Beech, f, 3, **Cross Traffic**--Down On Copperline (SP, \$110,060), by Mutakddim. Mahoning Valley, 4-5, (S), 1m, 1:42.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,988. B-Craig & Lindy Powell (OH).

Jamie Dreams, g, 3, **Not This Time**--Denali Dreamscape, by Corinthian. Parx Racing, 4-5, 7f, 1:27.26. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$31,480. B-Hinkle Farms (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. **1/2 to New Boss (**Street Boss**), SW, \$188,904.

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Bendelene, f, 4, **Bent Tree**--Grooms Moka, by Groom's Image. Will Rogers Downs, 4-5, 6f, 1:12.23. Lifetime Record: 7-1-4-2, \$46,148. B-Patricia E. Weelborg (KS).

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- Cross Traffic**, Copper Beech, f, 3, o/o Down On Copperline, by Mutakddim. MSW, 4-5, Mahoning Valley
- Include**, Jessie's Valentine, m, 5, o/o Southern Swing, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 4-5, Will Rogers
- Laoban**, Starship Laoban, f, 3, o/o Starship Pandora, by **First Dude**. AOC, 4-5, Parx Racing
- Midshipman**, Morestride, c, 4, o/o Smart Stride, by Smart Strike. ALW, 4-5, Mahoning Valley
- Not This Time**, Jamie Dreams, g, 3, o/o Denali Dreamscape, by Corinthian. MSW, 4-5, Parx Racing
- Read the Footnotes**, That's Something, g, 5, o/o Cherokee Princess, by Concern. ALW, 4-5, Will Rogers
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By Emma Berry

"When you train you spend your whole life wanting a horse of this calibre, and then you get one and all you want to do is make sure that you get the very best out of him."

So states William Haggas of his stable star, the Shadwell homebred **Baaeed (GB)** (*Sea The Stars {Ire}*), whose seasonal debut, which is likely to be in the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. on May 14, will be one of the most anticipated returns of the season. At this stage last year, Baaeed hadn't even been seen on a racecourse, but his trainer thought enough of him to nominate him as his horse to follow in Mark Howard's *Ahead On The Flat* book for 2021.

"I've since looked back and thought, 'what if I'd run him in the Dewhurst?'," Haggas says. "Because the criticism of him when he goes to stud will be that he didn't run as a 2-year-old. I would say that if I had trained him to run as a 2-year-old he wouldn't have been the horse he is now, but the trouble is nobody knows the answer to that."

He adds, "When he was two I thought he would want a mile and a half because his brother did, but he has a huge sprinter's backside. He was always nice looking and of course he has a lovely pedigree. I love *Sea The Stars*. But I didn't envisage Baaeed doing what he did." [Cont. p2](#)

CAZOO OAKS ATTRACTS 46 ENTRIES

A total of 46 3-year-old fillies have been entered in the G1 Cazoo Oaks and 20 horses have stood their ground for the G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom Downs on June 3. Two dozen fillies represent the home team, and John and Thady Gosden train the 2021 Cartier Champion 2-Year-Old Filly **Inspirale (GB)** (*Frankel {GB}*) for Cheveley Park Stud. She sports three black-type wins including the G1 Fillies' Mile on Oct. 8. G3 Flame of Tara S. victress **Magical Lagoon (Ire)** (*Galileo {Ire}*) was unplaced in that affair for Zhang Yuesheng and the Jessica Harrington yard.

Mise En Scene (GB) (*Siyouni {Fr}*) captured the G3 Prestige S. at Goodwood on Aug. 28 for Qatar Racing and James Ferguson. Fourth in the Fillies' Mile, she went on to compete in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Del Mar on Nov. 5. Kirsten Rausing's **Kawida (GB)** (*Sir Percy {GB}*) gave trainer Ed Walker a score in the Listed Montrose S. at Newmarket on Oct. 30, defeating Godolphin's **With The Moonlight (Ire)** (*Frankel {GB}*) in third. [Cont. p6](#)

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What he did was to progress from his June 7 debut in a Leicester maiden, through a Newmarket novice race carrying a penalty, to the Listed Henry Cecil S. on the July Course, which he won easily by four lengths.

"Then I rang Sheikhha Hissa and asked her if she would like to supplement him for the Sussex," Haggas recalls. "He hadn't even run when the Sussex entries closed. I told her there was a Group 3 option for 3-year-olds only the next day and she said she would think about it. Sheikhha Hissa decided it was best to go quietly, and then the Sussex was run in a ploughed field and I wasn't sure that I would have wanted to run him in that ground, but fortunately she said to go for the Group 3 [Thoroughbred S.] and he won that easily too."

From that point on there was no avoiding a Group 1 challenge, and after a five-week break between runs, Baaeed travelled overseas for the first time to France for the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, in which he beat the GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Order Of Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}), G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal) and the G1 Falmouth S. heroine Snow Lantern (GB) (Frankel {GB}).

"We had a bit of a wobble after Goodwood and I was worried that he was too fresh in the Moulin," Haggas continues. "When I saw him go to post I was worried that I had underdone him. He was drawn wide and he was wide the whole way. He wasn't that

impressive really, but I knew then, and I said to Angus [Gold, Shadwell's racing manager] 'he must be a good horse, because he has done it in spite of his stupid trainer'. Then he was really good going to Ascot and we were extremely happy with him."

