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## THE TDN KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR FEBRUARY 20




**Finite** | Hodges

by Bill Finley

While the GI Kentucky Oaks will always be overshadowed by the GI Kentucky Derby, this year's Oaks has nothing to apologize for. Through the early round of prep races, it appears that the 2020 Oaks will include one of the deepest and most talented lineups in the race's history. That's still the case after the **tragic loss of Taraz** (Into Mischief), who had to be euthanized after suffering an injury in a workout Monday at Oaklawn Park. The early round of preps have produced some outstanding performances and several top 3-year-old fillies will be heard from soon. After a quiet weekend coming up, Gulfstream's Feb. 29 GII Davona Dale S. should determine leadership among South Florida-based fillies.

### 1) FINITE (Munnings--Remit, by Tapit)

 O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Thomas Reiman, William Dickson & Deborah Easter. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Steven Asmussen. Sales History: \$200,000 2yo '19 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 7-5-2-0, \$638,349. Last Start: 1st GII Rachel Alexandra S., FG, Feb. 15  
Accomplishments Include: 1st GII Golden Rod S.; 1st Silverbulletday S.; 1st Rags to Riches S.  
Next Start: GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 21  
EquineLine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 70.

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## FAIRFACE GETS A SECOND CHANCE IN BEN'S STALL by Sue Finley


Trying to come to terms with the death of a family member or loved one is one of the hardest parts of the human experience. The illness and passing of TDN News and Features Editor Ben's Massam left us all bereft, and as we struggled to make sense of a senseless loss, we looked to find an appropriate way to remember him and allow his memory to help those who needed help in the industry he loved. ([Read his story here.](#))

We settled on the New Vocations Sponsor-A-Stall program, where retired racehorses can get a second lease on life and train for a new career in stalls sponsored by industry participants. Stalls are available to sponsor at \$10,000 for 10 years, which has provided New Vocations capital funds for expansion.

Four stalls have been named in memory of loved ones: Olivia Saylor, Rick Violette, Ann Britt and now Ben's. His stall was paid for by a **Gofundme campaign** which raised over \$15,000 from his friends, co-workers, family, and industry participants, many of whom had never met him but who were moved by his story.

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY


**G1SW GHAIYYATH RETURNS AT MEYDAN** Godolphin G1SW Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) returns to action in the Dubai Millennium S. at Meydan on Thursday. It is one of four group races on the card. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)



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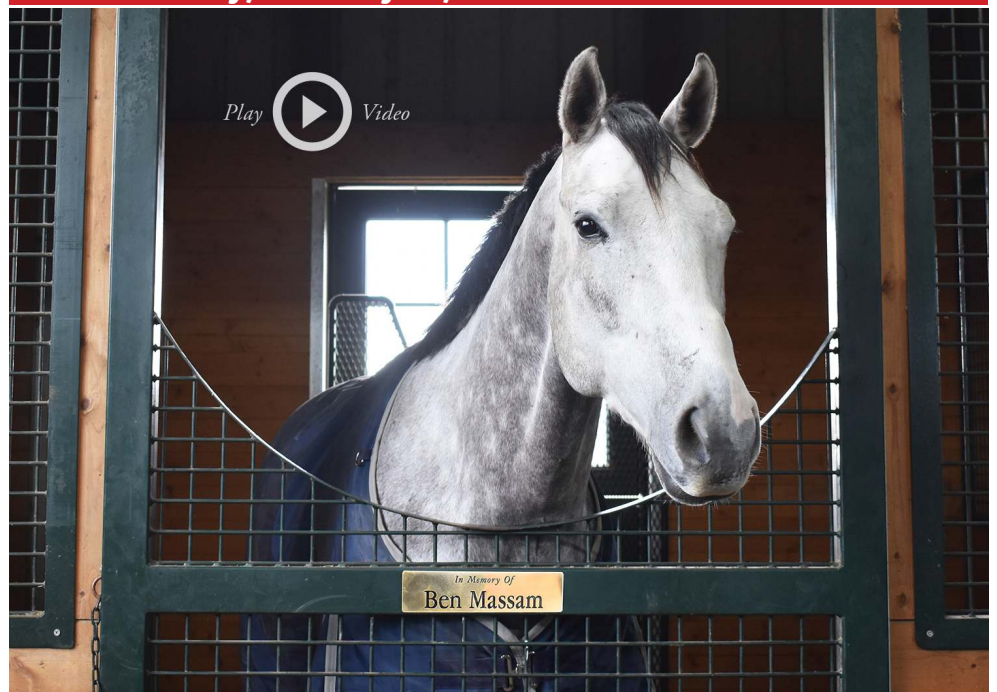
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*Fairface was bred and owned by Wertheimer & Frere, trained by Todd Pletcher, and is by the country's leading sire, Tapit. His dam once sold for \$3.1 million. With a pedigree and connections like that, he arrived at the barn with the highest of expectations. But when it turned out that he wasn't going to make it on the track, his owners and trainers did the right thing, by the horse and the industry in general, and retired him to New Vocations, with a donation to ensure his retraining and rehoming. This beautiful boy is now in the stall sponsored through the donations to honor the memory of our late TDN colleague, Ben Massam. | New Vocations*

