2023 MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: DIXIANA FARM

As we approach the opening of the 2023 breeding season, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. Today we caught up with Robert Tillyer, farm manager of William and Donna Shively’s Dixiana Farm.

HAVANA DREAM (m, 10, Quality Road – Mayo On the Side, by French Deputy) to be bred to Constitution
This stakes-placed mare is carrying her third foal by Yaupon. She is from the family of MGSW Midcourt (Midnight Lute) and throws foals with a lot of size. Constitution should suit her physically. This is a sire line she has not been to.

I’M A FLAKE (m, 15, Mineshaft – November Snow, by Storm Cat) to be bred to Curlin
The dam of Grade I winner Express Train (Union Rags). She throws big, strong, correct foals. The mating of Curlin with A.P. Indy-line mares is proven. He had three Breeders’ Cup winners in one day!

GRADING THE RISING STARS - CLASS OF 2018
by Stefanie Grimm

The smallest group profiled to date, numbering only 65, is led by its undisputed leader, undefeated Triple Crown champion and Horse of the Year Justify (Scat Daddy).

Justify debuted early in his 3-year-old season with a gate-to-wire 9 1/2-length romp at Santa Anita. Two starts later, in an effort to earn qualifying points towards the GI Kentucky Derby, the chestnut defeated MGISW Bolt d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro) by three lengths to take the GI Santa Anita Derby and a spot in the Derby starting gate. With the 'Curse of Apollo' fresh on everyone’s minds, Justify proved history wrong with a 2 1/2-length win over a loaded field of past and future stars in the GI Kentucky Derby. 2017 champion 2-year-old Good Magic (Curlin) chased him home ahead of such names as future GI Breeders Cup Classic winner Vino Rosso (Curlin) and MGISW Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy).

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VALUE SIRES PART II: THE MIDDLE GROUND
Emma Berry examines the profitability of stallions who stood between £20,000 and £49,000 in 2020.
He's a very leggy, racy looking colt—just what you imagine when you look at Independence Hall. If they all come out looking as such, we're all in good shape.”

— Britt Wadsworth

FIRST FOAL – Colt o/o Seascape, born 1/16

Bred by Mahoney Eden Manor, Dark Horse Racing Stable, and Cutair Racing

Independence Hall is a STUNNER! Incredible value for physical, sire power, and race record. Love him!!!!”

— Carrie Brogden

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FIRST FOAL A COLT FOR INDEPENDENCE HALL

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MILLIONAIRE MO FORZA SIRES FIRST FOAL

Grade I winner and millionaire Mo Forza (Uncle Mo) was represented by his first foal, a California-bred filly out of Californiasunshine (Lucky Pulpit), Jan. 10.

SIRES W/ NEW STAKES OR GRADED STAKES WINNERS

Alan Carasso tracks North American sires with new SWs/GSWs.

Express Train (Union Rags) wins the 2022 GII San Pasqual S. His dam, part of the Dixiana Farms broodmare band, will visit Curlin in 2023.
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LAYLA (m, 9, Union Rags – I’m a Flake, by Mineshaft) to be bred to Flightline
The full-sister to Express Train. She proved that she can have a very good individual. Her first foal, a Liam’s Map colt, sold for $625,000 (1/43) at last year’s Keeneland September Sale. Flightline needs no introduction. He’s equine perfection. For a young mare to go to such a talent, it gives her every chance.

STARGIRL (m, 8, Medaglia d’Oro – Campionessa, by A.P. Indy) to be bred to Justify
A full-sister to the dam of 2022 GII Jessamine S. winner Delight (Mendelssohn). Her second foal is a very attractive Good Magic yearling filly. We thought we would try a similar cross as Delight with Justify (Scat Daddy). For a sire that we didn’t expect to be early, he is off to a great start. I think he has an exciting future ahead and he should put some size into her foal.

REVITALIZED (m, 5, Uncle Mo – Excited, by Giant’s Causeway) to be bred to Life Is Good
This mare is from the family of MGISW Spain (Thunder Gulch) and a half to two graded stakes horses. Her first foal is a Munnings filly and is very impressive physically. She is in foal to Authentic. Life Is Good will suit her physically.
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AMERICA'S TALE (m, 8, Gio Ponti – America's Friend, by Unusual Heat) to be bred to Jackie's Warrior
Mr. Shively purchased this mare last November in foal to Medaglia d'Oro. She is one of two mares that we have going to Jackie's Warrior. An incredible racehorse and he is stunning.

