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Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services will consign a yearling by Constitution out of Light of a Star, who is a full-brother to multiple graded stakes winner Laura’s Light, while Hidden Brook will consign stakes winner Maries Melody (Point of Entry), carrying her first foal by Ghostzapper.

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The supplemented offerings also include Broadway Girls (Army Mule), recent winner of the Blue Norther S. who is expected to make her next start in the Jan. 28 GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita. The 3-year-old is consigned by Highgate Sales, agent.

And Stay Out (Exchange Rate), the dam of multiple stakes winner Coach (Commissioner), has also been added to the Winter Sale. The 12-year-old mare, who will be offered in foal to Upstart, will be consigned by Candy Meadows Sales, agent.

The supplement also includes mares in foal to Bolt d’Oro, Frosted, McKinzie, Mitole, Munnings, Paynter, Speightstown, Take Charge Indy, and Tiz the Law.

Yearling sires represented include Bolt d’Oro, Constitution, Curlin, Frosted, Girvin, Goldencents, Hard Spun, and Maclean’s Music.
These entries may now be viewed online and will be available in the equineline sales catalogue app. Print versions of the supplemental catalogue will be available on the sales grounds.

Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept approved supplemental entries through the end of the month.

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“We are excited to be kicking off the year with a good sale,” said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. “I think we have a good crop of short yearlings. We had the breeze show Monday and had some horses show out on the racetrack—there were a number of unraced 3-year-olds that are ready to go.”

The January sale benefits from buyers coming in from out of town to take advantage of both the horses on offer, as well as the warm weather, according to Wojciechowski.

“We see a lot of people who come down from Kentucky—I think they are looking for a reason to come down out of the cold and have a neat opportunity to shop for short yearlings,” he said. “And then we get a number of trainers who come in from all over the country for the racing age section who are getting ready to restock their stables for the spring and the summer.”

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First-crop sires with yearlings in the sale include Complexity, Gift Box, Global Campaign, Gunnevera, Improbable, Instagrand, Instilled Regard, McKinzie, Shancelot, Spun to Run, Thousand Words and Vekoma.

The sale also features mares in foal to such sires as: Awesome Slew, Bolt d’Oro, Connect, Dialed In, Girvin, Gunnevera, Improbable, Independence Hall, Midshipman, Mitole, Tacitus, Uncle Chuck, Vekoma and Violence.

During Monday’s under-tack show, a pair of unraced 3-year-old geldings shared the three-furlong bullet time of :33 1/5: hip 210, an unnamed gelding by Dialed In consigned by Coastal Equine (video); and Honor You Vow (Broken Vow) (hip 215) consigned by Kaizen Sales (video).

An unraced 3-year-old filly by Micromanage (hip 309) worked a half-mile in :47 flat and that bullet time was equaled by the unraced 3-year-old colt D’Composer (Mendelssohn) (hip 348, video), who is consigned by CM Thoroughbreds, Agent I.

“We had very good attendance at the under-tack show,” Wojciechowski said. “We have seen a lot of activity in the barns starting Sunday and continuing on today. We are excited to start the new year off right.”

A yearling filly by Gun Runner topped the 2022 Winter Mixed sale when selling for $275,000 to Breeze Easy. The filly was one of eight six-figure horses at last year’s auction.
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Jay Goodwin, formerly of Eaton Sales and previously a partner in Select Sales Agency, has been hired by Gary Broad’s Walmac Farm and will join the operation’s stallion sales department.

“Moving into stallions wasn’t something I was even thinking about, but when I spoke with Gary and heard his excitement and the plans that he has for the future of Walmac, it was something that I definitely wanted to be a part of,” said Goodwin.

“Although I am thoroughly excited about this exciting new opportunity, I will miss my role with Eaton Sales. I am thankful to Reiley [McDonald] for everything he taught me while I worked with him.”

Goodwin, who has worked as an account manager for Eaton Sales since 2020, is also a breeder and owns Goodwin Farm in Bourbon County where he manages his own mares and those of clients.

Walmac is home to stallions Core Beliefs, whose first foals arrive this year, and newly acquired Grade I winner Pinehurst. Both stallions stand for $7,500 S&N.
Arabian Knight (cont. from p1)

To put this son of Uncle Mo's 1:21.98 final clocking from that race into perspective, the only other seven-furlong race on Breeders' Cup Saturday, the GI Filly and Mare Sprint, which featured older, highly accomplished distaffers, was timed just .37 seconds faster.

“He's not speed-crazy,” jockey John Velazquez said after that scintillating win. “I put my hands down, he came right back to me. Settled really good on the turn, and when I asked him to go down the stretch, he was there for me.”

At this point we have to insert the usual disclaimer that's become standard in the Top 12 write-ups the past two years: Churchill Downs has banned Baffert from the Derby related to his under-appeal equine drug DQ from the 2021 Derby, and his trainees are prohibited from earning qualifying points and competing in the Derby itself. But while this issue plays out via litigation and at the racing commission level, the focus here will be on the talents of his horses and not courtroom drama.

Saturday's Southwest now looms as the most compelling stakes on the Derby trail that we've seen so far this year.

2) FORTE (c, Violence--Queen Caroline, by Blame)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-South Gate Farm (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: $80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-3-0, $1,595,150. Last start: 1st GI FanDuel Breeders Cup Juvenile presented by TAA, Nov. 4. KY Derby Points: 40.

Beyond the gravitas of having won three straight Grade I stakes, including his 100-Beyer score in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Forte stands out among the Top 12 contenders for his ability to break well, settle willingly, and reel in targets.

Those traits were evident in both of his wins at 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland and his neck victory in the GI Breeders' Futurity S. (with the remainder of the field six lengths behind the top two) was in many ways a more powerful performance than his 1 1/2-length Juvenile tally.

This 'TDN Rising Star' was forwardly placed, but edged back to seventh in his Oct. 8 race, attained a nice cruising speed amongst traffic, then methodically worked his way up to a contending spot before being fully unleashed off the far turn to knock back multiple bids from a very game runner-up.

In the Juvenile, Forte again came out running, picked a prime stalking spot, waited patiently, then sliced off the inside while building up serious momentum to collar a wilting favorite before being kept to task through the final sixteenth.

The Mar. 4 GI Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream is slated as his sophomore debut, with the GI Florida Derby or the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. possibilities after that. An easy three-eighths breeze on Saturday marked his return to the work tab at Palm Beach Downs.

3) CAVE ROCK (c, Arrogate--Georgie's Angel, by Bellamy Road)

'TDN Rising Star'. O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman; B-Anne and Ronnie Sheffer Racing LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: $210,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $550,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-3-1-0, $748,000. Last start: 2nd GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by TAA, Nov. 4. KY Derby Points: 0.

Purely based on the way the Breeders' Cup Juvenile unfolded, 'TDN Rising Star' Cave Rock's beaten-fave second has a “lost the battle, but it could improve his chances in the overall war” type of flavor to it.

This strapping son of Arrogate got keyed up pre-race and exerted himself trying to fight free from a 70-1 long shot through an opening quarter of :22.90 (second-fastest opening split in the Juvenile since 2014), then had little left to stave off the onrushing Forte.

A bit of growing up so that his temperament matches the talent he displayed in getting off to a 3-for-3 start last summer (including two Grade I wins at Del Mar) will go a long way toward leveling his chances in a rematch—although he and his rival are unlikely to meet until the Derby itself considering Cave Rock is based in SoCal and Forte is wintering in Florida.
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A $1.2 MILLION 2YO purchase at OBS by Robert and Lawana Low after breezing in :20 4/5.

A son of BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1) winner LIAM'S MAP, a half-brother to NOT THIS TIME, from the family of G1 winner WONDER AGAIN.

Liam's Map—Amazement, by Bernardini
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If you go by longer-term trends, losing the Juvy might also actually work in Cave Rock’s favor: Since the advent of the Breeders’ Cup, Juvenile winners have accounted for only two Derby wins (Nyquist in 2016 and Street Sense in 2007) from 38 runnings.

Then again, second- and third-place Juvenile finishers haven’t fared much better. Those 76 horses have also accounted for only two Derby wins, by Alysheba in 1987 (third in the 1986 Juvenile) and Spend a Buck in 1985 (third in the 1984 Juvenile).

4) TAPIT TRICE (c, Tapit--Danzatrice, by Dunkirk)
O-Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: $1,300,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $56,950. Last start: 1st Aqueduct Maiden Special Weight, Dec. 17. KY Derby Points: 0.