Baaeed concluded his spotless season by beating the top older miler Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. on QIPCO British Champions Day, with Her Majesty in attendance to present the prize for the race named in her

honour. He has remained at Haggas's Somerville Lodge as autumn turned to winter and now spring, and as he approaches his actual fourth birthday this Friday he has just completed his first piece of strong work in the countdown to Newbury.

Haggas, an avowed supporter of the brilliantly versatile Sea The Stars, with a keen interest in pedigrees, appears to be itching to try Baaeed beyond the mile at which he has so far proved so superior.



(l-r) Angus Gold, The Queen, Richard Hills, William Haggas, Ricky Favell, and Jim Crowley | Racingfotos.com

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Italian Guineas next for son of Churchill

IL GRANDE GATSBY displayed an impressive change of gear to win Sunday's Listed **Premio Pisa** by 4 lengths for **E.C. Racing Stable** giving jockey **Frankie Dettori** his first winner in the race

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He says, "He was always going for the Lockinge then the Queen Anne. He's going to be given an entry in the Prince of Wales's because I feel that he has to go up in trip at some stage. The difficulty is knowing when. Frankel did the Lockinge, Queen Anne, Sussex and then he went to a mile and a quarter and was imperious. I'm quite keen to try him at a mile and a quarter. I think if he relaxes and breathes properly then he should be better [at that distance]. I can't believe he won't stay."

The only dark cloud on an otherwise bright horizon for Baaeed and those around him is the fact that his owner-breeder Sheikh Hamdan did not live long enough to see this fifth-generation descendant of his hugely important foundation mare Height Of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}) make such an impact on the racecourse. The reins have been passed now to his daughter Sheikha Hissa, who has already signalled her enthusiasm for the turf with appearances at track work during the Dubai International Racing Carnival, at which Baaeed's full-brother Hukum (Ire) was victorious on Super Saturday in the G2 Dubai City of Gold for trainer Owen Burrows.

"However much we mourn Sheikh Hamdan, sadly he's not coming back," Haggas says. "Sheikha Hissa has her own identity and this is now the new era of Shadwell, and our focus is on what we can do for her and her operation."



Baaeed and Jim Crowley | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

Among Sheikha Hissa's team of runners to look forward to this season is another Lockinge entrant, **Aldaary (GB)** (Territories {Ire}), who was last seen when rounding off a memorable Champions Day for the team by winning the Balmoral H.

"Aldaary is a heavy-ground horse and he's pretty lethal at Ascot," says his trainer. "Newbury is straight and just occasionally the Lockinge is heavy. If suddenly I thought that it wasn't great for Baaeed then it would be great for Aldaary. But the idea is to run Baaeed, and he will probably run, but if it came up heavy Aldaary will run." **Cont. p4**

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Haggas adds, "He's never run in a stakes race before but he's rated 115 so is officially 10lbs behind Baaeed, but he's ahead of a lot of others and he's a lovely horse."

He adds of the 4-year-old gelding, "He was very difficult to break, but he was gelded and he is a really kind horse now."

Another in the stable for whom Haggas reserves the warmest of praise, and who is watching us keenly as we speak from his stable which is almost an annexe to the trainer's home, is the four-time Group 1 winner **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), now eight and thankfully recovered from an infection which nearly claimed his life last year.

"Addeybb is marvellous," Haggas says simply of the horse who brightened the early stages of lockdown, not just for his own stable, but for much of the local racing fraternity as Addeybb claimed back-to-back Group 1 wins in Sydney while British racing was brought to a standstill by the pandemic.

"He's going to go for the Brigadier Gerard at Sandown and then the Wolferton, unless he wins the Brigadier Gerard, in which case he'll go for the Prince of Wales's. Otherwise he'll go for the Wolferton, which he won three years ago. It's only listed, he's dropped all his Group 1 penalties and he's eight years old, so it might give him a chance of winning again."

He continues, "He was really good in 2020 and his performance in the Queen Elizabeth S. [at Randwick] and the Champion S. [at Ascot] were his best two. He was never quite the same in 2021 but he ran second behind St Mark's Basilica (Fr) with Mishriff (Ire) behind him in the Eclipse, and that was commendable effort. But then it didn't rain at all and we couldn't get a prep run into him before the Champion S. Then I

didn't think there would be much pace on, so I said to Tom [Marquand] to slide forward but Adayar took him on up front."

Haggas adds, "We nearly lost him. He got an infection in his hock and I thought he was going to die. He went off to the vets and lost a lot of weight, so it's taken him a long time to recover, but he's going to do his first piece of work this week. He's getting on a bit and he will probably be a very nice hack eventually when he retires."

Last season's G2 King Edward VII S. winner **Alenquer (Fr)**

(Adlerflug {Ger}) has already been seen in action twice this year when beating Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) to win the G3 Winter Derby before running sixth of 15 in an ultra-competitive staging of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.

"I think the ground was too firm for him [in Dubai]," says the trainer. "He lost a shoe but he looked uncomfortable on the ground, certainly turning for home. But he dug in quite well and ran a respectable race. I'm going to go to Ireland with him for the Tattersalls Gold Cup.