SWOOP AND STRIKE (m, 10, Smart Strike – Dance With Doves, by A.P. Indy) to be bred to Golden Pal
One of four mares going to Golden Pal. What a talented and fast horse. Two Breeders' Cups, a track record and a stakes record. And a son of Uncle Mo. I was really impressed when we saw him at Ashford.

TIGER RIDE (m, 11, Candy Ride [Arg] – Royal Tigress, by Storm Cat) to be bred to Not This Time
This Grade I-placed, Grade III-winning mare is carrying her third foal by Charlatan. Her second foal, a Tapit filly called Tiger Tap, was retained by the farm and is showing a lot of talent. Tiger Ride has not been to this sire line. Grade I winner Epicenter and GII winner Simplification, both by Not This Time, are out of Candy Ride mares.

TRUE ELEGANCE (m, 10, Distorted Humor – Sealy Hill, by Point Given) to be bred to Bolt d'Oro
This mare's first foal Elegant Joy (Kitten's Joy) beat the boys at Arlington in her first start. She has an impressive yearling colt by Authentic. True Elegance is a half to MGISW Cambier Parc (Medaglia d'Oro), as well as many others. Bolt d'Oro is off to a great start as a sire. Mr. Shively thought this was the obvious choice for her.

Cont. Grading The Rising Stars
Good Magic took it to him again in a sloppy rendition of the GI Preakness S., dueling the Derby winner for nearly a mile before yielding as Justify prevailed late to win and keep his Triple Crown hopes alive. Never really challenged in New York, Justify stormed into history as only the second undefeated Triple Crown winner behind Seattle Slew (Bold Reasoning). Retired with earning of over $3,798,000, Justify stands at Coolmore's Ashford Stud and is a top-three freshman sire led by progeny such as 'TDN Rising Stars' Arabian Lion, Champions Dream, Justique, and Statuette.
Another undefeated horse in 2018, **Game Winner** (Candy Ride (Arg)) went four-for-four with three straight Grade I wins to end his year in the GI Del Mar Futurity, the GI **American Pharoah** S., and the GI Sentient Jet Breeders’ Cup Juvenile. Named champion 2-year-old for his efforts, **Game Winner** would go on to place in both the GI Rebel S. and the GI Santa Anita Derby as a 3-year-old before retiring a winner in the GII Los Alamitos Derby. His first foals arrived this year.

Not to be left off the undefeated list, **Improbable** (City Zip) made just three starts as a 2-year-old, capping his year a winner in the GI Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity. It wasn’t until later, however, that **Improbable** would do his best running. He would finish a close fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby as a 3-year-old but came back at four to win a trio of Grade I races in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup S., the GI Whitney S., and the GI Awesome Again S. before coming in second to Derby winner Authentic (Into Mischief) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. His accolades in 2020 would be rewarded with a year-end title as champion older dirt male.

A further eight ‘Rising Stars’ took at least one Grade I race in their careers, highlighted by GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega (Ire)), recent GI Matriarch S. winner Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom), and the half-sister to 2015 Triple Crown hero **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Chasing Yesterday (Tapit).
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“He’s a very leggy, racy-looking colt, just what you imagine when you look at Independence Hall,” said Britt Wadsworth. “If they come out looking as such, we’re all in good shape.”

From the first crop of leading sire Constitution, Independence Hall, who bred 202 mares in his initial book, was a stakes winner at ages two, three, and four and banked $881,500 for owners Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Robert and Kathleen Verratti, Twin Creeks Racing Stables and WinStar Farm. He currently stands at WinStar Farm for $10,000 S&N.
Grade I winner and millionaire Mo Forza (Uncle Mo) was represented by his first foal, a California-bred filly out of Californiasunshine (Lucky Pulpit), Jan. 10. Mo Forza, who racked up a record of 15-8-3-1 and earnings of $1,034,460, which included wins in the GI Hollywood Derby and six other Grade II races, stands at Rancho San Miguel in California for a fee of $9,000. "She is quite a character already, thrilling everyone with her looks," co-owner and breeder Alice Bamford said of the newborn filly. "In addition to being correct, she is a beautiful mover and a very good reason for her mama to return to Mo Forza next year."

