LEMIEUX PROVIDES ICING ON STEADY FASIG-TIPTON WINTER SALE

by Jessica Martini

LEXINGTON, KY-The Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale went through its supplemental catalogue and into its addendum to finally find its top-priced offering when Lemieux (Nyquist) sold to Nice Guys Stable for $400,000 just hips before the auction concluded its two-day run Tuesday in Lexington with steady results.

“We saw a continuation of the marketplace that we experienced yesterday and that we saw in January and we saw in November, October, September and July,” Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. said at the sale’s close Tuesday. “I think it’s a very fair marketplace. I think that if you are trying to buy horses, the horses that you want to buy, you generally have to pay more than you wanted to.

“When you are selling horses, if you’ve got quality, you are probably getting around what you thought, maybe a little more. But there is no euphoria. If you are trying to sell on the lower end, it’s tough. It’s been tough the last 10 years. And the reality is that’s the marketplace. But if we had 50 more good ones to lead through in here right now, they’d be lined up in here to bid on them and buy them.”

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CHAMP WONDER WHEEL GEARING UP FOR SOPHOMORE DEBUT

by Katie Petrunyak

Every morning at 8:30 sharp, 'The Wonder Wheel Show' takes over Casse Training Center in Ocala. Just after the break, the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies champion and newly crowned Eclipse Award winner takes to a freshly groomed track and flies through her paces solo before regular training resumes.

“She gets her own set,” trainer Mark Casse said with a grin.

“She's special.”

Casse’s smile grew even wider Monday morning as he watched Wonder Wheel in action. After a day off on Sunday, the daughter of Into Mischief was enthusiastic about getting back to training as she tugged on the bit at a gallop.

Wonder Wheel went through her early schooling as a 2-year-old at Casse's training center and she returned to the Ocala operation following her Breeders' Cup victory.

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VIEW 2023 BROCHURE
Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable’s divisional champion and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Forte (Violence) leads a total of 369 3-year-olds eligible to compete in this year’s Triple Crown series.

Forte is also made the early favorite for the Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4, while ‘TDN Rising Star’ Signator (Tapit) is pulled from consideration from the Derby trail.

Coolmore’s GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) will be bred to perennial leading sire Into Mischief.
Fasig-Tipton Winter, cont. from p1

Through two sessions, 402 head sold for $14,105,200. The average of $35,088 was down 12.3% from last year’s figure, while the median of $15,000 was down 6.3%. With 65 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 13.9%. It was 11.5% a year ago.

An initial catalogue of 465 lots was bolstered by a supplemental catalogue of 121 head, to which was added eight additional entries in an addendum. Stakes-winner Lemieux sold seven hips from the end of the auction, with bloodstock agent John Williams making a final bid of $400,000 to acquire the 4-year-old filly on behalf of Nice Guys Stable.

The filly, whose half-sister Brilliant Cut (Speightstown) topped the 2022 Winter Mixed sale, was one of 15 horses to sell for $200,000 or over during the auction. Fourteen hit that mark in 2022.

“If you look at a global, or big picture standpoint, the ability to create liquidity helps every marketplace,” Browning said of the importance of being able to add horses with current form as supplements to a catalogue. “It allows people to turn assets into dollars and then hopefully reinvest those dollars into similar or like kind of assets along the way.”

Lemieux Keeps the Family Tradition Going

Stakes-winner Lemieux (Nyquist) (hip 588), whose half-sister Brilliant Cut (Speightstown) topped the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, brought the highest price of the 2023 renewal of the auction when selling for $400,000 to the bid of John Williams, acting as agent for Steve Spielman’s Nice Guys Stables. The 4-year-old broodmare prospect was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency. Cont.
**Fasig-Tipton Winter, cont.**

“She is a lovely mare and quite a standout in this catalogue,” Williams said. “The man I bought her for is continuing to improve his broodmare band and this is the kind of filly that could do that.”

Racing for D J Stable and trainer Mark Casse, Lemieux won the 2021 Brethren Juvenile Fillies S. She won twice from 10 starts and earned $140,216 before RNA’ing for $300,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale.

Lemieux is out of Polish a Diamond, a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Diamondrella (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and multiple Grade I placed Bonnie Blue Flag (Mineshaft), and from the family of Life Is Good (Into Mischief). The 8-year-old mare produced a colt by Essential Quality last week.

Lemieux’s half-sister, GI La Brea S. runner-up Brilliant Cut, sold for $750,000 to Katsumi Yoshida at last year’s Winter Mixed Sale and was bred to Gun Runner in 2022 before being shipped to Japan last fall.

Williams said there was plenty of blue sky in the family.

“There are great possibilities with her dam being young and her half-sister being bred to the likes of Gun Runner,” he said. “Her dam had an Essential Quality just last week and the second dam is still active. And there is a pretty nice sire prospect under there. So she had a lot of things going for her. And she is by Nyquist, who we very much are still a fan of.”

Of the filly’s sale-topping price tag, Williams said, “I thought we would have to spend that kind of money. The market says that’s what quality costs. Is she worth that? I’m so old school, I can’t get my head around those kind of numbers. But that’s the market and you have to adjust to it.”

**Cont.**
"He is a magnificent looking horse and was training like a monster before he bucked shins ..."

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Established in 2016, the Nice Guys Stables partnership spearheaded by Spielman has already had success on the racetrack, where their first horse, Piedi Bianchi (Overanalyze), took them to the Breeders’ Cup in 2017, as well as in the pinhooking arena, where they sold an Arrogate filly for $1 million at the 2021 OBS April sale.

“One of the great things about Nice Guys Stables is that they are both commercial and he races,” Williams said. “So he will do both. And boy do we need those. Because it’s about racing.”

Nice Guys Stables had graded success last fall when King Cause (Creative Cause) won the GIII Knickerbocker S. The gelding was sixth in last week’s GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational.

“He’s got 14 2-year-olds that he’s breaking now,” Williams said of Spielman. “He’s just a great young guy. And I think Nice Guys Stables has a terrific future if he keeps buying this kind of mare.”

Curlin Blessing Joins Repole Band

Curlin Blessing (Curlin) (hip 545) will be joining the broodmare band of Mike Repole after bloodstock agent Jacob West made a final bid of $230,000 to acquire the 4-year-old daughter of champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie).