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## Fairface Gets a Second Chance *(cont. from p1)*

“Those stalls really mean a lot to us here,” said Anna Ford, the Thoroughbred Program Director at New Vocations in Lexington, Kentucky. “Every stall means a lot. But when you walk by a stall that’s sponsored in somebody’s honor--honoring their life and their memory--it just means a lot more. And it means a lot to see the horses that are thriving in those stalls.”

There was every reason to believe that Fairface, now living in Ben’s stall at New Vocations, would thrive at the racetrack. A son of the perennial leading sire Tapit, he was bred by Wertheimer et Frere, who paid \$3.1 million for his dam, the Storm Cat mare Honest Pursuit, at the 2009 Keeneland November sale. Honest Pursuit was bred by Juddmonte Farms, and his full-sister is the graded stakes placed Amertume.



**Click above to watch our video on Fairface and Ben’s Stall.**

He was sent to Todd Pletcher, but when he hadn’t made it to the races by the beginning of his 4-year-old year, the decision was made to send him to New Vocations.

“He was in training with Todd Pletcher at Palm Beach Downs and Todd sent us a message as he often does when he has a horse that he wants to retire,” said Ford. “He said, ‘I’ve got this really nice horse, he’s just had some minor setbacks and would he fit your program?’ And we went through all the details and [thought] absolutely he would fit. He was owned by the Wertheimers, who have been great supporters of ours.”

Ford said that Fairface is exactly the type of horse they hope to get at New Vocations--one whose owners realized that for whatever reason, it was time to stop persevering with a racing career. Too often, that happens when it’s too late and when a horse’s injuries severely limit the kind of post-racing career a horse can have. Injuries also drive up the cost and the time of rehabilitating a horse, limiting the numbers that rescues can process.



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"All of us have, at some stage, a racehorse that can't fit the racing program anymore and we appreciate the opportunity offered by New Vocations," said Pierre-Yves Bureau, the racing manager for Wertheimer et Frere. "It's important for people who are not involved in the business to understand that we love and respect our horses. That's why we are proud and happy to offer them a second career."

Thus far, Fairface appears to making the most of his second chance. He is working on his socialization skills, balance and fitness and had a visit from a masseuse to work out the tightness in his muscles.



Ben Massam at Saratoga in 2018 | *Patty Wolfe photo*

"I think we're starting to really see what he can do, and it's looking pretty good," said Leandra Cooper, the Facility Manager and Thoroughbred trainer at New Vocations. "Tapits have a little bit of a reputation and people see who their dad is and they're like, 'Oh, boy.' It might be a little bit more complicated, but I think that those are the horses who tend to be most special."

Cooper said that matching such a horse to the proper rider and environment is key to his future success.

"If you can take a horse who is really smart and does his own opinions and might just have a little bit more of an ego and get him on the same team as you and you can develop together, then those end up being really, really special horses,"

she said. "I think that's the situation we have with Fairface. He is very smart. He learned how to open his own door within the first day, and he is really playful. He loves attention and he wants to connect with people, but he always wants to be a step ahead."

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Cooper said that the same qualities that will make him “a really awesome athlete” will also provide some challenges to the wrong rider.

“I could easily see the Tapit babies having that sort of bias against them, because they would rise to meet the challenge rather than back down from it,” said Cooper. “He is a really sweet horse, and just needs somebody who can engage that and utilize it and harness it in a productive sort of way.”