Mo Forza will be available for inspection during Rancho San Miguel's 2023 Open House & Stallion Show Jan. 21. For more information, email info@ranchosanmiguel.net.
Opus Forty Two became the newest stakes winner for Mendelssohn in the Gasparilla S. | SV Photography

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**Midnight Lute** (Real Quiet) 41 15
(Kirstenbosch--La Canada S.-GIII)

**Tapiture** (Tapit) 18 1
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Undefeated Corniche Named Champion 2-Year-Old Male

The decision by Speedway Stables to go big at an auction of 2-year-olds in training last spring to land Corniche didn’t take long to pay dividends. In capping a three-race undefeated season with a clear victory in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile (G1), the son of multiple grade 1 winner Quality Road earned the 2021 Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old male.

**Racing Form**

DRF top 2-year old males of 2021

1. **Corniche**, by Quality Road
   - Hasn’t been headed in three starts; no sweat in the Juvenile
2. Jack Christopher, by Munnings

**CORNICHE**

Fee $30,000

### Lecomte S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

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### Louisiana S. Presented by Relyne GI by Hagyard-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Fair Grounds, $52,000, Alw (NW2$X), Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.25, ft, 1 length.

UPHOLD THE LAW (g, 5, Upstart--Scribbling Sarah, by Freud) easily bested fellow Florida-breds in races in March and November 2021 at Gulfstream and was shelved off career-best victory over open rivals in a first-level allowance in January of last year. The bay was the 9-5 chalk making his first start since an unplaced effort over the Colonial main track Aug. 17. Beaten for speed by his chief market rival Higher Standard (Into Mischief), Uphold the Law was happy to take the sit from second before coming after that one at the entrance to the long Fair Grounds straight. The bay dueled heads apart into the final furlong, got the better of that tussle and held off Omaha Red (Daaher) by a tight length. A half-brother to GI Central Bank Ashland S. winner Speech (Mr Speaker), $497,090, Uphold the Law is out of a half-sister to three black-type horses and foaled a Constitution colt last year. Scribbling Sarah returned to the WinStar stallion for her most recent covering. Sales history: $35,000 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; $27,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $48,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, $123,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Niall J Brennan & Susan Moulton; B-Gail Rice (FL); T-Michael Stidham.

4th-Fair Grounds, $51,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.85, ft, 2 lengths.

ROYAL TAKE CHARGE (f, 4, Will Take Charge--Big Awakening, by Big Brown) went wire-to-wire in her late unveiling Nov. 25 at Churchill, taking the 7 1/2-furlong sprint by an even length. Supported keenly to the tune of 7-5 odds, Royal Take Charge and favorite Non Violence (Violence) went right to the front with the former opting to stalk from second as her rival put up :24.15 and :48.18 opening splits. Inching closer and pressing the issue into the far turn, the fillies locked horns entering the lane with Royal Take Charge eventually wrestling away command entering
the final furlong before putting two lengths on her spar mate. A full to Take Charge Ro, GSP, $205,649—who was third last year in the GIII Old Forester Mint Julep S. at Churchill—the victress has three half-brothers—an unplaced 3-year-old Ghoststryder (Arrogate), a 2-year-old by West Coast who was exported to South Korea and a yearling by Blame. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $99,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Altair Farms, LLC (William Humphries); B-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

2nd-Golden Gate Fields, $32,054, Alw (C), Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-16, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10.95, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

HARCYN (c, 3, Goldencents--Florian, by Street Cry (Ire)) defeated no fewer than four next-out winners when graduating by 3 3/4 front-running lengths Oct. 30 and was the 2-5 jolly to put them back-to-back in this sophomore debut. Soon in front from the inside gate, the Moss homebred took them along at a fairly leisurely clip and gave his three rivals the slip in upper stretch, running out a 3 3/4-length winner under mostly hand urging. Harcyn is out of an unraced daughter of four-time stakes winner Set Them Free (Stop the Music), the dam of GI Kentucky Derby upsetter Giacomo (Holy Bull), MGISW Tiago (Pleasant Tap) and GSW/MGISP Stanwyck (Empire Maker). Florian is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Mastery, a yearling First Samurai filly and is due to Honor A. P. this season. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $36,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Jerome S Moss (KY); T-Steve M Sherman.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Fair Grounds, $50,000, Msw, 1-16, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.94, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

GIRL NAMED CHARLIE (f, 3, Maclean’s Music--Dynarama, by Dynaformer) was no fan of the off going on her two prior efforts over it, finishing fourth on unveiling in a muddy, off-turf baby dash at Ellis Park and ninth in a sloppy maiden special beneath the Twin Spires. Her turf sprint at Ellis in between those two starts showed promise, a second placing and a thus career-high Beyer figure, so she was given first-time Lasix and stretched out over the turf for this seasonal bow.

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7th-FG, cont.