Tapit Trice was a touch green at the start of his Nov. 6 debut, then split horses capably and finished with interest, justifying 17-10 favoritism in his Dec. 17 maiden-breaking win.

Both races were more visually impressive than their Beyers (73 and 89) suggest, and considering that Tapit Trice’s one-turn-mile score came over a muddy, sealed Aqueduct surface, the suggestion here is to take those speed figures with a figurative grain of salt.

The vagaries of winter racing in New York can sometimes make it difficult to come up with accurate projections and final numbers, and as we saw last season on the Triple Crown trail (when eventual GI Preakness S. winner Early Voting got a winning 78 Beyer from February at Aqueduct retooled months later to a significantly higher 87), all figures are subject to revision when circumstances warrant it.
This gray son of Tapit who hammered for $1.3 million at KEESSEP is now at Palm Beach Downs for trainer Todd Pletcher and has been breezing on a weekly basis for his first start against winners.

5) **BANISHING** *(c, Ghostzapper--Dowager, by A.P. Indy)*
O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $42,000. Last start: 1st Fair Grounds Maiden Special Weight, Dec. 26. KY Derby Points: 0.

Banishing had to scratch out of an allowance/optional claimer at Fair Grounds on Saturday after reportedly getting cast in his stall and scraping a hind leg. The abrasions aren't considered serious enough to derail him from long-term training.

This Godolphin homebred broke his maiden over 1 1/16 miles Dec. 26 in New Orleans, edging away on the lead while taking pace pressure before blasting the race open in deep stretch by 8 1/2 lengths (90 Beyer). That MSW route has already yielded one next-out winner, who popped at 18-1 odds on Saturday.

Banishing’s Nov. 13 debut in a one-turn-mile at Churchill was also much better than it appears on paper: He raced in the 10 path early yet contested the pace, then rallied four wide into the turn before almost attaining the lead between calls. After it looked like he was fading from his mid-race efforts, he kicked in again and secured fourth.

6) **FAUSTIN** *(c, Curlin--Hard Not to Like, by Hard Spun)* **TDN Rising Star**

Faustin earned ‘TDN Rising Star’ status sprinting in his Dec. 26 debut, but you don’t have to dig too deeply in his pedigree to uncover reliable stamina influences.

At 10 furlongs, sire Curlin ran third in the 2007 Derby and later won the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, while damsire Hard Spun was Curlin’s rival that same season, finishing just ahead of him when second in the Derby and right behind him when second in the Classic. Faustin’s dam, Hard Not to Like, was a three-time Grade I grass victress at distances up to nine furlongs. And his second dam on the female side, Like a Gem, scored in three grass routes in Canada, including one at 1 1/4 miles at age three.

Faustin ($285,000 RNA KEESSEP; $800,000 OBSAPR after breezing an eighth in :10 flat), a high-energy gray, was unfazed by a slow start, a “busy” ride, and twice having to switch off heels turning for home in his 89-Beyer win.

7) **SIGNATOR** *(c, Tapit--Pension, by Seeking the Gold) ‘TDN Rising Star’*

Much like Tapit Trice ranked at No. 4, Signator is another son of Tapit who wasn’t quite ready for prime time in his debut, but nevertheless raced with enough promise despite greenness to win as the deserving favorite in start number two.

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And yes, just like it was mentioned in Tapit Trice's write-up, this could be a case in which the visual resonance of Signator's races rate higher than the two Beyers he received (73 in each race).

This $1.7 million OBSAPR colt was penciled in for a third start, in the Nov. 6 Gilli Nashua S., but trainer Shug McGuaghey had to withdraw him because of a wrenched ankle that has since healed. After a Dec. 31 breeze at Payson Park, Signator was absent from the work tab until Jan. 18, so it looks like he's going to need a touch more time before we see him in the entries, most likely at either Gulfstream or Tampa.

8) VICTORY FORMATION (c, Tapwrit--Smart N Soft, by Smart Strike) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Spendthrift Farm & Frank Fletcher Racing Operations. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Sales history: $100,000 wnlg '20 KEENOV; $150,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL; $340,000 2yo '22 FTMAY. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-3-0-0, $282,285. Last Start: 1st Smarty Jones S., Jan.1 at OP. Kentucky Derby Points: 10.

Even though he's a 3-for-3 'TDN Rising Star,' Victory Formation flies a touch under the radar within the Top 12. But that's primarily because his connections have shaped his early-career progression arc without yet attempting a graded stakes.

This son of 2017 GI Belmont S. victor Tapwrit most recently coasted home unopposed by three lengths at 3-5 odds in Oaklawn's short-stretch Smarty Jones S. at one mile, and even though that field gave off a weak-on-paper vibe, the win still represented a capable, no-nonsense two-turn debut and it capped a trio of escalating Beyers that now reads 81, 85 and 91 without any numerical regression so far.

"He's a pretty smart horse," trainer Brad Cox recently told the Oaklawn notes team. "I know I've said that several times, but he really is. He's a horse that doesn't overdo it. He's not too hard on himself and I think that's going to take him a long way and, hopefully, allow him to get more ground."

The nine-furlong Feb. 18 GII Risen Star S. at Victory Formation's Fair Grounds training base could be next, with the following Saturday's 1 1/16-miles Gill Rebel S. at Oaklawn a possible backup option.


"We gave him some time, gave him a chance to reboot," said Baffert after this colt's 97-Beyer win as a first-time Lasix user going 6 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita Jan. 15. "We wanted to get some weight back on him. We put him through a pretty ambitious [juvenile campaign]."

Sent for speed from post one, always under pressure, and shrugging off his two closest pursuers with aplomb inside the final sixteenth, Hejazi's "worth-the-wait" effort was athletically impressive enough to land him a berth within the Top 12.

10) INSTANT COFFEE (c, Bolt d'Oro--Follow No One, by Uncle Mo) O-Gold Square LLC. B-Sagamore Farm (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Sales history: $200,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, $322,815. Last Start: Won Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S. Kentucky Derby Points: 32.

Instant Coffee has now taken the overland route from off the pace to win two consecutive graded stakes at 1 1/16 miles after his 92-Beyer score in the GIII Lecomte S. on Saturday. There were six races at that distance Jan. 21 at Fair Grounds, and this son of Bolt d'Oro posted the fastest final clocking, running .19 seconds quicker than older Grade III stakes horses in the Louisiana S. a half-hour earlier.

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When compared to his sophomore peers however, Instant Coffee's final times for the Lecomte and his win in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. represent the sixth- and seventh-slowest among the eight points-awarding Derby qualifying races run so far at 1 1/16 miles in 2022-23. 

Trainer Brad Cox said Sunday that Instant Coffee is likely to keep racing in New Orleans, but he's undecided if the remainder of his prep campaign will include both the Risen Star S. and the GII Louisiana Derby, or just the Louisiana Derby itself.

11) JACE'S ROAD (c, Quality Road--Out Post, by Silver Deputy) 

'TDN Rising Star' Jace's Road already has run three two-turn stakes. Even though one of them is a complete "put a line through it" type of race, the important thing is this $510,000 KEESEP son of Quality Road rebounded capably to win right back off what trainer Brad Cox described as a "meltdown" performance.

In the GIII Street Sense S .at Churchill Oct. 30, favorite Jace's Road dislodged his jockey at the gate, jogged off for a furlong, was remounted, then ran a lackluster eighth over a sealed, sloppy surface.

We'll still probably have to guess as to whether he'll be able handle another off track. But his rebound race in the Dec. 26 Gun Runner S. at Fair Grounds was a 90-Beyer wiring that underscored this colt's ability to put his head down, find the front, and take pressure while seeming unfazed by it en route to the winner's circle.

Jace's Road was projected to be the early favorite for Saturday's Southwest S. before word broke that No. 1-ranked Arabian Knight would be crashing the party.


Determinedly, an $80,000 KEESEP gray by Cairo Prince, already has made eight starts. That's not a huge number by historical standards, but in this less-is-more era of prepping Derby prospects, his experience stands out.

True, it took him six tries to find the winner's circle. But he did race respectably against grass stakes company at Saratoga last summer while still a maiden, and his transition back to dirt has resulted in a maiden win, a trip-troubled third in the Gun Runner S., and a score on Saturday in an allowance/optional claimer (the one that No. 5-ranked Banishing scratched out of).

He shook free on the front end through moderate splits and did tire a bit late, but the effort bears watching as a stepping-stone type of race considering he showed a new dimension in seizing the lead.
BAYERNESS (m, 6, Bayern--Weight No More, by Pure Prize), booked to Flightline
Bayerness is a drop-dead gorgeous young mare. We acquired her as a broodmare prospect at last year’s Keeneland November sale. She was a SW and MGSP on the track and earned over $430,000. We are very excited to be part of the tremendous first book of mares heading to the superstar new sire Flightline, undoubtedly one of the most talented racehorses we have ever seen.