Fairface at New Vocations

For Fairface, an active career is key, she said.

“He could be a really stellar jumper, an eventer, or you could develop him into a nice show hunter. I think he could definitely excel in that show environment, rather than a more low-key home, where he might not be mentally stimulated enough.”

Cooper said that she believed that Fairface would be “scooped up” as soon as he is listed for adoption on the New Vocations site, which should be soon.

“We're just starting to see all that he's capable of, but even so far, he is a star,” she said. “He thrives in that sort of setting where all eyes are on him. He definitely does not shy away from those sorts of situations. He's not intimidated by it. He thinks, ‘This is how it should be. All eyes on me.’”

Ford agreed. “We were really excited to get him,” she said. “He's the type of horse that we always like to get, but we rarely get. It would've been very easy for him to have been sold privately and maybe raced at a lower-end track, but obviously the owners race at a certain level and decided that the right thing to do was to retire him early and let him go on to be a really nice show horse.”

Said Bureau, “I didn't know Ben myself but I can imagine he was an important member of the TDN team and you must be proud to have his name remembered through the New Vocations program.” We are, Pierre. We are.

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### Kentucky Oaks Top 10 (cont. from p1)

Finite has won five in a row overall, four straight stakes and handily beat the 2019 Juvenile Filly champion in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Though it was Eclipse Award winner British Idiom's first race since the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Finite looked like the better horse at Fair Grounds, winning by a decisive 4 3/4 lengths. While the New Orleans route to the Derby has largely ended in disappointment, the route to the Oaks has been among the most productive in racing. Over the last 15 years, eight Oaks winners have come out of New Orleans. With all his filly has going for her, trainer Steve Asmussen believes it's important that she continue to improve.

"This time of year with the 3-year-olds you need to be better the next time," he said. "I think she was better (in the Rachel Alexandra) than she was in the Silverbulletday and we will need to continue to improve to end up where we want, which is her winning the Kentucky Oaks."

She could have a rematch with British Idiom in the Mar. 21 GII Fair Grounds Oaks, where a victory could cement her status as the Kentucky Oaks favorite. Finite is nominated to the Triple Crown, but her connections have said so far that the Oaks is the definite goal.

### 2) VENETIAN HARBOR (Munnings--Sounds of the City, by Street Cry {Ire})

O-Ciaglia Racing LLC, Highland Yard LLC, River Oak Farm & Dominic Savides. B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY). T-Richard Baltas. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$205,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$163,400.

Last Start: 1st GII Las Virgenes S., SA, Feb. 8

Next Start: GII Santa Anita Oaks, SA, Apr. 4

Equineline PPs. KY Oaks Points: 10.

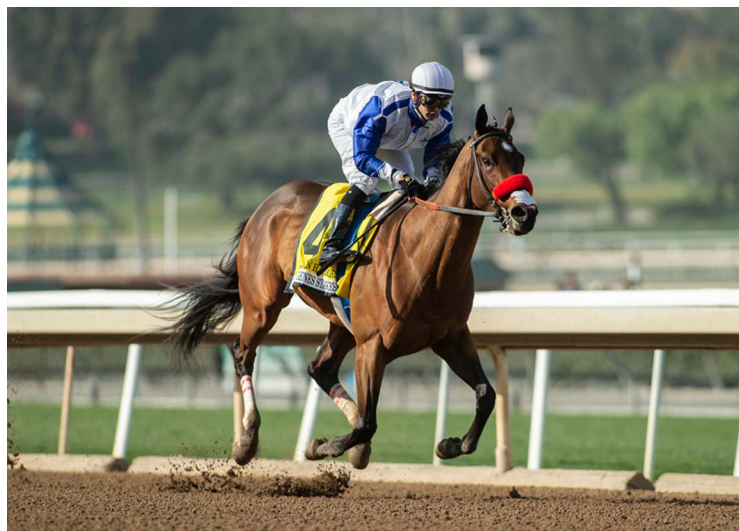
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Quite a coup for the Coolmore stallion Munnings as his offspring have landed in the top two spots in the first-ever TDN Kentucky Oaks Top 10.