A bobble at the jump and bumping with an outside runner left the 6-1 shot next to last early and getting squeezed into tight quarters soon after did her no favors either. She settled along the inside from there before moving and pursuing from the four path in the far turn, but once again encountered a wall of traffic and contact with a rival leaving the quarter pole. Diving in for clear sailing, she rolled past the leaders in the furlong stages and put 2 1/4 lengths on Just Say So (War Front) late. A half to Dominga (Ghostzapper), SW, $293,036 and three other winners, Girl Named Charlie has 2-year-old half-sister by Ghostzapper. The dam was barren last season and went to Omaha Beach for a 2023 foal. Sales history: $160,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $46,255. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Jerry Caroom & Jeffrey Lambert; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

IN JAPAN:

**Bold Zone**, c, 3, Mendelssohn. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Per Aa**, f, 4, American Pharoah--Nomee, by City Zip. Chukyo, 1-15, Allowance, 1800m, 1:54. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, $311,401. O-Kanayama Holdings; B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY); T-Kenji Nonaka. *$210,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV.

**IN SOUTH KOREA:**


Sunday’s Results:

3rd-Chukyo, ¥11,500,000, Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m, 1:56, gd. KISS ON THE CHEEK (Jpn) (f, 3, Curlin--Eskimo Kisses (GISW, $711,102), by To Honor and Serve), whose GI Alabama S.-winning dam was purchased by Shadai for $2.3 million with this first foal in utero at Keeneland November in 2019, was the 26-5 third choice to open her account at first asking and came away to score nicely. A forward factor early following a clean dispatch, the Feb. 22 foil secured the box seat and traveled comfortably through the race. Waited with approaching the stretch, Kiss on the Cheek was steered off the inside and did her best work through the line to graduate by two lengths. A half-sister to Grade I-placed Silver Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}), Eskimo Kisses was produced by Silver Colors (Mr. Greeley), a daughter of champion 3-year-old filly and GI Kentucky Derby heroine Winning Colors (Caro {Ire}), who is also the granddam of two-time Japanese stakes winner Cheerful Smile (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). Kiss on the Cheek is bred on the same cross over Bernardini as Grade I winners Paris Lights and Clairiere and countless other top-shelf performers from A.P. Indy-line mares. Eskimo Kisses is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Heart’s Cry (Jpn) and a yearling filly by Epiphaneia (Jpn). She was most recently bred to Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $48,493. VIDEO (SC 4)

O-Shadai Race Horse Co Ltd; B-Shadai Farm; T-Mikio Matsunaga.
6th-Nakayama, ￥11,500,000, Newcomers, 3yo, 9f, 1:55.6, ft. BOLD ZONE (c, 3, Mendelssohn--Halo Dolly {MGSW, $1,016,466}, by Popular), half to Baraza, GSW, $262,075--by this sire's half-brother Into Mischief--was a $40,000 purchase at KEESSEP in the fall of 2021, but improved nicely and fetched $280,000 from Katsumi Yoshida at last year's OBS March Sale. No better than sixth in the betting at just north of 8-1, Bold Zone was tardy from the stalls, then settled in about mid-division while racing off the rail through the middle stages. Asked to improve while conceding ground on the final bend, he managed to find additional stamina in the lane and proved an impressive 3 1/2-length winner. A second Japanese winner from three starters, Bold Zone has a May-foaled yearling half-sister by Authentic. His dam was barren to Audible for this year. Sales history: $40,000 Ylg '21 KEESSEP; $280,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $48,493.

5th-Fair Grounds, $52,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.87, ft, head. BASALT STREET (f, 4, Uncaptured--Shirley Street, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 17-5-5-0, $187,071. O-AI & Bill Ulwelling; B-Paul Pruett & Lindsay R. Syler (LA); T-Gary M Scherer. *$7,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL; $65,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Rested & Rehabed at Winchester Equine (Bill Snowden)

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 2022 Stud Fees Listed Conquest Mo Money (Uncle Mo), McKenna Thoroughbreds 30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Sunland, 4:37 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Classy Money, 10-1 $14,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo G G Flag (Flagship) 5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Sunland, 4:37 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Flags Finale, 6-1 Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station 154 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner 4-Parx Racing, 1:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Thearcherortheprey, 4-1 $40,000 OBS APR 2yo

ALLOWANCE RESULTS: 7th-Laurel, $59,470, (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($32,000-$40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.34, ft, 1 1/4 lengths. JOHN THE BEAR (g, 5, The Factor--Malibu Drive, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, $175,124. O-Euro Stable; B-George Bolton & Barry Lipman (KY); T-Claudio A Gonzalez. *$21,000 Ylg '19 KEESSEP.