“She’s by a stallion that we’ve had a lot of luck with and she’s out of a champion mare,” West said. “So it was pretty easy. She’s by a champion out of a champion. She stood out here to us from a pedigree standpoint and a physical standpoint. Mike is trying to play the high-end breeding game a little bit now. So she was a mare that fit the bill.”

The broodmare prospect, who was consigned by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, was a two-time winner at Turf Paradise while racing for her owner/breeder Patti and Hal Earnhardt.

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**Fasig-Tipton Winter, cont.**
The couple also bred and campaigned Indian Blessing, who was a five-time Grade I winner and was named champion 2-year-old filly in 2007 and champion female sprinter in 2008.

Of potential mating plans for Curlin Blessing, West said, “Eddie Rosen will decide who we will breed her to. My vote is Life Is Good—that’s what I hope we do. But it’s 100% up to Ed. Mike will let Ed make that decision.”

**Good Magic Filly Sets Early Pace**
A short yearling by Good Magic (hip 350) led early returns during Tuesday’s second session of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale when bringing a final bid of $225,000 from bloodstock agent Catherine Hudson, acting on behalf of Michael Sucher’s Champion Equine. The bay was consigned by Vinery Sales.

“She was a gorgeous, leggy daughter of Good Magic, who has four horses on the Kentucky Derby trail,” Hudson said of the filly’s appeal. “She just had a great outlook with a beautiful eye. Everything seemed great and I think there is some improvement in her. She seemed to get better as the days went by at the sales grounds. She showed a lot of class.”

The filly is out of Rich Love (Not For Love) and her half-sister Ruby Nell (Bolt d’Oro) topped last year’s Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale when purchased by Spendthrift Farm for $1.2 million. The now 3-year-old debuted with a runner-up effort at Santa Anita Jan. 22.

“She was second with a bad trip,” Hudson said of the half-sister. “And she’s breezed back. So we like that, too.”

Bred by Theta Holdings, the yearling RNA’d for $115,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton November sale. Her dam, carrying a full-sibling, sold for $140,000 at that same sale.

Cont.
“I’m not quite sure what the client wants to do with her at this time, but we will just get her home and figure it out,” Hudson said.

Vinery Sales and Theta Holdings was responsible for another yearling by Good Magic who sold for six figures Tuesday at Fasig-Tipton. The consignor/breeder duo sold a colt by the champion (hip 355) for $100,000 to Davant Latham. The dark bay had RNA’d for $70,000 at last year’s Keeneland November sale.

Kirkwood Consignment Comes to a Close

South Carolina horsemanship Kip Elser, who has shifted his focus to public and private bloodstock purchases, evaluations and racing stable management, sent the final three horses through the ring under his Kirkwood consignment banner Tuesday at Fasig-Tipton.

“I feel excited to change leads and roll on down the stretch,” Elser said after watching his final horse go through the ring. “Sure, I will miss consigning. And I love training horses. But I have done it a long time and now it’s time to change.”

Tuesday’s offerings were bittersweet as two belonged to Elser’s longtime friend and client, the late Steve Schwartz.

“IT was emotional because Steve was a 25-year friend, client, and partner,” Elser said. “And he was just a wonderful guy. So of course there were some emotions, because we were together for a long time.”
HANCOCK’S LAW
The late ‘Bull’ Hancock of Claiborne Farm was one of the most successful of all stallion selectors; he laid down five criteria for selecting a stallion...

1. He must have shown good form as a 2YO.
Won the Champagne Stakes-Gr.1 by 4 lengths (previous winners include Coolmore America’s outstanding sires Scat Daddy, Uncle Mo & Practical Joke).

2. He must have demonstrated his ability to stay 1¼ miles as a 3YO.
Won the Travers Stakes-Gr.1 by 5½ lengths (faster than Bernardini, Medaglia d’Oro etc.) and runner-up in the Kentucky Derby-Gr.1, both over 10f.
He also won the Belmont Stakes-Gr.1 (9f.) by 3¾ lengths and Florida Derby-Gr.1 (9f.) by 4¼ lengths (previous winners include Scat Daddy, Quality Road, Constitution and Nyquist).

3. He must be sound.
9 runs at 2 and 3 years, 6 wins, once second, once third.
4 Gr.1 wins by 17½ lengths.

4. He must look masculine.

5. He must have the right kind of pedigree.
A better racehorse than his sire Constitution (by Tapit).
His dam Tizfiz (by Tiznow) was a Grade 2 winner at Santa Anita and is a full-sister to Fury Kapcori (Gr.3 winner & runner-up in the CashCall Futurity-Gr.1).

TIZ THE LAW
First crop weanlings/short yearlings made $270,000, $215,000, $190,000, $160,000, $140,000, $140,000 etc.
FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE
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Purchaser: Kilpatrick LLC

Breeder: Charles Kidder & Nancy Cole (Ky)
Consignor: Gainesway, Agent VIII
Purchaser: Muir Hut Stables LLC

Breeder: Charles & David Yochum (Tx)
Consignor: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, agent
Purchaser: Knockgriffin Farm

Breeder: Newtownanner Stud Farm (Ky)
Consignor: Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, Agent I
Purchaser: August Dawn Farm

Breeder: Cypress Creek Equine, LLC (Ky)
Consignor: Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent V
Purchaser: DSSP Ventures

Breeder: Champion Equine LLC
Consignor: Vinery Sales, Agent XXIII
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After a bit of time off, she resumed her training. Now, Casse said, the D.J. Stable colorbearer is looking better than ever.

“She’s training super,” he reported. “She’s a tall filly. She’s almost 17 hands. I think she has filled out a little bit.”

**Cont.**
Wonder Wheel, cont.

Casse continued: “When you give a horse time off like we did, it takes them a little while to kind of get back in the groove. But she’s in the groove.”

The champ has put in four works in Ocala this year, most recently breezing five furlongs in :59 on Jan. 25 and then going four furlongs in :48 flat last Thursday in preparation for her 3-year-old debut in Saturday’s Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs.

“She had as good a work last week as I’ve seen her ever work,” Casse said. “And more importantly, her training has been really good coming up to this race.”