Venetian Harbor began her career with a second-place finish on the grass in a maiden special weight race in November at Del Mar. It wasn't until trainer Richard Baltas tried the dirt with her that she showed her potential. She crushed her opponents, winning a 6 1/2-furlong maiden at Santa Anita by 10 3/4 lengths. A stiffer test came in the GII Las Virgenes S., and she handled it easily with an electrifying 9 1/4-length win.

For her, there are still some questions that have to be answered. There are several other top Oaks threats in California and most of the top fillies stayed away from the Las Virgenes. That's one of the reasons Venetian Harbor was sent off at 3-10 in the race. How will Venetian Harbor fare when she faces tougher company? And, so far, Venetian Harbor has relied on her early speed to just run away from her opponents. Depending on who else shows up and how much speed there is in the race, that sort of style may not be a good fit for the mile-and-an-eighth Oaks.



Venetian Harbor | Benoit

**3) BRITISH IDIOM (f, Flashback--Rose and Shine, by Mr. Sekiguchi)**

 O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant), Madaket Stables LLC & Bethlehem Stables LLC. B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton and Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$40,000 yrl '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly & MGISW, 4-3-1-0, \$1,441,250.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Rachel Alexandra S.**, FG, Feb. 15  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**; 1st **GI Darley Alcibiades S.**

Next Start: GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 21 or GI Ashland S., KEE, Apr. 4

EquineLine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 50.

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Her connections are looking for an improved effort next time out after the 2019 champion 2-year-old filly finished second in her 2020 debut behind Finite in the Rachel Alexandra. It was her first start since the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and she was wide on both turns, but she was clearly second best.


Nonetheless, her connections were pleased with the effort.

"It was a fantastic effort on her behalf," trainer Brad Cox said. "[Finite] has had three races since we ran in our last race. I'm very pleased with our filly, I really, really am. She was wide on both turns, ran on down the lane and got a little tired late. I thought that was something that would come into play."

She will need to improve to beat Finite or some of the other top fillies in this division. There is no reason why she can't. But if not, she wouldn't be the first filly who flattened out after her juvenile campaign while others caught up to and passed her.

British Idiom could emerge as a sentimental favorite after the congenial Cox tragically lost his other top 3-year-old filly, Taraz.

**4) BAST (Uncle Mo--Laffina, by Arch)**

 O-Baoma Corporation. B-BlackRidge Stables LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$200,000 wlg '17 KEENOV; \$500,000 yrl '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 6-4-1-1, \$852,200.

Last Start: 1st **GII Santa Ynez S.**, SA, Jan. 5  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Starlet S.**; 1st **GI Chandelier S.**; 1st **GI Del Mar Debutante S.**; 3rd **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**  
 Next Start: Undetermined

EquineLine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 34.

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What would a "road to" list be without a Bob Baffert-trained horse?

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Bast leads all members of her division in terms of Grade I wins with three, and kicked off her 3 year-old campaign with a win in the GII Santa Ynez S. A \$500,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, the only thing standing between her and a higher rating is her third-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Baffert has not divulged where he plans to run her next and she's only had one workout since the Santa Ynez. If she doesn't show up on the worktab within the next few weeks, we may have to drop her from this list.

**5) DONNA VELOCE (Uncle Mo--Coin Broker {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire})**



'TDN Rising Star' O-Kaleem Shah, S Magnier, M Tabor & D Smith. B-Coin Broker Syndicate (KY). T-S Callaghan. Sales History: \$450,000 yrl '18 KESEEP; \$800,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 3-1-2-0, \$430,000. Last Start: 2nd **GI Starlet S.**, SA, Dec. 7. Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**. Next Start: GIII Santa Ysabel S., SA, Mar. 8. **Equine PPs**. KY Oaks Points: 12.

She wasn't good enough to beat British Idiom in the Juvenile Fillies or Bast in the GI Starlet S., but she came close both times, losing the Breeders' Cup by a neck and the Starlet by a half-length. She need only improve a little bit in order to find her way to the winner's circle against the best of her division.

An \$800,000 purchase at Fasig-Tipton's Florida Select 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, she had had only one start, at 6 1/2 furlongs, before trainer Simon Callaghan tried her in the Breeders' Cup. Considering her inexperience and that she had only sprinted, it was an impressive showing and indicated that she should improve as she gains experience.