3rd-Sam Houston Race, $37,000, (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($30,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.80, ft, 1/2 length. AQUILA MOON (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Katie's Keepsake, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, $72,916. O-Samuel F Henderson; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Scott E Young. *$50,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

7th-Laurel Race, $37,000, (NW2X), Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.89, ft, 3 1/2 lengths. IMA DISCREET LADY (m, 7, Discreet Cat--Ima Three Blinger {MSP}, by Too Much Bling) Lifetime Record: MSW, 43-13-8-8, $549,208. O-Raymond Todd White & Duane Coker; B-Larry S Huntsinger (TX); T-Karl Broberg. *$38,000 2yo '18 TTAAPR.
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8th-Sam Houston Race, $36,000, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-16, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.75, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

SUNNY SAN LEON (f, 3, Cloud Computing--Greatest Reward, by Grand Reward) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $46,542. O-Thompson Racing LLC (Stephen Thompson); B-Rick Sutherland (FL); T-Jayde J Gelner. *$1,500 Ylg '21 OBSWIN; $17,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, $35,110, 1-15, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.11, ft, 1/2 length.

AMERICA GREAT (g, 8, Ghostzapper--Formal Affair, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 20-6-6-1, $103,430. O-Johnny Taboada; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Isidro Tamayo. *$650,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Rezif (Distant View), GSW, $188,418.

4th-Mahoning Valley, $33,700, (S), 1-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.22, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

GOLD N SILVER (g, 4, Goldencents--Pretty Much Mine, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, $43,806. O/T-David Wolochuk; B-Peter J. Sheppell (OH). *$10,500 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nightwind, g, 3, Flat Out--Now Hope, by Tiznow. Sam Houston Race, 1-16, (S), 1mT, 1:40.58. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, $30,607. B-Leadem Farm (TX). *$5,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR; $30,000 2yo '22 TTAAPR.

Savesomeforme, f, 3, Mohaymen--Cades Cove, by Kayrawan. Mahoning Valley, 1-16, (S), 6f, 1:12.65. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, $30,759. B-Hal Snowden (OH). *$14,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **1/2 to After the Applause (Lost Soldier), SP, $252,753.

Dad Bod, g, 4, Dads Caps--Capaz, by Bernardini. Golden Gate Fields, 1-16, 6f (AWT), 1:12.03. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, $32,220. B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA). *$22,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTCAYR.

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Continuing our series on the profitability of stallions, this week we are looking at those who stood between £20,000 and £49,999 in 2020. Three of the top four in this table have subsequently graduated to the higher-fee bracket outlined in Part I of this series last Thursday. As previously stated, we will be examining sires in four key price brackets according to their yearling sales returns of 2022 set against their fees at the time of covering. The average profit has been determined by the stallion’s fee plus a figure of £20,000 for keep costs.

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FIRST FOAL FOR ST. MARK’S BASILICA

The first foal by European Champion 2-year-old and World Champion 3-year-old St Mark’s Basilica (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) was born at Kiltinan Stud in Fethard, Co Tipperary, Ireland, on Jan. 9. The colt is out of Vital Force (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and owned by the John Ferguson-headed Natalma Bloodstock.

Vital Force is a half-sister to Godolphin’s G2 Coventry S. winner Buratino (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and from the immediate family of Danehill Dancer (Ire).

“He’s a good first foal with a good frame to fill into and a confident temperament,” Kiltinan manager Donna Vowles said.

St Mark’s Basilica won six of nine starts and earned £2,196,080. He is a five-time Group 1 winner, including the Irish Champion S., Emirates Poule d’Essai des Poulains and Coral Eclipse S.

He stands at Coolmore Stud in Ireland for a fee of £65,000.

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Noor Al Hawa (Fr) (Makfi {GB}), champion of his generation in Germany as a 3-year-old and a four-time highweighted older horse in Qatar, will enter stud in 2023 at Haras du Grand Courgeon in France.

The BHA has confirmed the addition of an all-weather fixture at Wolverhampton Thursday, Jan. 19.