We've got another six weeks which I think will be fine. I don't think he wants it firm, but he can cope with soft ground."

He continues, "Everyone looked at Lord North winning [in Dubai] and thought Alenquer had to run well but nobody looked at the other side, which was Fancy Man (Ire), who was third in the Winter Derby and was then got rolled over in a listed race at Kempton the same day as Dubai.

"As training performances go, that was a pretty amazing training performance with Lord North, and John [Gosden] didn't get much credit for it. But to bring him back in three and a half weeks from looking ring-rusty to winning a race of that nature was pretty impressive."

Haggas adds with a laugh, "Don't tell him that though."



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Of the fillies' division in Somerville Lodge, Haggas notes that he may send last season's G3 Nell Gwyn S. and G2 Hungerford S. winner **Sacred (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) straight to Royal Ascot for the renamed G1 Platinum Jubilee S.

"I think she's best fresh," says the trainer, who also has Sacred's unraced 3-year-old half-sister **Enshrine (GB)**, by Ulysses (Ire), for breeder Cheveley Park Stud.

He may even have a contender to keep the Nell Gwyn trophy in his clutches for this year in the form of Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum's **Perfect News (GB)**, a daughter of **Frankel (GB)** and Haggas's former star performer Besharah (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), who sadly died recently.

"Perfect News runs next week, probably in the Fred Darling, but I'm also going to put her in the Nell Gwyn," he says. "I think

she wants soft ground but she's won on the track at Newmarket and I think that's a bit of a plus. I might also put her in the Free H. because she sneaks in at the bottom and there's quite often only about six runners in that race."

Haggas has recently received news that another former stable star, the brilliant treble G1 Prix de la Foret winner One Master (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) has been scanned in foal to **Frankel** after delivering her first foal, a colt by Dubawi (Ire), on Jan. 27. And he has been sent another potentially top-class filly by One Master's American owner-breeders Roy and Gretchen Jackson, who snapped up the G1 Criterium International third **Purplepay (Fr)** (**Zarak {Fr}**) for €2 million at



Alenquer (r) and Mohaafeth | Emma Berry

Arqana last December.

"The Jacksons are marvellous and they have sent me a bit of a bonus really," says the trainer. [Cont. p6](#)



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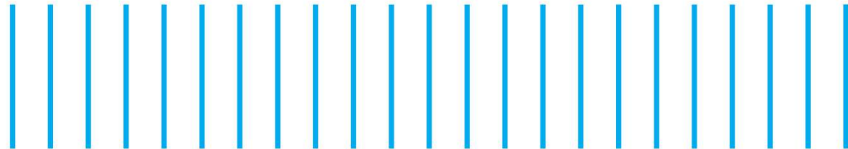
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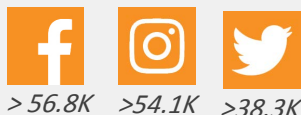
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"Purplepay was going to America and she missed the flight," he adds. "They decided to send her over here for now and I have just put her in the [G1] Irish Guineas. They would come to Ascot if Purplepay ran there, even though they are in their mid-80s now. They are wonderful people."

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Also entered is Her Majesty The Queen's **Perfect Alibi (GB)** (Le Havre {Ire}) from the yard of William Haggas. If successful, the unraced filly would be the third Oaks heroine for The Queen, who won the Oaks with Carrozza (GB) (Dante {GB}) in 1957 and Dunfermline (GB) (Royal Palace {GB}) in 1977. The latter succeeded during the year of Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee. The June 4 G1 Cazoo Derby will form part of the official celebrations for the upcoming Platinum Jubilee.

The Irish challenge is very strong in 2022, with 21 entered at this stage, led by 14 from the Coolmore partners/Aidan O'Brien camp. G3 Weld Park S. victress **Concert Hall (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) holds an entry, as does **Only (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the daughter of dual Classic heroine Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Another member of the Irish contingent is the listed-placed **Tranquil Lady (Ire)** (**Australia {GB}**) in the colours of Teme Valley from Joseph O'Brien's stable.



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Juddmonte's undefeated filly **Agave (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the G3 Prix Penelope on Apr. 2, has been entered as the only French-trained representative for Andre Fabre in the fillies' Classic.

Godolphin's 2021 G1 Cazoo Derby hero **Adayar (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**) anchors the Coronation, alongside his Charlie Appleby stablemate and fellow Classic winner **Hurricane Lane (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**). Appleby is also considering the Epsom Downs contest for GI Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Yibir (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

Other Group 1 winners nominated at this point are: Ali Saeed's **Teona (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**); **Gear Up (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) for Joseph O'Brien in the silks of Teme Valley; the La Pyle Partnership's **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) from the yard of William Muir and Chris Grassick; Shadwell's **Eshaada (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}) for Roger Varian; and Sir Mark Prescott is represented by three-time German Group 1 winner **Alpinista (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) for Kirsten Rausing.

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HAPPY ROMANCE EYEING THE DUKE OF YORK S.

Fresh off running second in the Mar. 26 G1 Al Quoz Sprint over the Meydan turf in Dubai, **Happy Romance (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire})'s connections are considering a start in the G2 Duke Of York S. on May 11 for the 4-year-old filly. The McMurray Family colourbearer won the G3 Hackwood S. last July and ran fourth in the G1 Betfair Sprint Cup S. on Sept. 4. She tired to 11th in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint S. on Oct. 16 and was third in the G3 1351 Turf Sprint in Saudi Arabia on Feb. 26.