CALL TO SERVICE (m, 7, To Honor and Serve--Game for More, by More Than Ready), booked to Justify
Call to Service is a young half-sister to GSW Isotherm (Lonhro), GISP Gio Game (Gio Ponti) and GISP Giant Game (Giant’s Causeway). We purchased her in foal to HOY Authentic in January of last year and she had a beast of a colt that we will offer for sale later this year. We are hearing good things about her first foal, a 2-year-old by Vino Rosso, and she is currently in foal to Curlin so this mare is definitely getting every chance.

Justify is off to an excellent start at stud with MSW already, and they should only get better with time. Justify has already sired SW Justique and Justa Warrior from Bernardini mares and GIII winner Champions Dream from a Tapit mare, so he made sense for this mare being from the A.P. Indy-Bernardini line.
CILLA (m, 5, California Chrome--Sittin At the Bar, by Into Mischief), booked to Jackie’s Warrior

We acquired Cilla at the Fasig-Tipton November sale last year. She won the Grade II Prioress S. at Saratoga among her stakes wins and placed in the GI Frizette S. at Belmont as a 2-year-old. She earned over $509,000 and was tough and genuine as a racehorse. I know her family well, having followed her dam Sittin At the Bar’s career closely from the time she was a yearling (we also own Sittin at the Bar’s half-sister, Lead Us to the Bar [Dublin]). Sittin at the Bar has produced three SW already in her career and looks sure to add more in the coming years. Jackie’s Warrior was as brilliant, tough, and consistent as they come on the racetrack and we love him as a sire prospect. His performance in the GII Pat Day Mile, when he set blazing fractions, fought off multiple challengers, and still found a way to win, is a race I’ll never forget.

ELFIN QUEEN (m, 6, American Pharoah--Pretty ‘n’ Smart, by Beau Genius), booked to Life Is Good

Elfin Queen is one of our most exciting long-term prospects as a potential foundation mare. She was a $1.2 million yearling and is a half-sister to GISW Cupid (Tepit), as well as GSW Heart Ashley (Lion Heart), GSW Ashley’s Kitty (Tale of the Cat) and SW Indianapolis (Medaglia d’Oro). This is also the immediate family of recent GSW fillies Kathleen O. (Upstart) and Ain’t Easy (Into Mischief). The first dam literally fills the page. Elfin Queen’s first foal is an outstanding Justify filly and she’s currently in foal to leading sire Into Mischief. We felt that Life Is Good was one of the most gifted horses of the past 10 or 15 years and he has the phenomenal looks to match his pedigree and racetrack performance. He has all the ingredients to make a future leading sire.

GOLD SOUK (6, m, Medaglia d’Oro--Glittering Tax by Artax), booked to Charlatan

Gold Souk is a half-sister to GISW Miss Temple City (Temple City), GSW Pricedtoperfection (Temple City) and SW Miss Mosaic (Verrazano). Her first foal is a Speightstown colt that will be selling as a 2-year-old later this spring and looks fast as lightning. She is in foal to Munnings and we tripled down on the ultra-successful Speightstown-Medaglia cross by going to the popular young sire Charlatan this year. I thought on pure talent that Charlatan was up there with the likes of Life Is Good and even Flightline. His first four starts were breathtaking and it took an outstanding horse to beat him in the G1 Saudi Cup in Mishriff (Ire). Speightstown has been a wonderful sire of sires and Charlatan had probably the most talent and ability of all of his sons. His first in-foal mares averaged over $344,000.
HOT AUTUMN (8, m, Tiz Wonderful--Shesoprovocative, by Orientate), booked to Constitution

Hot Autumn is another mare who had a high cruising speed—second in the GI La Brea S. at Santa Anita. She has a yearling filly by Authentic who is a monster and could be any kind. She is currently in foal to Essential Quality. I liked Constitution for her this year as a proven, top-level sire who has had excellent results with Tiznow line mares, producing the likes of GISW Tiz the Law, GSW We the People and SW Never Surprised.

LITTLE MS PROTOCOL (m, 14, El Corredor--Character Builder, by Coronado’s Quest), booked to Golden Pal

Little Ms Protocol was the first horse ever bred by Coteau Grove, and remarkably, she developed into a top performer on the racetrack as a MSW of over $730,000. She has already produced two winners including The Great One (Nyquist), who was second, beaten by a nose in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity, and was on the Derby Trail in 2021. Little Ms Protocol foaled a full-brother to The Great One in 2022 and we thought it made sense to return to the Uncle Mo sire line with the lightning-fast multiple Breeders’ Cup winning Golden Pal this year.

LITTLE MISS ZAPP (m, 7, Ghostzapper--Little Ms Protocol, by El Corredor), booked to Corniche

Little Miss Zapp is the first foal out of Little Ms Protocol. She was unraced but we are excited about her broodmare potential with her pedigree and looks. Her first foal, a McKinzie colt, is a crackerjack and she is currently in foal to the red-hot Good Magic. I’m intrigued by the potential of Corniche as he was a brilliant 2-year-old and has incredible strength and athleticism. His breeze at OBS when he topped the sale was sensational and I loved his dam Wasted Tears when she was racing. The Quality Road-Ghostzapper cross is a proven one as well.
**MIDNIGHT FANTASY** (7, m, *Midnight Lute*--St. Jean, by Macho Uno), booked to **Uncle Mo**

Midnight Fantasy is one of our newest purchases, we bought her at Keeneland November last year in foal to Quality Road. Similar to Bayerness and Cilla, I followed her racing career very closely from the time she was a yearling and she always showed tremendous talent from the beginning. She was a MSW on the track and earned over $340,000, displaying terrific speed and ability. Uncle Mo is coming off another excellent season and has consistently shown he can get Grade I Saturday afternoon horses, year-in and year-out.

**MISS HOT LEGS** (7, m, Verrazano--Expo Gold, by Johannesburg), booked to **Flightline**

Miss Hot Legs is a SP half-sister to the champion 3-year-old filly Swiss Skydiver. She is an incredible physical and was very talented in her own right with tons of speed. Her first foal is a very athletic yearling colt by Curlin that we have very high hopes for both as a sales prospect later this year and then for his racing career. Miss Hot Legs is also booked to Flightline this year, we’re hoping that foal can break the sound barrier!

**MYLADY CURLIN** (8, m, Curlin--Ladyledue, by Slewdledo), booked to **Life Is Good**

We purchased Mylady Curlin at Fasig-Tipton November last year in foal to the exciting first-season sire Charlatan. Mylady Curlin was an excellent racemare, as MGSW and earner of over $800,000. Her biggest score came in the GII Falls City H. at Churchill Downs for trainer Brad Cox. We have been trying to steadily upgrade our broodmare band the past few years and adding these types of mares really moves our program to a different level. She is another mare we have going to the brilliant Life Is Good, whose elite speed is a great match for Mylady Curlin’s stamina. Recent SW Dazzling Blue (Into Mischief) is also a successful product of the Into Mischief-Curlin cross.

**PLUS ONE** (14, m, Bluegrass Cat--License Free, by Miswaki), booked to **Olympiad**

Plus One is the dam of the brilliantly fast GISW No Parole (Violence), the first for that farm, and now a stallion we are standing in partnership with in Louisiana. We took at shot breeding to Gun Runner last year and thankfully it looks like that choice has turned out well! For 2023 we are going with Olympiad. He is a stunning horse physically ($700k yearling), big and stretchy and full of quality. He is much more reminiscent of his broodmare sire Medaglia d’Oro than Speightstown. Seeing as Violence is by Medaglia d’Oro, I thought that bringing that blood back to Plus One for this mating made a lot of sense and it’s a great physical match as well.

**TOUCH MAGIC** (13, m, by Lion Heart--Unifier, by Deputy Minister), booked to **Maxfield**

Touch Magic had a big year in 2022, as her 3-year-old son Touchuponastar (Star Guitar) won four of six starts including the Louisiana Champions Day Classic at Fair Grounds by nearly five lengths. He is one of the most exciting Louisiana-breds currently in training. Touch Magic is booked back to Maxfield, who we think has a great shot at developing into a Classic stallion in the mold of his sire Street Sense.