A breeding right to Roseman (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) and point-to-point mare Like Ta Ma (Ire) (Soldier of Fortune {Ire}) have been added to the Jan. 18-19 Tattersalls Online January Sale.
The profitable stallions featured must have had at least five yearlings sold in 2022 to make the list and prices have been converted to sterling from Euros according to the conversion rate on the day of the sale. Just as Dubawi (Ire) headed the list of those in the most expensive fee bracket, so does his son Night Of Thunder (Ire) claim top honours here in this second tier when his fee was £25,000, having been as low as £15,000 for two years before that. It stepped back up a notch after the Kildangan Stud resident's stellar first crop of 2-year-olds demonstrated just what their sire was capable of and, since that time, his price has kept climbing to a current high of £100,000. Yes, that's expensive, but the clamour for Night Of Thunder's yearlings was such that 90 were sold (84 of which were in profit) last year for an average of more than eight times his fee at £197,346, with an average profit of £154,565.

Clearly it will be hard to maintain such a level from a higher fee, but it is fair to assume that with the price rise comes an uplift in the quality of mares he is covering, and he was no one-crop wonder. With a top-rated sprinter in Europe to his name last year in Highfield Princess (Fr) and 32 stakes winners from four crops of racing age, Night Of Thunder is fast reaching the elite bracket at only 12 years of age.

Wootton Bassett (GB) has been an incredible success story for Haras d'Etreham, where his stud career started at a lowly €6,000 fee, which dropped to €4,000 in 2014 and 2015 and rose in line with his achievements from relatively small books of lowly mares in his early years. The figures shown on this table represent his final crop bred in France at €40,000. He has subsequently taken another two big price leaps following his move to Coolmore in Ireland—to €100,000 and now €150,000. That, predictably, has been accompanied by strong support from plenty of big breeders. His upward rise will need to continue but, given the mares he has covered in recent years, it would be staggering if it doesn't. Like Dubawi and his sons, Wootton Bassett provides a useful outcross option for many via the Mr. Prospector line, in this instance through Mr P's extremely influential son Gone West, who is Wootton Bassett's great grandsire.

Wootton Bassett has at least one top Classic prospect in the Group 1-winning juvenile Al Riffa (Fr), who provides an early example of just what his sire of capable of when crossed with Galileo (Ire). His 83 yearlings sold in 2022 returned an average price of £151,427, giving him a profit margin of £94,978.

Starspangledbanner (Aus) had noted poor fertility at the outset of his career but this appears to have been largely overcome, which is a bonus to breeders. From 121 mares covered in 2020 at a fee of £22,500, 62 of his yearlings were sold with a decent profit margin of £70,801. This year marks the 16-year-old's career-high fee of £50,000, which means that unlike Night Of Thunder, Wootton Bassett and Camelot (GB), Starspangledbanner will remain in this bracket for now. He is joined at stud this season by his high-flying son State Of Rest (Ire), a Group 1 winner in four different countries, and is responsible for one of the most exciting sprinter/milers in Hong Kong, California Spangle (Ire), who recently downed the colours of the outstanding Golden Sixty (Aus).
It is easy to see why Starspangledbanner’s popularity has been consistently high, just like his fellow Coolmore-based forefathers Choisir (Aus), Danehill Dancer (Ire), and Danehill.

Then there’s Camelot, the horse who should be a Triple Crown winner and the sole remaining son of Montjeu (Ire) in the Flat division in Britain and Ireland (his fellow Derby winner Authorized (Ire) is still plying his trade in Turkey). Camelot may divide opinion but as the sire of 10 Group/Grade 1 winners in five different countries he is unquestionably a good stallion, and one who has piqued the interest of Australian buyers thanks to the exploits of Cox Plate winner Sir Dragonet and dual Group 1 winner Russian Camelot (Ire), who is now at Widden Stud. His two highflyers of last year, Irish Champion S. victor Luxembourg (Ire) and Deutsches Derby hero Sammarco (Ger), remain in training and the yearlings of 2022 posted average profit of £54,918 from the 45 that were sold.

That crop was conceived at €40,000, and Camelot’s fee rose to €60,000 the following year, where it is again now after a brief high of €75,000.

With Night Of Thunder out in front, there is plenty for the Darley team to like about this list and they have another three in the top 10 at varying stages of their career: Blue Point (Ire), Teofilo (Ire), and Cracksman (GB). Much will be expected of Blue Point this year, and with 98 of his first-crop yearlings offered in 2022 it is clear that breeders viewed him as a commercial prospect from the outset. He is all after made in the image of his late and celebrated sire Shamardal and his race record had that intoxicating blend of precocity and speed which is catnip to modern-day breeders.

Having started out at €45,000, he is now down to €35,000 for his fourth season at stud, and his first yearlings returned average profit of £36,872.

