

# ECLIPSE AWARDS EDITION

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## BRICKS STARS AT ECLIPSE AWARDS

by Christina Bossinakis

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL--The stars of racing were out in full force for the 2019 Runhappy Eclipse Awards in Gulfstream Park's Sport of Kings auditorium Thursday night. The new hosting trio of TVG's Gabby Gaudet, NBC and TVG's Brittany Eurton and Gulfstream's

Acacia Courtney led the evening's program, reflecting on a season that had it all--celebration, challenge and above all, tremendous change. While a total of 11 equine champions and five human divisions were crowned, it was a single individual that cast a thread through several of the victorious connections of the night. **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway) took down the big prize of the evening--Horse of the Year--in addition to the Champion

Turf Male title. The 5-year-old was also instrumental in bestowing his trainer--Chad Brown--with his fourth consecutive training championship. Other divisional winners with close ties to the five-time Grade I winner are Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence (Owner); George Strawbridge, Jr. (Breeder); and Irad Ortiz, Jr. (Jockey).

Also a major talking point through the two-hour show was Thoroughbred aftercare. With video segments of retired off-the-track Thoroughbreds shown periodically throughout the evening as part of NTRA's #NeverEclipsed social media campaign, equine care and safety were touched upon by winners and presenters.

"The safety of our horses and riders are our number one priority, every race, every day, every racetrack," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. Underscoring its importance to many of those in attendance, Waldrop announced that Courtney, Gaudet and Eurton all were donating their wages for the evening to the cause of aftercare.

## All Roads Lead to Brown

The very first winner of the night appeared to set the tone for the rest of the evening as Bricks and Mortar, trained by Brown, earned the title for Champion Turf Horse and rounded out the night with a Horse of the Year title. Giving credit to his staff, owners and riders, in addition to the racing circuits he frequented for much of the year, Brown tied his former mentor

Bobby Frankel, Todd Pletcher and Laz Barrera as the only trainers to win four consecutive training championships. Among his notable achievements in 2019, Brown tied his 2018 mark of 20 Grade I victories again in 2019 and surpassed his own personal record with 54 graded wins. He also bagged an enviable quartet of graded stakes at Arlington Park Aug. 10 when taking the GI Arlington Million (Bricks and Mortar); GI Secretariat S. (Valid Point); GI Beverly D. S.

(Sistercharlie {Ire}); and GIII Pucker Up S. (Cafe Americano).

And not one to rest on his laurels, Brown is already looking on to the next challenge.

"Jan. 1 is a clean slate for everyone," he said. "It's great to go back and think about the great year we had with so many highlights of Bricks and Mortar. Also, Arlington Park stands out. Going there for the day and winning those four races that day was just unbelievable. I replay that in my head. I do take time to think about it, but you've got to keep moving forward. That bit of history is already secured, which is comforting, but we're also in a business of what have you done for me lately. So, we have to keep moving forward, appreciate what has happened and be thankful for it."

Brown also trained Champion Turf Female winner **Uni (GB)** (More Than Ready)--campaigned by Michael Dubb, Head of Plain Partners, Robert LaPenta & Bethlehem Stables.

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The connections of HOY Bricks and Mortar | Horsephotos

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**Maximum Redemption**

One of the most talked about horses in 2019 was without a doubt **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), who was disqualified from first in the GI Kentucky Derby. Much drama ensued, both immediately after the race and in the months to come, however, the bay colt closed out the rest of the season in impressive fashion, collecting the 3-year-old male title over **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}) and **Omaha Beach** (War Front). He was the third consecutive Eclipse Award winner for Gary and Mary West following West Coast (Flatter) (3-year-old) in 2018 and Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) (2-year-old) last year. West, who was very vocal as he spent much of the year trying to get the Kentucky Derby disqualification ruling overturned, was gracious in accepting his trophy, giving props to his trainer Jason Servis and his team. Maximum Security's Derby disqualification earned him a second title on the night, the 2019 NTRA Moment of the Year.



The connections of Maximum Security: Jason Servis, Mary & Gary West and Luis Saez | Horsephotos

When asked by Courtney to describe his emotions through that roller coaster 2019 Kentucky Derby result, Servis quipped, "Where is the guy with the horn?" in hopes of having himself ushered off the stage.

**Ladies Day**

Several ladies were lauded over the course of the night, chief among them was LNJ Foxwoods **Covfefe** (Into Mischief), who completed a notable double, winning one award for champion 3-year-old filly and another as the leading female sprinter in 2019. The filly was trained by Brad Cox, who was also responsible for the undefeated champion juvenile filly **British Idiom** (Flashback). Stuart Grant, accepting on behalf of British Idiom, acknowledged his

partners and friends, Micheal Dubb and Mike Caruso, in addition to Cox, Sol Kumin, Liz Crow, Brad Weisbord and Javier Castellano. **Cont. p3**



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“It wouldn’t be nearly as much fun without my long-term partner Mike Dubb and Mike Caruso,” said Grant. “We’ve been together with horses for over a decade. One could not have asked for better partners or better human beings. Mike and Mike have done so much for the sport and for their communities and I’m proud to call them my friends and share this award with them.”

Another filly honored Thursday evening was Bloom Racing Stables, Allen Racing and Madaket Stables’s **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute), who was named the leading older dirt female.

“What an amazing filly,” said an overwhelmed Jeff Bloom. “The whole thing is surreal. Midnight Bisou exemplifies class, heart and determination and she truly epitomizes the true racehorse.”

Among other notable moments of the evening was a touching segment featuring racing figures who passed in 2019, including Marylou Whitney, Morton Fink, Randy Romero, Jimmy Crupi, Carmen Barrera, Bob Fortus, Howard Wolfendale and one of *TDN*’s very own, Ben Massam.

In a contested division, the award for Champion Older Horse went to **Vino Rosso** (Curlin). Trained by seven-time Eclipse Award winner Todd Pletcher and owned by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable.

“Very exciting and honestly, quite frankly humbling,” said Vinnie Viola. “Vino Ross aged like a fine wine.”

Setting the tone not only for the evening, but probably the entire 2019 season was Seth Klarman’s acceptance speech as leading owner.

“The sport is not organized at the national level,” said Klarman. “We lack uniform rules, such as on medication and the use of whips. Stewards decisions go largely unexplained, creating a sense of chaos and unfairness. The sport is criticized, and not wrongfully when the interest of the horses are placed second behind economics and personal glory. Those of us who love horse racing, everyone in this room, will appreciate the majesty and the courage of our equine athletes and must fix the sport or risk its demise. We must care for our Thoroughbreds in their retirement and we must ensure the track safeness at all times. And when they’re not, races should not be run. We must end the impact of medication on the health and safety of racehorses. And we must ensure that nobody ever runs unsound horses. Only when we put the horses first are we able to put the sport first. Nothing less will do. We’re at a tipping point. We truly have no choice, but to come together, reform and re-prioritize. Everyone in this room has had a richer, more exciting and more memorable life because horse racing made it so. Everyone knows what is wrong and that we can and must do better. Thank you for listening and thank you for this incredible honor.”

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CHAMPION TURF MALE  
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(h, 6, **Giant's Causeway**—Beyond the Waves, by Ocean Crest)  
\$200,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP  
O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William H. Lawrence;  
B-George Strawbridge, Jr. (KY); T-Chad Brown  
2019 Record: 6-6-0-0, \$6,723,650

**Major 2019 Races**

**GI Breeders' Cup Turf • GI Arlington Million • GI Manhattan S. • GI Old Forester Turf Classic • GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational • TJCS PPs • EquineLine catalog-style pedigree**



Bricks and Mortar | Horsephotos

Having been nursed back to health over much of calendar year 2018 after being treated for a **potentially career-ending case of stringhalt**, Bricks and Mortar was an unstoppable force last year and became the first Horse of the Year for trainer Chad Brown Thursday evening. He was also a unanimous winner of the Eclipse Award for older turf male, the third in five years for a Brown trainee (Big Blue Kitten, 2015; Flintshire {GB}, 2016).

Underfoot conditions were of no concern to the \$200,000 Keeneland September graduate last season, as he commenced his unbeaten streak with a smooth victory over Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the inaugural GI Pegasus World Cup Turf S. over yielding Gulfstream turf in January, then sat up on the 'speed' in a pacesetter renewal of the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H. at the Fair Grounds and managed to gut it out late. He overcame another soft pace in the GI Old Forester Turf Classic in May, added a 1 1/2-length defeat of stablemate Robert Bruce (Chi) (Fast Company {Ire}) in the GI Manhattan S. the following month and finished fast to best Magic Wand in the GI Arlington Million. *Cont. p5*



**BRICKS  
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**HORSE OF THE YEAR  
AND  
CHAMPION MALE TURF HORSE**

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George Strawbridge Jr.

