



'SILVER' SITS GOLDEN TRIP EN ROUTE TO SOUTHWEST SCORE



Silver Prospector | *Coady photography*

by Alan Carasso

A somewhat puzzling and well-beaten fourth as the second betting favorite in the Jan. 24 Smarty Jones S., Ed and Susie Orr's Silver Prospector (Declaration of War) made amends in no uncertain terms in Monday's \$500,000 Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park, parlaying a perfect trip into a one-length defeat of pacesetting Wells Bayou (Lookin At Lucky) at better than 9-2. Answer In (Dialed In), favored off his runner-up effort to Shoplifted (Into Mischief) in the Springboard Mile at Remington Dec. 15, checked in a distant third after racing erratically in the final furlong.

Content to draft in behind as Wells Bayou set a strong pace from the two path in advance of longshot **Villanous** (Wicked Strong) and a three-wide Answer In, Silver Prospector traveled nicely under a long Ricardo Santana, Jr. hold through a half in :46.60. Right on the back of the leader rounding the turn, the gray colt went for a split between Wells Bayou and Answer In approaching the three-sixteenths marker, took command for good with about 150 yards to race and inched away despite some greenness in the latter stages. The final time of 1:43.01 was just 0.01 slower than that recorded by Warrior's Charge (Munnings) in the GIII Razorback H. one race prior.

THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY STAR TARAZ EUTHANIZED AFTER SUFFERING INJURY

by Bill Finley

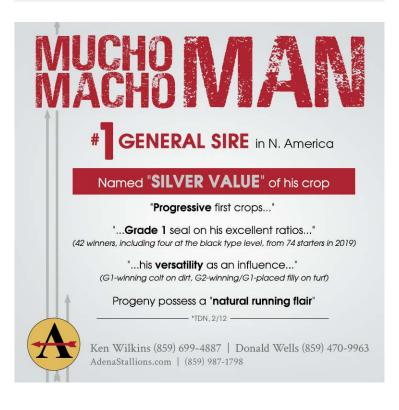
Taraz (Into Mischief), a 3-year-old filly who seemed poised to emerge as a major star, was euthanized Monday after suffering an injury during a workout at Oaklawn Park. The news was confirmed by her owner and breeder Juddmonte Farms, which issued a statement shortly after the injury.

"Taraz severely fractured her left front pastern this morning in a workout at Oaklawn Park," the statement read. "She was transported back to the barn where X-rays were taken and reviewed, with the attending veterinarian consulting Dr. Bob Hunt of Hagyard. Given the extreme nature of the damage to the bone and compromise to the blood supply, it was agreed that repair was impractical. Having consulted between trainer Brad Cox, veterinarians and Juddmonte management it was deemed best to euthanize the filly." **Cont. p4**

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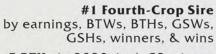
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The field breaks from the gate in the GIII Bayakoa S., kicking off the graded stakes action at Oaklawn Park on Presidents' Day. Go Google Yourself (Into Mischief, second from right) would prevail in a thriller over Whoa Nellie (Orb). | Coady Photography

WARRIOR'S CHARGE SHARPEST IN RAZORBACK

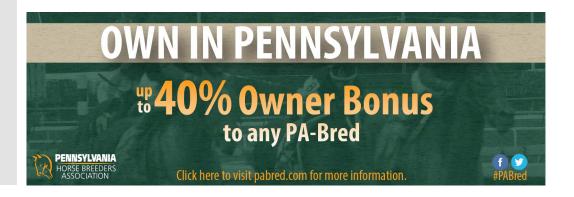
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2019 GI Preakness S. fourth Warrior's Charge (Munnings) became the newest black-type winner and graded winner for the Brad Cox barn in the GIII Razorback H. at Oaklawn Park.

GO GOOGLE YOURSELF PREVAILS IN BAYAKOA

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Jay Em Ess Stable's Go Google Yourself (Into Mischief) battled to a narrow win in the GIII Bayakoa S. at Oaklawn Park on President's Day.



Southwest S. cont.

"I think we were pretty reserved today," said winning coowner Ed Orr. "We had a lot of information that he was doing good. We were disappointed in the fourth-place finish in the Smarty Jones and thought that we could have done better there. We've learned a long time ago in this business to not get your hopes too high because they can be shot down pretty fast."



Silver Prospector (red cap) works out the perfect trip in the Southwest ${\it Coady}$

A big-figure maiden winner at fourth asking sprinting over the Keeneland main track Oct. 13, Silver Prospector attended a testing pace in the Oct. 27 Street Sense S. over Churchill's one-turn mile and did well to cling on for third. Off the pace in that track's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. in the slop Nov. 30, he defeated GI Champagne S. hero Tiz the Law (Constitution) into third and caught similar underfoot conditions in the Smarty Jones, where he raced evenly and well off a much slower tempo and was beaten 7 1/2 lengths by his stablemate **Gold Street** (Street Boss).

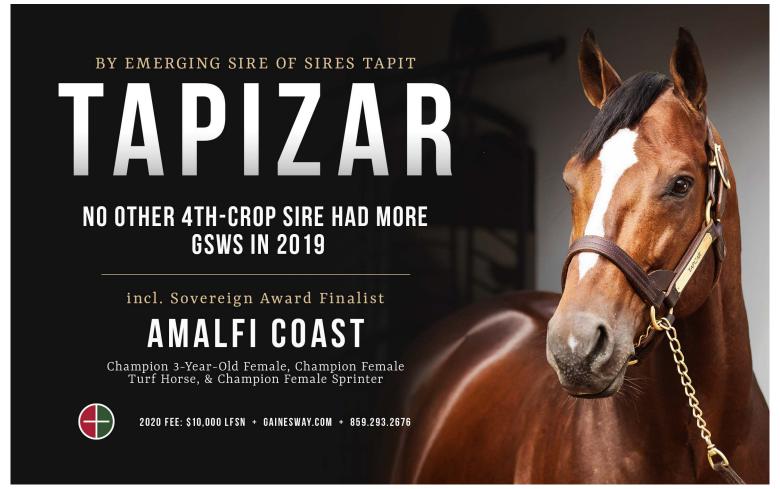
Pedigree Notes:

Silver Prospector is one of 25 black-type winners and 14 graded winners for the expatriated Declaration of War, whose American-conceived, but Japanese-foaled son Dieu du Vin (Jpn) will be the one to beat in this coming Sunday's Listed Hyacinth S. at Tokyo, offering the winner 30 points on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby. The treble restricted stakes-placed Tap Softly was barren to Nyquist in 2018, produced a Carpe Diem filly in 2019 and was most recently bred to Maclean's Music. *Chart p4*

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Southwest S. cont.

Monday, Oaklawn Park **SOUTHWEST S.-GIII**, \$750,000, Oaklawn, 2-17, 3yo, 1 1/16m,

1:43.01, ft.

1--SILVER PROSPECTOR, 119, c, 3, by Declaration of War

1st Dam: Tap Softly (MSP, \$207,696), by Tapit

2nd Dam: Silentlea, by Cherokee Run 3rd Dam: Lea Carter, by Dr. Carter

(\$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. \$450,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$713,051. Werk Nick Rating: A++.

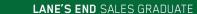
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2--Wells Bayou, 122, c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Whispering Angel, by Hard Spun. (\$50,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$18,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Lance & Clint Gasaway; B-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$150,000.







3--Answer In, 117, g, 3, Dialed In--D'ya Knowwhatimean, by Broken Vow. (\$175,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV). O-Robert V. LaPenta & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamp Stables (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$75,000.

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Margins: 1, 5HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.70, 8.90, 1.70.

Also Ran: Shoplifted, Taishan, Villainous, American Butterfly, Chase Tracker, Gold Street. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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Taraz Euthanized cont. from p1

Though she raced just three times, Taraz was among the most talked about horses in racing. She broke her maiden at Churchill Downs by 7 1/2 lengths, for which she earned the 'TDN Rising Star' designation and then came back with an 11 1/4-length victory in the Lettelier Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds. Cox then sent her to Oaklawn, where she won the Martha Washington S. by 3 3/4 lengths in her first try around two turns.

"I love her," jockey Florent Geroux said after the Martha Washington. "She ended up good today. I think she's definitely super talented."



Taraz Euthanized cont.

Cox and Juddmonte were so high on the filly that after the Martha Washington, they announced that she would be nominated to the Triple Crown and that they might pick a race against males for her next start. Ultimately, they chose the Mar. 7 GIII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn against fillies for their horse but kept the GI Kentucky Derby option open.

"We would leave our options open, for sure," Cox said of the possibility Taraz could still wind up in the Derby. "Anything can happen. I started getting better horses a few years back; you try to keep them nominated as much as you can and leave your options open."

Cox often referred to the massive size of his filly.

"I don't have a scale or a measuring stick," he said. "I'm not sure, but she's big--a big girl."

Taraz is out of the winning Silk Route (Empire Maker), while her second dam is the English listed winner and G1 Fillies' Mile S. bridesmaid Jibe (Danzig). Jibe, in turn, is a daughter of the Broodmare of the Year, Group 3 winner and G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Slightly Dangerous (Robert). The latter also foaled European highweights Commander in Chief (GB) (Dancing Brave) and Warning (GB) (Known Fact), as well as MGSW & MG1SP Dushyantor (Sadler's Wells) and GI Flower Bowl Invitational H. heroine Yashmak (Danzig).

Though there is no making up for the loss of such a a talented horse, Cox may still be represented in the GI Kentucky Oaks as he is also the trainer of 2019 Juvenile Filly champion British Idiom (Flashback). She finished second in her 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GII Rachel Alexandra S. Presented by Fasig-Tipton.

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Taraz in a recent Oaklawn gallop | Coady

CATALOGUE AVAILABLE FOR FASIG-TIPTON **GULFSTREAM SALE**



Independence Hall | Sarah K. Andrew

A total of 182 2-year-olds make up the catalogue for the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale of Selected 2-Year-Olds in Training slated for Wednesday, Apr. 1. Held in Gulfstream Park's walking ring, the sale will begin at 1 p.m. EDT. The under tack show is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Mar. 30.

"The Gulfstream Sale annually offers the highest concentration of quality of any North American 2-year-old sale," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "This year's catalogue is no exception, as it is again loaded with sire power, depth of pedigree, and quality individuals."

Past graduates of the Hallandale showpiece include 2019 GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine Bellafina (Quality Road), GI Humana Distaff scorer Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) and current Triple Crown contenders Independence Hall (Constitution), winner of the GIII Nashua S. and Jerome S.; and Feb. 9 GII San Vicente S. victor Nadal (Blame).

"Performance over Gulfstream's dirt surface in the sale's under tack shows has translated to victories in the sport's most prestigious races," said Browning. "Gulfstream provides the opportunity to watch 2-year-olds perform over a big, dirt racetrack--which has proven to be a tremendous advantage for buyers."

In 2019, 59 2-year-olds grossed \$29,115,000 with an average of \$493,475 and a median of \$375,000. Topping the 2019 sale was a son of Curlin out of Achieving (lot 173), who was knocked down for \$3.65 million. He was one of four juveniles to hammer at seven figures.