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* - Must have 5+ sold to make the list.
* - Euro price to sterling price conversion at day of sale.
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* - Ranked by average profit: yearling average minus (Fee+£20k)

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Of course this season is crucial for him as we start to see his first runners but you can bet that Charlie Appleby has a few smart juveniles up his sleeve by the sire who lit up Royal Ascot not once but twice in a week with a Group 1 double. A 2-year-old winner at the same meeting this year for Blue Point would be just the ticket to get his secondary career off to a similarly fast start.

Cracksman took a few people by surprise last year with a spate of relatively early winners which has grown to a list of 18 to date, including the G2 Premio Dormello winner Aloa (GB) and Listed Star S. victrix Dance In The Grass (GB). His opening fee of £25,000, gave average profit of £25,201 on the 34 yearlings sold from his second crop. Cracksman is now available at £17,500 and, given his own racing profile, there is cause to believe that his offspring take another step forward in their Classic season and beyond.

Cracksman’s fellow first-season sires of 2022, Zoustar (Aus) and Saxon Warrior (Jpn), were also buoyed by solid results from their debutants. Zoustar is of course several seasons ahead in the southern hemisphere. G1 Cheveley Park S winner Lezoo (GB) was the stand-out of his European runners, prompting a fee rise to £30,000 this year from his opening mark of £25,000. From 67 yearlings sold, his average profit margin was £23,951. Saxon Warrior gives renewed hope of the Deep Impact sire-line taking root in Europe and from his first runners, Victoria Road (Ire) flew the flag for him with a Breeders’ Cup victory, while the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Gans Teorainn (Ire) has now spread her wings even farther through being exported to Australia after being bought for 1,000,000gns by Yulong Investments. From a starting fee of €30,000, which dipped to €27,500 in 2020, his yearlings averaged almost €67,000 last year, showing average profit of €21,938.
My pick from this list, however, is the dependable Nathaniel (Ire). There are few stallions in the world who will ever sire a filly of the calibre of Enable (GB), but the brilliant light of his stud career shines well beyond that obvious beacon. A Classic heroine in France and Grade 1 victrix in America, backed up the top-class British-trained duo of God Given (GB) and Lady Bowthorpe (GB), could have had Nathaniel pegged as a fillies’ sire, but then Desert Crown (GB) breezed down the hill at Epsom to win the Derby with consummate ease.

Nathaniel’s success extends beyond the Flat to some smart jumpers, including Zanahiyr (Ire) and Concertista (Fr), and the offers to Newells Park Stud from National Hunt stallion operations in recent years have surely been numerous. The average price of the yearlings conceived from Nathaniel’s 2020 fee was £66,259, leading to average profit of £21,259. Good on the team at Newells Park for hanging on to this extremely useful stallion, who surely represents excellent value at his current fee of £15,000.

VALUE PODIUM
Gold: Nathaniel
Silver: Cracksman
Bronze: Starspangledbanner

QATAR STANDOUT NOOR AL HAWA TO STAND IN FRANCE

Noor Al Hawa (Fr) (Makfi (GB)--Majestic Roi, by Street Cry (Ire),) champion of his generation in Germany as a 3-year-old and a four-time highweighted older horse in Qatar, will enter stud in 2023 at Haras du Grand Courgeon some 25 kilometres northwest of Angers. He will command a fee of €2,300.

Bred by Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, Noor Al Hawa raced in the early part of his career for Jaber Abdullah and was trained by Andreas Wohler. He came to hand at three in 2016, posting a breakthrough black-type success in the Listed Prix de Tourgeville at Deauville and added a pair of German Group 3 tests before being acquired by the Qatar-based Al Wasmiah Stud.

A three-length winner of the US$500,000 Qatar Derby (Listed), the chestnut was runner-up in the Listed H.H. The Emir’s Trophy the following February and again in 2018 before winning the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy for trainer Elias Mikhalides that summer.
Noor Al Hawa | QREC photo

Permanently relocated to Doha in late 2018 and transferred to Georges Mikhalides, Noor Al Hawa went on to win 10 of 17 starts, including the 2021 Amir Trophy at his fifth attempt (video). His final racetrack appearance was a gallant fourth in defence of his Amir Trophy crown last February and he heads to the breeding barn with a career record of 18-6-5 from 37 starts for prize money of US$2,755,942.

“He’s a remarkably tough horse, who has traveled extensively while performing over every surface and a large variety of distances,” renowned Qatar trainer Alban de Mieulle told Jour de Galop. “He’s also a beautiful horse, very correct, with a great personality and I think that he will be a success as far as a sire of jumpers, for example. His owner is going to support him with flat mares.”