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*HORSE OF THE YEAR*  
*and Champion Male Turf Horse*  
**BRICKS AND MORTAR**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

- Owner: Klaravich Stables and William H. Lawrence
- \$200,000 KEESEP Yrlg Purchase
- 11 wins in 13 starts

- Lifetime earnings \$7,085,650
- Mike Ryan / Chad Brown purchase

▶ *2019 Breeders' Cup Turf*



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**Bricks and Mortar cont.**

The connections of Bricks and Mortar | *Horsephotos*

After a time of indecision as to which Breeders' Cup race might suit him best, Bricks and Mortar ultimately went for the Turf. He proved wrong those who doubted his ability to stay the 12-furlong trip, leading home a 1-2 finish for his sire over United with G1 Investec Derby hero Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) close up in third.

Bricks and Mortar stands his first year at stud at Shadai Farm in Japan in 2020.

**Accepting the Award (Horse of the Year)...**

"Thank you for this honor. Bill and I want to congratulate the owners of Maximum Security and Mitole for incredible campaigns. They were all great horses and worthy candidates. Horse racing has a way of getting in your blood. I know it did with me as a teenager at Pimlico. I love so much of this sport. The perpetual puzzle of handicapping a winner. Enjoying watching a stretch-long battle between two equine athletes who wouldn't yield. The anticipation of a top race at an elite meet. The big races you attended and remember like they were yesterday are mileposts on life's journey. I know horse racing got into the blood of Chad Brown as he was growing up in Saratoga. It's never luck when you see Chad in the winner's circle. It's intensity, preparation, a man, a plan, a highly functioning team. I believe Chad and I are a great team, but I mean that in the sense that Chad and anybody are a great team. Chad, in effect, manages my stable, most of the buying and selling, the training facilities, the breeding decisions. I want to acknowledge the people here with me tonight. My long-time partners, Bill and Gloria Lawrence, what a great partnership. Nick and Jacqui de Meric, who buy, break and train many of our babies. My friend Andy Serling and of course, my wife Beth, who's been on this journey with me the entire way. I never thought we'd ever have a chance to win this award. Bill and I are so grateful to the voters for this incredible, once-in-a-lifetime honor." --Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables, co-owner

**Accepting the Award (Champion Turf Male)...**

"Bricks and Mortar has been the thrill of a lifetime for Bill [Lawrence] and me. Bricks ended his career with 11 victories from 13 starts. He was within a length and a half of being undefeated. In 2019 alone, he was six-for-six at six different tracks, five of which were Grade I wins. In his career he won a staggering \$7-million in purses. We ran him against the best competition we could find. He danced every dance. These accomplishments are largely due to the efforts of Chad Brown. Chad is an incredibly gifted horseman and he managed this horse with great patience and skill. Irad Ortiz rode this horse confidently and masterfully, the perfect rider for this perfect season. I want to thank the voters for recognizing the achievements of this truly exceptional equine athlete." --Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables, co-owner

**Early Impressions...**

"We bought him as a yearling and he went to Stonestreet as many of the Klaravich horses do. He was a big horse and we knew in the spring he was a two-turn horse. He was an easy horse to train, a good mover, but he was a horse you weren't going to run until late in his 2-year-old career and maybe even his 3-year-old career. He actually didn't leave Stonestreet until about late October of his 2-year-old career. He was always a classy horse who had a great appetite for work. The more you did with him, the better he liked it.

I remember the last time I saw him at Stonestreet, he was galloping in a big 50-acre field, up and down a hill. I remember standing up there with Ian Brennan watching him float over the ground and we said, 'Man, would this horse look good in Europe.' He was just one of those agile horses, it didn't matter he could switch leads on a nickel and handled the hills up and down. You could tell that this was a different athlete. He was a different kind of horse. He was one of those rare horses, pretty elite horses, and he was like that from the get-go and he delivered every time. His determination and his courage were extraordinary.

Like Giant's Causeway, they used to call him the Iron Horse, he loved to fight and he knew where the wire was. He was just a very gutsy, courageous and determined horse. He was the horse of a lifetime, really. I'm sorry he's not here with us in Kentucky where we could see him and breed to him. I think the Japanese are looking good there." --bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, who purchased Bricks and Mortar as a yearling for Klaravich & Lawrence

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Horse of the Year: Bricks and Mortar, 204; Mitole, 19; Maximum Security, 14; Midnight Bisou, 1; Omaha Beach, 1; Vino Rosso, 1; Voter Abstention, 1.**

**Champion Turf Male: Bricks and Mortar, 241 (unanimous)**

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## CHAMPION TURF FEMALE

### UNI (GB)

(m, 5, **More Than Ready**--Unaided {GB}, by Dansili {GB})

€40,000 Ylg '15 ARQAUG

O-Head of Plains Partners, Michael Dubb, Robert LaPenta & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Haras d'Etream; T-Chad Brown.

2019 Record: 4-3-1-0, \$1,455,000

#### Major 2019 Races

**GI Fourstardave H.** • **GI First Lady S.** • **GI Breeders' Cup Mile**  
• **TJCIS PPs** • **Equine catalog-style pedigree**



Uni winning the Breeders' Cup Mile | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

Uni presented her sire with an Eclipse Award winner for the third consecutive year (Roy H, 2017, 2018) and gave her trainer Chad Brown a third champion turf female in succession and fourth in six years Thursday evening. In doing so, she out-pointed her stablemate and 2018 champion Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and the Mark Casse-trained Got Stormy (Get Stormy).

Winner of Belmont's Perfect Sting S. when returning from an eight-month absence in late June, Uni tried the boys for the first time in this country--she defeated males in French listed company in 2017--in Saratoga's GI Fourstardave H. Aug. 10. She trailed by as many as 17 lengths passing halfway and it proved a gap just too big to bridge, as she closed fast to finish third, 2 1/2 lengths behind Got Stormy. Back with her peers for Keeneland's GI First Lady S. Oct. 5, she covered the final quarter mile in :22.68 and the last eighth of a mile in :11.46 for a 2 1/2-length tally in course-record time. Supplemented for \$100,000 to the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, she turned in an effort very similar to the one in Lexington, tossing in her final two furlongs in :22.69 (:11.29 home) en route to a 1 3/4-length defeat of Got Stormy.

Bred on the highly successful cross of More Than Ready--sire of champions in seven countries--over Danehill-line mares, Uni stays in training at age six in 2020.

#### Accepting the Award...

"On behalf of my partners Sol Kumin, Bobby LaPenta and Mike Caruso, I am honored to accept this award on behalf of Uni. Uni truly speaks for herself and I thank the Eclipse voters for listening. I would be remiss if I did not congratulate the connections of Sistercharlie and Got Stormy. In any other season, they would have likely been crowned champion. This is personal in so many ways. I take tremendous pride in sharing this with Chad Brown and his staff. I've been with Chad from the beginning, really when he just had a dozen horses. We claimed horses together, we won stakes races with those horses together and the die was cast as far as Chad Brown goes. Chad to me is like a brother, a son and most of all a best friend and this all could not have happened without Chad." --*Michael Dubb, co-owner*

#### Early Impressions...

"Uni was one of the fillies I indicated to my partner in America Bradley Weisbord to buy for his client Sol Kumin during the 2017 winter. She was in training with Fabrice Chappet in Chantilly and he always liked her. She won her maiden by four lengths at Deauville on her third outing in January and then came third against the colts in a listed race at Cagnes-Sur-Mer meeting. At that point, I did really push Sol to get involved in her as her previous owner Nicolas de Chambure from Etream was only interested to sell a share in her. Brad put together a deal for Sol Kumin and Mike Dubb to buy half of her and the story began.