Trainer Simon Callaghan is taking his time with this filly as she won't make her 3-year-old debut until March and, through Feb. 14, had only two published workouts. The most recent was a four furlong work in :49 2/5 at Los Alamitos.

Like Bast, she is by Uncle Mo, also a Coolmore sire.



Donna Veloce | Benoit

**6) WICKED WHISPER (Liam's Map--Zayanna, by Bernardini)**

'TDN Rising Star' O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$500,000 yrl '18 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-2-0-0, \$329,500.

Last Start: 5th **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**, SA, Nov. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Frizette S.**, BEL, Oct. 6

Next Start: GIII Honeybee S., OP, Mar. 7

**Equine PPs**. KY Oaks Points: 10.



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Is she the filly who was an easy winner last year of the GI Frizette S. or the filly who was a non-threatening fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at odds of 7-2?

For now, she will have to take a backseat to stablemate Finite, but that could change. The win in the Frizette was not a fluke and she is in the very capable hands of trainer Steve Asmussen. She also was among the more impressive maiden winners last year at Saratoga, where she won at first asking by 6 1/4 lengths to earn a 'TDN Rising Star' nod.

Wicked Whisper has been working steadily at Fair Grounds for Asmussen. Slated to make her next start in the GIII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn, Wicked Whisper should answer some questions in her next start.

**7) LAKE AVENUE (Tapit--Seventh Street, by Street Cry {Ire})**

O/B-Godolphin (KY). T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$191,000.

Last Start: 1st **GII Demoiselle S.**, AQU, Dec. 7

Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Feb. 29 or GIII Honeybee S., OP, Mar. 7

**Equine PPs**. KY Oaks Points: 10.

Trainer Bill Mott isn't known for having top 2-year-olds, but he had one last year in Lake Avenue, a Godolphin homebred. She broke her maiden on Nov. 14 in her second career start, winning by 12 1/4 lengths and followed that with an impressive win in the GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct. Knowing how Mott takes his time bringing his horses along, this one probably hasn't shown her best yet.

"We've tried not to overdo it with her," Mott said. "She's done what she has done with a normal training schedule and she brought us to those races. We didn't push her into them."

Lake Avenue has been a regular on the worktab at Mott's winter base, Payson Park.

Lake Avenue may not be the best horse in the field if she makes it to the Kentucky Oaks, but she could be the best-bred. Her dam is Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}), the winner of the 2009 GI Apple Blossom H. and the 2009 GI Go for Wand H. In addition to Lake Avenue, she produced 2015 GI Malibu S. winner Marking (Bernardini).

**8) SPICE IS NICE (Curlin--Dame Dorothy, by Bernardini)**  
 'TDN Rising Star' O-Lawana L. & Robert E. Low. B-B. Flay Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History: \$1,050,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. Last Start: 1st Maiden Special Weight, GP, Jan. 12  
 Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Feb. 29

Equine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 0.

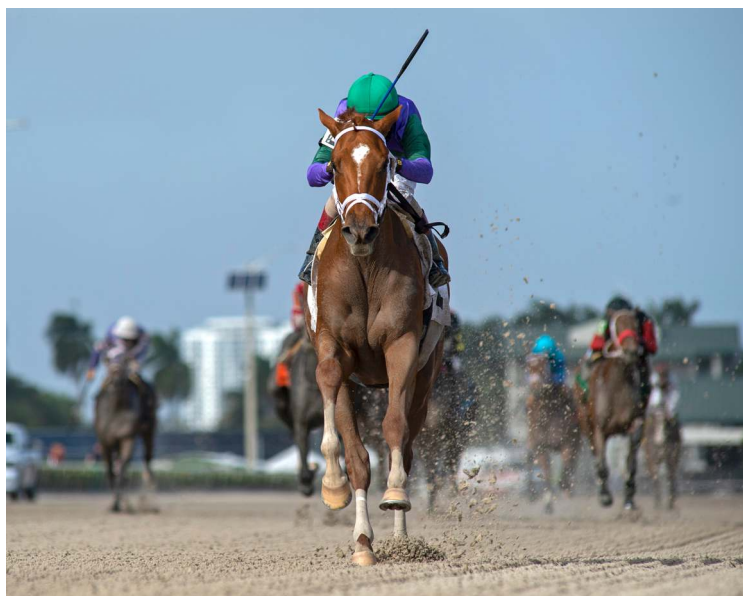
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The unknown commodity among those eyeing the Kentucky Oaks, she is arguably the most impressive 3-year-old filly maiden winner so far at the Gulfstream meet. A \$1.05-million purchase at the 2018 Keeneland September Sale, she lived up to her price tag when cruising to a 12-length win in her debut Jan. 12.