A half-brother to German stakes winner Majestic Jasmine (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Noor Al Hawa is out of Majestic Roi, who carried Abdullah’s silks to a 16-1 upset in the 2007 G1 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket after causing a 25-1 boilover in that year’s G3 Fred Darling S. She was also second in that year’s G2 Prix de Sandringham at Chantilly.

The listed-winning second dam L’Extra Honor (Hero’s Honor) was also responsible for G3 Arc Trial hero Black Spirit (Black Minnalouche). Noor Al Hawa’s deeper female family includes the outstanding Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) (Danehill).

WOLVERHAMPTON ALL-WEATHER FIXTURE ADDED

The BHA has confirmed the addition of an all-weather fixture at Wolverhampton on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Entries for the six-race card, which will carry the option to divide into eight, will close on Tuesday prior to the taking of declarations on Wednesday. Jockey confirmations for Kempton Park’s fixture on Thursday will be made on Wednesday in order to line up with this additional Wolverhampton fixture.

The Levy Board has contributed £5,950 to the prize money costs for this fixture.

24% of runners from his 2020 crop are already rated 90 or higher by Timeform. Only Dubawi and Kingman are doing better – he’s ahead of No Nay Never and Mehmas, and considerably outperforming Havana Grey (17%).

Harry Angel

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TWO WILDCARD ADDITIONS TO TATTS ONLINE JANUARY

A breeding right to Roseman (Ire) (Kingman (GB)–Go Lovely Rose (Ire)) in addition to point-to-point mare Like Ta Ma (Ire) (Soldier of Fortune (Ire)) have been added to the Tattersalls Online January Sale, which will be held Jan. 18-19.

The two-day digital sale also includes a stallion share to the Aga Khan Studs’ stallion Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi (Ire)).

Offered as Lot 67, Roseman brings the number of Breeding Rights to eight. Second by a head in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot, he also ran fourth in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot. The young stallion is set to stand his second season at March Hare Stud for a fee of £5,000.

Consigned by Daniel Lynch, Like Ta Ma won her point-to-point debut at Rathcannon in November before finishing a close second in a Mares Point-to-Point at Carrigarostig last weekend.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Danger Alert (GB), g, 3, Ardad (Ire)–Sandy Times (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Wolverhampton, 1-16, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:00.41. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-0, $18,436. B-Corps Commerce Ltd (GB). *150,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT; 165,000gns 2yo ’22 TATBRE. **Full to Eve Lodge (GB), GSW-Eng.

FRANCE

Monday’s Results:
3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-16, 3yo, f, 2150mT, 2:27.49, hy.
IZNIK (FR) (f, 3, Zarak {Fr}–Delinda {Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}), fifth on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs at 22 Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in October, proved amenable to early restraint tracking the leading duo. Working her way to the front 150 yards from the line, the 5-1 shot beat Shaizada (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) by half a length.
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3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer cont.

The unraced dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by Dream Ahead, hails from the Aga Khan dynasty of the champions Sister to Daylami (Ire) and Dalakhani (Ire) and the group 1-winning Dalkala (Giant’s Causeway) and Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}).

Sales history: €85,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Denford Stud; B-SCEA Haras de Gratte Panche, M Ben Hamouda, S Torgeman & M Dardenne (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-16, 3yo, c/g, 2150mT, 2:25.06, hy.

LODOVICO (FR) (c, 3, Toronado {Ire}–Lettre De Chateau {Fr} (SW-Fr, $108,541), by Literato (Fr), eighth over a mile and a quarter on debut at Pau last month, soon held the lead. Extending in the straight, the 18-1 shot had 2 1/2 lengths to spare over Way To Marseille (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) at the line. The winner is the first of two foals produced by the listed-winning dam, with the other being the 2-year-old filly Raison Gardee (Fr) (Doctor Dino {Fr}). The family features the sires Bobby’s Kitten and Camelot Kitten and the Argentinian champion Sixties Song (Arg) (Sixties Icon {GB}). Sales history: €60,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €11,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Daniel-Yves Treves, Laurent Dassault & Ecurie B Weill; B-Haras de Montaigu (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
6th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, 1-16, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:35.31, st.

HOOKING (GB) (g, 7, Lope De Vega {Ire}–Quanzhou {Fr} (SW-Fr), by Dubawi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 31-7-4-2, €168,901. O-Ecurie Griezmann; B-Haras de la Perelle (GB); T-Philippe Decouz. *€97,000 Ylg ‘17 ARQOCT.

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