She won a listed race brilliantly against the colts in Paris and went to the USA to run in the [GI] Belmont Oaks, where she finished third to Sistercharlie. To see her be crowned champion after winning the Breeders Cup Mile, beating the boys, is a dream come true for all involved." --*bloodstock agent Nicolas de Watrigant of the Mandore Agency*

#### ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes

**Champion Turf Female: Uni (GB), 126; Sistercharlie (Ire), 61; Got Stormy, 33; Iridessa (Ire), 15; Concrete Rose, 3; Vasilika, 2; Cambier Parc, 1.**

*All horses are listed with their 2019 ages*

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## CHAMPION OLDER DIRT MALE

### VINO ROSSO

(c, 4, **Curlin**-Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire})

\$410,000 yr1 '16 KEESEP

O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-John D. Gunther (Ky);

T-Todd Pletcher

2019 Record: 6-3-1-1, \$3,960,625

Major 2019 Races

**GI Breeders' Cup Classic** • **GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita S.** •

**Stymie S.**

**TJCIS PPs** • **Equine catalog-style pedigree**



The connections of Vino Rosso | *Horsephotos*

Repole and St. Elias Stable's Vino Rosso had his share of ups and downs throughout the 2019 racing season, however, he rounded out the year, as well as his racing career, in rousing fashion with an authoritative 4 1/4-length victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Nov. 2.

After launching 2019 with a score in the one-mile Stymie S. last March, the chestnut was fourth in the seven-panel GI Carter H., but showed his obvious affinity for the added yardage with a 3/4-length win over Gift Box in the 10-furlong GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita in May. Third behind fellow Eclipse finalist McKinzie (Street Sense) in the Aug. 3 GI Whitney S. over nine furlongs, the John Gunther-bred colt posted another strong performance, crossing the wire a nose ahead of Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) in Belmont's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Sept. 28, but was subsequently demoted to second for interference in the stretch. After punctuating the season with a Classic score, trainer Todd Pletcher remained confident that the 4-year-old had done enough to merit a year-end title.

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# VINO ROSSO

CHAMPION OLDER DIRT MALE

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**Vino Rosso cont.**

“To me, the champion older horse is one that won at a Classic distance,” said Pletcher. “Vino Rosso had two Grade 1’s at a mile and a quarter, a controversial disqualification in another, and he stamped himself as the dominant Classic older horse in the country. With the most significant race for older horses being the Breeders’ Cup Classic and putting forth a dominant victory there, I believe he deserved the champion older male title.”

Vino Rosso retired to Spendthrift Farm following the World Championships, where he stand for an introductory fee of \$30,000.

**Accepting the Award...**

“This is a humbling honor. On behalf of Mike Repole, his family and Repole Stables, led by Jimmy Martin and Ed Rosen, and St. Elias Stables, led by Rory Babitch and John Sparks, Teresa and I, we want to thank the NTRA, the NTWAB and the *Daily Racing Form* for this distinct honor. Most important, we want to thank three people and a horse. The horse was selected, broken quite arduously—he was a stubborn, too cool for school young horse—by Jimmy Crupi, who, if not for him, my family would not have taken the test of this industry and great sport. Irad Ortiz, in a horse’s career, there is that one rider that brings out the best, and you did that for Vino Rosso. Your confidence and bravado

really truly propelled him. Todd Pletcher is beyond a doubt the most significant creator of stallions in our industry and is a horsemen of terrific discipline and rigor. He conducts himself in a way that is unparalleled amongst the giants in our sport. The confidence of Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole made this horse what he became. Finally, Vino Rosso, like a fine wine, aged magnificently.” --*Vinnie Viola of St. Elias Stable, co-owner*

**Early Impressions...**

“I thought that physically, he very much looked like a Curlin. What impressed us about training him as a 2-year-old was, even though he wasn't extremely precocious, when he did come in and get up to that 5/8ths breeze, which seems to be the barrier that separate the real quality from the pretenders, that is when he started to excel. We thought here is a horse that is bred to get better when he is older and gets to stretch out in distance, but he was training like the type who would win and be competitive in his first start, which we felt boded well for his future.” --*trainer Todd Pletcher*

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
Champion Older Male: Vino Rosso, 129; Mitole, 108; McKinzie, 3; Voter Abstention, 1.



Vino Rosso romping in the Breeders' Cup Classic with fellow Eclipse winner Irad Ortiz aboard | *Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup*

## CHAMPION OLDER FEMALE

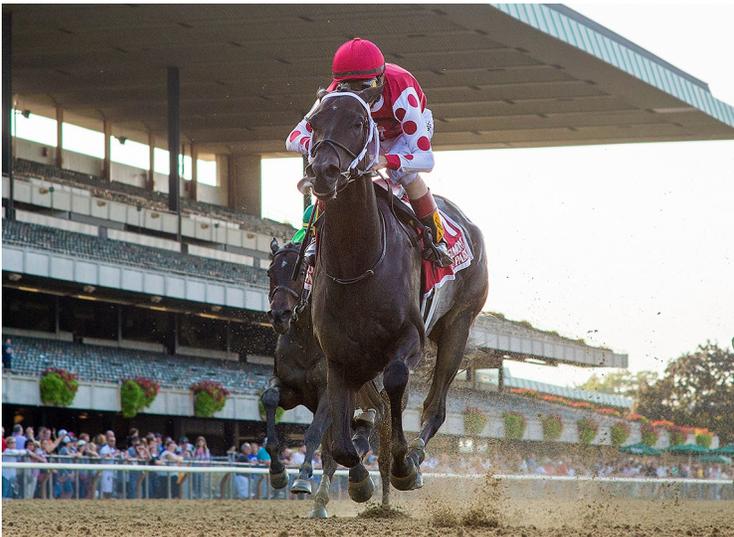
### MIDNIGHT BISOU

(f, **Midnight Lute**--Diva Delite, by Repent)

\$19,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR  
O-Bloom Racing Stable, Madaket Stables & Allen Racing;  
B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Steve Asmussen  
2019 Record: 8-7-1-0, \$2,185,000

#### Major 2019 Races

**GI Personal Ensign S.** • **GI Ogden Phipps S.** • **GI Apple Blossom H.**  
**TJCS PPs** • **EquineLine catalog-style pedigree**



Midnight Bisou | Sarah Andrew

Midnight Bisou was nothing short of sensational in 2019, winning seven straight races--all of which were graded--and finishing second in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff S. Capturing her seasonal bow in the GIII Houston Ladies Classic S. Jan. 27, the dark bay nosed out Escape Clause (Going Commando) after a gritty stretch duel in that venue's GI Apple Blossom H. next out Apr. 14. Facing a small, but talented field in Belmont's GI Ogden Phipps S. June 8, the \$80,000 OBSAPR purchase won for fun with a 3 1/2-length defeat of Come Dancing (Malibu Moon).

Scoring another facile victory in Monmouth Park's GIII Molly Pitcher S., Midnight Bisou won a knock-down-drag-out battle with Elate (Medaglia d'Oro) by the tip of her nose in the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga Aug. 24. A decisive winner of Belmont's GII Beldame S. Sept. 28, the Steve Asmussen trainee came running late in the Breeders' Cup, but could not reel in Blue Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize) and was forced to settle for second.

Midnight Bisou accomplished more than enough prior to the World Championships to remain on top of her division and was scratched from the Fasig-Tipton November Sale to stay in training for 2020. Her dam Diva Deelite did go through the ring at Fasig's Night of the Stars, selling to David Redvers for \$1.2-million carrying a foal by Justify. **Cont. p10**