This mating also creates 4x4 linebreeding to the influential mare La Affirmed, ancestress of such luminaries as Bernstein, Sky Mesa, Caress, Country Cat, Della Francesca, Good Samaritan, Wiseman’s Ferry, Matareya and Maxfield himself. Maxfield also carries Quiet American blood through his broodmare sire Bernardini, an added bonus as Star Guitar, sire of Touchuponastar, is also by Quiet American.

**WILLFUL WOMAN** (5, m, by Nyquist--Foxy Danseur, by Mr. Greeley), booked to **Life Is Good**

We acquired Willful Woman at Fasig-Tipton November last year, in foal to Medaglia d’Oro. She is just an incredibly good-looking mare--big, fancy and powerful. She was a $400,000 Saratoga yearling purchase by Bo Hunt for the Lieblongs and certainly looked the part. She translated those good looks into top-level performance as well, winning three of 10 starts and running a strong second to Army Wife in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. Life Is Good was another easy choice for this mare with his potential and pedigree-wise it makes a lot of sense too--Into Mischief has already sired GISW Dayoutoftheoffice and GSW Frank’s Rockette out of Indian Charlie line mares.

*Cont. p16*
YOU LAUGHIN (15, m, by Sharp Humor--Livermore Leslie, by Mt Livermore), booked to Mandaloun

You Laughin is the dam of GISW Zenden (Fed Biz) and she is a half-sister to GISW Sweet Reason (Street Sense), GSW Don’t Forget Gil (Kafwain) and SW Battle Girl (Midshipman). We purchased her for $55k a couple years before he won his Grade I, so we got fortunate there that he fulfilled his potential. We sold her Audible yearling for $175,000 last Sept. and he will go to Steve Asmussen. I really like the Into Mischief-Distorted Humor cross that has been so effective with Life Is Good and Practical Joke among others, so it was logical to go with the first-year sire Mandaloun. He is a big, beautiful stretchy horse for an Into Mischief and has one of those mesmerizing walks to him. I thought he was great value for his pedigree, looks and race record and I know he has proven popular at Juddmonte.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email garyking@thetdn.com.

FIRST FOALS BY CHARLATAN REPORTED

Hill ‘n’ Dale’s Charlatan (Speightstown), a multiple Grade I stakes winner, was represented by his first two foals this past week. On Jan. 17, a bay colt out of Inventive (Dixie Union) was born at Seclusive Farm. Inventive is already the dam of GISW Klimt (Quality Road) and of GSP West Coast Chick (Malibu Moon).

“This colt has strength, power, substance, and great bone,” said Seclusive’s Chris Baccari. “Excited to have other mares in foal to Charlatan and will plan to breed back to him after seeing this colt. I think Charlatan has a ton of potential with the likelihood of siring a great racehorse.” Cont. p17

California Aftercare Partner Storm Damage Aid

Over the past 3 weeks, California has experienced unprecedented rains. TAA Accredited Aftercare Organization Square Peg Foundation and the property we lease on Half Moon Bay’s Hwy 92 has been severely affected by those rains. On Friday, January 12, 2023, a giant sinkhole formed on Hwy 92 significantly limiting access for our families, interns and volunteers.

The driveways to the ranch have undergone extensive water damage and downed trees making access difficult and dangerous. In addition to interrupting the services we provide to a vulnerable population of humans, even getting employees safely in and out of the property has become a struggle.

Square Peg Foundation has the opportunity to move our operation and horses to a safer and more accessible facility at Ocean View Farms in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. While we had plans to make this move over time, for right now we just need to get horses to a place where we can safely care for them and to safely attend to our clients.

The move will cost critical operating funds. Horses will have to be mindfully transitioned to their new home and given time to acclimate, fencing will have to be built, and our program fees from serving families in need will be cut dramatically for the next few months.

Our initial goal of $60k will go toward these immediate infrastructure needs and program fee losses. What we can promise in return is that Square Peg will continue to actively promote the use of OTTBs in our program. We can definitively illustrate, speak to, publish and evangelize how thoroughbreds are uniquely qualified for the work we do, and how we can run a program that benefits the animals, the families we serve, our local community, and the racing industry with integrity and accountability.

We are grateful for your support as we look to the future with hope and excitement, even if the short-term looks daunting.

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Organizer Joell Dunlap, Half Moon Bay, CA
**Charlatan, cont. from p16**

In addition, Mill Ridge Farm reported the Jan. 20 birth of a bay filly by *Charlatan* out of SP Vevina (*More Than Ready*), who is a half-sister to GSW Friar’s Road (*Quality Road*). Bred by RPS Bloodstock, the filly was purchased in utero at last year’s Keeneland November sale for $400,000.

“She is a nice, leggy filly with good bone and correct,” said Mill Ridge’s Price Bell.

*Charlatan*, who entered stud in 2022, stands for $50,000 for the upcoming breeding season. In five career starts, he won the GI Arkansas Derby and the GI Runhappy Malibu S. in addition to finishing second in the G1 Saudi Cup. His first in-foal mares sold for up to $1 million.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

TERENCE COLLIER REGARDING THE PASSING OF DR. BILLY MARRS

It seems that every tick of the clock marks the demise of another friend and colleague in my life. Word came in today of the passing on January 15th of Dr. Billy (Merritt William) Marrs, who died in Indio, California, close to his winter home in Palm Springs. Such news usually travels fast in our circles, but this veterinarian has spent more of the last few years on out-of-town golf courses than on the backside or at a horse sale. Nevertheless, there will be a few tears and many fond tales told among Thoroughbred people of this colorful and loveable character.

Billy Marrs was a Lexington native, born in 1946, a graduate of the University of Kentucky who went on to a degree in Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State in 1973. His early mentors have already left for that great clinic in the sky, but anybody around Thoroughbreds in central Kentucky from the 1980s on will remember ‘Doc’ Marrs pulling up in his Cadillac, enveloped in a cloud of cigar smoke. One short car ride as his passenger and you got out smelling like Winston Churchill! He eschewed the Suburbans, the Tahoes and the SUVs and worked from either the trunk or the back seat of his gray DeVille. There was much competition for space in the car and it took forever to get the ancient X-ray camera from under the sets of golf clubs. Because he was an independent veterinarian and not connected to the two or three large veterinary groups in town, I frequently put Billy on veterinary arbitration disputes at Fasig-Tipton sales. He would always be very late or very early and invariably had to ask if he could borrow a scope from one of the other panel members.

Billy and I had close mutual friends in Jack G. Jones, Jr. of Mineola Farm in Lexington and California bloodstock guru Rollin Baugh. Jack was his lawyer, golfing companion and client. In the late 1970s Billy and Jack scouted the sales together for Buckram Oak Farm’s owner Mahmoud Fustok. Jack remembers with certainty that at the Saratoga Yearling Sales, both Danzig and De La Rose were passed by Billy and made Fustok’s short list, only to be underbidders on both in successive years. For a few years, Rollin was accompanied by Billy at Royal Ascot. He would call me the week before the famous English racing festival and the conversation would always jokingly open, “Well, Lord Collier, where should I be dining this year in London?” or “Can I wear brown suede shoes in the Royal Enclosure?”

Without delving too deeply into Dr. Marrs’s private life, in Lexington, there seem to be no close family members surviving him in his hometown. He was married twice—once, for 13 years, to the very popular and bubbly Eloise, a leading light in local banking circles. Since October last year, he was engaged to the equally attractive Karen Nielsen, to whom I extend my sincere condolences.

Dr. Marrs got out of the veterinary world before it left him behind. He was old school. And he never let an equine appointment stand in the way of a round of golf. His many friends, of which I was honored to be one, will miss a man who did it his way.

*Terence Collier*

PS: There will be a celebration of life in Lexington in April and details will follow.

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**SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 22, 2023**

**NORTH AMERICAN-BASED STALLIONS**

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Deemed “the best filly I’ve trained” by Salem bin Ghadayer, Mimi Kakushi became the fourth stakes winner for Lane’s End’s City of Light in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas | Dubai Racing Club

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Munnings (Speightstown) 65 26 (L Street Lady--Xtra Heat S.; Prince of Jericho--Spectacular Bid S.)

STANDING AT ASHFORD STUD • CLICK HERE FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHARLIE O’CONNOR

Runhappy (Super Saver) 11 3 (Happy American--Louisiana S. Presented by Relyne GI By Hagyard-Gill)

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Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) 88 45 (Plot the Dots--Jennings S.)