Print catalogues will be available from the Fasig-Tipton offices beginning in late February, while supplemental entries will also be accepted.

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2019 Freshmen by Black Type Winners

Constitution	5
RACE DAY	4
American Pharoah	4
Palace Malice	2
Liam's Map	2
Tapiture	2
Tonalist	2



CHARLATAN THE REAL DEAL



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Freshly anointed 'TDN Rising Star' Charlatan (Speightstown) appears no worse for wear a day after his impressive 5 3/4-length victory in 1:08.85 at Santa Anita Saturday afternoon.

"We knew he was a really fast horse," said Baffert Monday morning.

Campaigned by SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables and Stonestreet Stables, the 3-year-old reeled off three consecutive bullet works at Santa Anita this winter, including an eye-catching five-furlong move in :59.60 Jan. 22. Prior to Saturday's debut score, he breezed five furlongs in :1:00.60 (5/50) at Santa Anita Feb. 11.

"His gate works were very impressive," Baffert said. "He worked one 12 and two from the gate [Jan. 22] with an older horse and that tipped them off, but I thought he still might need one. He still looks a little soft, and until they run, you don't know, but he was pretty impressive."

A \$700,000 Keeneland September yearling, the striking chestnut is out of multiple graded stakes winning and Grade I placed Authenticity (Quiet American).

Armed with an arsenal that includes highly-regarded sophomores 'TDN Rising Star' Nadal (Blame), Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile) and Authentic (Into Mischief), Baffert is pragmatic regarding his chances at this year's Triple Crown.

"You know what? Right now, I'm still not talking about it too much," he said. "I've got to figure out where I'm going to run them. Everybody keeps asking me every day, 'What are you going to do?' I know what I'm going to do, but only I know. Things change and I don't want to jinx them."

ASK THE EXPERTS

by Len Green of The Green Group

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By Len Green, CPA

Today, we begin our new column where readers are invited to write in and ask our expert Len Green their equine-related tax and accounting questions. Have a question you'd like answered? Email suefinley@thetdn.com

Question #1:

I am a partner in a racing syndicate. I received a K-1 form which shows a loss for the year. My accountant is questioning whether I am entitled to deduct the loss. What is the problem?

Losses from partnership ownership fall into three categories:

- a. Active--which means the losses can be used to offset any type of income you have.
- b. Passive--which means the losses can only be used to offset any passive income you have and the rest carried over to future years.
- c. Hobby losses--not deductible.

The key issue with the passive activity rules is "material participation." Material participation is involvement in the operation of a business on a "regular, continuous, and substantial basis." There

are seven tests that can define material participation, but the most common ones are working at least 500 hours in the business in the course of a year.

If one is a limited partner in a partnership or LLC, the income or loss is generally passive, unless the partner materially participates in the activity. Here, working at least 100 hours may qualify you as active.

Question #2

I will be going to my first 2-year-old sale to possibly purchase a horse. What steps do I have to take so I maximize the tax advantages that I can receive if I do purchase a horse?

The amount of tax deductions you can receive for the purchase of a horse continues to change over the years.

Ask The Experts cont.

Since you will be buying a racehorse, one of the common methods is to depreciate the cost over three years.

More recently, new Tax Laws, depending on your circumstances, allow you to elect to use Bonus Depreciation or IRC §179 Expensing Deduction to write off all or most of the cost in the year you buy it and put it into use.

Ouestion #3

I am buying a new truck that will primarily be used for my thoroughbred activities. How much can I write-off in 2020?

The Tax Law contains certain restrictions on what is called "listed property."

Trucks fall into that category.

Test #1 is that the truck must be used more than 50% for horse-related activities. If you meet this test, then your business truck has a five-year depreciation life.

Having said that, you may be able to use first-year expensing, but to complicate the situation, depending on the weight of the truck, the first-year deduction may be limited to \$25,000.

Finally, the amount of the tax deduction is limited to the percentage of time you use it for business-related activities.

Question #4

My friend says that their accountant says, "in certain cases, land can be depreciated." What are they talking about?

The general rule is land is not depreciable because it has no determined useful life.

What your friend is probably referring to is that we have found in a number of cases the taxpayer has included in the land category items which do have depreciable lives. Examples include:

- a. Fences
- b. Roadways
- c. Paddocks
- d. Irrigation Facilities

These items can be depreciated.

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Chris McGrath's Value Sires series in the TDN has frequently touched on the difficulty in selling nominations to stallions in their third-year at stud, as well as to solid, established stallions standing for a moderate fee. We asked stallion managers and nominations teams as well as bloodstock agents what changes could be made, if any, to help the situation.

Mark Toothaker, Stallion Sales Manager, Spendthrift Farm



If I knew the answer to this, it would sure make my job a whole lot easier. I wish I had an easy answer or the ability to know how to fix it.

I think the situation all started in 2008. When the market crashed, there was an absolute flocking of people heading to proven stallions. Then as we have gotten farther and farther away from 2008, folks are after the first-year stallions and high-end proven stallions. Everything in between is just caught in the wake.

What we have to do at Spendthrift and what every farm around town is doing is coming up with creative programs or offering deep discounts for year three and year four horses.

Year two stallions have held up fairly well for us if they are a higher-priced second-year horse. This year, we are totally sold out on Bolt d'Oro, but that is more the exception than the rule. Generally in year two, you start seeing a drop off and then in year three and four it's extremely difficult.

For moderate-priced proven horses, those are challenging as well. You have a horse like Cross Traffic. He was the leading freshman sire of his class, had a dual Grade I winner in Jaywalk, has seven stakes winner, and has a few horses on the Derby trail this winter. Last year we had 190 mares to him but this year we are in an all-out campaign with promotions and everything else to try to get another nice-sized book of mares to him. It's a constant roller coaster ride.

I think the only thing that can change this industry-wide problem will take another event like we saw in 2008, where the market went into a different direction. It brought buyers back to the proven horses.

At that time, there wasn't a lot of pinhooking. Horses were worth 50 cents on the dollar, so it was a major struggle for those folks to survive and stay in the business. These people who are still doing business in 2020 that were there in 2008 are survivors.

It will take a market correction of some type to send people back to the proven, mid-level stallions. Right now if you have a high-end proven stallion, an Into Mischief, Curlin, Quality Road, or Malibu Moon, there's no shortage of mares to be had. But if you have a workman-like, proven stallion that stands for under \$15,000, it's a struggle to find mares.

If anybody finds an answer to this, send them my way.

Have an answer you'd like to submit? Email suefinley@thetdn.com

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Monday, Oaklawn Park

RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$500,000, Oaklawn, 2-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.00, ft.

1--WARRIOR'S CHARGE, 117, c, 4, by Munnings

1st Dam: Battling Brook, by Broken Vow 2nd Dam: Crazy Woman Creek, by Wild Rush 3rd Dam: Boa, by Rahy

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O-Ten Strike Racing & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Al Shaqab Racing (FL); T-Brad H Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$300,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-3, \$565,310. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.



2--Bankit, 118, c, 4, Central Banker--Sister in Arms, by Colonel John. (\$85,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG; \$260,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Willis Horton Racing LLC; B-Hidden Brook Farm, LLC & Blue Devil Racing (NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$100,000.

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3--Snapper Sinclair, 118, h, 5, City Zip--True Addiction, by Yes It's True. (\$30,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$180,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR). O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom); B-K & G Stables (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$50,000.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



Margins: HD, 4 1/4, NO. Odds: 3.00, 4.30, 10.10.
Also Ran: Pioneer Spirit, Campaign, Bravazo, Rated R Superstar,
Math Wizard, Guest Suite, Exulting, Joevia. Click for the
Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free
Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by
Fasig-Tipton.

Warrior's Charge won his maiden and first allowance condition by a combined 12 1/2 lengths at this meet last year, good enough to earn the Florida-bred a crack at the divisional heavies in the GI Preakness S. Supplemented to the race for \$150,000 and sent off as low as 12-1 at Old Hilltop, the dark bay set very sharp fractions of :46.16 and 1:10.56 and weakened out only in the waning stages to be 2 1/2 lengths adrift of War of Will (War Front) at the finish. He returned to action exactly seven months later, besting recent GIII Mineshaft S. second Gun It (Tapit) in a Dec. 18 Fair Grounds allowance.

Sent straight into the lead from the middle of the starting gate, Warrior's Charge went along at a decent clip, covering the opening quarter in :23.69 and the half in :47.85. Still going nicely nearing the stretch, Warrior's Charge cut the corner and set sail for home, but Bankit emerged as a serious threat entering the final furlong. The latter looked to have the momentum, but Warrior's Charge met the bid and fought his way to the line first. Bankit, settled just ahead of midfield while saving ground, was maneuvered off the inside three-eighths of a mile from home and bid three deep into the lane, only to be denied late.



Warrior's Charge | Coady photography

Pedigree Notes:

Warrior's Charge is the 38th black-type winner and 16th graded winner for the white-hot Munnings, who has two major Oaks hopefuls in the form of MGSW Finite and GSW Venetian Harbor. A \$45,000 in utero purchase at the 2016 Keeneland January Sale, Warrior's Charge has a 2-year-old half-sister by Khozan and a yearling half-sister by the same sire. Battling Brook was bred back to Munnings for 2020.

Monday, Oaklawn Park

BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$200,000, Oaklawn, 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43.65, ft.

1--GO GOOGLE YOURSELF, 119, m, 5, by Into Mischief 1st Dam: Taunt, by Deputy Minister

> 2nd Dam: I Ain't Bluffing, by Pine Bluff 3rd Dam: Cup of Honey, by Raise a Cup

O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Paul J. McGee; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez Jr. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 19-7-5-3, \$639,625. Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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2--Whoa Nellie, 119, f, 4, Orb--Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d'Oro. (\$220,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Fox Hill Farms Inc; B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY); T-J Larry Jones. \$40,000.

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3--Cairenn, 115, m, 6, First Dude--Expect Nothing, by A. P Jet. (\$30,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN; \$180,000 5yo '19 KEENOV). O-WSS Racing LLC; B-Best A Luck Farm LLC (FL); T-John Alexander Ortiz. \$20.000.

Best A Luck Farm/Tom & Lori Fackler Training & Sales Graduate

Hughes Bloodstock Racehorse Purchase

Margins: NK, 3 3/4, 6 3/4. Odds: 2.10, 1.30, 18.70. Also Ran: Motion Emotion, Lady Suebee, Gold Standard. Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

A little less than a year ago, Go Google Yourself was defeating Canadian Horse of the Year Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d'Oro) in a third-level allowance going this track's short-stretch mile. Monday afternoon, Samatha Siegel's homebred stamped herself one to watch in races like the GI Apple Blossom S. during the Racing Festival of the South in April with a tough-as-teak victory in the GIII Bayakoa S.

Perfectly placed at the rail behind dueling front-runners, Go Google Yourself was patiently handled by Brian Hernandez, Jr. and appeared poised to pounce when asked to do so.