# MIDNIGHT BISOU

CHAMPION OLDER  
DIRT FEMALE

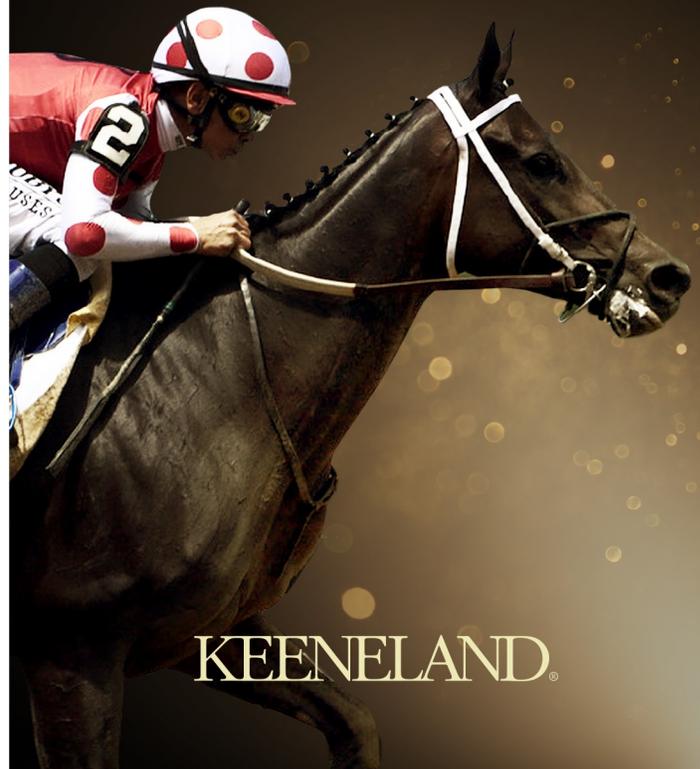
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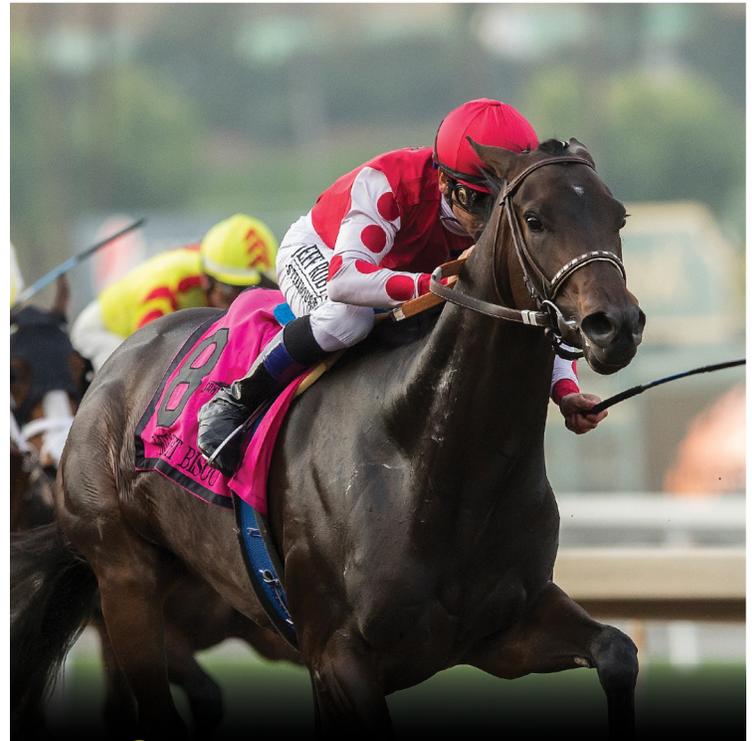
**Accepting the Award...**

“What an amazing feeling to be up here. The whole thing is surreal. First of all, I'd like to thank all the voters for voting our filly an Eclipse winner. And of course, we were in an amazing category with Elate and Blue Prize. They were very accomplished fillies and mares and very competitive. A huge thanks to all the individuals who made this happen for us. Anybody who in any way touched our amazing filly, starting at the beginning with Woodford who bred, raised and trained her to get her to the sales; Bill Spawr, who started her out in California for us; the incomparable Steve Asmussen, who consistently and always does just such an amazing job, including Scott Blasi, Darren Fleming and the rest of the team, too many to name, but I can't thank them enough. The jockeys, of course, Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, who has done such an amazing job on our filly, as well as Johnny Velazquez and the other riders who rode her. And of course, I'm standing here with my family, Susie, Hannah, Ashley, and our dear friends and partners Chuck and Lori Allen, Andrew Yaffe, who couldn't be here tonight, and Steve Kulmin, Sol Kumin's father. Sol couldn't be here, but Steve is here representing, making this evening so special for us. And then finally, Midnight Bisou, who exemplifies class, elegance, and determination. She is truly the heart and soul of an athlete and really epitomizes a true racehorse.” --Jeff Bloom of Bloom Racing Stable, co-owner

**Early Impressions...**

“Midnight Bisou was a decent-sized foal weighing in at 120 lbs. She was always a very efficient mover, but she wasn't a standout by any means. It wasn't until she was in training in Ocala as a 2-year-old that she began to develop towards what she is today. She was a 19k RNA at Keeneland September and we now all wish we had bid 20! ” --Matt Lyons, former manager of Woodford Thoroughbreds

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Champion Older Female: Midnight Bisou, 210; Blue Prize (Arg), 31.**



**Congratulations!**

**Midnight Bisou**  
**Older Dirt Female**

**Owners - Bloom Racing Stable LLC, Madaket Stables LLC, Allen Racing LLC**

**Trainer - Steven M. Asmussen**

**Buyer - Jeffrey Bloom**

**Consignor - Woodford Thoroughbreds**

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## CHAMPION MALE SPURTER

### MITOLE

(c, Eskendereya--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie)  
 \$20,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR  
 O-William & Corinne Heiligbrodt;  
 B-Edward A. Cox, Jr. (KY); T-Steve Asmussen  
 2019 Record: 7-6-0-1, \$2,756,200

#### Major 2019 Races

GI Breeders' Cup Sprint • GI Forego S. • GI Metropolitan H.  
 TJCIS PPs • EquineLine catalog-style pedigree



Mitole | Horsephotos

Mitole was a dominant force in the male sprint division in 2019, capturing six of his seven starts, including four wins at the highest level. Kicking off the year with a decisive optional claimer score at Oaklawn Mar. 2, the \$20,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$140,000 OBSAPR juvenile scored a facile victory in that venue's GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. next out Apr. 13. Registering his first top-level success in the GI Churchill Downs S. on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard, the fleet-footed bay followed suit with an impressive defeat of McKinzie (Street Sense) and Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) when trying a mile for the first time in Belmont's prestigious GI Metropolitan H. June 8.

Mitole suffered his first loss of the season at the hooves of the "Little Rocket" Imperial Hint (Imperialism) when third in Saratoga's GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt S. July 27, but returned to winning ways with a three-length score in the Spa's GI Forego S. Aug. 24, setting a new stakes record in the process. The Heiligbrodt colorbearer reeled in the ultra speedy sophomore Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby) in the stretch of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita Nov. 2, cementing his status as the nation's top sprinter. He was retired to Spendthrift Farm following the World Championships and will stand his first season for \$25,000. **Cont. p12**



# MITOLE

## CHAMPION MALE SPURTER

### CONGRATULATIONS

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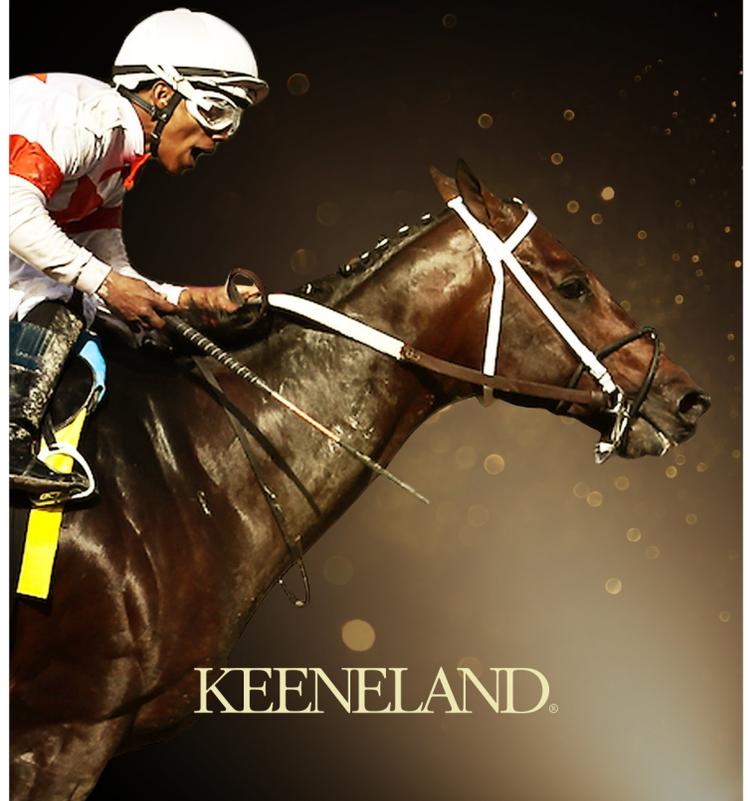
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THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY:  
**COVFEFE**

OLDER DIRT MALE:  
**VINO ROSSO**

MALE SPRINTER:  
**MITOLE**

FEMALE SPRINTER:  
**COVFEFE**

MALE TURF HORSE:  
**BRICKS AND MORTAR**

FEMALE TURF HORSE:  
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The Heiligbrodt family | Horsephotos

### Accepting the Award...

“This is a wonderful award, my family appreciates it very much. It’s been a long journey for us. Coming from Texas, where horses are a part of life, I’d just like to say that Corinne and I believe that what makes horses are the people that touch them. Mitole’s life started with Ed Cox, the breeder, then Bill Landes at Hermitage Farm, who I believe thinks he might have been the fastest horse ever there. To David McKathan, who started this horse as a 2-year-old and probably is more responsible for us owning this horse than anyone else. Susan Montanye who took this horse as a 2-year-old. He wasn’t a perfect gentleman when he got there, but he was when he left. And the ‘A Team’--Steve Asmussen, Scott Blasi and Darren Fleming, who Corinne and I won more races with than I could have imagined. Nobody could have or would have trained Mitole than Steve Asmussen--he’s the best. Spendthrift purchased the stallion and he’s on to a new career. And finally my granddaughter, she’s holding the trophy here, she went to Spendthrift and picked the stall Mitole would live in for the rest of his life. It’s a family situation, we thank you and I promise you one thing--you’ll see orange and white on a 2-year-old by Mitole at Keeneland in April 2023, I promise you that. Thank you, Mighty Mitole.” --Bill Heiligbrodt, co-owner

### Early Impressions...

“We always liked him. We had him in a 2-year-old in training sale and he worked dynamite [:10 flat] and galloped out big. We thought he was a pretty nice horse. We actually recommended him to all of our top clients.” --David McKathan of Grassroots Training & Sales, who broke Mitole and sold him at OBS April.