Along with fellow Casse trainee Ticker Tape Home (Medaglia d’Oro), probables for the Suncoast include Stonestreet Stables homebred Julia Shining (Curlin), who is undefeated in two starts and will be coming in off a win in the GI Demoiselle S. in December.

Casse said he hopes that on Saturday, Wonder Wheel and Tyler Gaffalione can perhaps find a happy medium between their come-from-behind Breeders’ Cup performance and the prior wire-to-wire victory in the GI Darley Alcibiades S.

“I think normally if she breaks running, Tyler will have her fairly close,” he explained. “But as she showed in the Breeders’ Cup, she can do a little bit of anything.”

According to Casse, Wonder Wheel’s road to the GI Kentucky Oaks after the Suncoast will go through Lexington for the GI Ashland S.

Casse has always been enthusiastic in his praise for the big bay, comparing her to the likes of Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d’Oro), Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) and War of Will (War Front) as early as last August in Saratoga ahead of her runner-up effort in the GI Spinaway S. (TDN story here). Now that Wonder Wheel has given Casse his sixth Breeders’ Cup victory, he remains unwavering in his faith in the talented filly.

“She may be one of the best horses I’ve ever trained,” he said. “But I don’t want to get too far ahead. Let’s see how she does going from two to three. We’re going to let her do the talking.”

EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES NUMBER 369

Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable’s divisional champion and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Forte (Violence) leads a total of 369 3-year-olds eligible to compete in this year’s Triple Crown series after the early nomination phase closed Saturday, Jan. 28. Each of the 369 sophomores, which are comprised of 367 colts and two fillies (Hoosier Philly [Into Mischief] and Julia Shining [Curlin]), were made eligible through a $600 payment and may compete in any leg of the Triple Crown series, pending other eligibility requirements.

The early nominations included 57 more horses (18.2%) than last year’s total of 312. Any additional horses can still be nominated via a late payment of $6,000 through Monday, Mar. 27.

A total of 125 individual trainers nominated runners, with Brad Cox leading all trainers by nominations with 38, followed by Todd Pletcher at 36, and a tie between Steve Asmussen and Kenny McPeek with 13 apiece. Chad Brown and Hideyuki Mori follow with 12 each. The latter is based in Japan as part of a 37-horse contingent nominated from that country, which is 16 more than last year’s previous record of 21.

Spendthrift Farm leads owners with 19 horses nominated, either as sole owners or as part of a partnership. Spendthrift’s Into Mischief has sired 17 of the nominees, followed by Curlin at 15, Curlin’s son Good Magic at 14, and Triple Crown winner Justify at 14.

A total of 285 of the nominees were bred in Kentucky with other states represented being Florida (19), New York (19), California (5), Maryland (3), Pennsylvania (3), Oklahoma (2), and Texas (1). Japan contributes 24 of the nominees, with Ireland at four, Canada at three, and Great Britain at one. Cont.
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Triple Crown nominees, cont.

Horses not currently assigned a trainer or horses under the care of any trainer suspended from competing in the 2023 Kentucky Derby have their trainer listed as “TBD.” For the Kentucky Derby, horses under the care of any suspended trainer or affiliates may be transferred to a non-suspended trainer and become eligible for earning Road to the Kentucky Derby points in future races if the transfer is complete by Feb. 28.

The 2023 Triple Crown opens May 6 with the 149th running of the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, is followed by the 148th GI Preakness S. May 20 at Pimlico Race Course, and finishes with the 155th GI Belmont S. June 10 at Belmont Park.

FORTE EARLY FAVORITE FOR DERBY POOL 4

Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4 is set to open Friday and champion Forte (Violence) has been tabbed as the 8-1 individual betting favorite among the 39 individual betting interests plus the popular No. 40 option of “All Other 3-Year-Olds” who were not listed.

Pool 4, which features $2 win and exacta wagering, opens Friday at noon EST and closes Sunday at 6 p.m. In total, there are 13 new betting interests in Pool 4: 
- Determinedly (Cairo Prince),
- Eyeing Clover (Lookin at Lucky),
- First Defender (Quality Road),
- Frosted Departure (Frosted),
- Funtastic (Funtastic),
- Game Change (Candy Ride (Arg)),
- Geaux Rocket Ride (Candy Ride (Arg)),
- General Jim (Into Mischief),
- Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief),
- Mage (Good Magic),
- Red Route One (Gun Runner),
- Shadow Dragon (Army Mule) and Slip Mahoney (Arrogate).

Following Pool 4, there will be two more opportunities for fans to wager early on contenders targeting the 149th running of the GI Kentucky Derby. Pool 5 will run Mar. 10-12 and Pool 6 is Mar. 30-Apr. 1. The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 5 on Mar. 10-12.

For a complete list of the field for Pool 4 or to wager, click on the Twin Spires site or the dedicated future wager page.

SIGNATOR OFF DERBY TRAIL

‘TDN Rising Star’ Signator (Tapit), eighth on this week’s TDN Derby Top 12, has been taken out of training for 60 days and is off the GI Kentucky Derby trail, according to a tweet from co-owner West Point Thoroughbreds. A winner Oct. 14 at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet, Signator was a $1.7-million purchase at last spring’s OBS April sale. His latest setback comes after three breezes following a wrenched ankle in the fall.

Bred by Gainesway Thoroughbreds and trained by Shug McGaughey, Signator is also owned by the partnership of Woodford Racing, Gainesway Stable, Phipps Stable, Ken Langone, Edward Hudson, Jr., and Lane’s End Racing.

TUESDAY SET TO VISIT INTO MISCHIEF

GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Tuesday (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) will be bred to perennial leading sire Into Mischief, Spendthrift Farm’s Mark Toothaker tweeted on Tuesday.

Tuesday raced for her breeder Coolmore, in partnership with Swiss car manufacturer Georg Von Opel’s Westerburg, and racked up a career line of 10-3-3-1, $1,828,827, which also included a victory in the G1 Cazoo Oaks and a second in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks. She is a daughter of English champion and MG1SW Lilly Langtry (Ire) (Danehill Dancer (Ire)) and a full-sister to champion and MG1SW Minding (Ire), G1SW Empress Josephine (Ire) and GSW Kissed By Angels (Ire).
FITZDARES SET FOR CANADA LAUNCH

Premium UK bookmaker Fitzdares is ready to break new ground as it launches in Canada this week after receiving its iGaming Operator Registration from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) in March. It is the 140-year-old bookmaker’s first foray outside of the UK.