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Bayakoa S. cont.

Things got a bit more interesting when Whoa Nellie, favored off her 4 1/2-length score in the Jan. 25 Pippin S., went for an early run three deep into the first turn and got first run into the stretch. Well clear and going well into the final furlong, Whoa Nellie appeared to have the race in safe keeping, but Go Google Yourself knuckled down and was up in the final couple of jumps.

"I didn't get confident until she made the lead, actually, right there at the wire," said winning trainer Paul McGee. "She's a game, hard-trying filly and always has been. The fact that we ran down that other filly [Whoa Nellie], I was really proud of her. Google, she's just a classy, hard-trying filly. That's all you can ask for."

In total last season, Go Google Yourself won half of her six trips to the post, earning a maiden black-type success in the Aug. 11 Groupie Doll S. at Ellis ahead of a hard-fought first graded tally in the GIII Locust Grove S. at Churchill Sept. 14. The bay bobbled at the start of the GII Falls City H. when last seen Nov. 28 and carried the field into the final furlong before settling for second to favored Mylady Curlin (Curlin).



Go Google Yourself (left) | Coady photography

Pedigree Notes:

One of 27 graded winners for her outstanding sire, Go Google Yourself is a third-generation homebred for Jay Em Ess, whose second dam, the Louisiana-bred I Ain't Bluffing, was purchased by the Siegels for \$72,000 as a Keeneland November weanling in 1994 before going on to win the 1997 GI La Brea S. and the 1998 GI Milady Breeders' Cup H. I Ain't Bluffing went on to produce 2010 GI Black-Eyed Susan S. winner and GI Alabama S. third Acting Happy (Empire Maker) as well as the dam of GSW Together Indy (Not For Love) and of SW & GSP Can't Explain (Not For Love). Taunt's last listed produce is Daddymademedoit (Temple City), runner-up in a Fair Grounds maiden special weight on the turf Jan. 9.

FOAL GROWTH STUDY, ON VERGE OF GOING GLOBAL, SEEKING BREEDERS TO

SHARE DATA By T.D. Thornton

A Kentucky-based study that links foal growth measurements and radiographic findings to sales and racing performance has yielded intriguing findings in its just-completed pilot phase. Researchers now want to go global with it, and are seeking the help of Thoroughbred breeders worldwide to deepen the data pool.

"One of the things that we're hoping to discover is a way of understanding if foals are high-risk for developing problems," the study's director, Dr. Joe Pagan, told *TDN*. "We want to have a way that we can identify at-risk foals earlier in their lives so that we can take the necessary precautions to reduce problems from occurring."

Pagan is the founder and president of Kentucky Equine Research (KER), which since 1988 has been an international consulting and product development firm in the areas of equine nutrition and sports medicine. Pagan received his B.S.A. degree from the University of Arkansas in animal nutrition, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University in equine nutrition and exercise physiology.



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KER works with feed manufacturing companies all over the world to help improve nutrition for specific regions and sport horse disciplines. One of its oldest clients is Lexington-based Hallway Feeds, which bills itself as the only family-owned and operated feed company dedicated to the horse industry. It is a major supplier of feed to Kentucky's breeding farms and racing operations.

For more than 30 years Pagan has spearheaded research on the effects of nutrition and growth on skeletal disease in Thoroughbreds. In the early 1990s, he began looking more closely at the relationship of how big foals are and their incidences of osteochondritis dissecans (OCD), a relatively common developmental disease that affects the cartilage and bone in the joints of horses.

Around that same time Hallway began its mobile foal weighing program, which is a perk for clients that want to obtain basic growth data for their young horses but don't have the time or scales to do the measurements themselves. Over the decades, Hallway has been able to generate and anonymize tens of thousands of data points on foal growth that Pagan was able to analyze.

In the early 2000s, Pagan began to correlate growth data to sales and racing performance. He started what was to become his pilot study in 2013 by charting 318 foals from 12 individual crops at six Kentucky commercial breeding farms that agreed to participate, with Hallway collecting the growth measurement data.

In addition to the growth stats, Pagan began collecting spring survey and sales radiographs, combing this additional data for clues about the incidence of skeletal issues in developing Thoroughbreds.

"In the early days when we were doing this, we were focused almost entirely on OCD," Pagan explained. "But since the advent of the digital radiograph, more and more breeders have become interested in sesamoiditis [chronic inflammation of the sesamoid bones and the tendons]. That was a problem that you really couldn't see very well in old-style film radiographs. But now that they have improved that technology, breeders pay a lot of attention to it. They're very worried about it, and we wanted to see how it affected sale prices and racing performance."

"The findings we have are interesting," Pagan continued, delving into a summary of the pilot study. "We found that size did have an effect on the incidence of OCD and sesamoiditis. Basically, large foals were more susceptible to get OCD. Sesamoiditis seemed to happen not in the biggest foals, but in foals that were just sort of average size. These are foals that possibly got a little behind after weaning, and in the process of sales-prepping they caught up, and expressed a greater degree of sesamoiditis.

"When we looked at sales and racing performance, we found that again, size made a big difference," said Pagan. "At yearling sales, the size of the foal is a very important parameter for sale price, both body weight and the height of the foal. So much so that the median price paid for foals in the top 25% of body weight as yearlings was five times greater than in the bottom quartile. So there was a massive difference there.

"But when we drilled down to how that size affected their racing performance, it didn't really match the sales data. We actually found that sort of middle of the road for size, the

second quartile particularly, seemed to produce the best racehorse."

"Surprisingly, when we looked at the racing and the sales performance of horses that had evidence of OCD in their spring radiographs, we found that hock and fetlock lesions, which are two common sites for these problems to occur, didn't really have an adverse effect on the sale price of the foals that were offered for sale," Pagan continued, adding this caveat, "But that doesn't say anything about whether foals ended up not going to sales because they had those problems. We couldn't really address that from the information that we had.

"But of the foals that were presented at sales that had the hock and fetlock lesions in their spring surveys, they weren't knocked in terms of sale price," Pagan said. "Stifle lesions seemed to be a different matter. Horses that developed stifle lesions, they did seem to sell for a lower price, so that was problematic.



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"When we looked at racing performance, horses that had hock and fetlock OCD did not really have reduced racing performance, except that foals that had hock OCD in their spring surveys made their first starts at a significantly older age than those that didn't," Pagan said.

Pagan broke down the findings even further, looking at when those foals were born.

"I think this is an important finding that we had for these Kentucky foals: A lot of the foals that developed OCD were born in April and May, and they were big foals," Pagan said. "Horses that had sesamoiditis in their spring survey radiographs tended to be early foals. We found that foals born in January and February tended to be smaller foals. They grow less rapidly the first month or two, and part of that is because they're born when there is not great pasture availability in Kentucky."

Pagan said he knew from a previous study of 4,000 broodmares that mares that foaled in January or February were also known not to produce as much milk.

"Foals that are born later in the year, those mares gained weight during lactation," Pagan said. "And their foals tended to be bigger, and they grew faster early on."

But Pagan noticed another seasonal effect that sort of works to even out the growth discrepancies in Kentucky foals.

"Later in the year, the foals that are born in January and February, after they're weaned, they actually have a tendency to grow quite fast. And they grow fast because they are typically weaned at an older age. And during that weaning time is when there is abundant grass in the autumn," Pagan said.

Conversely, he added, "The foals that are born in April and May tend to be big, and they grow early when they're on the mare. But when they're weaned, they tend to grow less fast, because a lot of that time is through the following winter, when pastures are again sparse."

A potential solution, Pagan explained, is for KER to work with feed companies to come up with region-specific nutritional plans that address these types of seasonal plusses and minuses.

"So for instance, if these early-born foals and their mares are not getting enough to eat, we might be able to modify how we feed these early-foaling mares during late pregnancy and early lactation so that the foals are born at a more normal size and grow more normally early," Pagan said.

Even though he is pleased with the data the pilot study generated, Pagan said the research needs better depth, both in terms of the number of participants and geographic diversity.

"We're calling it a pilot study because it had over 300 foals," Pagan said. "But in the grand scheme of things, that's still a fairly small population. We need bigger numbers to add more statistical significance to the findings. We're taking this pilot study and we're ramping it up now. We're asking more farms to participate, and there's been great enthusiasm worldwide amongst breeders who want to participate."



Dr. Joe Pagan | KER

Beyond the United States, KER is seeking the help of breeding farms in England, France, Australia, New Zealand and Japan that are willing to provide growth data for the expanded study. You can view a recap of the pilot program here and a list of guidelines for prospective participants here.

Breeders based in Kentucky who are Hallway customers can take advantage of the monthly mobile weighing service the company already provides to have their foal growth measurements entered directly into the research database.

"Kentucky will far and away be our largest database for two reasons," Pagan said. "One is there are a lot of Thoroughbred mares in Kentucky. The other is that Hallway has such an advanced weighing program that we get really good growth data, because they go out and do this on a monthly basis."

Anthony Koch, the director of sales and marketing at Hallway, explained that the firm's technical services team works with farm personnel to make the monthly measurement services as seamless as possible.

The Hallway team uses a mobile scale with cushioned matting to safely weigh the foals. The team also measures height to the withers and assigns a standardized body condition score on a scale of 1 to 9. The team provides copies of the data to farm personnel before they leave the grounds, and customers have additional access to online growth records.



Anthony Koch | Hallway Feeds

"In the busiest time of the year, the summer, when all the yearlings are in town and all the babies are on the ground, our technical service team weighs and measures around 2,000 horses every single month," Koch said. "Our team takes the having to keep up with the when, where, why and how out of the process."

Saracen Feeds have been generating data with their clients since 2002.

Representatives from Hallway and Saracen will be reaching out to customers to see if those farms would like to participate.

Pagan added that any farm owner who wishes to contact him directly about the study can do so via email (pagan@ker.com).

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In 2004, Quigley married Wanda Hooper, the widow of owner Fred Hooper.

Following his retirement, Quigley remained active in the sport with a small stable. His last start as an owner came Jan. 29 with High Jingo (Shackleford), who finished third in a \$16,000 claimer at Gulfstream.

Quigley is survived by Hooper and son Kevin and daughters Kelly and Karen. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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FORMER RACING EXECUTIVE QUIGLEY PASSES AT 90 by Bill Finley

Bob Quigley, a highly respected retired racing executive, who was best known for his role as the head of management when the Meadowlands opened, passed away Monday at age 90.

He died of natural causes.

His death was confirmed by Richard Orbann, who was the general manager at Garden State Park while Quigley was that track's president.

"He was a beloved man," Orbann said. "I don't know anybody he didn't like and anybody that didn't like him. In our business, where jealously prevails, that's a remarkable thing."

Orbann said he spoke with Quigley Sunday and he seemed to be in good spirits, but he had a setback Monday and was rushed to Aventura Hospital in Aventura, FL, where he was pronounced dead.

"I spoke with him yesterday as I did most days and Bob was Bob," Orbann said. "To be honest with you, this is a tough one. We spoke almost every day. Bob was good to me."