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PEGASUS WORLD CUP PARTNERS WITH EQUINE MEDIRECORD

World Cup card at Gulfstream Park. EMR representatives will be on-site at the Hallandale track to help log each horse's information on the EMR system. The platform, which allows for the full veterinary history of each horse to be collected digitally and recorded securely, will be mandatory and will provide all entrants, trainers and veterinarians with a user-friendly system to comply with medication protocols for this year's event. According to a release from EMR, "Integrity of the veterinary information will be ensured using the unique algorithms found in the EMR technology. Once the records are entered into the system they cannot be altered. Results are submitted digitally to designated regulators and officials ensuring the highest level of integrity and transparency of veterinary records."

“We welcome the support of Equine MediRecord to the Pegasus World Cup for a second year,” said Dr. Dione Benson, Chief Veterinary Officer, 1/ST RACING. “The immediate access to relevant medical information significantly enhances safety and welfare for our equine athletes and further enforces the 1/ST RACING standards of integrity and accountability in our sport.”

ECLIPSE AWARD CEREMONY TO BE BROADCAST LIVE ON FANDUEL TV, STREAMED ON MULTIPLE OUTLETS

The 52nd annual Eclipse Awards will air live on FanDuel TV and Racetrack Television Network (RTN) Thursday from The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida. The Keeneland red-carpet show will begin at 6:30 p.m. ET, with the ceremony following at 7:30 p.m. ET. The evening will culminate with the announcement of the 2022 Horse of the Year.

The ceremony will also be streamed live on multiple outlets including: NTRA.com, americasbestracing.net, bloodhorse.com, equibase.com, and NTRA’s YouTube channel.

The event will be hosted by Britney Eurton, Scott Hazelton, and Maggie Wolfendale-Morley, with Caton Bredar serving as the announcer throughout the awards ceremony.

FIRST FOAL FOR COMBATANT

Combatant (Scat Daddy–Border Dispute, by Boundary) was represented by his first foal when Sadie’s Song (Unbridled’s Song) produced a filly by the late Grade I winner at Waldorf Farm Jan. 21. The filly was bred by McConnell Racing.

Combatant won the 2020 GI Santa Anita H. and was second in that year’s GII San Pasqual S. in the colors of Hronis Racing and trainer John Sadler. He was also second in the 2018 GIII Southwest S. and third in that year’s GII Rebel S.

After standing his first season at Rockridge Stud in New York, the stallion shuttled to Chile last year. He suffered a bout of colic and died last August.
**Saturday, Gulfstream #13, post time: 5:40 p.m. EST**

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:27 p.m. EST

**INSIDE INFORMATION S. PRESENTED BY BRIGHTLINE-GII**, $200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST

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### Saturday, Sam Houston Race #9, post time: 6:25 p.m. EST

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:01 p.m. EST

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### Saturday, Sam Houston Race #10, post time: 6:55 p.m. EST

**JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:19 p.m. EST

**LA PREVOYANTE S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

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Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 3:34 p.m. EST

FRED W. HOOPER S. PRESENTED BY WHISPERING ANGEL-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, 1m

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2022 Leading Second-Crop Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

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| 2    | Keen Ice       | 3   | 10  | 1   | 1   | 1    | 1    | 127      | 75    | 2,670,200      | 6,435,621|
|      | (2012) by Curlin | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: $12,500
| 3    | Cupid          | 4   | 9   | 1   | 4   | --   | 1    | 114      | 66    | 488,750        | 4,549,513|
|      | (2013) by Topit | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: $5,000
| 4    | Classic Empire | 5   | 10  | 2   | 3   | 1    | 1    | 126      | 65    | 409,325        | 4,486,932|
|      | (2014) by Pioneers of the Nile | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: $15,000
| 5    | Unified        | --  | 3   | --  | 1   | --   | --   | 111      | 66    | 121,822        | 3,076,881|
|      | (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg) | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $7,500
| 6    | Gun Runner     | 12  | 28  | 9   | 18  | 4    | 10   | 138      | 62    | 2,012,520      | 14,861,039|
|      | (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg) | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: Private
| 7    | Connect        | 4   | 14  | --  | 3   | --   | --   | 114      | 65    | 635,051        | 4,819,388|
|      | (2013) by Curlin | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $25,000
| 8    | Arrogate       | 6   | 12  | 4   | 6   | 4    | 112  | 55       | 55    | 1,603,250      | 7,917,080|
|      | (2013) by Unbridled's Song | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Juddmonte Farms USA (Dead/Retired)
| 9    | Gormley        | 1   | 5   | 1   | 2   | --   | 134  | 55       | 55    | 240,332        | 3,149,585|
|      | (2014) by Malibu Moon | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: $5,000
| 10   | Mastery        | 1   | 4   | 4   | 1   | 1    | 148  | 54       | 54    | 304,680        | 3,100,191|
|      | (2014) by Candy Ride (Arg) | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Claiborne Farm AR Fee: $3,500
| 11   | American Freedom | 1  | 3   | 7   | 1   | 1    | 148  | 54       | 54    | 408,975        | 2,925,163 |
|      | (2013) by Pulpit | FYR: 2019 | Stands: JBB Shizunai Stallion: ¥3,000,000
| 12   | Caravaggio     | 6   | 13  | 4   | 7   | 1    | 1    | 148      | 54    | 397,275        | 2,723,343 |
|      | (2014) by Scat Daddy | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: $5,000
| 13   | Bal a Bali (Brz) | 1  | 1   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 91       | 51    | 87,620         | 1,786,757 |
|      | (2010) by Put It Back | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: $5,000
| 14   | Lord Nelson    | 2   | 5   | --  | 1   | --   | 99   | 48       | 48    | 235,850        | 3,246,517 |
|      | (2012) by Pulpit | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Spendthrift Farm USA (Dead/Retired)
| 15   | Divining Rod   | 3   | 5   | --  | 1   | --   | 68   | 40       | 40    | 322,940        | 2,729,897 |
|      | (2012) by Tapit | FYR: 2019 | Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: $5,000

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**Meta Max**, c, 3, **Into Mischief**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Jasper Gold**, h, 5, **Khozan**--Gracious Lady, by Put It Back.
Nakayama, 1-22, Allowance, 1200m, 1:10.9. Lifetime Record:
23-4-2-3, $502,713. O-Kazu Kato; B-Randy Lee Myers (FL);
T-Hideyuki Mori. *$100,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

**La La Chandon**, h, 5, **Street Sense**--Divine Praises, by Medaglia d'Oro. Kokura, 1-22, Allowance, 1000m, :58.3. Lifetime Record:
7-2-0-1, $130,775. O-Fujii Kosan Inc; B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY); T-Tomoyasu Sakaguchi. *$260,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**Timing Now**, g, 7, **Tapit**--Her Smile (GISW, $462,314), by Include. Chukyo, 1-21, Allowance, 1400m, 1:25.5. Lifetime Record:
21-3-4-3, $457,907. O-Kieffers Inc; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Hirofumi Shii. *Full to Pink Sands, MGWS, $490,800; and half to Wharton (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSP. **$750,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

IN SINGAPORE:

**Last Samurai**, g, 5, **First Samurai**--Corinthian Wind, by Corinthian. Kranji, 1-23, Hcp. (C4), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.98. B-Millennium Farms (KY). *Formerly Halcyon Digest.

**$23,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $52,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. VIDEO

IN FRANCE:

**Dailymotion**, f, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Dayatthespa, by City Zip. See the European Edition.
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Dosificado (Chi) (Scat Daddy), Milky Way Farm
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3-Mahoning Valley, 1:41 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Sister Code, 6-1

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 2:37 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Broadwaycharlyrose, 9-2
8-Parx Racing, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Go East, 7-2

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
347 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 2:37 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Mendelian, 5-1
$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $42,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Back East, 8-1
$18,000 FTK OCT yrl; $37,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
10th-Parx Racing, $42,250. (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 1-23, 3yo, 7f, 1:27.10, sy, 2 lengths.
NO CONFESSION (g, 3, Into Mischief--Ready to Confess {SW & MGSP, $377,962}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record:
9-2-1-1, $91,450. O-Kingdom Racing; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Rafael Schistl. *$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, $42,100, 1-22, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.95, ft, neck.
ALWAYS SEEKING (f, 4, Rousing Sermon--Heat Striker, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-2, $115,908. O-Larry D. and Marianne Williams; B-Larry D. Williams (CA); T-Jack Steiner.