The launch, which is under contract with iGaming Ontario as the exclusive bookmaker, seeks to expand its portfolio and capitalise on a passionate Canadian sporting fanbase. A Super Bowl launch party will be held at Fitzdares’ latest luxury pop-up, as their first 100 clients gather to celebrate the arrival of the country’s first premium bookmaker. The pop-up will be housed at Toronto’s legendary Harbour 60 restaurant, joining their existing UK locations in Belgravia, the Cotswolds and Windsor Racecourse.

“The Ontario market has been saturated with lookalike brands and we hope to bring a new approach to sports betting and iGaming in the province,” Fitzdares CEO William Woodhams said. “We are confident Canadians will enjoy our best-in-class customer service and we cannot wait to permanently open our Club in Toronto for a truly luxurious sports watching experience.”

Fitzdares will offer a wide range of exclusive betting markets with bespoke offers earmarked for Toronto-based bettors, including the Maple Leafs, Blue Jays and Raptors, as well as all the major international sports.

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)’s second annual Off to the Races online auction concluded Feb. 6 and raised over $56,000 from the 17 offered VIP experience packages and a no-guarantee Season to Lexitonian (Speightstown).

The auction featured experience packages on 17 major race days in 2023 and 2024, each offering a unique itinerary of horse racing-related bucket list activities and tickets to the specified race day(s). Additionally a no-guarantee season with a breed back to 2021 G1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt S. winner Lexitonian was offered online to breeders on Feb. 6. Lexitonian stands at Lane’s End Farm for a 2023 fee of $7,500.

In total, 26 sponsors contributed to the packages and stallion season offered in the TAA Off to the Races auction.

“Thank you to everyone who participated in our Off to the Races and Lexitonian Stallion Season auctions,” TAA president Jeffrey Bloom said. “We are thrilled with the outcome of these events, and so proud of all the partnerships we have formed along the way with the racetracks, sponsors, and individuals who make all of this possible. We are all here for the horses and so excited by the impact these fundraisers will make on accredited aftercare.”
**Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST**

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7th–Parx Racing, $59,900, Msw, 2–7, 3yo, 6f, 1:15.53, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**NAVY RULES** (g, 3, Army Mule—Deceive, by Tiznow), sent off at 9-2 for this unveiling, prompted a legitimate early pace, took over in early stretch and drew off to score by Harley's Charly (Uptowncharliebrown) by 2 1/2 lengths. Deceive, a half sister to MGSW Gone Astray (Dixie Union), is also responsible for a juvenile by Maximus Mischief named Velvet Vixen. This represents the family of US Champion Older Mare Inside Information (Private Account). Sales results: $52,000 Wlg ‘20 KEENOV; $180,000 Ylg ‘21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable; B-Hugh McQueen Moore (KY); T-Scott A. Lake.

4th–Parx Racing, $55,250, Msw, 2–7, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:51.48, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**SHAKING RAGS** (f, 3, Union Rags–Wholelottashakin {GSP, $337,465}, by Scat Daddy) debuted with a forgettable seventh sprinting in the Parx slop in October, but rebounded to finish a close-up second last time out Dec. 14. Getting blinkers on for this route bow, the even-money choice was an in-touch third behind Can’t Complain (Runhappy) through a :24.76 opening quarter. Up to second following a :50.09, she took over and was 2 1/4-lengths clear of the pacesetter at the wire. The winner, a half to Wholebodemeister (Bodemeister), GSW, $194,817, also has a juvenile brother by Arrogate and a yearling sister by Tapit. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $44,250. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Sabana Farm, LLC (KY); T-Juan Carlos Avila.

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
212 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Mahoning Valley, 2:09 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Agnello's Dream, 9-2
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Red Lemonade, 20-1

**Bolt d'Oro** (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000
256 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Bolt's Broad, 4-1

**Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
198 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Cloud Mover, 6-1

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Charles Town, 7:57 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Collectorate, 3-1
$37,500 FTK OCT yrl; $90,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Eastwood** (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 3:31 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, John Dutton, 9-2

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**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $100,000
343 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Condone, 15-1
$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

**McCraken** (Ghostzapper), Airdrie Stud
48 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 3:31 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, McCrakens Ghost, 6-1

**Mo Town** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
171 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Mo Divine, 10-1
$17,000 KEE JAN wnl

**West Coast** (Flatter), Lane’s End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Parx Racing, 1:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Back East, 5-1
$18,000 FTK OCT yrl; $37,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

10th-Parx Racing, $59,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28.34, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**NURTURING** (m, 5, Violence--Pi Bella {SP, $154,947}, by Pioneering) Lifetime Record: 29-7-5-6, $203,511. O-Starcatcher Farm, LLC and Howard Brown Jr.; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Howard R. Brown, Jr. *$45,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 KEESAP; $125,000 2yo ‘20 OBSAPR.

9th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 2-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.50, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

**ENCHANTEDLY** (f, 4, Carpe Diem--Galadriel {SW}, by Ascot Knight) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $41,514. O/B-Judy B. Hicks (KY); T-Brian Waltz. *1/2 to Concave (Colonel John), GSW & GISP, $208,200; and Peisinoe (Yes It’s True), SW & GSP, $179,363.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 2-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.47, ft, 3/4 length.

**BLOOD MOON** (g, 6, Malibu Moon--Stormy Gigi, by Storm Boot) Lifetime Record: 50-4-10-9, $181,885. O-Douglas Maroun; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Jay P. Bernardini. *$450,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESAP. **1/2 to G. G. Ryder (Chhaya Dance), MGSw, $747,819.

4th-Turf Paradise, $23,400, (C)/Opt. Clm ($20,000-$25,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.67, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**DISCERNMENT** (m, 7, Crown of Thorns--Bid Me Adieu, by Scat Daddy) Lifetime Record: 33-7-9-4, $133,477. O-Charles Garvey; B-J. F Webb (FL); T-Robertino Diodoro. *$47,000 2yo ’18 OBSAPN.