Quigley was born in Atlantic City and started in racing at Atlantic City Race Course, first working there as a laborer before working his way up the ladder to became the track's executive vice president and general manager. He was lured to Meadowlands prior to the track's opening by CEO Sony Werblin and Executive Director Jack Krumpe. He started there in 1975 and was at the helm as the Meadowlands became the premier track in harness racing and an important Thoroughbred track.

"He was the best racing executive I ever worked for," said Dave Johnson, who was hired by Quigley to call the Thoroughbred races at the Meadowlands.

Quigley spent eight years at the Meadowlands before he was hired to run the new Garden State Park, which re-opened in 1985 after a fire shuttered the track in 1977. Quigley stayed at Garden State until 1992 when he left to oversee the opening of Retama Park. In 1995, he left Retama and retired.

"Bob left and he went to Texas and what happened was he wanted me to go there with him," Orbann recalled. "I told him I was not coming. Bob said to me, 'Richard. I hope this turns out to be the best decision of your life.' He took it so well. I had a sleepless night."

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR JOHN DIMARIO

The funeral visitation for Canadian Hall of Fame trainer John A. DiMario, who trained Runaway Groom to a memorable upset in the 1982 GI Travers S., will be held at Lindenhurst Funeral Home in Lindenhurst, New York from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 22.

The address is as follows:

Lindenhurst Funeral Home 424 Wellwood Avenue Lindenhurst, NY 11757

The family requests that any donations be made in his name to the Best Backstretch Organization to support backstretch workers.

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JOCKEYS AND JEANS STALLION SEASON SALE A SUCCESS

Approximately \$70,000 was raised by the Jockeys and Jeans Stallion Season Sale for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF), double its 2019 revenues, the organization announced Monday. Over 20 stallion seasons were sold, including a season to Claiborne Farm's Runhappy (Super Saver), which topped proceedings at \$25,000. The season was donated by the stallion's owner, Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale.

Other farms and people that contributed to the successful season sale were: Airdrie Stud, Adena Springs Farm, Anchor and Hope Farm, Brandywine Farm, Calumet Farm, Castleton Lyons, Darby Dan Farm, Double Diamond Farm, Robert Evans, Hill 'n' Dale, Irish Hill & Dutchess View, Lanes End Farm, Oakton Farm, Ocala Stud, Pin Oak Stud, Spendthrift Farm among others.

The all-volunteer Jockeys and Jeans Committee thanks the donors and season buyers on behalf of the 60 or so permanently disabled former jockeys, who each receives \$1,000 from the PDJF each month. Since it was founded six years ago by five former jockeys, Jockeys and Jeans has raised \$1.5 million for the PDJF.

"In reality I think the community that is horse racing deserves the accolades," said President Barry Pearl. "Each and every one of the many hundreds of donors has proven that Thoroughbred racing not only loves and appreciates its racehorses, but the sport's fallen brothers and sisters who can no longer ride them."

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Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs begins its 11th consecutive racing season Mar. 16 with 29 days of live Thoroughbred racing. The meet lasts until May 23, with first post at 1:15 p.m. Three stakes will be worth \$55,000 apiece-the Apr. 20 Cinema S., the May 18 More Than Even S. and May 19 Cherokee Nation Classic Cup.

"We are encouraged by more stall applications for this meet than any other since I've been here, and response to the condition book has been positive," racing secretary, announcer and oddsmaker John Lies said. "We hope to proceed in the direction we headed last spring by increasing our exposure and handle through nurturing our relationship with TVG."

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NOMINATIONS OPEN TO MARCH IN **SURVIVORS PARADE**

Churchill Downs, Derby Divas and Norton Cancer Institute have opened the online nomination process to choose 146 breast and ovarian cancer survivors to march in the Survivors Parade at the 146th Longines Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs Friday, May 1. The 146 participants will be announced Mar. 23. Nominations can be made here.

Since the first Survivors' Parade a dozen years ago, Churchill Downs has donated over \$1 million to organizations that support the cause of women's health. For the fourth year in a row, Churchill will donate \$50,000 to the Breast Health Program at Norton Cancer Institute. Additionally, for every Finlandia Oaks Lily sold on Oaks Day, \$1 will be donated to Derby Divas. The funds raised through this partnership has been used to renovate the Norton Prevention & Wellness Mobile Prevention Center, which provides free screening services to underserved patients age 40 and older in Jefferson and surrounding counties. The renovation included the addition of a digital tomosynthesis system, which is an advanced form of breast imaging, or mammography, that uses a low-dose x-ray system and creates multiple three-dimensional images to help with better diagnoses.

"The Survivors Parade has really come to represent the heart of Kentucky Derby week to many fans," said Tonya Abeln, President of Churchill Downs Incorporated Foundation. "The image of women celebrating their survival with family and friends, those still on their hard fought cancer journey and sadly, some walking in memory of a dear loved one is incredibly impactful and inspiring. We are grateful for a partnership with Derby Divas and Norton Cancer Institute that allows us to build on the great work they are doing in our local community to make a global impact."

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HOLLIE HUGHES S., \$105,200, Aqueduct, 2-17, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.87, ft.

- 1--AMUNDSON, 118, g, 4, Curlin--Bridgehampton (SW & GSP, \$173,940), by Bernardini. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Horacio DePaz; J-Jorge A. Vargas, Jr. \$57,750. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$167,808.
- 2--My Boy Tate, 124, g, 6, Boys At Tosconova--Backslash, by Sharp Humor. O-Little Red Feather Racing & Michelle Nevin; B/T-Michelle Nevin (NY). \$20,000.
- 3--Morning Breez, 118, g, 5, Morning Line--Tico Breeze, by Carson City. (\$62,000 Wlg '15 FTNMIX; \$65,000 Ylg '16 SARAUG). O-Charles Hallas; B-Hart Farm & Rhapsody Farm (NY); T-Robert P. Klesaris. \$13,800.

Margins: 2, NK, NK. Odds: 15.80, 2.00, 17.00.

Also Ran: Binkster, Cerretalto, Eye Luv Lulu, Arthur's Hope, P J Advantage.

Amundson, a romping second-out graduate in the Delaware slop last spring, broke through his first-level New York-bred allowance condition three starts later Sept. 14 at Belmont before cruising by 8 3/4 lengths in a two-other-than state-bred spot there Oct. 18. Dismissed in the wagering off a dull sixth in the City of Laurel S. Nov. 30 while back in with Empire-breds here, the gelding broke swiftly and made the point before being pushed along by Eye Luv Lulu (Pollard's Vision) through a salty :22.20 quarter. Finding some daylight midway around the turn, the bay scooted clear into the lane and held safely to the line for a convincing score. Favored My Boy Tate ran on late to get second in a three-way photo.

"There were just veteran horses he was running against today. Jason [Servis's] horse [Eye Luv Lulu] had 55 starts and you've got to respect these seasoned horses," said winning trainer Horacio DePaz. "He's talented and today he showed that he's capable of competing with them. Hopefully, he continues to improve off that."

The victor has an unraced 3-year-old Broken Vow half-brother named Winners Laugh, a juvenile Munnings half-brother and a yearling half-sister by Sky Mesa. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

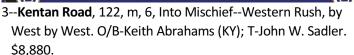


Amundson | Chelsea Durand

WISHING WELL S., \$87,860, Santa Anita, 2-17, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.40, fm.

- 1--AN EDDIE SURPRISE, 122, m, 5, Square Eddie--Dani Reese, by High Demand. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Joel Rosario. \$57,000. Lifetime Record: 26-5-9-4, \$341,952.
- 2--Miss Hot Legs, 120, f, 4, Verrazano--Expo Gold, by Johannesburg. (\$100,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$275,000 2vo '18 OBSAPR). O-Qatar Racing Limited & TNIP, LLC; B-Avalon Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Simon Callaghan. \$14,800.

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Margins: HF, 1, NK. Odds: 3.70, 4.30, 1.60. Also Ran: Apache Princess, Tonahutu (Ire).

An Eddie Surprise, fourth in the course-and-distance GIII Las Cienegas S. Jan. 11, completed the exacta in a local optional claimer Feb. 2 and was made the public's third preference to get her first stakes win here. Settling in fourth as favored Kentan Road showed the way through a :22.71 quarter, the Reddam homebred saved ground on the turn, tipped into the three path inside the three-sixteenth pole and swept by Miss Hot Legs in the closing strides for the victory. Kentan Road faded to third. The winner has a juvenile full-sister and yearling full-brother. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-

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4th-Santa Anita, \$57,342, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.04, ft.

CE CE (f, 4, Elusive Quality--Miss Houdini {GISW, \$187,600}, by Belong to Me) scored a debut victory here last April and missed by a neck to subsequent GSW Lady Ninja (Majesticperfetion) a month later before running fourth as a 4-1 third choice in the GI Acorn S. June 8 at Belmont. Unseen since then, the homebred was hammered down to 1-2 favoritism in this return and bobbled a bit leaving the blocks. Last of the quintet behind a :21.66 quarter, the chestnut advanced along the fence while in a bit tight on the bend, found a seam in the two path at the quarter pole and burst clear in the lane under her own power to score with ears pricked by 4 1/4 lengths. Pacesetting Ava's Charm (Maclean's Music) was second best. The victress is a half to Papa Clem (Smart Strike), MGSW & GISP, \$1,121,190. Her dam, who captured the GI Del Mar Debutante S. in 2002, is responsible for an unraced Liam's Map sophomore gelding named Riggins who sold for \$225,000 to Steve Young at Keeneland September and has been breezing steadily at Palm Beach Downs, including a half-mile move in :49.13 (7/17) earlier Monday. She foaled a colt by American Pharoah last season before being bred to Street Sense. Ce Ce's second dam is MGISW Magical Maiden (Lord Avie). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$126,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Bo Hirsch LLC (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy.

6th-Gulfstream, \$52,000, Alw, 2-17, 3yo, 5fT, :56.53, fm. AYE AYE SIR (c, 3, Midshipman--Still Searching, by Seeking the Best {Ire}), fourth after setting the pace debuting in a Saratoga turf sprint Aug. 15, was third in the Ontario Racing S. a month later at Woodbine before graduating wire to wire on the Keeneland grass Oct. 24. Last seen running fifth over yielding turf in a Nov. 27 optional claimer at Aqueduct, the bay was made a 5-2 second choice here and broke sharply. Deferring to sit fourth behind a :22.44 quarter, the Ramsey colorbearer picked it up three deep approaching the lane, swept to the fore outside the sixteenth pole and edged away to best favored Cajun Casanova (Cajun Breeze) by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner is the first foal out of a dam whose subsequent produce is a juvenile Souper Speedy colt named Lucky Luke and a yearling filly by Rookie Sensation. She was bred to Mineshaft last spring.