6th-Parx Racing, $42,000, 1-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.22, sy, 3/4 length.
MEMENTO MI (f, 4, Lea--Remember Rosie, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, $93,960. O-Richie's World Stables LLC; B-Melissa Couture (KY); T-Rafael Romero. *$3,700 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $1,000 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; $67,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $33,700, (S), 1-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.78, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.
CAN I GO TOO (m, 5, Include--Mrs. Boyd, by Proud Citizen) Lifetime Record: 17-2-2-4, $73,943. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-KC Breeding Venture, LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. *$4,500 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $10,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

4th-Mahoning Valley, $27,400, 1-23, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.61, sy, 4 lengths.
DYRDEK (g, 6, Run Away and Hide--Flying North, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 35-8-9-7, $139,782. O-Jorge Calixtro-Villanueva; B-Ron Kirk, John Bates & Michael Riordan (KY); T-Caryn Vecchio. *$1,700 Ylg '18 KEEJAN.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 1-23, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.77, sy, 1/2 length.
GOSHEN (f, 3, Classic Empire--What a Lily, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $36,330. O-Sheltowee Farm and Joshua Fryman; B-Ikhana Farm & Trachsel Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael Evans II. *$37,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEEJAN; $70,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $49,000 RNA 2yo '22 FTKFEB.
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6th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 1-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:47.78, sy, neck. 

**ONEMORANDTHECHECK** (g, 4, Midnight Storm—Lemon Hero {SP, $129,819}, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-2, $51,831. O-Infront Racing LLC; B-Jason R Stewart (KY); T-Gary L. Johnson. *1/2 to Sainthood (Mshawish), GSW, $241,900.

4th-Turf Paradise, $23,400, 1-23, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.84, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**MYOPIC** (g, 5, Candy Ride {Arg}--Spokeswoman, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: GSP, 19-3-3-2, $138,417. O-Arnold Bennewith, Rick Wiest, Clayton & Lana Wiest, Randy Howg, R6 Stables & Gary Kropp, Gary; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *$200,000 3yo '21 FTKHRA.

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Candy Ride (Arg), Myopic, g, 5, o/o Spokeswoman, by Unbridled's Song. OAC, 1-23, Turf Paradise

**Classic Empire**, Goshen, f, 3, o/o What a Lily, by Vindication.

ALW, 1-23, Mahoning Valley

**Include**, Can I Go Too, m, 5, o/o Mrs. Boyd, by Proud Citizen.

ALW, 1-23, Mahoning Valley

**Into Mischief**, No Confession, g, 3, o/o Ready to Confess, by More Than Ready. AOC, 1-23, Parx Racing

**Lea**, Memento Mi, f, 4, o/o Remember Rosie, by Northern Afleet. AOC, 1-23, Parx Racing

**Midnight Storm**, Onemorandthecheck, g, 4, o/o Lemon Hero, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 1-23, Mahoning Valley

**Practical Joke**, Practical Way, c, 4, o/o Yawkey Way, by Grand Slam. MSW, 1-23, Parx Racing

**Rousing Sermon**, Always Seeking, f, 4, o/o Heat Striker, by Unusual Heat. ALW, 1-22, Golden Gate

**Run Away and Hide**, Dyrdek, g, 6, o/o Flying North, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ALW, 1-23, Mahoning Valley

**Twirling Candy**, Ag Bullet, f, 3, o/o Noble Grey, by Forestry. MSW, 1-22, Santa Anita

**Uptowncharlybrown**, Marion Grace, f, 3, o/o Angel Food, by Sidney's Candy. MCL, 1-23, Parx Racing

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By Emma Berry

As we move into the third tier of our examination of stallions by yearling profitability, the name at the top of the list for those standing between the equivalent of €10,000 and €19,999 perhaps provides an example of how rarity drives demand.

On paper, the Dalham Hall Stud-based Farhh (GB) has an awful lot going for him. A son of Pivotal (GB) out of a dual Group 1 winner over a mile and a half, he was lightly raced, with just one winning appearance in each of his 2- and 3-year-old seasons.

Then at four, when things fell into place for him, he had Nathaniel (Ire) then Frankel (GB) holding him off the top spot in three consecutive Group 1 races. In total, Farhh ran second in four Group 1s that season, in the Eclipse, Sussex, International and Prix du Moulin, being beaten just a head in the latter by Moonlight Cloud (GB). The infrequency of his appearances resumed in his 5-year-old season but boy was he worth waiting for, as he won the Lockinge and the Champion S. to round off his career in style.

Unfortunately, things haven't gone swimmingly for the handsome Farhh at stud, as his career has been dogged by poor fertility. It has also been liberally sprinkled with excellence. From eight crops of foals to date, the largest number recorded in one year was 39 in 2019. The previous year only 18 Farhh foals were born, and there were 14 in 2022.

From a total of 189 foals eligible to have raced so far he has had 149 runners and 89 winners, including 17 stakes winners. His seven group winners give a snapshot of the diversity one can expect when it comes to distance, which is perhaps no surprise given the speed and stamina influences in his own pedigree. His Group 1 winners King Of Change (GB) and Fonteyn (GB) are both essentially milers; the Group 3 winners Wells Farhh Go (GB) and Dee Ex Bee (GB) were both talented stayers, while another, Far Above (GB), was an extremely fast winner of the G3 Palace House S. at Newmarket. Far Above and King Of Change are both now at stud, and it will be interesting to see how much of a boost they can give to the Pivotal male line to enhance the good work being done primarily in France by Siyouni (Fr).

For the benefit of this exercise, as previously stated in Part I and Part II, the stallions are examined in four key price brackets according to their yearling sales returns of 2022 set against their fees at the time of covering.

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ARQANA ADDS SECOND ONLINE SALE

Arqana, which will run its next online sale Jan. 31, will offer four shares and breeding rights, including an interest in The Grey Gatsby (Ire).

NATIONAL HUNT SALE RENAMED

Goffs has renamed its National Hunt Sale the Goffs Arkle Sale in honour of the famed chaser and Goffs graduate.

DAUGHTER OF DAYATTHESPA WINS IN FRANCE

Dailymotion (Medaglia d’Oro), a daughter of American grass champion mare Dayatthespa (City Zip) wins at Cagnes-sur-Mer Monday.

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The average profit has been determined by the stallion's fee plus a figure of £20,000 for keep costs. 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.

With an average yearling price which was 8.5 times his 2020 fee of £12,000, Farhh was the clear leader in this field. Twelve of the 22 member of his 2021 crop were offered for sale, with the ten sold returning an average profit of £69,685. The only reason I have not given Farhh the gold medal which his results certainly deserve is that his poor fertility does present something of a risk, but that is for each breeder to weigh up for themselves as he is quite clearly a very good stallion.

While the scarcity of Farhh's offspring could well have been a driver in his sales returns, the same cannot be said for New Bay (GB), who had 53 of his 61 yearlings offered sold for an average which was almost six times his 2020 fee. That figure of €15,000 was the lowest he stood for, and well done to those breeders who caught him at that fee in 2019 and 2020. Subsequently, he has shot up to €37,000 in 2022, and that was then doubled to his current high of €75,000. One of his three Group 1 winners to date, Bayside Boy (Ire), has just joined New Bay on the roster at Ballylinch Stud, while the other two, Saffron Beach (Ire) and Bay Bridge (GB) remain in training with further lofty targets in their sights.

In fee, New Bay has moved up two tiers on these stallion tables in just two years. His average profit on the yearlings sold last year was £47,636, and with a likely upturn in the quality of mares covered in line with his fee, it is fair to expect for his yearling average to continue to climb as long as those results on the track keep coming.

Sea The Moon (Ger) bucked a certain number of trends merely by being recruited to stand at Lanwades Stud in the first place. Not many winners of the German Derby make it to studs outside Germany, and not many sons of Sea The Stars (Ire) are afforded places at Flat studs, a situation that is as ridiculous as it is regrettable. Early on in his stud career, Sea The Moon caught the imagination of Australian buyers who switched their attention to buying foals and yearlings as the prices for horses in training climbed, and he has a decent strike-rate with his offspring to have ended up down under. They include the G1 Caulfield Cup winner Durston (GB), G3 N E Marion Cup winner Favorite Moon (Ger), and the Group 3-placed Pondus (GB). As he embarks on his ninth covering season, Sea The Moon's popularity remains strong. His yearlings of 2022, conceived the last year he stood for £15,000, returned an average profit of £30,284 from 58 sold. Though his fee has since risen to £25,000, he remains that rare middle-distance horse to be holding his own in the centre ground of the stallion market.