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Champion Male Sprinter: Mitole, 236; Maximum Security, 5.**



**Congratulations!**

## Mitole Male Sprinter

Owners -  
William L. and Corrine Heiligbrodt

Trainer - Steven M. Asmussen

Buyer - East Hickman Bloodstock

Consignor - Grassroots Training & Sales

Breeder - Edward A. Cox, Jr.

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Corinne & Bill Heiligbrodt greet Mitole & Ricardo Santana after their BC Sprint win | *Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup*

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# CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD FILLY CHAMPION FEMALE SPINTER

## COVFEFE

(f, **Into Mischief**--Antics, by Unbridled)

\$250,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP

O-LNJ Foxwoods

B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Brad Cox

2019 Record: 6-5-0-1, \$1,052,425

Major 2019 Races

**GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint • GI Test S.**

**TJCIS PPs • Equine catalog-style pedigree**



Covfefe | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Covfefe flashed her brilliance during her dominant debut win in 2018, but proved to be a forced to reckoned with on the female sprinter circuit in 2019, as well as the best 3-year-old filly of the year. Opening her sophomore account with a facile optional claimer score at Keeneland in April, the flashy bay set a new track record when romping by 8 1/2 lengths in Pimlico's GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S. May 17. Third behind Grade I winner Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) when facing her elders in the Roxelana S. at Churchill Downs June 22, the \$250,000 KEESEP buy rebounded with a gutsy defeat of GI Kentucky Oaks victress Serengeti Empress (Alternation) in Saratoga's GI Longines Test S. Aug. 3. Making a mockery of the Dogwood S. field with an effortless eight-length victory Sept. 21, Covfefe ran to the money in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, holding off a late run from fellow sophomore Bellafina (Quality Road) to win by 3/4 of a length. It was another 7 3/4 lengths back to the third-place finisher.

Covfefe, who is famously named after a Donald Trump tweet, was given a brief freshening following her win at the World Championships. She returned to trainer Brad Cox at his Fair Grounds winter base last week to prepare for her 4-year-old campaign. **Cont. p15**



# COVFEFE

CHAMPION  
THREE-YEAR-OLD FEMALE  
AND  
FEMALE SPINTER

CONGRATULATIONS

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LNJ Foxwoods

**BREEDER**

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**CONSIGNOR**

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**Covfefe cont.**



Jaime, Larry & Nanci Roth | Horsephotos

**Accepting the Award (Champion Female Sprinter)...**

“On behalf of my wife Nanci and my daughter Jaime, we would like to thank the NTRA, the *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association for recognizing and acknowledging the outstanding achievement of Covfefe. Her 2019 campaign included her breaking the Pimlico track record in the Miss Preakness by two seconds; winning the fastest Test at Saratoga in over 20 years; breaking the Dogwood S. record at Churchill Downs held by our very own Super Majesty by over two seconds; and culminating the 2019 year by being the first to win the Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Sprint from post one and just the second 3-year-old to win this most prestigious race. This would not be possible without the incredible team we have assembled over the years. Most importantly, I must thank our incredible filly Covfefe, who did everything that was asked of her, and all of her fans who follow her everyday on Twitter. As *CNN* said on their five-minute segment they did on Covfefe after winning the Breeders’ Cup, the world now knows who is the real stable genius.” --Larry Roth of LNJ Foxwoods

**Accepting the Award (Champion 3-Year-Old Filly)...**

“I just want to thank everyone who voted for Covfefe. It’s the first time a champion sprinter has won champion 3-year-old, so it’s a historic moment. None of this could be possible without our trainer Brad Cox and his entire barn. I want to say that Brad and our bloodstock agents [Alex Solis and Jason Litt] came up with a campaign for her in 2019 and they executed it to perfection. Brad never lost confidence in this filly and that means a lot. I want to thank all of our jockeys--Shaun Bridgmohan, Javier Castellano and Joel Rosario--for giving her incredible rides that got her to the winner’s circle. To the McKathan Brothers who broke her as a 2-year-old and told us to go to Fasig-Tipton [Gulfstream] and sell her--thank God we didn’t. And to Helen Alexander who bred an amazing double champion--it’s been a pleasure to get to know her and spend some time with her. To our amazing team--Madison Scott, Jason Litt and Alex Solis--they are superstars and in seven years they’ve gotten us onto this stage with two champions and I couldn’t be more thankful. To my parents, who believed in the dream I had, and to my wife, who deals with a crazy horse owner now, I love you.” --Jaime Roth of LNJ Foxwoods

**Early Impressions...**

“She was in Book 2 and she had a great walk, really athletic, a good-bodied filly, on the smaller side. Originally we bought her with the idea of pinhooking her if she grew and she looks the way she did then. She’s just grown a little bit.

She was actually entered in the Fasig Gulfstream sale and we went down there and looked at her and said, ‘We’re going to keep this one.’ So we scratched her from the sale. And from the beginning, she was always straightforward. Brad [Cox] got her at Keeneland and [assistant] Tessa [Bisha] had her and she said, ‘This filly is awesome.’ From the beginning, everyone who had her told us this filly was very impressive.” --Alex Solis II, bloodstock advisor for LNJ Foxwoods with partner Jason Litt

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**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
 Champion 3-Year-Old Filly: Covfefe, 189; Guarana, 19; Serengeti Empress, 11; Iridessa (Ire), 9; Concrete Rose, 6; Dunbar Road, 6; Cambier Parc, 1.  
 Champion Female Sprinter: Covfefe, 235; Belvoir Bay (GB), 4; Mia Mischief, 1; Serengeti Empress, 1.

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## CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD COLT

### MAXIMUM SECURITY

(c, New Year's Day--Lil Indy, by Anasheed)  
O/B-Gary & Mary West (KY); T-Jason Servis  
2019 Record: 8-6-1-0, \$1,791,100

#### Major 2019 Races

GI Cigar Mile • GIII Bold Ruler H. • GI Haskell Invitational S.  
TJCIS PPs • Equineline catalog-style pedigree



Maximum Security winning the Cigar Mile | Sarah Andrew

Maximum Security's sophomore season had plenty of ups and downs, but, in the end, he proved he truly was the best of his generation. Dangled for a \$16,000 tag when winning his debut in December of 2018, the homebred kicked off 2019 with a pair of dominant starter optional claiming scores at Gulfstream Jan. 24 and Feb. 20, respectively. The bay jumped right to the top of the class ladder after that and showed that he belonged there with a 3 1/2-length victory in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Mar. 30, stamping his ticket for the First Saturday in May.

Maximum Security crossed the line first, 1 3/4 lengths ahead of longshot Country House (Lookin at Lucky), in the GI Kentucky Derby, but was controversially disqualified and placed 17th for interference in the stretch. Trainer Jason Servis elected to bypass the rest of the Triple Crown trail after that and pointed his charge to the GI TVG Haskell Invitational S. at his Monmouth Park homebase. Prepping for that event with a second in the Pegasus S. June 16, Maximum Security returned to winning ways with a facile score in the Haskell July 20. He was scheduled to make his next start in the GI Pennsylvania Derby, but had to miss that race due to a bout of colic and was rerouted to the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Aqueduct Oct. 26, which he won in front-running fashion. The West runner clinched the Eclipse trophy with a dominant victory in that venue's GI Cigar Mile H. Dec. 7.