Sales History: \$47,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, \$84,153. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey; B-Minshall Farms (ON); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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5th-Oaklawn, \$85,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.77, ft. QUICK DECISION (f, 3, Istan--Tell Me Again, by Majesticperfection) showed a sharp local worktab for this debut, capped by a five-furlong breeze in 1:00 1/5 (2/4) over a sloppy track Feb. 12, and was given an 83-10 chance. Sent away from her inside draw, the homebred showed the way narrowly through a :21.67 quarter and started to edge away from her pursuers three furlongs out. Challenged by favored firster Tipsy Gal (Majesticperfection) in midstretch, she gamely repelled that foe past the sixteenth pole before staving off the closing bid of Lucky Betty (Munnings) for a half-length success. The victress has a juvenile half-brother by Upstart and her unraced dam produced a Cairo Prince colt last term before visiting Creative Cause. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$51,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.



Quick Decision and jubilant apprentice Kelsi Harr | Coady

10th-Oaklawn, \$85,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.23, ft. BACKGROUND (g, 3, Khozan--Ephyra, by Corinthian) finished full of run after a tardy start to be third, beaten just a half-length at 38-1, debuting at six furlongs here Jan. 25, and was made the narrow 5-2 second choice in this stretchout to two turns. Away in better order, the chestnut tugged at the bit early and landed third behind a :23.21 quarter. Settling better while dropping a spot past a :47.75 half, the gelding drew into contention three wide at the top of the lane, took over soon after straightening for home and skipped clear to a 4 1/2-length triumph. Tiz the Journey (Tiznow) got up for second at 35-1. The winner has a juvenile half-sister by Fury Kapcori named Make History and a yearling full-brother named Aztec. His dam visited Khozan once more last spring. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$59,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Giddyup Stables, LLC; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Michael Puhich.

A Private Purchase by Christina R. Jelm

1st-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.65, ft. MS. MALEVOLENCE (f, 3, Violence--Parvati, by Dixieland Band) was seventh after dueling on the pace when debuting for Steve Asmussen July 28 at Ellis and fourth Dec. 1 at Gulfstream after being transferred to David Fawkes. Third in two more Hallandale tries, most recently in a Florida-bred event Jan. 10, she was made the narrow 7-5 second choice in this initial outing for the Gary Gullo barn and dueled with a pair of rivals through a :22.95 quarter. Poking her head in front at the five-sixteenths pole, the dark bay drew clear into the final furlong before holding sway from firster Dare to Try (Daredevil) for a one-length graduation. The victress has a juvenile half-brother by Race Day. Sales History: \$30,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$55,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$48,160. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Danzel Brendemuehl & Robert Lambe; B-Barbazon Racing & Beclawat Stables (FL); T-Gary P. Gullo.

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3rd-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:56.98, ft. AWESOME PARTY (c, 3, Curlin--Awesome d'Oro {Ire}, by Medaglia d'Oro), a \$700,000 Keeneland September buy, took some play but did little running when finishing 10th on debut going a mile at Gulfstream Jan. 11, and was given a 19-5 chance here. Hustled away from the gate, the bay dictated terms past splits of :24.63 and :50.31. Taken on by Distorted Sky (Distorted Humor) on the far turn, he shook that rival off at the top of the lane only to be immediately overhauled by Zuzudini (Bernardini). Digging in resolutely through the final furlong,

Awesome Party gamely re-rallied to turn that rival back and prevail by a neck. The winner's unraced dam, purchased for \$600,000 at KEENOV in 2014, has a juvenile Empire Maker colt named Awspresso and a yearling filly by the same sire. Sales History: \$700,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$37,830. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable; B-F. Thomas Conway (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

Consigned by GAINESWAY

7th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.58. ft.

STOP SHOPPIN TAMMY (f, 3, Tapit--Miss Shop GISW, \$1,126,038}, by Deputy Minister) finished a well-beaten fourth at 2-1 after a problematic start going six furlongs at Saratoga last August and was benched for the remainder of the season. Sent off at similar odds in her 2020 reappearance, she took to the front early, laying down splits of :24.93 and :48.69. In the clear turning for home, she kept up the tempo all the way, scoring by 1 1/4 lengths over Kizzy B (Tapit). Winning Stop Shopping Tammy has a full-sister named Tin Type Gal, a two-time Grade III winner and earner of \$292,609. Her dam, Miss Shop, foaled a filly by Pioneerof the Nile last season and was later sold for \$320,000 in foal to Justify at Keeneland in November. The 17-year-old mare is a half-sister to Grade II winner Trappe Shot (Tapit) and Shop Again (Wild Again), dam of Grade I winner Power Broker Pulpit). Sales History: \$625,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$32,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-My Meadowview LLC (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.



LANE'S END FOALED, RAISED & SOLD



Lynwood Stable Graduate

8th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 2-17, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.10, ft.

SCONSIN (f, 3, Include--Sconnie, by Tiznow), fourth in her debut going a sixteenth shorter at Ellis last August, was given a 7-2 chance in this return. Settled in a stalking third as favored Sail On Ellen (American Pharoah) showed the way through opening fractions of :22.01 and :45.91, Sconsin swung out four wide turning for home, gained control in the stretch and held off the pacesetter by a half-length at the wire. Sconnie was bred to Paynter last season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O/B-Lloyd Madison Farms LLC (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley.



IN JAPAN:

Ainoa, f, 3, Blame. See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.' Flamingo Flight, f, 3, Flatter. See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'

Little Monster, f, 4, Into Mischief--Pashmina, by Pentelicus. Tokyo, 2-16, Allowance (\$131k), 8f, 1:38. Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-4, \$261,364. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Off The Hook Partners LLC & Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL); T-Ryo Takei. *1/2 to Pashito the Che (Flatter), MSW, \$568,170. **\$85,000 Ylg '17 OBSJAN; \$375,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Shivaji, h, 5, First Samurai--Indian Bay, by Indian Charlie. Kokura, 2-16, Open Class (\$404k), 6fT, 1:10. Lifetime Record: 16-5-5-3, \$1,103,000. O-Kanayama Holdings; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Kenji Nonaka. *\$90,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



IN SOUTH KOREA:

Cleanup Shine, f, 3, Awesome of Course--Shining Moment (MSW, \$121,880), by Yes It's True. Seoul, 2-16, Hcp. (\$63k), 1300m. B-Ocala Stud & William J Terrell (FL). *\$45,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

Panorama View, c, 3, Central Banker--Debase the Dollar, by Malibu Moon. Seoul, 2-15, Hcp. (\$51k), 1200m. B-Klaravich Stables (NY). *\$32,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

Fantastic Road, c, 3, Elusive Quality--Im Cruising Dixie, by Dixie Union. Busan, 2-16, Hcp. (\$63k), 1200m. B-Ivy Lane Farm LLC & Godolphin (KY). *1/2 to Mezzano (Mizzen Mast), MSP, \$279,812. **\$42,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

Raised & Sold by Mulholland Springs

Blue Chiton, c, 3, Palace Malice--Egot, by Dehere. Seoul, 2-16, Hcp. (\$51k), 1600m. B-Machmer Hall & Montese LLC (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

GRASSROOTS Training & Sales

Spring Back, g, 4, **Gemologist**--Frangible, by Broken Vow. Seoul, 2-15, Hcp. (\$93k), 1400m. B-WinStar Farm, LLC, Burden Creek Farm & Clifton Farm LLC (KY). *\$140,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$90,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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Cupid Guy, g, 4, Jimmy Creed--She's Extreme (MSP, \$159,746), by Unbridled's Song. Seoul, 2-16, Hcp. (\$63k), 1200m.

B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

IN PANAMA:

Van Daelen, c, 3, Carpe Diem--Superhalf, by A.P. Indy.
Presidente Remon, 2-16, Clasico Approturf, 1700m. B-WinStar
Farm LLC (KY). *\$52,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$32,000 Ylg '18
KEESEP. VIDEO







IN JAPAN:

Danon Pharaoh (Jpn), c, 3, **American Pharoah**. See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan'.

Valkyrja (Jpn), f, 3, **Tapit**. See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'



Saturday's Results:

7th-Kyoto, ¥**13,830,000** *(\$125,812)*, Allowance, 3yo, 1800m, 1:52.8, ft.

DANON PHARAOH (JPN) (c, 3, American Pharoah--Crisp {GISW, \$286,431}, by El Corredor) graduated at second asking at Tokyo Nov. 10 and was having his first run since finishing fourth to top Japanese sophomore dirt runner Dieu du Vin (Jpn) (Declaration of War) in the Cattleya Sho (Kentucky Derby points race allowance) at headquarters Nov. 23. Ridden positively from gate 14, Danon Pharaoh was into a stalking second by the time they hit the first turn and held that spot on the backstretch run. Given a squeeze 500 meters out, he accelerated nicely and cruised home a four-length winner as the 22-5 third choice.

Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida in utero for \$350,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale, Danon Pharaoh fetched ¥180 million (\$1,629,000) from this leading owner at the 2018 JRHA Select Yearling Sale. Crisp, winner of the 2010 GI Santa Anita Oaks, is the dam of a yearling colt by Screen Hero (Jpn) and was most recently covered by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$146,364.

O-Danox Inc; B-Northern Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi.

6th-Kyoto, ¥11,400,000 (\$103,707), Newcomers, 3yo, 1400m, 1:26, ft.

VALKYRJA (JPN) (f, 3, Tapit--Peace and War {GISW, \$439,667}, by War Front), acquired by Yoshida for \$1.45 million in utero at KEENOV in 2016, was sent out at 49-10 to open her account at first asking, but was awkwardly away and near the back of the pack early on. Left with no choice but to cover ground on the turn, she nevertheless made eye-catching progress, hit another gear at the quarter pole and raced over the top of her rivals for a highly impressive 1 3/4-length debut success. Valkyrja is the first produce for her dam, upset winner of the 2014 GI Darley Alcibiades S. Peace and War produced a filly by the late Deep Impact (Jpn) last year and is due to Horse of the Year Kitasan Black (Jpn), a son of Deep Impact's full-brother Black Tide (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$54,545.

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo.

3rd-Tokyo, ¥9,680,000 (\$88,061), Maiden, 3yo, 1600m, 1:38.4, ft.

AINOA (f, 3, Blame--Summer On the Lawn, by First Defence) was unplaced in two tries on the grass to begin her career and was duly sent off at 28-1 in this first go on the main track. Drawn one from the outside in gate 15, Ainoa jumped very alertly and set the pace out wide before edging towards the inside with better than a half-mile to travel. Shaken up entering the final quarter-mile, Ainoa pinched a break into the final furlong and held off a late lunge from even-money Satono Alex (Jpn) (Henny Hughes) by a head. Produced by a winning half-sister to MGSW Summer Applause (Harlan's Holiday), the New York-bred has a 2-year-old half-brother by Twirling Candy and a yearling halfsister by Mastery. Sales history: \$185,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$150,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$53,364. O-Big Red Farm; B-Fred W Hertrich III, John D Fielding & Robert L Tribbett (NY); T-Takafumi Aoki.

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3rd-Kyoto, ¥9,680,000 (\$88,061), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m, 1:25.8, ft.