With such illustrious stud-mates as Frankel and Kingman (GB), Bated Breath (GB) can be in danger of being under-appreciated but he should not be, for he is a mid-range stallion who offers great value in a commercial marketplace. A Group 1 winner in Europe would be a boost to his profile—presently his sole top-level winner, Viadera (GB), posted her best performance in America—but he has had plenty knocking on the door, including the Group 2 winners Worth Waiting (GB), Daahyeh (GB), and Space Traveller (GB).
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**Meon Valley Stud**
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The last named, twice a Grade I runner-up in the States, has recently joined the roster at Ballyhane Stud. Bated Breath’s fee has increased to £15,000 from the £12,500 paid for the nomination fee when these yearlings were conceived, but that keeps him within this bracket, and when considering a yearling average of £61,029 and average profit of £28,529 from the 45 sold through the ring last year, he remains an enticing prospect for breeders.

Doctor Dino (Fr) is primarily considered a National Hunt stallion, with the likes of Sceau Royal (Fr), La Bague Au Roi (Fr) and Sharjah (Fr) to his credit, but he should be regarded as a dual-purpose option, for he is also the sire of G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Physiocrate (Fr) and Group 3 winners Golden Legend (Fr) and Villa Rosa (Fr).

Admittedly, those three Flat horses named were all bred by Henri and Antonia Devin at Haras du Mesnil, where Doctor Dino stands, but if we are to learn, then it should be from the best, and the Couturié/Devin family has proved for many years to be extremely capable of producing top-class Flat runners.

Like his sire Muthathir (GB) before him, Doctor Dino can cut it under both codes, and he has gradually worked his way up from an opening fee of €3,000 to his current high of €20,000. He stood at €16,000 when these yearlings were conceived, and showed a decent average profit of £27,907 for the 14 sold in 2022. There aren’t many male-line descendants of Sharpen Up left at stud in Europe (Jack Hobbs is another, but he too is marketed primarily as a jumps sire), so it would be pleasing to see Doctor Dino have broader appeal to Flat breeders.

The more obvious French stallion high in this list, from a Flat perspective at least, is Zarak (Fr). Considering that his pedigree stretches back 10 generations and 100 years to Mumtaz Mahal (GB) and the foundation of the Aga Khan Studs, he really would be a fitting stallion to make it to the top, especially as a son of the celebrated Zarkava (Fr). He is making all the right noises, with nine stakes winners from his first two crops as well as two Classic place-getters in La Parisienne (Fr) and Times Square (Fr), and there is a general clamour for his young stock. His opening fee of €12,000 held solid though his first four seasons until rising to €25,000 last year and €60,000 this year. This is the territory in which stallions start to get found out, but with the might of the Aga Khan broodmare band behind him, along with support from plenty of outside breeders, Zarak has a decent chance of taking another big step forward. Last year his yearlings sold for five times his 2020 fee and showed average profit of £25,554.

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The G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. winner Sioux Nation made an extremely promising start to his stud career with his first runners in 2022. His tally of winners was such that in any normal year he would have been champion first-season sire, but he came up against another prolific youngster in Havana Grey (GB), who had the edge when it came to the number of stakes winners. Sioux Nation, one of the last of Scat Daddy’s sons to retire to Coolmore, was not lacking in this regard himself, and Lakota Sioux (Ire) and Sydneyarmschelsea (Ire) both won Group 3 races, while Matilda Picotte (Ire) landed the Listed Bosra Sham S. and was third in the G2 Lowther S.

His second-crop yearlings were conceived off his opening fee of €12,500. This dipped to €10,000 for two years before bouncing up to €17,500 for the coming season on the back of that promising start. Even at this new fee, Sioux Nation still looks a profitable option if he can build on his debut season with runners, for his 61 yearlings sold last year fetched an average price of €46,626 (four times his fee) and average profit of €15,236.

The 2020 covering season saw three very smart recruits to the stallion ranks in Britain and Ireland. Derby winner Masar (Ire) joined the Darley team in Newmarket, the town which has also become home to the Niarchos family’s Prix du Jockey Club winner Study Of Man (Ire), who is at Lanwades Stud, while the Arc winner Waldgeist (GB), who was only narrowly denied the previous year's Jockey Club when beaten a short-head by Brametot (Ire), retired to Ballylinch Stud. All three have top-drawer pedigrees to match their racing records and, while their first 2-year-olds will be unleashed this season, it is fair to expect all of them to be better represented once that crop turns three.

That said, two things should be kept in mind when considering Masar. His sire New Approach (Ire), a fellow Derby winner, had been champion 2-year-old and with his first crop he pulled off the extremely rare feat of being represented by three juvenile stakes winners at Royal Ascot. Masar was no slouch at two himself, beating the smart sprinter Invincible Army (Ire) over six furlongs on debut in May before winning the G3 Solario S. and finishing third in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. He could well be in the mix in the first-season sires’ table this year.

Masar’s first yearlings sold for an average which was 3.3 times his opening fee of £15,000. He has dropped only fractionally to £14,000 but it may well be a good time to use him. His average profit on 59 yearlings sold was £14,942.

Waldgeist outstripped that from an opening fee of €17,500, with 54 sold for an average 3.4 times that mark and average profit of €18,512.
He was of course a Group 1 winner at two, and his stock looked pretty tidy, as he is himself, and may well not take too long to come to hand. With a drop in fee to €12,500 for 2023, again this could well be a good time to strike for this well-bred son of Galileo (Ire).

Just as Waldgeist will have been lent support by the powerful Ballylinch partners, including his co-breeder Gestut Ammerland, as well as Newseells Park Stud, so will Study Of Man been supported by the Niarchos family and Kirsten Raising at Lanwades. The latter was responsible for 25 of Study Of Man's first crop of foals, including 10 from her 'AL' family and a filly out of Group 1 winner Madame Chiang (GB) (Archipenko), while other notable first-crop members include a half-brother to Derby winner Desert Crown (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) who was retained by breeder Gary Robinson of Strawberry Fields Stud. Juddmonte Farms, Gestut Fahrhof, Blue Diamond Stud, and Hascombe & Valiant Stud were among the other major operations to back the son of Deep Impact (Jpn) and grandson of Miesque (Nureyev).

With some notable owner-breeders involved it wasn’t a surprise that not many of Study Of Man’s yearlings came onto the market, but of the 27 that did, 23 were sold for an average of £40,321 at an average profit of £5,321. His stud fee was adjusted from an opening £15,000 to £12,500 for his next two seasons, and that is where it remains for 2023, which seems an extremely fair price for a horse with a pedigree of hugely international significance.

The Niarchos family’s Flaxman Stables Ireland was also responsible for breeding Ulysses (Ire), the son of a Derby winner and Oaks winner in Galileo and Light Shift (Kingmambo). He does need to have a big year this year, but there have been glimmers of potential from Ulysses’s first two crops to date, with Piz Badile (Ire) winning the G3 Ballysax S. and finishing second in the Irish Derby, while Holloway Boy (GB) announced his talent in no uncertain terms when winning the Listed Chesham S. on his audacious debut at Royal Ascot.

At Cheveley Park Stud, his fee has dropped from an opening £30,000 to £10,000 but there were still plenty of Ulysses supporters at the yearling sales, where 34 of his yearlings sold for an average of £48,239, representing average profit of £13,239 from his 2020 fee of £15,000. There will be plenty of people happy to see Ulysses have a noteworthy season in 2023.

**VALUE PODIUM**

- Gold: Bated Breath
- Silver: Sea The Moon
- Bronze: Waldgeist
ARQANA ADDS SECOND ONLINE SALE

The Grey Gatsby Interest Offered Through Arqana Online Sale

Haras du Petit Teller

Following the success of the Arqana Online Sale held Jan. 17, a second online sale will be held on Jan. 31 from 3-5 p.m. The catalogue is made up of four stallion shares and breeding rights and five purebred Arabians of racing age.

Among the breeding rights and stallion shares will be an interest in dual Group 1 winner The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) (lot 6), a breeding right to multiple Group 2 winner Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) (lot 7), and a share in G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois winner Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) (lot 8).

The entire catalogue can be found on the Arqana Online website.

NEW NAME FOR GOFFS NATIONAL HUNT SALE HONOURS CHAMPION CHASER

Goffs’ flagship National Hunt Sale, formerly known as the Goffs Land Rover Sale, will now be known as the Goffs Arkle Sale in honour of history’s famed chaser, Arkle, who was sold at Goffs.

Goffs Arkle Sale this year will be held in partnership with Land Rover Defender, and the vendor of the horse that wins the renamed €100,000 Goffs Defender Bumper at the Punchestown Festival will also win an all-new Defender Hard Top.

“So many household names in National Hunt racing have gone under the hammer at Goffs during the past century, with Arkle the most famous of all,” Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby said. “He was sold at Goffs as a 3-year-old to trainer Tom Dreaper on behalf of his owner Anne, Duchess Of Westminster, and following a remarkable career that included three Cheltenham Gold Cups, he remains the yardstick by which all champions are measured.”