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CHESTERETTE (f, 4, Practical Joke--Jenny's So Great {GSW-Can, SW-USA, $678,438}, by Greatness) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $55,633. O-H & David Wilson; B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY); T-B G. Hone. *$165,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
K P Kwest, g, 5, Nyquist--Abundantly Clear, by Pulpit. Sunland, 2-7, 6 1/2f, 1:16.27. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,480. B-Twin Creeks Farm, Dennis Steger, Steve Golding & Melody Golding (KY). *100,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; $95,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; $110,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Army Mule, Navy Rules, g, 3, o/o Deceive, by Tiznow. MSW, 2-7, Parx Racing
Carpe Diem, Enchantedly, f, 4, o/o Galadriel, by Ascot Knight. ALW, 2-7, Mahoning Valley
Crown of Thorns, Discernment, m, 7, o/o Bid Me Adieu, by Scat Daddy. AOC, 2-7, Turf Paradise
Malibu Moon, Blood Moon, g, 6, o/o Stormy Gigi, by Storm Boot. ALW, 2-7, Mahoning Valley
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Union Rags, Shaking Rags, f, 3, o/o Wholelottashakin, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 2-7, Parx Racing
Violence, Nurturing, m, 5, o/o Pi Bella, by Pioneering. AOC, 2-7, Parx Racing
TOP INDUSTRY JUDGES HAVE THEIR SAY ON THE FIRST-SEASON SIRES

By Brian Sheerin

It's early-February and already the Flat enthusiasts are getting excited about what stallion will end the season as champion first-season sire. A futile exercise, one would have thought? Not a bit of it.

Even the greatest handlers of young stock, Malcolm Bastard, Alan McCabe, Joseph O'Brien, Conor Hoban and Dick Brabazon, men who know better than most the folly that comes with predicting 2-year-old talent, are keen to have their say on which up-and-coming stallion can make the biggest splash this season.

O'Brien is sticking loyal to Ten Sovereigns (Ire) in his prediction for first-season sire championship honours while Bastard, who broke and pre-trained Too Darn Hot (GB), has reported striking similarities between the unbeaten champion 2-year-old and his stock.

Meanwhile, Dick Brabazon, one of the finest horsemen in Ireland who has had Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab) and Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)) through his Curragh base, has taken a swing on Study Of Man (Ire) to come up trumps with a top-notch.

Welcome to this year’s earliest predictions to what the next Mehmas (Ire), Cotai Glory (GB) or Havana Grey (GB) will be.

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‘THERE IS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY’ - BEEBY UPBEAT ABOUT FEBRUARY SALE

By Brian Sheerin

With a selection of quality Flat and National Hunt weanlings, 2-year-olds, horses in training and breeding stock on offer, there was little surprise that Goffs chief executive Henry Beeby said the February Sale features something for every type of buyer on Wednesday and Thursday.

The first live sale of 2023 at Goffs, the February sale boasts 447 lots including supplementary entries, with leading pinhookers and buyers reported to be on the ground inspecting the stock on Tuesday.

Beeby described himself as optimistic of a productive trade over the two days, pointing to the opportunity available to every buyer, including the British and Irish pinhookers who have done notably well at the February Sale in recent years. Cont. p6

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O'BRIEN QUINTET BOUND FOR SYDNEY

Joseph O'Brien is sending five horses Down Under to compete in the Sydney Autumn Carnival.
Top Industry Judges Cont. from p1

Each opinion is right until proven otherwise and, for starters, Bastard, McCabe and Hoban are in agreement that the bookmakers have found the right favourite in Blue Point (Ire), priced up as a general 5-2 market leader by most firms.

McCabe, who pre-trains for Rabbah Bloodstock, Simon Crisford and Charlie Appleby among others, is particularly keen on Blue Point’s stock and said, “I think he will make a big splash. I think that bookmakers are barking up the same tree as I am with Blue Point as I think he will go well in the first-season sire championship. In fact, there was a very smart Blue Point colt I was dealing with, and he’s gone into Simon Crisford’s. He was the smartest Blue Point I had and, if he is not winning up at the July Course at Newmarket, I’d be very surprised.”

Bastard agrees.

He said, “We have six or seven Blue Points and they are nice solid horses who are very good in their minds. They all have nice action about them. They are only just cantering away nicely at this time of year, so it is difficult to say, but the Too Darn Hots and the Blue Points stand out a little bit at the moment. The Blue Points are definitely not early horses, not ours anyway.”

But it’s the Too Darn Hots who have set the temperature at Bastard’s Wiltshire operation with the renowned handler of young stock particularly impressed by the progeny of the young sire.

“I have about a dozen Too Darn Hots and they are very similar to him. From day one, he cantered like an old pro—he was a beautiful-moving colt—and his progeny seem to be the very same. I think they will be late summer horses, if not autumn horses, like he was. They will be seven furlongs plus and they are not going to be sprinters so he’s probably priced right [at 14-1]. You’d expect him to have a really good number of winners by the end of the season and quality horses out of that number as well.” Cont. p4
Blue Point, favoured for the freshman sires' title | Racingfotos.com

Top Industry Judges Cont.

Hoban may be one of the newest names on the Irish scene but he has made a major impact already. The professional jockey has had two Classic winners, Magical Lagoon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Sonnyboyliston (Ire) (Power {GB}), through his hands and has built up an impressive portfolio working with Barnane Stud, Yulong Investments, Johnny Murtagh, Eddie Lynam, Jessica Harrington and Paddy Twomey.

Along with the progeny of Blue Point, Hoban nominated Invincible Army (Ire) to throw down an early marker this spring, and said, “I have a very nice Invincible Army colt. He’ll be going to one of the breeze-up sales and he seems to be doing everything well. He’s the only Invincible Army I have but I’d be keen to recruit more of them at the sales as everything about him is promising. He just has a lovely way of going and nothing seems to phase him. I’m very interested in the sire.”

Hoban added, “I don’t have a Ten Sovereigns but there seems to be a bit of chat about them, which is interesting, and the couple of Blue Points that I have are really nice. They are forward-going, are strong and seem to have good minds. I’ve had a couple of Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)s as well and, while they won’t be that precocious, they are well-balanced horses who have great attitudes. They will be more for the second half of the year.”