FLAMINGO FLIGHT (f, 3, Flatter--Well, by Well Decorated) hit the board in track-and-distance maidens last October and was the 19-10 chalk to get it right in her 3-year-old unveiling. Speedy enough to make the running from between rivals, the \$180,000 Keeneland September yearling controlled the pace from the front and turned back all stretch challenges to take it by a neck. The winner is a full-sister to Kobe's Back, MGSW & MGISP, \$1,116,595; and a half to Well Spelled (Spellbinder), GSW, \$364,160. Well is the dam of the 2-year-old colt Running Man (Runhappy), a yearling full-sister to Flamingo Flight and was most recently covered by Connect. Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$90,909. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Joanne R Mummert & John C Barrett Jr (KY);

T-Keiji Yoshimura.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, FEB. 18 Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

231 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners 3-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, SECOND BITE, 6-5 \$70,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Global Power (Pulpit)

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Normandy Invasion (Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm, \$2,500 79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, HOPE TAKES OVER, 8-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Oaklawn, \$86,000, (S), 2-17, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.00, ft. **BANDIT POINT (h, 5, Indy Squall--Set Point, by Langfuhr)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-3-3-9, \$209,630. O/T-Robert N. Cline; B-Marianna's Fate Inc. (AR).

7th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, 2-17, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.28, ft. HOME RUN TRICK (h, 5, Winslow Homer--Indyfendant, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, \$142,007. O/T-William N. Martin; B-Dr. K. K. & Dr. V. Devi Jayaraman (FL). *\$5,000 Wlg '15 OBSOCT.

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7th-Aqueduct, \$65,152, (S), 2-17, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.53, ft.

BUSTIN TO PLEASE (f, 4, Bustin Stones--Little Polka Dot {MSW, **\$537,291**}, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-1, \$98,952. O-Roddy J. Valente & Darlene Bilinski; B-Dr. Jerry Bilinski & Roddy Valente (NY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$60,920, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.32, fm.

OUT OF BALANCE (f, 4, Kitten's Joy--Balance (MGISW, \$1,048,491}, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-2, \$146,131. O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Jerry Amerman (KY); T-David E. Hofmans.

9th-Parx Racing, \$41,500, (S), 2-17, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.04, ft.

DREAMER'S MOON (f, 4, Alternation--Dream Realized, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 19-3-1-2, \$103,709. O-MCA Racing Stable LLC; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

2nd-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, (S), 2-17, (C), 4yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.60, ft.

MUSICAL MAN (g, 4, Maclean's Music--Cinnamon Kisses, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-3, \$83,577. O-E & M Scherer Racing; B-Gulf Haven Farms, LLC (LA); T-Eric T. Scherer. *\$30,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$62,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Dontmesswithjoanne (Pioneerof the Nile), SW, \$180,638.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Claudia Jean (Ire), f, 3, Camacho (GB)--Quickstyx (GB), by Night Shift. Golden Gate Fields, 2-17, 1m (AWT), 1:39.98. B-Nafferty Stud (IRE). *€22,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €62,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP; 87,000gns 2yo '19 TATBRE.

Sekani, f, 3, **Double Irish**--Merry Mittens, by Harperstown. Oaklawn, 2-17, (S), 6f, 1:10.96. B-Shortleaf Stable (AR).

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More Graytful, g, 3, Graydar--More Than Beauty (SP), by More Than Ready. Aqueduct, 2-17, (S), 6f, 1:12.37. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY).

Plot the Dots, c, 3, Uncle Mo--Lady of Gold (MGSP, \$254,598), by Medaglia d'Oro. Laurel, 2-17, (WC), 1m, 1:38.19. B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD).

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Hide the Ransom, g, 4, Run Away and Hide--Ransom Due, by Catienus. Parx Racing, 2-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.65. B-Thomas G McClay (PA). *\$10,500 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$20,000 2yo '18 EASMAY.

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ALTERNATION, Dreamer's Moon, f, 4, o/o Dream Realized, by Awesome Again. ALW, 2-17, Parx Racing

BUSTIN STONES, Bustin to Please, f, 4, o/o Little Polka Dot, by Orientate. ALW, 2-17, Aqueduct

CAMACHO (GB), Claudia Jean (Ire), f, 3, o/o Quickstyx (GB), by Night Shift. MSW, 2-17, Golden Gate

CURLIN, Amundson, g, 4, o/o Bridgehampton, by Bernardini. Hollie Hughes S., 2-17, Aqueduct

CURLIN, Awesome Party, c, 3, o/o Awesome d'Oro (Ire), by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

DECLARATION OF WAR, Silver Prospector, c, 3, o/o Tap Softly, by Tapit. GIII Southwest S., 2-17, Oaklawn

DOUBLE IRISH, Sekani, f, 3, o/o Merry Mittens, by Harperstown. MSW, 2-17, Oaklawn

ELUSIVE QUALITY, Ce Ce, f, 4, o/o Miss Houdini, by Belong to Me. AOC, 2-17, Santa Anita

GRAYDAR, More Graytful, g, 3, o/o More Than Beauty, by More Than Ready. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

INCLUDE, Sconsin, f, 3, o/o Sconnie, by Tiznow. MSW, 2-17, Fair Grounds

INDY SQUALL, Bandit Point, h, 5, o/o Set Point, by Langfuhr. ALW, 2-17, Oaklawn

INTO MISCHIEF, Go Google Yourself, m, 5, o/o Taunt, by Deputy Minister. GIII Bayakoa S., 2-17, Oaklawn

ISTAN, Quick Decision, f, 3, o/o Tell Me Again, by

Majesticperfection. MSW, 2-17, Oaklawn

KHOZAN, Background, g, 3, o/o Ephyra, by Corinthian. MSW, 2-17, Oaklawn

KITTEN'S JOY, Out of Balance, f, 4, o/o Balance, by Thunder Gulch. AOC, 2-17, Santa Anita

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Musical Man, g, 4, o/o Cinnamon Kisses, by Doneraile Court. ALW, 2-17, Fair Grounds

MIDSHIPMAN, Aye Aye Sir, c, 3, o/o Still Searching, by Seeking the Best (Ire). ALW, 2-17, Gulfstream

MUNNINGS, Warrior's Charge, c, 4, o/o Battling Brook, by Broken Vow. GIII Razorback H., 2-17, Oaklawn

RUN AWAY AND HIDE, Hide the Ransom, g, 4, o/o Ransom Due, by Catienus. MSW, 2-17, Parx Racing

SQUARE EDDIE, An Eddie Surprise, m, 5, o/o Dani Reese, by High Demand. Wishing Well S., 2-17, Santa Anita

TAPIT, Stop Shoppin Tammy, f, 3, o/o Miss Shop, by Deputy Minister. MSW, 2-17, Fair Grounds

UNCLE MO, Plot the Dots, c, 3, o/o Lady of Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro. WMC, 2-17, Laurel

VIOLENCE, Ms. Malevolence, f, 3, o/o Parvati, by Dixieland Band. MSW, 2-17, Aqueduct

WINSLOW HOMER, Home Run Trick, h, 5, o/o Indyfendant, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 2-17, Oaklawn

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

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	GII Davona Dale S.	Gulfstream
	GII Gulfstream Park Mile S.	Gulfstream
	GII Mac Diarmida S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Canadian Turf S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Honey Fox S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Palm Beach S.	Gulfstream
	GIII The Very One S.	Gulfstream





Background (Khozan) cruises to a 4 1/2-length graduation in the finale on GIII Southwest S. day at Oaklawn | Coady Photography



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CLASSIC PEDIGREES THE FOCUS AT KNOCKTORAN



Brendan and Anne Marie Hayes accept the trophy for Precieuse's win in the 2017 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches | Scoop Dyga

By Daithi Harvey

Brendan and Anne Marie Hayes have been breeding Thoroughbreds with great success at their Knocktoran Stud in Limerick for more than 30 years. The couple reached the pinnacle of their breeding achievements to date when their homebred Precieuse (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), who they still owned at the time, won the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Deauville in 2017. Precieuse was then sold to Peter Brant to continue her racing career in America, where she won the GIII Honey Fox S. at Gulfstream Park last year, but Hayes has no shortage of the Classic winner's family to keep the bloodline alive and active, including her 3-year-old half-sister **Porcelaine (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), an impressive debut winner at Chantilly recently for trainer Fabrice Chappet.

"Porcelaine posted a quick time and it was an impressive display," Hayes said. "She broke like a bullet which was a surprise given it was her debut and she showed a lot of natural speed and ultimately won eased down so we were delighted with her."

Although early days, such a display has Hayes dreaming of a similar route taken with Precieuse. "Each race on her radar is a potential stumbling block but all being well she will run in a listed race on the all-weather at Chantilly on Mar. 13," he said.

BREEDERS SOUGHT FOR FOAL RESEARCH PROJECT By Emma Berry

Kentucky Equine Research (KER) is seeking Thoroughbred breeders to participate in a research project into the link between foal size and subsequent soundness and performance in the racehorse.

The project is an expansion of a pilot study conducted by Dr. Joe Pagan of KER, in which data was collated from 318 foals from six commercial Thoroughbred farms detailing the relationship between weight and height of foals and spring radiographs. (Click here for a piece on Dr. Pagan and his foal growth study by T.D. Thornton). The foals were weighed and measured each month by technicians from Kentucky-based Hallway Feeds. KER also works in partnership with Saracen Horse Feeds in Europe. (Click here to participate in the Saracen research study).

Conclusions drawn from the pilot include the fact that incidence of OCD and sesamoiditis are associated to varying degrees with a foal's body weight and height during growth, and that, though sesamoiditis in yearlings is a negative factor at the sales, it does not appear to have a negative affect on racing performance. Cont. p4



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SILVER PROSPECTOR GALLOPS TO SOUTHWEST WIN

Silver Prospector (Declaration of War) stalked the pace and pounced to take the GIII Southwest S. going away at Oaklawn Park on Monday. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**



Precieuse and Olivier Peslier | Scoop Dyga

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He added, "If that goes to plan we will then aim her at the [G3] Prix Impudence in April and if the dream is still alive by then it will be the [G1] Poule d'Essai des Pouliches after that.

"People have been saying, 'gosh wouldn't it be great if she was as good as Precieuse?' To which I've replied, 'wouldn't it be great if she was better?'"

Having accepted a good offer to sell Precieuse it is unlikely Hayes will be similarly tempted with Porcelaine, and one gets the feeling he still slightly regrets letting the former go.

"In all my years as an owner I've never gotten a phone call off a jockey but after he finished second on Precieuse in the [G3] Prix Sigy, Pierre-Charles Boudot rang me and said we must go for the [G1] Commonwealth Cup with this filly because she has so much speed. I thought to myself, 'how could we beat the likes of Caravaggio, Blue Point (Ire) and Harry Angel (Ire)?' so I stood my ground and despite both trainer and rider reckoning she would not stay I said, 'no, it's the Guineas next, and we'll find out there if she stays or not.' Thankfully, she got the mile well."