"Happy Romance ran a lovely race in Dubai. I was very happy," said trainer Richard Hannon. "It was just a shame she was not drawn closer to the rail, as it seemed they had a bit of an advantage over there, but we were delighted with her." [Cont. p7](#)



Happy Romance | George Selwyn

Happy Romance Cont.

Hannon said, “I put her in the Duke of York the other day, but I have put her in the two races at Ascot, the five and the six [G1 King’s Stand S. and G1 Platinum Jubilee S.], and we will work back from there, really.

“She will have a run beforehand, there is that one at York perhaps--there are options--but she will have a little break now and keep her ticking over.”

Group winner **Chindit (Ire)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) has exited his victory in the Listed Doncaster Mile in good order. Hannon is mulling either the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury on May 14 or the G3 bet365 Mile on Apr. 22 for the 4-year-old colt.

He added “Chindit has options. There is the Lockinge or that race at Sandown [the Group Two bet365 Mile] as well, so that is probably the next stop--one of those two, probably.

“I don’t want to run him on soft ground, though.”

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FULL-BROTHER TO SNOWFALL ON DECK IN IRELAND

15.05 Leopardstown, Mdn, €13,500, 3yo, c/g, 10fT
Coolmore and Westerberg’s **NEWFOUNDLAND (IRE)** (**Deep Impact {Jpn}**), a G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish Derby entry, is a son of G3 Give Thanks S. victrix Best In The World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and thus full-brother to G1 Epsom Oaks, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Snowfall (Jpn). One of two set to line up for Aidan O’Brien, his eight rivals include Donnacha O’Brien trainee and fellow debutant **First Emperor (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who is out of MG1SW G1 1000 Guineas winner Sky Lantern (Ire)

(Red Clubs {Ire}) and thus kin to G1 Falmouth S. victrix Snow Lantern (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**).

16.50 Leopardstown, Mdn, €13,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

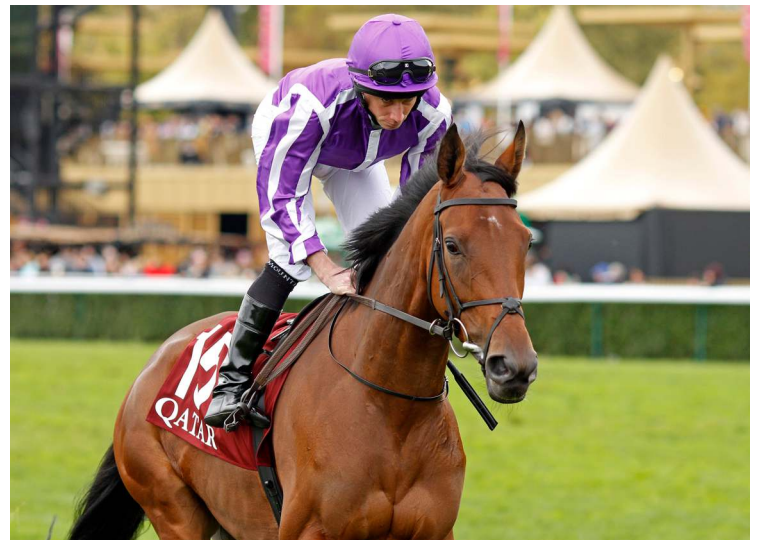
The hitherto untested **ONLY (JPN)** (**Deep Impact {Jpn}**), another Coolmore and Westerberg newcomer of note, is the first foal out of MG1SW dual Classic winner Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Facing 11 here, she is joined by Aidan O’Brien stablemate **Porto Cervo (American Pharoah)**, whose six black-type siblings include G1 Irish Oaks heroine Bracelet (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational victrix Athena (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**).

HOW THEY FARED:

15:35 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT

Mascaret (GB) (**Dubawi {Ire}**), Godolphin’s €620,000 Arqana September yearling out of G3 Hamburger Stuten-Preis victrix Daytona Bay (GB) (Motivator {GB}), exhibited a willing attitude from just off the pace and finished with a rattle to deny another Godolphin runner, **Cantilena (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), by 3/4-of-a-length nearing the line for a debut win.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday’s Result:

2nd-Pontefract, £7,200, Novice, 4-5, 3yo/up, 6fT, 2:59.85, sf.
CHIELLINI (IRE) (c, 3, **Aclaim {Ire}**--**Onomatomania, by Mr. Greeley**), sent off at 9-1, raced behind the leading duo early. Angled off the fence turning into the straight, the bay headed Fast and Loose (GB) (**No Nay Never**) in the dying strides to prevail by a neck. **Cont. p8**

2nd-Pontefract Cont.