Coolmore purchased a **half-interest** in Maximum Security on New Year's Day and he is currently being pointed at the \$20-million Saudi Cup Feb. 29. Sold to Korean interests for \$11,000 carrying a full-sibling to Maximum Security at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale, his dam Lil Indy and weanling full-sister were **privately purchased** by SF Bloodstock and returned to America, where they were re-offered at Keeneland November. This time around Lil Indy summoned **\$1.85 million** from Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Equine while carrying a foal by Quality Road.

#### Accepting the Award...

"It is an honor and a privilege for Mary and I to be here tonight to accept this award on behalf of Team Maximum Security. Team Maximum Security is comprised of trainer Jason Servis, assistant Henry Argueta, grooms Milton Hernandez and Tedoro Caderez, Garrett Servis and, most of all, his rider Luis Saez. Jason has an uncanny ability of knowing when to rest a horse and he knows when to run a horse when a horse is doing good. As an owner, you can't ask for any more than that. I wish more owners would be considerate of their trainers opinions of what they do. Thank you very much." --Gary West, co-owner & co-breeder

#### Early Impressions...

"I bought his sire and I bought his dam and did the mating. At that point in time, when I was looking at him [as weanling and yearling], the New Year's Days were not running up to par. it was kind of tough to be excited about at that time, but now I am excited after New Year's Day became a pretty good sire. We took him down to Ocala and broke him and sent him to Jason [Servis]. We had him in the sale, but he started training pretty good so we took him out. We always liked him, but I can't say he was a superstar. He was always a laid back colt. The other yearlings would come running to the fence and he would stay laying down. He didn't get excited about anything. He was the same way when he was training, but we saw enough to send him to the East Coast. He wasn't lazy. He was just a laid back colt who was fine with whatever he was doing." --Ben Glass, longtime racing manager and bloodstock agent for the Wests

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
Champion 3-Year-Old Colt: Maximum Security, 217; Omaha Beach, 16; Code of Honor, 8.

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## CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLD FILLY BRITISH IDIOM

(Flashback--Rose and Shine, by Mr. Sekiguchi)

\$40,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT

O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC, Madaket Stables LLC  
& Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Hargus & Sanda Sexton  
& Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox  
2019 Record: 3-3-0-0, \$1,381,250

Major 2019 Races

GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies • GI Darley Alcibiades S.  
TJCIS PPs • Equine catalog-style pedigree



British Idiom | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

The modestly bred British Idiom cost just \$40,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton's October Sale and is worth much more than that now after an undefeated championship season. Backed to narrow favoritism in her six-furlong career bow at Saratoga, which was restricted to horses purchased or RNA'd for \$45,000 or less, she pressed the pace and drew off to a 3 1/2-length score. Adding Lasix and stretching out to two turns in the GI Darley Alcibiades S. Oct. 4 at Keeneland, she was a powerful victress, taking over on the turn and kicking clear in the lane for a 6 1/2-length romp. She got hooked into a dogfight for the first time in her young career in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 1 at Santa Anita, as the promising Donna Veloce (Uncle Mo) gave her all she could handle, but British Idiom showed her grit and wore that foe down to prevail by a neck, locking up the 2-year-old filly championship. Getting almost two months off as a reward for her efforts, she returned to the worktab Dec. 29 at Fair Grounds with an eye towards making her sophomore debut in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 15 in New Orleans.

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## 2019 ECLIPSE CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY



KY OCTOBER YEARLINGS GRADUATE

## BRITISH IDIOM

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**British Idiom cont.**

**Accepting the Award...**

“What a fantastic year she had! She is not only fast, but mentally tough and she is one of the sweetest fillies you could possibly imagine. Thank you to Brad Cox and his team for doing such a great job training British Idiom and to Javi Castellano for three beautiful rides. Thanks to Liz Crow, Paul [Sharp] and his team for selecting British Idiom at the Fasig-Tipton sale. And, thank you to Brad Weisbord and his team for managing the filly as well as managing her owners. As much fun as British Idiom has been, it wouldn’t be nearly as much fun without my longtime partners Mike Dubb and Mike Caruso. We have been racing horses together for over a decade. One could not ask for better partners or better human beings. Mike and Mike have done so much for this sport and their communities, it is honor to call them friends and share this honor with them. To my more recent partner Sol Kumin, Sol brings a level of enthusiasm to racing that few can match. To my wife Suzanne, who takes great pleasure in seeing her husband take great pleasure in the sport of racing. On behalf of the entire British Idiom team, thank you for this Eclipse Award. We invite you to enjoy the ride of British Idiom’s campaign because who doesn’t love a good British Idiom?” --*Stuart Grant of the Elkstone Group, co-owner*



British Idiom & Javier Castellano | Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup

**Early Impressions...**

“She was really level-headed and a smart filly from the moment I saw her at the Fasig October sale. She was a really athletic, good-sized strong filly. She had everything I was looking for aside from the pedigree. As far as Flashback goes, he stands for \$3,500 in Pennsylvania. So I was a little leery of the page, but I’ve had luck with the Tapit line--Monomoy Girl is by Tapizar. I’ve always been the type of buyer who looks for physical first and pedigree second and she was probably one of my favorite physicals in the sale. She also had the mentality to go with it.” --*bloodstock agent Liz Crow*

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
 Champion 2-Year-Old Filly: British Idiom, 222; Bast, 12; Sharing, 6; Alms, 1.



The happy connections of British Idiom | Horsephotos

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# BRITISH IDIOM

## Champion Two-Year-Old Filly

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## CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLD MALE STORM THE COURT

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\$5,000 Ylg '18 FTKFEB; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR  
O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, David A. Bernsen, Susanna Wilson  
& Dan Hudock; B-Stepping Stone Farm (KY); T-Peter Eurton  
2019 Record: 4-2-0-1, \$1,172,951

Major 2019 Races

GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile

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Storm the Court (inside) besting Anneau d'Or  
in the BC Juvenile | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

Storm the Court has been overlooked for most of his young career thus far, but that changed with his recognition as an improbable champion 2-year-old male. Purchased by horseman Bryan Rice for just \$5,000 as a Fasig-Tipton February yearling in 2018, he blossomed in the ensuing year and sold for \$60,000 to the shrewd Marette Farrell after breezing a quarter-mile in :21 2/5 at OBS April as the only representative of his sire in the entire sale.

Scoring a 12-1 upset in his debut Aug. 10 at Del Mar, the bay was stepped up by trainer Peter Eurton in the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity next out. That race is infamous for the antics of heavy favorite Eight Rings (Empire Maker), who ducked in sharply soon after the start and unseated his rider. Storm the Court, who also lost his pilot because of the incident, was a mere footnote in the affair. He did little to make a name for himself in the GI American Pharoah S., finished a well-beaten third behind an Eight Rings that was on his best behavior Sept. 27 at Santa Anita.

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## 2019 ECLIPSE CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD MALE



KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED GRADUATE

## STORM THE COURT

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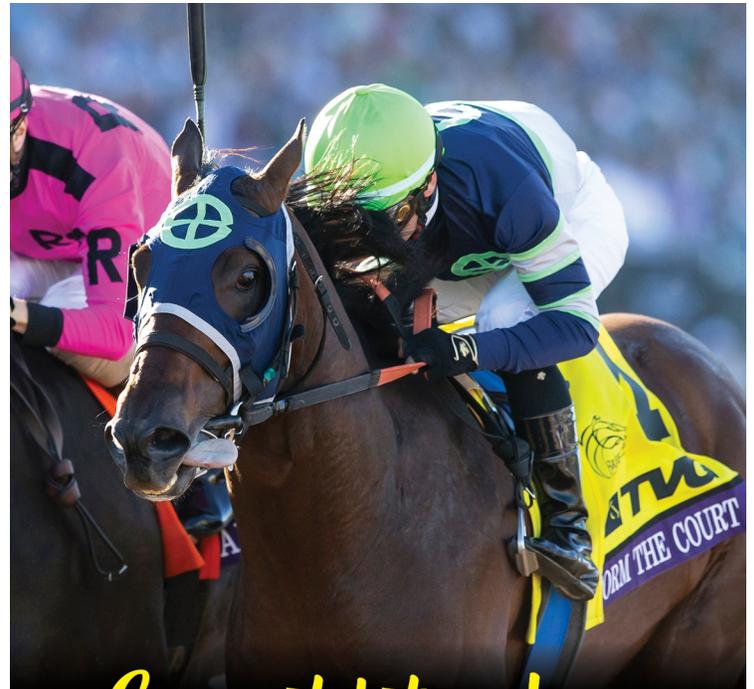


The winning connections of Storm the Court | Horsephotos

That led to him being dismissed at nearly 46-1 in the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1 in Arcadia, but the bay kept finding more after setting a quick pace, and dug in resolutely to turn back fellow longshot Anneau d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro) by a head, pulling off the biggest stunner of the World Championship weekend. Drilling steadily at his Santa Anita base, Storm the Court is slated to take his first step as a sophomore on the GI Kentucky Derby trail in the Feb. 9 GII San Vicente S.