Hayes is in the fortunate position of still having the dam of both Precieuse and Porcelaine, **Zut Alors (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), on the farm. The mare, who Hayes also bred, has just turned 16 years of age and is in foal to Gleneagles (Ire) with a 2020 cover by Lope De Vega (Ire) on the cards. Hayes had her 2019 Galileo (Ire) colt foal entered in the foal sales last year but had a change of heart and will wait until the autumn before offering him for sale.

"The Galileo has a smashing physique and is a super walker," he said. "He is a chestnut with lot of white on him so I reckon he will certainly stand out. Galileo actually has a very good record with his chestnuts, when you think of the likes of Cape Blanco (Ire), Ruler Of The World (Ire) Australia (GB), Ulysses (Ire),

Decorated Knight (GB) and Waldgeist (GB)--they're all chestnuts. Even the good juvenile filly last year Love (Ire) is a chestnut so they certainly do very well."

The Zut Alors family is complemented at Knocktoran by the winning 9-year-old mare **Peut Etre** (Whipper), a half-sister to Precieuse who is currently in foal to Australia (GB) and is booked into Dark Angel (Ire).

"She has a Dark Angel yearling filly here who is very nice so we thought it was worth going back to that source," Hayes said. Peut Etre was represented by her first winner in December when Hypothetical (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), a 550,000gns Book 1 yearling, sluiced home by five lengths on debut at Chelmsford for John Gosden and was introduced into the Derby betting on the strength of that display.

Hit The Sky (Ire) (Cozzene) has been another lynchpin of the farm and is still healthy and well at the age of 18. She has produced three stakes winners and her results in the sales ring have also been stellar with her daughter by Dubawi (Ire) fetching 720,000gns as a foal in Tattersalls in 2015. She is in foal to Saxon Warrior (Jpn) and will be covered this year by 2019 Arc hero Waldgeist (GB), who has retired to Ballylinch Stud.

"I like Waldgeist, he is well-priced and he is in the right farm to succeed," Hayes said. "Hit The Sky is a very fresh mare and she goes well with the Sadler's Wells line so that is another reason we chose him."

Hayes continued, "Besotted (Ire) (Dutch Art GB)) is one we are quite excited about here. She is a stakes winning half-sister to French 1000 Guineas winner Tie Black (Ire) (Machiavellian) and her first two progeny have been very nice. Her 2-year-old colt by Shalaa (Ire) sold for 150,000gns last year and is going to the Arqana Breeze Up in May for Willie Browne. Her second foal, an Oasis Dream (GB) colt that was really nice made 320,000gns at the sales last year. She is in foal to Pivotal (GB) and we are going to send her to Siyouni (Fr)." Cont. p3

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CON TE PARTIRO SHINES IN TRIAL

American ex-pat Con Te Partiro (Scat Daddy) won a trial at Randwick on Monday. Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.

Knocktoran Stud Cont.

Despite having turned 14-years of age, **Go Lovely Rose (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) is a Knocktoran mare that could well start making up for lost time. Although her first produce Game Zone (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) was stakes placed six years ago, it is her now 4-year-old son Roseman (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) who could bring the mare to a different level. The Roger Varian-trained colt, a \le 650,000 Goffs Orby purchase, won a listed race at Newmarket in November and is a horse that could develop further this year.

"I believe Roger thinks Roseman could win a group race this year so that would be fantastic if that happens," Hayes said. "Go Lovely Rose has taken a bit of time but this could be a big year for her. She is in foal to Charm Spirit (Ire) and she will go to Dark Angel (Ire). She is a very good-looking mare and is a full-sister to Immortal Verse (Ire). We obviously did think about Kingman (GB) for her but we have to be very careful with those big nominations. If a couple of things were to go wrong you could find yourself in a hole fairly quickly. I'm lucky enough to have a share in Dark Angel so I won't have to write a cheque for that one."

Like the majority of the Knocktoran broodmare band, **Mayhem** (**Ire**) (Whipper) did her racing in France where the daughter of the farm's blue hen Hit The Sky put together a classy CV, winning the G3 Prix Allez France at Chantilly in 2015 before finishing third to Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) in the G2 Prix Corrida and her breeding career has gotten off to a flying start both in the sales ring and on the track. Her first foal Donnybrook (**Ire**) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was bought by Godolphin for €900,000 as a yearling at Arqana in 2018 and got off the mark at the second attempt for John Gosden at Yarmouth last October. Before that the same buying team also acquired Mayhem's second produce, another filly, this time by Dark Angel (**Ire**), for €800,000 also at Arqana last August when consigned by Ballylinch Stud.

"Mayhem has gotten off to a fantastic start at stud with her first produce Donnybrook winning last autumn," Hayes said. "The Dark Angel filly is with Charlie Appleby and the mare was due to Sea The Stars (Ire) on Feb. 4 so we are waiting patiently for the new arrival. She is booked into visit Lope De Vega (Ire) after that."

Another French stakes winning mare by Whipper is **Dolled Up** (Ire), the speedy victor of the G3 Prix du Bois and Hayes is keen to match speed with speed with the 13-year-old. Darley's freshman Blue Point (Ire) has been chosen as her mate this year.

"She produced a very nice Lope De Vega colt a few years ago so we decided to use the Shamardal cross again. We also have a yearling colt by Frankel (GB) out of her that will go to the sales in the autumn, probably Book 1 at Tattersalls," Hayes said. Cont. p4



Mayhem | Scoop Dyga

Knocktoran Stud Cont.

Meanwhile Fou Rire (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), a dual winning daughter of Dolled Up, has also been retained for the team and the 5-year-old rewarded connections with a Starspangledbanner (Aus) colt recently and will be covered by Tamayuz (GB).

There are plenty of younger mares seeking to make a name for themselves at Knocktoran and nominating a few that could make their mark Hayes said, "Alors Quoi (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) is an interesting young mare being out of Zeiting (Ire) (Zieten) and is therefore a three-parts sister to Zut Alors. She is in foal to Tamayuz (GB) and she will be covered this year by Footstepsinthesand (GB). We usually start off a young mare with proven sires, and if you can get winners on the board early on or a black-type winner, you can introduce a more commercial type of stallion.

"Hug (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) is another young mare we are getting going here and is a half-sister to Besotted. She had a colt foal by Shalaa (Ire) and she is going to Night Of Thunder (Ire). Similarly **Over The Moon (Ire)** is a winning Invincible Spirit (Ire) 4-year-old mare out of Hit The Sky and she goes to Too Darn Hot (GB)."

Unusually for Irish breeders, Brendan and Anne Marie Hayes almost exclusively send their fillies to France to be trained, supporting the likes of Fabrice Chappet, Philippe Sogorb and Robert Collet.

Outlining their reasons for such a policy Hayes said, "It's for historic reasons mainly but we've become friends with the trainers and because they have been handling several generations of the families they know the progeny and it seems to work well. The prize-money is slightly better and Anne Marie is French also so it gives us an excuse to go over there on a regular basis. That said, we do have two 2-year-olds in England this year with Andrew Balding so we will see how that works out."

It is hard to argue with any of the Knocktoran policies whether it is matings, stock rearing, training or even race planning and with such carefully managed pedigree foundations in place, it is a nursery that is likely to stand the test of time for generations to come.

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Breeders Sought for Foal Research Project Cont. from p1

Of the developmental disorders measured, stifle OCD was found to have the biggest negative impact on both sales price and racing careers.

Polly Bonnor, director of Saracen Horse Feeds, said, "We need as much data as possible to have larger populations for statistical significance, and to fully appreciate the regional, environmental and seasonal differences in the findings. This way, we can try to examine how at-risk foals can be identified earlier, and whether management and feeding practices can be modified to reduce the incidence of problems. Gender differences can be investigated alongside the month of birth, and international variations in where and how they were raised can be studied to better understand the effects of climate and seasonality. Dr. Pagan's goal is to recognise factors affecting growth and disease internationally, and to help us to apply that knowledge to raise better racehorses."

She added, "I will be coordinating with European breeders, Megan Garzillo from Hallway Feeds will be doing the same with breeders in the U.S., and Peter Huntington from KER will be liaising with Australian breeders. Farms can get involved without being Saracen or Hallway clients—if they weigh and measure their young stock and have the relevant radiographs, then they can play a part." Cont. p5



Saracen's Polly Bonnor | Tattersalls

Breeders Sought for Foal Research Project Cont.

It is intended that the findings will be presented at the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's annual seminar in Newmarket in the summer of 2021.

For further information on the study, or to become involved in the project, breeders can contact Dr. Joe Pagan on pagan@ker.com or Polly Bonnor on Polly.Bonnor@SaracenHorseFeeds.co.uk.

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"If nothing else, it confirmed which way we'll go this year and it looks like we'll try to turn her into a Commonwealth Cup filly. She had an extra month off because of going to America, but she's been back a couple of weeks now and looks in great order. She won't take a lot of getting ready, but we won't rush her."

He added, "I haven't spoken to the owners, but there's a listed race for fillies at Chelmsford at the end of April she could start in or one of the Commonwealth trials--the [G3] Pavilion or the [G2] Sandy Lane. I think she'll just have the one run before Royal Ascot, but at this stage everything is up in the air."

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LIVING IN THE PAST TARGETS **COMMONWEALTH**

G2 Lowther winner Living In The Past (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle (GB)) has the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot as her first main aim in 2020. Karl Burke's filly ended her first season at the Breeders' Cup, but she failed to get home over a mile, confirming her future lies over sprinting trips.

Burke has identified a couple of possible starting points before the Clipper Logistics colourbearer heads to Ascot in June and said, "She didn't stay at the Breeders' Cup. It was a bit of a shot in the dark and the owners love the Breeders' Cup, so we were keen to give it a go.



Living in the Past | Racing Post

ARC MAKES NEW SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Bradley Hunt and Alex Slade have been appointed to the roles of chief finance officer and general counsel, respectively, of the Arena Racing Company (ARC), the company announced on Monday. Both are new roles within ARC, and form part of the senior management team. They will answer to ARC Chief Executive Martin Cruddace and the ARC Board.

Hunt, previously with Collinson Group as a finance director, has also worked in the past for Cinime, Pias Entertainment Group and Rapp Ltd. He will oversee all financial affairs of the company and its subsidiaries.

Slade, who will take the lead on all elements of corporate governance and legal affairs, will join ARC from Eleven Sports Network, where he is currently Head of Legal. His earlier work experience includes a role with BT Sport as Head of Legal (Sport) and legal counsel at Nickelodeon UK Ltd. Slade also serves as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the British Judo Association and is on the advisory board of LawInSport.

Also, ARC Corporate Development Director Kevin Robertson is now the Managing Director (Media and International) and is in charge of product delivery to online and international partners, as well as management of ARC subsidiaries including Vermantia and i-neda.

"The appointments of Bradley and Alex represent a significant step forward for ARC as an organisation, as we position ourselves for sustainable, long term growth," said ARC Chief Executive Martin Cruddace. "They will both bring significant strengths and experience to our senior management team, which will be of huge benefit across all areas of the company. We are always striving to approach future challenges head on and these recent appointments, along with the now complete restructure, will allow us to do this."