The winner is a half-brother to the yard's talented sprinter Que Amoro (Ire) (Es Que Love {Ire}), who managed a second in the G1 Nunthorpe S., SW & G1SP-Eng, \$198,157. The unraced dam, a daughter of the listed-placed Seattle Queen (Seattle Slew) from the family of the GII Barbara Fritchie H. winner Harissa (Afleet Alex), also has a 2-year-old filly by Bungle Inthejungle (GB) and a yearling filly by Gregorian (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,099. O-Mrs T Burns; B-Rathasker Stud (IRE); T-Michael Dods.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Savvy Victory (Ire), c, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Highlands Queen (Fr) (MGSW-Fr, \$169,445), by Mount Nelson (GB). Pontefract, 4-5, 10f 5yT, 2:19.83. B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE). *£240,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR.

The dam, a half to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent), has produced the listed scorer and G2 Prix Dollar third Dariyma (Fr) (City Zip) and the dual listed-placed Deremah (**More Than Ready**). Connected to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 English and Irish Champion S.-winning sire Almanzor (Fr) and the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix du Moulin and G1 Prix d'Astarte-winning European champion Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar), she has a 2-year-old filly by Recoletos (Fr) and a yearling full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €31,000. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Yeguada Centurion SL (FR); T-Christopher Head.

5th-Saint-Cloud, €35,000, Cond, 4-5, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:21.45, sf. **LA PARISIENNE (FR) (f, 3, Zarak {Fr})--Skysweeper {Fr}, by Hurricane Run {Ire}**, who plundered a Deauville debutantes' heat by five lengths in her only prior start last December, raced a shade keenly after an alert break and found a smooth rhythm in second for most of this sophomore return.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €35,000, Cond, 4-5, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:20.75, sf. **SABIO CEN (FR) (c, 3, Zarak {Fr})--Darma {Fr}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}**, who was sent off the 7-10 favourite based on his five-length debut success for the Mauricio Delcher Sanchez stable over nine furlongs at Fontainebleau in November, tracked Tyrolo (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) in second from the outset. Taking his measure two out, the homebred G1 Prix du Jockey Club entry asserted his superiority over that long-time leader and only needed to be pushed out with hands and heels to beat him comfortably by two lengths.



La Parisienne | Scoop Dyga



Sabio Cen holds a G1 Prix du Jockey Club entry | Scoop Dyga

Scrubbed along in early straight, the 23-10 second choice was ridden to challenge approaching the final furlong and quickened smartly in the latter stages to go 2 1/2 lengths clear of the pace-setting Katoucha (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}). The fifth of six foals, she is one of four winners from as many runners out of a half-sister to dual G3 Abu Dhabi Championship winner GM Hopkins (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the dual stakes-placed Zvarkhova (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). The March-foaled bay, who hails from the family of MG1SW sire Mark of Esteem (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), is a half to G3 Prix des Reservoirs third Scripturale (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) and the unraced 2-year-old filly Jalapao (Ire) (The Grey Gatsby {Ire}). Sales history: €65,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €31,000. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Peter R Bradley III, Marc Leonetti, Ecurie JML Racing & Meridian International SARL; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Ecurie Patrick Klein & SCEA Haras du Ma (FR); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner.

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 4-5, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.72, sf.

FACTEUR CHEVAL (IRE) (g, 3, Ribchester {Ire}--Jawlaat {Ire}, by Shamardal), sent off at 13-1, tracked the leading duo throughout the early stages. Taking control with 500 metres to race, the bay drew away to record an authoritative five-length success from Copper (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}). The unraced dam is a half to the G3 Prix de Cabourg, G3 Prix de Meautry and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert scorer Tantheem (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) and a granddaughter of the listed-placed Thamarat (GB) (Anabaa). A half to the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois-winning sire Tamayuz (GB), she is in turn responsible for the G1 Prix du Jockey Club third Motamarris (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) and is the second dam of the G1 Irish Derby hero Santiago (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), the G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Yorkshire Oaks-placed La Joconde (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and last year's G3 Killavullan S. winner Glounthaune (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Her 2-year-old filly by the latter's sire sold for 180,000gns to BSW/Crow Euro Venture II at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2, while she also has a yearling daughter of Inns of Court (Ire). Sales history: 145,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; €120,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Hubert Honore, Ecurie de la Genetraye, Jerome Reynier & Alessandro Marconi; B-McCracken Farms (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier.

4th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-5, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:45.84, sf.

MASCARET (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Daytona Bay {GB} {GSW-Ger & GSP-Ity}, by Motivator {GB}) broke well from an inside gate and tracked the leaders in fifth through halfway in this unveiling. Making relentless headway into contention in the straight, the 16-5 chalk launched her challenge with 350 metres remaining and was ridden out to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from Cantilena (Ire) Dubawi {Ire}). She is the third of five foals and second scorer produced by G3 Hamburger Stuten-Preis winner Daytona Bay (GB) (Motivator {GB}), herself half to G3 La Coupe victrix Dallas Affair (GB) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) and the stakes-placed Diamond Daisy (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}). Her second dam, MSW G3 Grosser Stutenpreis von Bremen runner-up Daytona (Ger) (Lando {Ger}), is a full-sister to G1 Deutschland-Preis hero Donaldson (Ger). The April-foaled bay is kin to the unraced 2-year-old filly Daytona Sea (GB) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and a yearling filly by Nathaniel (Ire). Sales history: 300,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; €620,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Godolphin; B-Gestut Ittlingen (GB); T-Andre Fabre.