One man who has his fair share of Ten Sovereigns to work with is O’Brien and he likes what he sees.

“It’s early days, obviously, but we’ve been lucky enough to have accumulated quite a few by Ten Sovereigns and we really like what we are seeing from them,” the trainer said.

McCabe has the biggest sample size to choose from given he has broken in the best part of 100 yearlings to go into training for this year and, while he admits a certain amount of luck is needed for a stallion to break through, he identified a broad spectrum of young sires whose stock has impressed him.

He said, “I’d be very keen on the Masar (Ire)s and the Too Darn Hots as well. The Blue Points are a sharp bunch and they look as though they will be 2-year-old types and the Too Darn Hots are just beautiful horses. They are lovely to deal with and are all very good-looking horses. We like them a lot.

“The Masars are very similar to the first Night Of Thunder (Ire)s. They’re very honest horses and I’d imagine he will be pretty successful. Masar won over seven furlongs as a 2-year-old and was no slouch. He’d a great constitution as a racehorse and, like Night Of Thunder, they come in all different shapes and sizes. They seem to have good minds and are easy to work with.

“I only had one Magna Grecia (Ire) colt but I liked him a lot. He looked like he would be a runner. I have a little filly by Intrinsic (GB) and she goes very well. Intrinsic won a Stewards Cup and his trainer Robert Cowell said that, if he didn’t get injured, he’d definitely have been a group horse. He’s only had a handful of runners and he’s had winners, with one of them [Intrinsic Bond (GB)] achieving an RPR of 101 so he may not be a bad sire at all. I know he’s not a first-season sire but we’ve a lovely Kodi Bear (Ire) as well and I’d be a fan of him as a sire.”
Top Industry Judges Cont.

On the championship as a whole, he added, “I used to ride Kheleyf and nobody would have predicted he’d have done what he did at stud. You get horses who you think will do well at stud and they don’t do it for whatever reason and then you get others who you think will be basement level and they come up with the goods. It’s very hard to predict but, if I was a betting man, I’d be rowing in behind Blue Point to get rocking and rolling early. You need a lot of luck.”

One stallion who is a longer shot at ending the year as the champion first-season sire is Study Of Man but, for different reasons, the stock of the impeccably-bred French Derby winner has impressed Brabazon.

He explained, “We deal more with the owner-breeder type of horse, the one that will be slower to mature, but still, when I go through my list, we’ve got a nice filly by Magna Grecia and another by Phoenix Of Spain. But if I was to nominate one sire that I am particularly interested in the progeny of, it would have to be Study Of Man, as the two that we have by him are very athletic, hardy and tough types. He could be a very interesting sire and it would be great if Deep Impact (Jpn) had a major influence over here given what he achieved in Japan. He’s a horse I will follow with great interest this year. His granddam is Miesque so it is one hell of a pedigree. Saxon Warrior (Jpn) has got going in Ireland so it will be really interesting to see how Study Of Man gets on. Now, it’s only February, and I might be talking nonsense at this early stage in the year, but these two Study Of Man fillies have really caught our eye.

“We’ve only just started out on the Curragh gallops with our 2-year-olds now. I am beside the Old Vic gallop and we’ve only just started with the colts cantering up the Old Vic now. We’ll get the fillies going now soon. It’s all about education for me. I am not the trainer, so I let the trainer train them and I only educate them. I am always shouting at the riders to remember they are only babies. Sometimes they start scooting around on them if they start showing a bit but I always try to mind them and turn the horses into a career horse for their owners. I am not going to win any Brocklesbys, I am afraid! I have accepted that at this stage in my life. My aim is for the horse to last. I just lay the foundation for the trainers and then follow the horses’ careers with great interest.”

He added, “The riders are so important. Tim Carroll is my main rider and he’s just super. He just has a natural feel for a horse and can tell exactly how well each horse is going. If he says this is nice, I take note of what he says. He has picked a few already and he is a fan of the Study Of Mans. They don’t all go on the right way but you’d have a fair idea at this stage.”

Similarly, Bastard has seen enough from the progeny of Land Force (Ire), Inns Of Court (Ire) and Ten Sovereigns to suggest that their 2-year-olds can achieve good things on the track this season.

He concluded, “We’ve had a few Land Forces and they’ve been quite nice to deal with as well. They’ve got a bit of size and scope about them and plenty of strength. They have good bone, are nice in their minds and are quite forward-going and they look okay. He might be a bit of a surprise package. He could do well.” Cont. p6
Top Industry Judges Cont.

He added, “Inns Of Court is another worth mentioning. I must say, we only had one by Inns Of Court, but he was very nice and I expect him to do very well. We have a few by Ten Sovereigns, who go well but, again, the ones we have seem as though they will want a bit of time. There is nothing really early amongst them but they are nice horses. They are quite scopey.”

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He said, “We have a good mixed catalogue and we are coming back after a strong autumn so we are hopeful of picking up where we left off. There are plenty of opportunities for pinhookers here and all of the professionals have been here on Monday inspecting the stock and working their way through the catalogue.

"There is a really good bunch of yearlings and there are some great opportunities for buyers here, as there has been in the past. Hopefully there will be plenty of interest. I expect that the fashionably-bred horses will sell well and it might get a bit skinnier underneath that but there will be plenty of opportunity for people, that’s for sure.”

A good recent example of pinhookers picking out profit at this sale came last year when the WH Bloodstock team turned their €38,000 Kuroshio (Aus) colt into a £120,000 smash hit at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. That tremendous touch was secured in just over six months and Beeby says that he is confident similar opportunities await buyers this year.

"I’ve looked at a good few horses today for Wednesday and Thursday, some who were meant to be here in November but didn’t make it for minor reasons, so this sale is a good backup plan for the vendors of those types of horses as this is a vibrant sale,” he said. Cont. p7
He added, “Pinhookers always make sure to be here for the February Sale and there is a notably strong contingent of English buyers present. We’ve a good selection of National Hunt youngsters, too, so it is a sale that will appeal to a broad spectrum of people. We are hoping for a good start to the year.”