The Goffs Arkle Sale will take place from Jun. 13-15. Nominations are currently open on the Goffs website.
BRITAIN

Monday’s Results:
2nd-Southwell, £8,000, Novice, 1-23, 3yo, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.08, st.

SHINE HONEY SHINE (GB) (f, 3, Havana Grey (GB)--Military Madame (Ire), by Epaulette (Aus)), fourth on debut over six furlongs at Southwell Jan. 6, took a fierce grip initially exposed on the front end. Still with plenty in reserve as she took control two out, the 2-1 second favourite asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Savannah Smiles (Ire) (Unfortunately (Ire)). The winner, who is entered in the Tattersalls February Sale, is the first foal out of a half to the listed-placed Cliche (Ire) (Diktat (GB)). The family includes the G3 Norfolk S. scorer Masta Plasta (Ire) (Mujadil). Sales history: 12,000gns RNA Ylg 21 TATSOM.

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,962.

O-Gove and Shaw 02 & Whitsbury Manor Stud; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Karl Burke.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Glittering Lights (GB), f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Show Day (Ire) (SW-Ger, GSP-Ity), by Shamardal. Wolverhampton, 1-23, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.07. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, $11,757.

B-Godolphin (GB).

FRANCE

Monday’s Result:
3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-23, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:37.38, st.

DAILY MOTION (f, 3, Medaglia D’Oro--Dayatthespa (Champion Grass Mare & MGISW-US, $2,288,892), by City Zip), last seen finishing third at Marseille-Borely in October, gained the early lead kept wide initially. Challenged late by Edala (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), the 7-2 shot held on to prevail by a head. The champion dam, who secured wins in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf and GI First Lady S., has already produced the G3 Jebel Ali Mile-placed Tenbury Wells from a mating with Medaglia D'Oro. She also has the unraced 2-year-old filly Spaliday (More Than Ready)---a $310,000 purchase by White Birch Farm at Keeneland September---and was bred to American Pharoah for 2023. Sales history: $150,000 2yo 22 OCAMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €16,000. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Ecurie des Mouettes, Hubert Guy & Jean-Etienne Dubois; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Hold (KY); T-Jerome Andreu.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Roi De Flandre (Fr), c, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Cheeky Lady (Fr), by Siyouni (Fr). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-23, 8f (AWT), 1:38.96. B-A Delaeyx (FR).

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VINERY & KIA ORA COMBINE IN 'NATURAL EVOLUTION'

by Oz Wedmore

With the news that two of the Hunter Valley’s most respected and successful stud farms have announced that they are combining operations, TDN AusNZ spoke to two key stakeholders as the deal is made public.

Separated by the Pages River, Kia Ora and Vinery studs boast some of the Hunter Valley’s most valuable land. On either side sits prime and fertile country, each with its own successful history of raising elite horses. Each is host to an impressive stallion roster, and the extensive teams that go with managing high quality and commercial bloodstock operations across thousands of acres.

The exciting merger means that Kia Ora’s Malaysian-born owner Ananda Krishnan will become a seventh partner in Vinery, joining a party which includes Gerry Harvey, Neil Werrett, Alan Green, David Paradise and Greg Perry.

Another existing shareholder in Vinery, Steve McCann, recently took over the Chairmanship of Kia Ora, and told TDN AusNZ how the merger came about.

“The Vinery partnership has been together for almost 20 years now, and I’ve been a partner from the start,” he said. “We’ve always bred and owned horses with Kia Ora over that whole period, so it was a natural evolution. Looking at those two properties alongside each other, it’s pretty compelling to see how we can put them together in some way.”

With an eye on providing unrivalled access to such excellent property to their existing customers, McCann explained that the pooling of capital, resources and expertise means a joint venture will open up opportunities that weren’t available before.

“We’ve got our own strategy, and we’re working through how we’re going to make sure that is optimised going forward. But there’s areas where there’s pretty clear overlap.

“The additional capacity of the farms working together is one, the capital is another, things like acquisitions of bloodstock, yearling preparations and horse management are some areas where we feel we can add value by working together.

“It clearly does put us in a pretty strong position competitively, but it’s not about trying to compete with anyone else. We’ve got our own view as to how we want to grow and we’re very active at the moment investing quite a bit of capital between both businesses, and that’ll continue.”

Inward Focus

Vinery’s General Manager Peter Orton agreed that the merger hasn’t arrived as a response to the outward pressure of competition, but rather from the respective team’s focus on achieving their own aims.

“It’s not a case of taking on or copying anyone else,” Orton told TDN AusNZ. “This whole industry is about available opportunity. You can have money, but if you don’t get opportunity, you don’t move forward.
“Having the level of bloodstock that’s within the two operations, the level of people that are involved and the standard of the country - if you want to tick every box as far as operating in this industry these properties do it and some more.

“The exciting part of it is that we can continue to do what we’re doing and almost triple our opportunity going forward by working together and grow our businesses in the way we want to grow them.”

Growth might seem a scary thought when you consider how successful each party has been in their own right. Between the two studs, they are responsible for a host of Australia’s elite horses, more recently including Champion 2-Year-Old and G1 Golden Slipper winner Farnan, Champion First Season Sire Russian Revolution and Group 1 winners Wild Ruler and Loving Gaby (I Am Invincible).

At last week’s Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, Kia Ora sold seven yearlings for an aggregate of $2,425,000 and an average of $346,429, while as buyers, in conjunction with a number of different players, including Ciaron Maher Bloodstock and TFI Bloodstock, they parted with a total of $7.65 million.

Those purchases were headlined by Lot 955, an Exceed And Excel colt out of Ichihara (General Nediyim) from the Corumbene-bred family of this season’s G3 Breeders’ Plate winner Empire Of Japan (Snitzel).

Meanwhile, Vinery Stud sold 18 yearlings for total receipts of $5,980,000 and concluded with an average of $332,222, headed by a filly by Too Darn Hot (GB) which they sold to McKeever Bloodstock, Watership Down, Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott Racing for a cool $1 million.

But, with his involvement in both businesses, McCann echoed Orton’s sentiment and added that for the many stakeholders involved the driving force for the new deal came from their shared passion for the sport.

“All the partners at Vinery and also Ananda Krishnan at Kia Ora love breeding and racing horses,” McCann said. “When you’ve got a stallion station you try to make sure that you’re accessing the very best quality opportunities there.

“To make the best stallions you also have to have the best broodmares going to them, and we’ve got a combined strength on the broodmare side that’s fantastic.

“With this, there’s some real leverage opportunities once we put our heads together and work alongside each other to try to maximise those.”

Practicalities

Exact details of the new structure are still being finalised but, whilst McCann and Orton are excited about what the future holds, for now there won’t be too many discernible changes to the structure of either entity.

For instance, whilst Vinery has a significant agistment business alongside its other activities, Kia Ora does not - and that will stay the same.

Kia Ora’s recently expanded stallion facility - containing exciting young sires Prague, Farnan and Captivant - will remain entirely separate from Vinery’s more established roster, which includes Ole Kirk, Star Turn, All Too Hard and Exceedance.

“There will be no change to the existing operational structure,” McCann explained. “As for the bloodstock ownership, individual partners have interests in a lot of broodmares and racehorses, and that will stay the same as well.

“But, going forward there will be a collaboration agreement through which we establish how we approach stallions and where we’re going to stand them.”

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Nor too will the merger mean any change up in either team. As Orton explained, the opportunities the merger brings will arrive in due course, but until that growth comes each side will continue to rely on their existing teams.

“Basically, we’re looking at the two operations keeping up the same day-to-day work, it’ll be business as usual,” he said. “The only changes you’ll see are in the future when we grow the business as we stretch out into other areas.

“The people we’ve got involved in every facet are excellent, so there’s no need to disrupt that at all.

“It will certainly increase the opportunity to source more, with the level of broodmares around. But, it doesn’t change a lot of the practicalities. We still need the same personnel and we’ll probably have the same amount of horses.”

Vision
Returning to the question of why two of the country’s most successful farms would choose to form a partnership, McCann described it as an opportunity that’s long been in consideration. As he would argue, in the sense that the independent success of each business has its foundation in teamwork and partnerships, the merger is simply a logical progression.

“We discussed whether to do this with the partners over a period of time,” he said. “We made the decision that it’s the right thing for the business, it’s a pretty exciting opportunity to pool the capital of both businesses, and the resources we have and the expertise.”

“It brings together two of the very best bloodstock properties in the country, so that’s always been attractive and it’s been something we’ve thought about for some time.”