Mascaret (centre) | Scoop Dyga

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 4-5, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:10.65, sf.
KERTEZ (GB) (g, 4, Intello {Ger}--Distortion {GB}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8-3-2-1, €61,180.
 O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre. *1/2 to Twist (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), SP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cuncerto (Fr), c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Fa Ul Cuncert (GB), by Poet's Voice (GB). Toulouse, 4-5, 10 1/2fT, 2:15.30. B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR).
Lovely Diamond (Fr), f, 3, Wings of Eagles (Fr)--Diamond Light, by Fantastic Light. Toulouse, 4-5, 10 1/2fT, 2:15.40. B-Haras de Ulia SL (FR). *€3,000 RNA Wlg '19 ARQDEC.



\$1.5-MILLION VINNIE COLT HEADS START TO EASTER



Lot 144, a colt by I Am Invincible, topped the first day | Inglis

by Bren O'Brien

A powerhouse day of buying and selling at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale which saw six \$1 million-plus lots was highlighted by a top price of \$1.5 million paid by a syndicate led by Ciaron Maher Racing for a colt by I Am Invincible.

At A Glance

- The sale average sits at a record level of \$383,873, up from \$361,604 last year, while the median jumped to \$300,000 (from \$260,000).
- The daily gross of \$66.41 million sits just adrift of the record \$67.62 million on the opening day last year, while the clearance rate was the one area for improvement at 80% (91% last year).
- I Am Invincible, who had the top-priced yearling of the day, is the leading sire on both aggregate and average, while Dundee (NZ) had his first-ever \$1 million yearling.
- Arrowfield Stud leads vendors on aggregate, selling over \$10 million worth of yearlings, including two seven-figure colts, while Vinery Stud, on \$619,000, leads the averages for three or more lots sold.

- Coolmore Australia's Tom Magnier was the leading buyer, with three seven-figure purchases for a total of \$3.8 million.
- Cressfield sold the top lot, Lot 144, with its only sale of the day.

Maher Gets His Vinnie Colt

Ciaron Maher has been at the pointy end of the market at many of Australia's top yearling sales in recent years and he formed a partnership with Kia Ora Stud and TFI to pay \$1.5 million for the opening day's top-priced yearling, Lot 144, an I Am Invincible colt from the draft of Cressfield.

The first foal of triple stakes-winning mare Egyptian Symbol (Stratum) was the centre of a strong battle between Maher, sitting at the Kia Ora table, and Coolmore, with the Group 1-winning trainer winning the day.

Maher's bloodstock manager Will Bourne said Maher had identified the son of I Am Invincible as one he was determined to go home with.

"He was a lovely animal, obviously we paid a lot of money for him. But Ciaron was in love with the horse, he was from great breeders and overall he was just a quality colt," he said.

It's a pedigree that the stable knows well, with Egyptian Symbol's half-sister, the stakes-placed Cellsabeel (Hinchinbrook) having shown considerable talent for Maher and David Eustace.

"She had a ton of ability and he (Maher) knows that family quite well and was very keen to get his hands on this colt," Bourne said.



Will Bourne & Ciaron Maher | Inglis



Lot 90, a colt by Snitzel | *Inglis*

“Ciaron thought he was the number one colt. He's always been a very aggressive guy in business and believes fortune favours the brave and he has done very well. It's no exception here with this colt.”

It was an excellent result for Cressfield, who bred Egyptian Symbol and retained her after she passed in as a yearling. She rewarded them by winning eight races, including a G3 Toy Show H., G3 Nivison S. and a Listed Starlight S. for trainer Bjorn Baker. She is out of Group 1 winner Our Egyptian Raine (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB}), who Cressfield secured for \$900,000 back in 2006.

“This colt has a very good second dam, who was one of Australia's great racemares. I think she was second in about 10 Group 1s. Egyptian Symbol was a filly we tried to sell at Magic Millions many years ago and she didn't even make \$80,000 as a reserve,” Cressfield owner Bruce Neill said.

“We kept her and raced her and she won \$1.5 million and now she has a \$1.5-million first foal, we are pretty happy about that.”

Neill said Egyptian Symbol was a mare that Cressfield was always going to be well supported at stud.

“The page justified going to a good stallion, I try not to breed Danehill over Danehill and therefore I Am Invincible was a perfect option, Stratum being by Redoute's Choice. It's a good outcome. She missed the next year to I Am Invincible but she is foal to Deep Field now,” he said.

Cressfield only has four horses in the sale, so to have the highest-priced lot on the first day is no mean feat. But Neill always held high hopes for Lot 144 in a market he felt was a bit uncertain.

“There was something like 27 X-rays and 10 vettings and that is stratosphere stuff, but I feel there's a ceiling to this market. I think the market is plateauing out a bit. Fortunately for us, he got through the ceiling,” he said.

“He goes to a good trainer, with good backers in Kia Ora.

Hopefully they have bought him to be a stallion and that should help my family.”

Magnier's Triple Strike

Coolmore was always expected to be major players at this sale and Coolmore Australia Principal Tom Magnier had a busy day signing for three of the six \$1 million-plus lots.

The first was Lot 90, a Snitzel colt out of listed winner C'Est Beau La Vie (Bernardini {USA}), offered by Arrowfield Stud and purchased for \$1.4 million.