The two-day February Sale kicks off at 10 a.m. on Wednesday with a Berkshire (Ire) half-brother to recent Grade 1-placed Adamantly Chosen (Ire) and Galileo (Ire) mares Myzoon (Ire), Art Story (Ire), Music And Dance (GB), Sweet And Lovely (Ire) and Red Azalea (Ire) some of the interesting lots on offer.

TATTERSALLS MAINTAINS SPONSORSHIP OF IRISH GUINEAS FESTIVAL

Tattersalls will continue sponsoring the Irish Guineas Festival and the three associated Group 1 races, the Curragh Racecourse announced on Tuesday.

The sponsorship, which was extended an additional three years from 2023-2025, sees the €500,000 G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, €500,000 G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas, and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup—with increased prize-money of €450,000—set to be contested at the Curragh during the three-day festival from May 26-28, 2023. Cont. p8

The bookmakers’ favourite to be leading freshman. Understandably! 91 of his 161 first-crop youngsters are already with their trainers... and they are the biggest names in the business. Click for the story.
Tattersalls Maintains Irish Guineas Festival Sponsorship Cont.

Edmond Mahony, Chairman Tattersalls, said, “The Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival is one of the premier fixtures not only of the Irish racing calendar, but also of the wider European Flat racing scene and we are proud to have the Tattersalls name associated with such an important weekend of racing and more specifically, with three of Ireland’s most prestigious races. We are already looking forward to the 2023 Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival and to working with the Curragh Racecourse for the next three years of this flagship sponsorship agreement.”

Tattersalls graduate Native Trial (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) was an impressive winner of the Irish 2000 Guineas last year, while Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel (GB)) won the 1000 Guineas for Moyglare Stud, Dermot Weld and Chris Hayes. The first entry stage for both Classics has already closed, with some of the highest rated 2-year-olds from last year signed on, including: Little Big Bear (Ire) (No Nay Never), Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), Chaldean (GB) (Frankel (GB)), Noble Style (GB) (Kingman (GB)), Al Riffa (Fr) (Wootton Bassett (GB)), Victoria Road (Ire) (Saxon Warrior (Jpn)), The Foxes (Ire) (Churchill (Ire)), Crypto Force (GB) (Time Test (GB)) and Proud and Regal (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) are among the entries for the Irish 2000 Guineas.

In the fillies' equivalent, Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)), Meditate (Ire) (No Nay Never), Statuette (Justify), Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), Fairy Cross (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)), Never Ending Story (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)), Madly Truly (Ire) (Cracksman (GB)), Zarinsk (GB) (Kodiac (GB)) and Treasure Trove (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)) feature.

Curragh CEO Brian Kavanagh said, “Tattersalls are a long and valued supporter of Irish racing and in particular the Curragh. They are a pleasure to work with and today’s announcement of a three-year extension of their sponsorship of three of our most important Group 1 races is very welcome news. The 2022 renewals of these races each provided great stories and we look forward to working with Tattersalls to further grow and develop the races over the coming years.”

PRIZE-MONEY BOOST FOR NEWBURY

Newbury Racecourse will offer a 16% increase in its prize-money for Flat and jump races throughout 2023 to £6.06 million, the racecourse announced on Tuesday.

With a further increase planned for next year, the upturn in funding is largely through a record executive contribution by the racecourse of £3.1 million, which has increased by £650,000 from 2022.

The G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. and The BetVictor London Gold Cup Handicap S. will both feature in the World Pool programme of races this year, representing the first time that Newbury has been involved in this lucrative venture. The latter will be run for £100,000 and the Lockinge meeting will increase by £95,000 and feature a new £75,000 handicap over a mile.

Furthermore, six novice and maiden races between April and September will carry a total prize fund between £30,000 and £50,000. Midweek National Hunt cards will receive an average of £20,000 in additional funding and all Grade 2 races will be worth £10,000 more than the minimum value.

ONE LAST FESTIVAL HURRAH FOR HONEYSUCKLE

Kenny Alexander’s dual Champion Hurdler Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani (Ire)) will make her swansong in the G1 Close Brothers Mares’ Hurdle at next month’s Cheltenham Festival. The 9-year-old was beaten for the first time in 16 starts when tackling the Hatton’s Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse in December, in which she was third. Cont. p9
Honeysuckle Cont.

She went on to finish runner-up to State Man (Ire) in last weekend’s Irish Champion Hurdle, a race she had won for the three previous seasons.

A 12-time Grade 1 victrix, Honeysuckle is also a treble winner at the Cheltenham Festival, having won the last two Champion Hurdles and the Mares’ Hurdle in 2020.

Peter Molony, racing manager to Kenny Alexander, announced the news on Tuesday morning.

He told PA Media, "I think after Sunday, on mature reflection, most reasonable people would agree she has taken a step back. She still fought her heart out and when Vauban came to take second off her she put her head down and her ears back and went 'not on your life'.

"So she still has that competitive spirit, she's still a racehorse and that's why we've decided to give her one last hurrah. She deserves it and Cheltenham would be a lovely place to bow out."

He added, "The whole day on Sunday, strangely enough, even though we got beat, was one of the best days we've had on a racecourse with Honey. The reception she got, the cheer when Rachael got legged up, the roars as she cantered down to the start—Rachael said when she got down to the start she had a stupid grin on her face from the huge reception they got.

"The public have really taken her to their hearts and it's wonderful, so Cheltenham would be a lovely place to bow out."

Honeysuckle will retire eventually to Alexander’s New Hall Stud in Scotland, where the owner-breeder is assembling a formidable team of National Hunt mares. The Ayrshire farm was the birthplace of Group 1 winner Donna Blini (GB) (Bertolini), who was bred by Gordon Thom and later found ever greater fame as the dam of Japanese Horse of the Year Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)).

SHARE IN ALMANZOR ONE OF THE STARS OF THE AUCTAV FEBRUARY SALE

A variety of stallion shares across multiple breeds and disciplines, as well as a breeding right, a broodmare and a yearling, make up the Auctav February Sale catalogue.

Set for Feb. 22 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. local time, the sale features shares in stallions like Group 1 sire Almanzor (Fr) (lot 8), G1 Prix Ganay victor Dariyan (Fr) (lot 9), Triple Threat (Fr) (lot 3) and Van Beethoven (lot 15) among others. Lot 11 is a breeding right in young stallion Cloth Of Stars (Ire), and lot 4 is the jumps mare Kourouka (Fr) (No Risk At All (Fr)) in foal to Masked Marvel (GB).