BHA UNVEILS EIGHT EQUINE WELFARE VIDEOS

Eight short films discussing some of the common questions regarding equine welfare were released by the British Horseracing Authority on Monday. The films, featuring National Hunt jockey Tom Scudamore and BHA vet Sally Taylor, cover some commonly asked questions about equine welfare like "What happens when a horse falls?" and "What is the life of a racehorse like?" The videos will be displayed on big screens and CCTV across British racecourses, beginning with Carlisle, Lingfield and Kempton Park on Monday.

Previews of the eight videos can be viewed below:

- What is the life of a racehorse like?
- Is it fair to ask horses to race?
- How does racing benefit the horse and wider society?
- How much importance does racing place on horse welfare?
- What does the sport do to make racing as safe as possible?
- What happens when a horse falls?
- What is a whip and why is it used?
- What happens to horses when they finish racing? (Featuring Alice Plunkett)

"I was pleased to be able to take part in these videos," said Scudamore. "I feel very passionately about what I do and about the close connection that I have with the horses that I ride. I want to be able to help share that message and show the public that the horses are the most important part of this sport for everyone who works in it."

Added Dr. Taylor, "While everyone who works in British racing is aware of the remarkably high welfare standards that exist within the sport, it is not necessarily the case that everyone who visits racecourses has full knowledge or understanding of just how well cared for our horses are, and what lengths the sport goes to in order to keep them safe.

"As a vet I can say with confidence that racehorses are extremely well cared for. Over 5.6m people visited British racetracks in 2019--these videos are designed to inform and educate those racegoers about the lives that racehorses lead."

For more information on the videos, go to www.bha.co.uk.

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Kempton, £**6,000, Cond**, 2-17, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:27.58, st/sl.

GODHEAD (GB) (c, 4, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Hello Glory {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Zamindar) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$11,434. O-Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Mrs M E Slade (GB); T-John Gosden. *85,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sir Oliver (Ire), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Folga (GB) (SP-Eng, \$140,774), by Atraf (GB). Kempton, 2-17, 5f (AWT), 1:00.08.

B-Yeomanstown Stud & Doc Bloodstock (IRE). *115,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. **Full to Mecca's Angel (Ire), Hwt. Older Horse-Eur at 5-7f, 2x Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 5-7f, MG1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, GSW-Ire, \$999,035; and Markaz (Ire), MGSW-Eng & GSP-Ger, \$255,709.

Wise Eagle (Ire), g, 3, Free Eagle (Ire)--Best Be Careful (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Lingfield, 2-17, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.85. B-John Costello & Irish National Stud (IRE). *25,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; €20,000 RNA Ylg '18 TIRSEP; £20,000 2yo '19 TATABR.

Cinzento (Ire), g, 4, Lawman (Fr)--Silver Samba (GB), by
Dalakhani (Ire). Kempton, 2-17, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:38.81. B-R G
& T E Levin (IRE). *12,500gns Ylg '17 TATYEA.



IN JAPAN:

Land Ruler (Ire), c, 4, Rulership (Jpn)--Alderney, by Elusive Quality. Kokura, 2-15, Cond. (£145k/€174k), 6fT. Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-1, \$248,273. O/B-Godolphin; T-Keizo Ito. *1/2 to Dover (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn}), MSW-Jpn, \$1,353,734.



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Cumulative Leading Third-Crop Sires by GSWs

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Feb. 16.

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	ВТН	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters V	Vnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings	
1	No Nay Never	18	29	9	16	1	5	149	84	948,926	6,190,341	
	(2011) by Scat Daddy FY	R: 2016		Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €150,000 Ten Sovereigns						Ire)		
2	Kingman (GB)	17	28	6	21	1	2	169	97	905,629	5,466,167	
	(2011) by Invincible Spiri	t (Ire) FY	R: 2016	Stand	s: Banste	ead Mand	or Stud Ei	ng Fee: £1.	50,000) Persian King (Ire)	
3	Australia (GB)	9	15	6	9		4	150	60	414,683	3,251,294	
	(2011) by Galileo (Ire) FY	'R: 2016		Stands	Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €27,500					Sir Ron Priestley (GB)		
4	Sea the Moon (Ger)	8	18	5	10		1	106	56	235,632	2,562,167	
	(2011) by Sea the Stars (Ire) FYR:	2016	Stand	s: Lanwa	ıdes Stud	Eng Fee	: £15,000		Privilegiado (GB)		
5	Charm Spirit (Ire)	2	9	2	4			144	79	94,012	2,479,678	
	(2011) by Invincible Spiri	t (Ire) FY	R: 2016	Stand	s: Tween	hills Stua	Eng Fee	e: £8,500		Kick On (GB)		
6	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	3	3	2	3		1	111	48	187,555	1,213,407	
	(2010) by Exceed and Exce	el (Aus) F	YR: 2016	Stands	: Rathas	ker Stud I	lre Fee:	€12,000		Living In The Pas	st (Ire)	
7	Garswood (GB)	2	2	2	2			74	26	142,212	759,214	
	(2010) by Dutch Art (GB)	FYR: 20	16	Stands	: Haras d	de la Hud	erie Fr F	ee: €5,000)	Cala Tarida (GB)		
8	Ruler of the World (Ire)	1	2	1	1	1	1	46	17	1,988,198	2,246,250	
	(2010) by Galileo (Ire) FY	R: 2016		Stands	: Haras d	de Bouqu	etot Fr F	ee: €6,000)	Iridessa (Ire)		
9	Olympic Glory (Ire)	3	8	1	4	1	2	118	52	570,596	2,212,784	
(2010) by Choisir (Aus) FYR: 2016			Stands	: Haras d	de Bouqu	etot Fr F	ee: €10,00	00	Watch Me (Fr)			
10	Anodin (Ire)	2	6	1	3		1	113	45	146,285	2,080,023	
	(2010) by Anabaa FYR: 2	016		Stands	Stands: Haras du Quesnay Fr Fee: €12,000)	Harmless (Fr)			
11	Slade Power (Ire)	1	6	1	2		1	121	49	317,934	1,759,977	
	(2009) by Dutch Art (GB)	FYR: 20	16	Stand	Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €7,500				Raffle Prize (Ire)			
12	Alhebayeb (Ire)	3	3	1	2			121	45	137,514	1,432,583	
	(2010) by Dark Angel (Ire	e) FYR: 2	016	Stand	Stands: Tara Stud Ire Fee: €5,000					Talk Or Listen (Ire)		
13	Mukhadram (GB)	2	4	1	2			102	48	193,605	1,076,323	
	(2009) by Shamardal FYF	R: 2016		Stands	: Nunnei	ry Stud Ei	ng Fee: £	26,000		A Bit Special (GE	3)	
14	Kuroshio (Aus)	1	4	1	2			20	8	91,249	351,134	
	(2010) by Exceed and Exce	el (Aus) F	YR: 2016	Stands	: Starfiel	ld Stud Ire	e Fee:€	6,000		Kurious (GB)		
15	Toronado (Ire)	4	10		4			135	74	85,592	2,331,295	
	(2010) by High Chaparra	l (Ire) FY	R: 2016	Stands	: Haras d	de Bouqu	etot Fr F	ee: €8,000)	Droit de Parole (Ire)	

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CON TE PARTIRO SHINES IN TRIAL



Con Te Partiro winning at Royal Ascot | *Racing Post*

By Bren O'Brien

Stakes winning imported mare **Con Te Partiro (USA)** (Scat Daddy {USA}) showed she was ready for a strong autumn campaign with a narrow win in a Randwick trial on Monday.

Con Te Partiro, who was purchased out of the USA in 2018 by the current ownership, including Newgate Farm, won the G3 Dark Jewel S. at Scone last May and visited Zoustar in October but having missed to the Widden Stud stallion, has returned to racing for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

Having her second trial of the campaign, she sat outside the early pace in the heat for group and listed horses over 1000 metres and narrowly defeated the G2 Villiers S. winner **Quackerjack** (Not A Single Doubt) in a time of :59.33s.

Peter and Paul Snowden's promising filly **California Zimbol** (I Am Invincible) worked home well for third and is nearing a racetrack return after her second strong trial performance this campaign. Stablemate **I Am Superman (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) finished fourth in another good showing ahead of his anticipated debut for his new stable.

Top class New Zealand filly **Probabeel (NZ)** (Savabeel), making her first appearance in Australia this autumn, finished fifth in the trial having won the Karaka 3YO Million at her most recent start and is headed to the G1 Surround S. at her next start.

Group 1 winning sprinter **Pierata** (Pierro) made his first public appearance since his win in the Redzel S. in November and was given a very quiet time of it by jockey Tommy Berry, sitting back last throughout before passing just one runner in the run home and finishing ninth. It is expected that the Greg Hickman-trained 5-year-old will resume in the G1 Galaxy S. next month before tackling the G1 TJ Smith S. and the G1 All Aged S. later in the autumn.

There were three 2-year-old trials over the 1050 metres, with the fastest of them taken out by the Snowden-trained **Argenteus** (Written Tycoon) in 1:02.87.

Argenteus, the highest priced Written Tycoon yearling of 2019 with James Harron buying him for \$900,000 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, relished the early pace set by **Time Is Precious** (Snitzel) and powered clear to win by a clear 21.

Stablemate **Aim** (Star Witness) also finished off well to claim second and he's back on a campaign towards the autumn 2-year-old features after suffering his first defeat when eighth in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic last month.

The Snowdens also claimed the quinella in an earlier trial with as yet unraced filly **Stunning To Win** (Outreach) defeating stablemate **Close To Me** (I Am Invincible) in the first of the 2-year-old trials, which was run in 1:03.63.

The Bjorn Baker-trained **Able Arm** (Pierro), edged out the Chris Waller-prepared **Castlecomer** (Outreach) in an on-pace dominated eighth trial of the morning session.

Stellar Pauline (Not A Single Doubt), last seen when second in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, won her 742 metre heat comfortably in :43.93s.



Probabeel | Bronwen Healy



Stellar Pauline | Bronwen Healy

On what was a strong morning for the Snowden juveniles, Surething To Win (I Am Invincible) also won her heat ahead of stablemate So Far Away (Snitzel) in :44.31s.

The first of the 2-year-old fillies' heats over the 742 metres was won by Waterhouse and Bott's **Dubai Star** (Pride Of Dubai) narrowly over the Baker-trained Hybrid Theory (Brazen Beau) in a time of :43.49s.

There were also two colts' trials over the 740 metres with John Thompson's Mamaragan (Wandjina) winning the first comfortably in :44.27s.

Postcode (Vancouver) was an easy winner of the other colts trial coasting to a 21 win in a time of 44.00s for Waterhouse and Bott. Postcode has been placed both of his starts to date in the G3 Breeders' Plate and the Victory Vein S.

Earlier in the session the veteran sprinter **Ball Of Muscle** (Dubawi {Ire}) dominated his trial defeating Evening Slippers (Snitzel) by 1.8l, clocking :43.08s for the 742 metres. Pretty in Pink (Sebring) finished off strongly to grab third place.

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