That colt is a grandson of Group 3 winner Valkyrie Diva (Jade Robbery {USA}), the half-sister to triple G1 Melbourne Cup-winning champion Makybe Diva (GB) (Desert King {Ire}), and dam of two other stakes winners in Jolly Banner (Lonhro) and Wales (Redoute's Choice).

The Snitzel colt is off to Chris Waller's yard and Magnier said he fitted the bill perfectly.

“He was a striking colt, probably one of the nicest Snitzels in the sale. Obviously, Snitzel needs no introduction with what he has done out of a Bernardini mare, which is always a positive. We are here to find good colts that we want to turn into stallions,” he said.

One lot later, Magnier was back in action again, paying \$1 million for Lot 91, an I Am Invincible colt out of Calming Influence (Commands) offered by Bhima Thoroughbreds.

Coolmore's success with I Am Invincible's multiple Group 1-winning son Home Affairs, purchased at this sale for \$875,000 two years ago, has emboldened their approach to his progeny and Magnier topped the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale with a \$1.9 million purchase of one of his colts earlier this year.

It was not surprising then to see them win out for Lot 91.



Tom Magnier | *Inglis*

The colt is a grandson of listed winner Calming (Zeditave) and whose dam was purchased by Leneva Park on behalf of breeder Reg Ryan for \$290,000 at the 2020 Inglis Chairman's Sale, when in foal to this colt.

"He was another lovely colt and a lovely moving horse. Again, he had a great pedigree, but this is why we come to Easter, to get those great pedigrees and hopefully we have a bit of luck with this guy, trying to find the next Home Affairs," Magnier said.

That colt will also be heading to Waller's, as will Lot 198, a colt by Written Tycoon from the Vinery Stud draft that Magnier paid \$1.4 million for.

Bred by Greg Perry, that colt is a half-brother to G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Artorius (Flying Artie), who is likely to line-up against Home Affairs at Royal Ascot in June.

It's a progressive page, backed up by the fact his dam, Gracie's Lass (Redoute's Choice), is a half-sister to G1 Darley Sprint Classic winner Delectation (Shamardal {USA}), out of stakes-winning **More Than Ready** (USA) mare Grace And Power (USA).

"When we head to Royal Ascot (with Home Affairs) he will give us a reason to be watching Artorius when we go over in the summer. We've bought Atlantic Jewel off Vinery in the past, they're great producers and he was a horse that everyone liked a lot and, fingers crossed, we have a nice colt on our hands," Magnier said.

"He is a horse that is mature, he looks strong and Chris was pretty keen on him, he thought he was a forward type of horse."

Magnier said the first-day spree, which saw him spend \$3.8 million across the three lots, was made possible by the broad support Coolmore had from its partners.

"The big thing is, we've got an unbelievable syndicate of owners, so we have to try and find the next Home Affairs for them," he said.

Joy for Vinery

Vinery Stud had a banner first day at the 2022 Easter Sale and was celebrating another great day, selling five horses for an average of \$619,000.

Vinery Bloodstock Manager Adam White said Lot 198 always shaped as a star of its draft and it was good to see him get a

price worthy of a colt of such quality.

"He had the pedigree, he had the looks and he's been a gentleman all week, never put a foot wrong, just paraded in and out of his box all the time and it's a great result for the farm again," he said.

"His pedigree was obviously going to get a lot of the big players around for him, we knew he was a quality colt and most of those stallion funds were on him and we knew Coolmore was certainly there and we're looking forward to seeing him on the racetrack."

Perry has had a terrific run of results of late, with his homebred I Am Invincible mare Marabi recently winning the G1 Oakleigh Plate.

"It is great for Greg Perry. Kudos to him, he puts a lot of effort into his matings and does his plans. He relies on us a little bit with the physical match-ups and he's had a terrific run over the last half a dozen years," White said.

"He's a quality breeder and a farm like Coolmore recognise that and it was great to see them get the colt."

Gracie's Lass produced a Deep Field colt last year and returned to Flying Artie in 2021.

Awesome Start For Arrowfield

Arrowfield's 22 sales for the day secured \$10.085 million, making it the leading vendor, and it was also the only one to

get two \$1 million-plus results. The leading vendor in six of the past seven Easter sales, Arrowfield looks well-placed to add to that record having averaged \$458,409 on Day 1.

The Snitzel colt, Lot 90, was a marquee result for vendor, and it was no surprise for them to see him secure a \$1.4 million pricetag.

"That was a great result, he was a beautifully balanced colt. Farms like Coolmore and all the stallion groups are trying to find those horses and he had everything going for him. He's a beautiful animal and I wasn't surprised that he fetched a big number," Arrowfield's Paul Messara said.

Later in the day, Arrowfield's Lot 214, the Dundee (NZ) half-brother to G1 Spring Champion S. winner Profondo (Deep Impact {Jpn}), set a new mark for the stallion when selling to Hawkes Racing for \$1 million.



Yarns With Gus. Gus Roland is joined by Peter Orton of Vinery Stud and David Redvers of Tweenhills to discuss the first day of selling at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, with topics ranging from the 'buzzing' Aussie market to the current labour shortage within Australia.