**Accepting the Award...**

"I am incredibly honored to accept this award on behalf of the entire Storm the Court team. There are many people who have contributed to this colt's special moment. Marette Farrell and her team who do all the bloodstock work for Exline-Border are some of the hardest-working people I know. They are honest, diligent and I can confidently say we would not be standing here today without their guidance. Peter Eurton did an excellent job with 'Storm.' Peter is an excellent horseman, but he's like family to us. He has continuously delivered us success on the biggest of stages and we are lucky to have him on our team." --Ryan Exline of Exline-Border Racing, co-owner



**Congratulations!**

**Storm the Court  
Two Year Old Male**

Owners - Exline-Border Racing, LLC,  
David A. Bernsen, LLC,  
Susanna Wilson and Dan Hudock

Trainer - Peter Eurton

Buyer - Marette Farrell, Agent for  
Exline-Border Racing

Consignor - Woodside Ranch

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**Early Impressions...**

“I really liked the horse's balance, frame and movement when I first saw him at the [Fasig-Tipton February] sale. That is what drew me to him. That colt really sold himself on my first evaluation and throughout the whole time I had him, he stayed the same in those initial qualities that caught my eye. He gave me those really good feelings about what he was capable of through his body language, his frame and his motion. I am excited to continue following his development throughout his career.” --*Bryan Rice, who purchased Storm the Court as a yearling, broke him and resold him at OBS through he and his wife Holley's Woodside Ranch consignment*

“His video was flawless and despite the white page, ‘racehorse’ was my word for him when I saw him. I then went digging through every single horse on the page for a valid reason to buy him! So glad Exline/Border Racing went with my wild hunch”. --*bloodstock agent Marette Farrell, who purchased Storm the Court as a 2-year-old*

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Champion 2-Year-Old Colt:** Storm the Court, 147; Structor, 51; Maxfield, 12; Independence Hall, 8; Tiz the Law, 5; Four Wheel Drive, 4; Dennis' Moment, 3; Anneau d'Or, 2; Eight Rings, 2; Thousand Words, 2; Basin, 1; Nucky, 1; Voter Abstentions, 2.



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## CHAMPION STEEPLECHASER WINSTON C (IRE)

(5, g, Rip Van Winkle {Ire}--Pitrizza {Ire}, by Machiavellian)  
30,000gns HRA '18 TATFEB; 55,000gns yrl '15 TATOCT;  
80,000gns wnlg '14 TATNOV)  
O-Hudson River Farms;  
B-Patrick Kelly (Ire); T-Jonathan Sheppard  
2019 Record: 8-5-0-1, \$246,334

### Major 2019 Races

- G1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase •
- G1 New York Turf Writers Cup H.
- TJCIS PPs • Equineline catalog-style pedigree

Winston C, campaigned by Edward Swyer's Hudson River Farms and trained by Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, began the year in the maiden ranks, but ended it an Eclipse champion thanks to a pair of Grade 1 tallies at Saratoga. The gelding announced his arrival on the big stage with a widening 3 1/2-length victory in the July 25 G1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase S. at Saratoga in July. A month later, he romped to an 8 3/4-length victory in the G1 New York Turf Writers Cup H. Winston C concluded the season with a troubled fourth-place effort in the G1 Lonesome Glory S. at Belmont Park.



Jonathan Sheppard and Winston C | Sarah Andrew

Swyer acquired Winston C last spring after he was shopped to the Sheppard team by jockey Thomas Garner and his bloodstock partner, Noel Fehily, a now-retired jockey who spotted the 5-year-old when riding him to a maiden victory at Wincanton in January.

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*Winston C cont.*

**Accepting the Award...**

“Our Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard made the bold and instinctive decision to enter Winston in the Grade 1 Smithwick after a novice third-place finish. Tom Garner, Winston’s rider, spent many full days schooling Winston to adjust his balance from UK hurdles to U.S. steeplechase hurdles. Thank you, Tom for working so intensely, often full days. And thank you for the brilliant ride in the Smithwick. Thank you to Carrie Woerner. It’s been a joy working with you and your team. And congratulations to the connections of Scorpiancer and Brain Power. By sharing the nomination with them, it puts Winston C in a rare class of exceptional jumpers. Thank you to everyone here tonight sharing this moment.” --*Edward Swyer, owner of Hudson River Farms and Winston C.*

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Champion Steeplechase Horse: Winston C (Ire), 158; Brain Power (Ire), 44; Scorpiancer (Ire), 3; Voter Abstentions, 36.**

**OUTSTANDING OWNER**  
**KLARAVICH STABLES, INC. &**  
**WILLIAM LAWRENCE**

**2019 Record: 41-17-7-6, \$43,204,529**

Seth Klarman’s Klaravich Stables, Inc. and William Lawrence ended their successful partnership last November, but the team went out on a high note. Klaravich Stables and Lawrence led the nation’s owners by earnings, thanks in large part to the exploits of Horse of the Year and champion turf horse **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant’s Causeway). Their silks were also carried to victory in 2019 by GI Sword Dancer S. winner **Annals of Time** (Temple City) and GII Pan American S. victor **Focus Group** (Kitten’s Joy).

During the longtime partnership, Klaravich and Lawrence also campaigned three-time Grade I winner Practical Joke (Into Mischief); GI Preakness S. winner Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music); and GI Cigar Mile H. hero Patternrecognition (Adios Charlie). They sold the remaining eight horses in their partnership at last year’s Keeneland November sale. **Cont. p24**

This is only the second time the connections of the Horse of the Year also swept the trainer, jockey, owner and breeder categories. The first was 1981 with John Henry.



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**Accepting the Award...**

“Thank you so much for this incredible honor. Bill [Lawrence] and I couldn’t be more grateful. But even as we celebrate Bricks’s amazing year, I want to share a few thoughts about my concerns for the great sport of horse racing.

“The sport is not organized at the national level. We lack uniform rules such as on medication or the use of whips. Stewards’ decisions go largely unexplained, creating a sense of chaos and unfairness. The sport is criticized, not wrongly, when the interest of the horses are seemingly put second to economics or personal glory. Those of us who love horse racing--everybody in this room--who appreciate the majesty and courage of our equine athletes must fix the sport or risk its demise.

“We must care for our Thoroughbreds in their retirement. We must insure that the track surfaces are safe at all times and when they are not, races should not be run. We must study the impact of medication on the health and safety of horses. We must insure that no one ever runs unsound horses. Only when we put the horses first are we able to put the sport first.

“Nothing less will do. We are at the tipping point. We truly have no choice but to come together, reform and re-prioritize. Everyone here tonight has had a richer, more exciting and more memorable life because horse racing made it so. Everyone here knows what is wrong and that we can and must do better.

“Thank you for listening and thank you for this incredible honor.” --Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Outstanding Owner:** Klaravich Stables, Inc. and William H. Lawrence, 184; Gary Barber, 18; Peter Brant, 11; Calumet Farm, 6; William and Corrine Heiligbrodt, 3; Gary and Mary West, 3; Joseph Besecker, 2; End Zone Athletics, Inc., 2; Hronis Racing, 2; Madaket Stables LLC, 2; LNJ Foxwoods, 1. Voter Abstentions, 7.

**OUTSTANDING BREEDER  
 GEORGE STRAWBRIDGE, JR.**

Led by an unbeaten six-for-six season by Horse of the Year and champion turf male **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant’s Causeway), longtime owner/breeder George Strawbridge, Jr. took home the hardware as outstanding breeder. Bricks and Mortar racked up five top-level wins for owners Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence and trainer Chad Brown in 2019, led by memorable performances in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf at Santa Anita and GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. at Gulfstream Park.

Strawbridge-bred runners won 26 races, good for third overall on the individual breeders list with a total of \$7,505,233 in earnings in 2019. Racing in the famed green-and-white silks of his Augustin Stable, Strawbridge has campaigned champions such as **Forever Together** (Belong to Me), **Informed Decision** (Monarchos) and **Waya (Fr)** (Faraway Son). He is also the all-time leading steeplechase owner by purse earnings in North America. Strawbridge owns a 700-plus acre farm in Chester County, Pa.