A’ALI SIRES FIRST REPORTED FOALS

Multiple Group 2-winning sire A’Ali (Ire) welcomed his first reported foals in the past few weeks, among them a colt out of dual Group 3 winner Maureen (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), who was fourth in the G1 Coronation S.
**A’Ali First Reported Foals Cont.**

Daly said, “I’ve been very impressed with both of the A’Ali foals born on the stud. They’re quality individuals with great strength and very much in the mould of their sire. Having seen him again at the recent TBA stallion parade at Tattersalls last week, I’m looking forward to supporting him again this year.”

Another A’Ali new arrival is a colt out of Eric Cantillon’s mare Maajmeh Dawn (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}), herself a half-sister to Listed Dee S. hero Viren’s Army (Ire) (Twirling Candy).

Cantillon said, “This is a good colt foal. Strong, correct and with plenty about him. I like him so much I’ve decided to send the mare back to him again this year and another mare besides.”

The son of the late Society Rock (Ire) won the G2 Norfolk S., G2 Prix Robert Papin, and the G2 Flying Childers S. at two, before adding the G3 Sapphire S. and G3 Coral Charge S. at three. The recipient of 116 mares in his first season, he stands for £5,000 at Newells Park Stud this year. A unique breeding incentive scheme is also being offered by Newells Park.

**BANKSY WORK PART OF ART EXHIBIT AT NATIONAL HORSE RACING MUSEUM**

*Hula Hooping Girl, by the celebrated artist Banksy, will be part of a special art exhibit at the National Horse Racing Museum this summer—Urban Frame: Mutiny in Colour.*

The exhibition will last from June 3 through Oct. 1, and is being organised in association with Brandler Galleries and will be shown across three venues in West Suffolk, including Moyse’s Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Arts Centre. *Hula Hooping Girl,* which first appeared on the wall of a beauty salon in Nottingham in 2020, will be shown alongside *Citroen Berlingo Van* a vehicle painted with 200 eyes by the artist My Dog Sighs for Coventry Museum.

Hon Frances Stanley DL, Chairman of Trustees National Horse Racing Museum, said, “We are thrilled to be working with Brandler Galleries, Moyses Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Arts Centre to bring vibrant street art to three venues across Suffolk.”

**FRANCE**

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

5th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €16,000, 2-7, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:01.63, st.

**ALPAGE (FR)** (Raven’s Pass—Mountain Rose {Ger}, by Tiger Hill {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, €24,800. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- Indian Gold (Fr), f, 3, The Grey Gatsby (Ire)—Indian Cat (Ire) (SW-Ger), by One Cool Cat. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-7, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.18. B-Appapays Racing Club (FR). *€22,000 RNA Ylg ’21 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Incampo (Fr) (Campanologist), MSP-Fr, $165,994.
- Duc De Kent (Fr), g, 3, Zelzal (Fr)—Public Ransom (Ire), by Red Ransom. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-7, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.32. B-E Puerari, Mme G Henochsberg & Ecurie Ades Hazan (FR). *€18,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

**JOSEPH O’BRIEN QUINTET BOUND FOR SYDNEY AUTUMN CARNIVAL**

Trainer Joseph O’Brien intends to send a string of five horses to compete Down Under at the Sydney Autumn Carnival, *Racing.com* reported on Tuesday.

The quintet, which consists of G3 Ballyroan S. runner-up Cleveland (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), winner Temple Of Artemis (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), triple group winner and Group 1-placed Baron Samedi (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), G3 Irish St. Leger Trial hero Raise You (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Statement (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), who won the G3 Concorde S., are supposed to be among the nominations—released later in the day—for The Championships at Royal Randwick on Apr. 1 and Apr. 8.

Intended for the A$2-million G1 Sydney Cup over 3200 metres are Cleveland and Temple Of Artemis, both part-owned by the Williams family of G1 Melbourne Cup fame, as well as Baron Samedi. Cont. p11
Joseph O'Brien Quintet Cont.

Raise You is also likely for the Sydney Cup, but has also proven effective over slightly shorter trips. Statement is targeting the A$600,000 G1 Coolmore Classic on Mar. 11, followed by the A$1-million G1 Queen of the Turf over a mile on Apr. 8.

"Cleveland will either run in the [G1] Tancred [S. on Mar. 25] ahead of the Sydney Cup, or straight into the Sydney Cup. We'll play that by ear," Nick Williams told Racing.com. "By all reports he's in terrific form at home, his two runs for us have been nothing but outstanding.

"His last run for us at the Curragh, the Irish Cesarewitch, we gave the winner Waterville (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) plenty of weight (8kg).

"Whilst if he were to run in the Tancred, he'd be out of the weights, but it wouldn't surprise me if he was to run well."

Prior to his Sydney Cup attempt, if he gets into the field, Temple Of Artemis is aiming for the A$200,000 G3 N.E. Manion Cup over 2400 metres at Rosehill on Mar. 18 or if not, the A$300,000 G2 Chairman's Quality going 2600 metres on Apr. 1.

"He was a very immature 3-year-old and we gelded him late last year," Williams said. "Joseph tells me he's taken several steps forward, he's a work in progress. He is rated 96 over in Ireland, it will take a bit of work to get him into the Sydney Cup, but you never know.

"He's an exciting stayer for the future and he's a brother to [2015 G1] Gold Cup runner-up Kingfisher (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})."

They will enter quarantine this week, and will arrive in Sydney on Feb. 25, alongside the William Haggas-trained foursome of Dubai Honour (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}), Purplepay (Fr) (Zarak {Fr}), Earl Of Tyrone (Ire) (Australia {GB}), and Protagonist (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}).

FULL SPEAKER LINE-UP ANNOUNCED FOR ARC

The complete list of speakers for the 39th Asian Racing Conference on Feb. 14-19, was announced by the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) on Tuesday.

Themed “Breaking Barriers”, the ARC will feature a three-day Business Programme, where the latest trends will be examined, as well as the most pressing issues and brightest opportunities facing the industry today. The full list of speakers can be found here.
GROUP ENTRIES

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