Paul Messara | *Inglis*

Their dam, the Group 3 winner Honesty Prevails (Redoute's Choice), a one-time \$720,000 yearling, has had seven-figure results with her first three yearlings, with Profondo a \$1.9-million Magic Millions graduate and her current 2-year-old, Custodian (Shalaa {Ire}), costing \$1.15 million on the Gold Coast last year.

"The first three out of the mare are very talented and that's why people are paying the money for them," Messara said.

"The Hawkes are great trainers, all three boys, maybe Wayne not so much, but certainly the other two. It's a great team and he goes to a very good stable and he will get every chance."

It followed, given that this was the crop of foals conceived off a price jump to \$66,000 (inc GST), that Dundeel was able to break through the \$1-million mark for the first time with one of his yearlings.

"This is the year he got a lot of very good mares, so we are expecting a bit of upshift in the performance out of the track coming out this draft, but also in the price of his stock," Messara said.

"There are some really nice Dundeeels throughout this complex. Walking around I could see them all over the place, it's good with the pedigree this one had, to fetch \$1 million and push through that barrier."

Fireworks Again

Like fellow G3 Widden S. winner Honesty Prevails, Fireworks (Snitzel), owned by Fairway Thoroughbreds' John Camilleri, is proving a mare of the highest commercial quality.

Last year at this sale, her Zoustar colt, the subsequent listed winner Millane, was purchased from the draft of Segenhoe Thoroughbreds for \$1.15 million, and this year, her I Am Invincible colt, Lot 169, went to the bid of James Harron and his

colt partnership for \$1.35 million.

The buzz on the colt had been strong around the sales grounds all week, with a pedigree that saw their dam a half-sister to Group 1 winner Calveen (NZ) (Canny Lad), Group 2 winner Kosi Bay (NZ) (Spinning World {USA}) and listed winner Striker (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy {USA}).

Harron was very keen to get involved with such a quality colt from such a progressive pedigree.

"He is one of the talking horses of the sale. He's a magnificent animal, he has a fantastic pedigree," he said.

"He is beautifully bred. The mare's young and done a great job so far, he's a very masculine horse, very mature horse, he carried himself very well and he absorbed all the pressure of the sale."

Harron said Camilleri's reputation as a breeder, including as the man behind the superstar Winx (Street Cry {Ire}), spoke for itself.

"He is a terrific breeder and, of course, John has all his stock at Segenhoe. We've had a lot of luck over the years (buying from Segenhoe), most notably with King's Legacy recently. We have a lot of confidence in buying off Segenhoe and John's obviously a terrific breeder," he said. "Things came together for us to be able to get him."

Harron had earlier paid \$975,000 for Lot 139, a colt from the final crop of Not A Single Doubt out of Di Lusso (Lonhro), offered by Amarina Farm. He is a half-brother to Group 2 winner Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars).

"We really fell in love with this colt through the sale parades through the week. He was a horse that arrived on ground and really took to his job, got into his work and had a great action on him, and that's very true of a lot of the Not A Single Doubts," he said.

Lot 169, an I Am Invincible colt | *Inglis*

Kia Ora Fills Up On Quality Fillies

In perhaps a slightly unexpected trend, the top seven yearlings in price were colts. The top-priced filly was Lot 236, a daughter of Zoustar out of Jolie Bay (Fastnet Rock), which was secured from the Segenhoe draft by Cambridge Stud for \$950,000 late in the day.

Kia Ora, a co-signor on the top lot, also paid \$900,000 for a pair of fillies, Lot 145, by I Am Invincible out of Grade 2 winner Ektifaa (**More Than Ready** {USA}) out of the Yarraman Park draft, and Lot 154, a **Justify** (USA) filly out of Group 3 winner Ennis Hill (Fastnet Rock) from Coolmore.

“It is just such a beautiful family. You look down through the page, it is just stakes winner after stakes winner, and you have a stallion in there now at Coolmore with Acrobat,” Kia Ora's bloodstock manager Shane Wright said of the **Justify** filly.

“It's one of the best families in Australia, so to get into it now, we are very, very happy.”

Of the I Am Invincible filly, Wright said she was from a family they know a lot about.

“We purchased Ektifaa in foal last year to I Am Invincible, so we have a full brother at home we absolutely love. We love the pedigree all the way through and **More Than Ready** mares it just writes itself,” he said.

“These are two of our top picks of the fillies of the sale, so to pick up both of them, we are very happy.”

I Am Invincible leads all stallions on aggregate and average, with \$10.365 million across 16 sales on the opening day, at an average of \$647,812.


Banner Day For Inglis

With the aggregate sales approaching the record daily trade for Easter of \$67 million and averages tracking some \$22,000 higher than the opening day last year, it was an understandably pleased Inglis Bloodstock CEO, Sebastian Hutch, after the conclusion of trading.

“Any day you can come out of the sale day with figures we have today, it's hard to be anything other than pleased,” Hutch said. “There were a lot of nice horses in the sale and they sold well. I think it's a really good reflection on the strength of the day that the median is up 15% on the same day last year. I think that is probably the best way of demonstrating the strength and depth of the market.

“Time and time again, we saw people frustrated and not even being able to get close on the horses they wanted to buy and horses were making significantly more than vendors' expectations.”

The second and final day of selling for the 2022 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale will commence on Wednesday, Apr. 6, at 10 a.m. AEST.

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