**Accepting the Award...**

“This is an enormous surprise--sort of a David and Goliath type of thing. And I have to thank the owners of Bricks and Mortar and the trainer of Bricks and Mortar. What a terrific job they did. Can you imagine giving him a year off because there was a problem? How perceptive is that? Thank you all very much.”

--George Strawbridge, Jr.

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Outstanding Breeder:** George Strawbridge, Jr., 122; Calumet Farm, 94; Godolphin, 8; Edward A. Cox, Jr., 2; Gary and Mary West, 2; WinStar Farm, 2; William S. Farish, 1; Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey, 1; Stonestreet Thoroughbreds, 1; Voter Abstentions, 8.



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## OUTSTANDING TRAINER CHAD BROWN



Chad Brown | Horsephotos

As Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas likes to say, the greatest enemy of good is better. And Chad Brown's march toward his fourth consecutive Eclipse Award title underscores that point. Responsible for 222 wins (27%) and with an

impressive 62% of his runners finishing in the top three, the Mechanicville native surpassed his own 2018 earnings mark of \$27,546,057 by amassing \$31,112,144 last season. Also establishing a career-high winning 54 graded wins in 2019, he rounded out the year by equaling his 2018 benchmark of 20 Grade I wins.

Based predominantly in the Empire State, the 41-year-old won four individual New York meet titles--both Aqueduct and Belmont fall meets--en route to collecting his fifth consecutive New York Racing Association year-end training title. Brown collected his second straight H. Allen Jerkens award (and third overall) as leading Saratoga trainer, as well as leading the Belmont spring/summer meet over Todd Pletcher.

Highlighting Brown's sparkling roster of runners in 2019 is Horse of the Year and Champion Turf Horse **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway), the winner of five Grade I's last season; champion **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and undefeated **Structor** (Palace Malice), winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Additionally, Brown was responsible for 2019 Grade I winners **Uni (GB)** (More Than Ready), **Rushing Fall** (More Than Ready) **Guarana** (Ghostzapper), **Cambier Parc** (Medaglia d'Oro), **Dunbar Road** (Quality Road) and **Annals of Time** (Temple City). *Cont. p26*

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*Chad Brown cont.*

**Accepting the Award...**

“To operate a racing stable of this size and quality requires the largest team effort in professional sports. Luckily, I am on a team of the most talented horsemen and horsewoman that I have ever seen in my 23 years at the racetrack. Their talent, skill and dedication are the reason I’m standing here tonight. I want to thank them and accept this award on their behalf. Thank you to all of our brave jockeys, who rode our horses with amazing skill and concentration. Thank you to my family. And finally, I want to thank all of our amazing equine athletes. They are certainly the reason we are all here tonight.” --Chad Brown

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Outstanding Trainer:** Chad Brown, 204; Steve Asmussen, 19; Brad Cox, 5; Jason Servis, 5; Karl Broberg, 2; Mark Casse, 1; Voter Abstentions, 5.

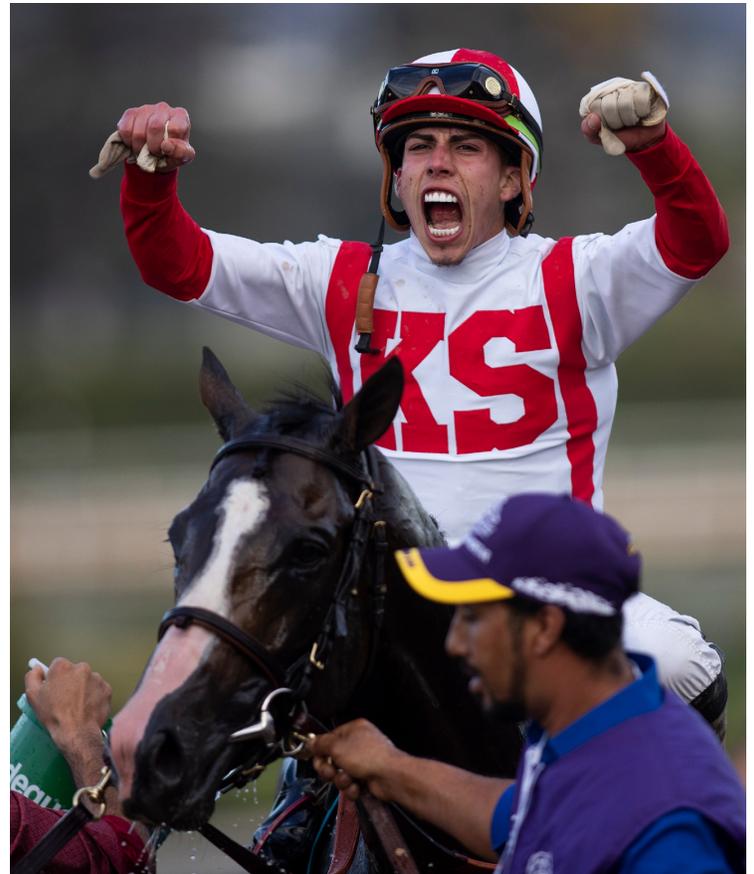
**OUTSTANDING JOCKEY**  
**IRAD ORTIZ, JR.**

**2019 Record:** 1516-324-311-221, \$34,109,019

Irada Ortiz, Jr. continued the domination of he and his brother with a second-straight Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey of 2019. The 27-year-old native of Puerto Rico took home the hardware last year, following in the footsteps of his younger brother Jose, who received the award for his 2017 season. The Ortiz brothers completed the North American exacta in 2019 by money won--Irada's mounts racked up \$34,109,019 with 324 winners from 1516 rides (21%), while Jose piloted the earners of \$27,529,006 while taking 274 trips to the winner's circle (19%). Irada led all riders in the country in wins in 2019, as well as in mounts.



Irada Ortiz | Horsephotos



Irada Ortiz celebrates winning the Breeders' Cup Turf aboard Bricks and Mortar | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Irada Ortiz, Jr. rode four breeders' Cup winners at the 2019 World Championships--including GI Longines Turf hero and Horse of the Year **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway), who he was aboard for all six of his wins from six tries last term. Ortiz's other Breeders' Cup winners were GI Longines Classic winner **Vino Rosso** (Curlin), GI Big Ass Fans Dirt Mile victor **Spun to Run** (Hard Spun) and GII Juvenile Turf Sprint scorer **Four Wheel Drive** (American Pharoah). Ortiz won 35 graded stakes in 2019, including 11 at the highest level.

**Accepting the Award...**

“First of all, I want to thank God for all the success I have been having in my career. I want to say thanks to all of the owners and trainers who help me a lot. Without you guys, I wouldn't be here today. I want to thank the Eclipse Award voters, and also thank my agent Steve Rushing, who has done an amazing job for me. I am so happy. I have no words to explain how happy I am right now. So thanks to everyone.” --Irada Ortiz, Jr.

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
**Outstanding Jockey:** Irada Ortiz, Jr., 205; Javier Castellano, 21; Flavien Prat, 5; Joel Rosario, 3; Mike Smith, 3; Jose Ortiz, 1. Voter Abstentions, 3.

## OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE JOCKEY KAZUSHI KIMURA

2019 Record: 871-148-134-117, \$4,746,556



Kazushi Kimura | Horsephotos

Japanese-born, Woodbine-based **Kazushi Kimura** built on a strong first season of riding in 2018 (104 wins, \$2,451,326 in

earnings) in 2019, booting home 148 winners (17%) and racking up \$4,746,556 in earnings. Those stats were good for third-best by wins and fourth-best by earnings at Woodbine's April to December meet. He lost his bug Oct. 26.

### Accepting the Award...

"First, I want to say congratulations to everyone. I am proud of the Eclipse Award and to be nominated with so many great trainers, owners and jockeys. Let me say thank you to my agent Jordan Miller. We always stay together. He is so supportive of my success. Also thank you to a lot of trainers and assistant trainers and exercise riders and grooms and owners for giving me the wonderful opportunities. I appreciate it. I would also like to praise the other apprentice riders--this year there were so many great apprentice riders. Congratulations to Julio Correa and Angel Diaz." --Kazushi Kimura

**ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes**  
 Outstanding Apprentice Jockey: Kazushi Kimura, 74; Julio Correa, 60; Angel I. Diaz, 53; Cristian A. Torres, 19; Jorge I. Velez, 3; Reylu Gutierrez 1; Keimar Trotman, 1; Voter Abstentions, 30.

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Irad Ortiz was joined on stage by his elder daughter, 5-year-old Sarai, who was the hit of last year's Eclipse Awards | Horsephotos