With his horse not debuting until January and having had only one start, trainer Todd Pletcher is playing catch-up, but he doesn't see any reason why his filly won't be able to handle stakes company.

"Right now, we're keeping all of our options open, including the Davona Dale," he said. "We're not trying to rush into anything, but she was very impressive in her debut. It was a quality race, the type of race where you wouldn't rule out jumping right into a stakes race."

The talent is there. But will her inexperience cost her?



Spice Is Nice | Ryan Thompson

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**9) HARVEY'S LIL GOIL (American Pharoah--Gloria S, by Tapit)**  
 O-Estate of Harvey A. Clarke & Paul Braverman. B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY). T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-0, \$96,600. Last Start: 1st Busanda S., AQU, Feb. 2  
 Next Start: GII Gazelle S., AQU, Apr. 4  
 Equine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 10.

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With three starts, a maiden win and a stakes win, on paper, she looks a lot like stablemate Lake Avenue. Both have also won at nine furlongs.

Harvey's Lil Goil made her way into the Kentucky Oaks Top 10 with a runaway win in the Feb. 2 Busanda S. at Aqueduct. Because the Busanda is an ungraded stakes run in the middle of the winter in New York, it's fair to question the quality of the competition she beat, but she certainly did it the right way, winning by 7 1/2 lengths after hesitating at the start.

She's still got a lot to prove and needs points to guarantee a spot in the Oaks, but Mott is not going to push her.

"She won the Busanda off a seven-week layoff and with little training," he said. "I think she will be ready to run in the Gazelle. I'm thinking that if I put two more races into her before the Oaks it would be more than necessary. I want to save enough horse because she might be an Alabama-type filly because it looks like distance is not an issue for her. I want to save something for a little later in the year."

**10) TONALIST'S SHAPE (Tonalist--Hitechnoweenie, by Harlan's Holiday)**

O-Slam Dunk Racing, Doug Branham & Legacy Ranch, Inc. B-Sabana Farm (KY). T-Saffie Joseph, Jr. Sales History: \$45,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP; \$60,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-4-0-0, \$190,350.

Last Start: 1st GIII Forward Gal S., GP, Feb. 1

Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Feb. 29

Equine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 10.

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Tonalist's Shape is undefeated in four career starts and hails from one of the hottest barns in racing, that of Saffie Joseph, Jr. After winning the one-mile Hut Hut S., Joseph shortened her up for a start in the seven-furlong GIII Forward Gal S. It was another easy win, but a lot of people jumped off her bandwagon after she was given a Beyer figure of just 70 for the race.

She's obviously faster than that, but she will have to prove it when facing tougher in the Davona Dale at one mile. With a win, she'll still have to answer the question of two turns having gone through five lifetime starts with all her races around one turn. Joseph has said his filly is not just a sprinter. We shall see.

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## PREACH DIES

Claiborne Farm's broodmare **Preach** (Mr. Prospector--Narrate, by Honest Pleasure), the dam of Pulpit (A.P. Indy), has passed away, according to a tweet from the farm. The 31-year-old mare won the 1991 GI Frizette S. and was third in the 1991 GI Spinaway S. and 1992 GI Test S.

Preach's first foal was Pulpit, who won the 1997 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. and GII Fountain of Youth S. Pulpit retired to Claiborne for the 1998 breeding season and his first crop included G2 U.A.E. Derby and GII Super Derby winner Essence of Dubai. He sired Grade I winners Pyro, Rutherienne, Corinthian, Mr Speaker, Lord Nelson, Ice Box, Purge, Power Broker, Stroll, and Sky Mesa. Pulpit is also the sire of leading sire Tapit, who won the 2004 GI Wood Memorial S.

Preach produced the dam of stakes winner Nunnery, who is the dam of stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed Nun the Less. She also produced the dams of graded stakes winner Wild Shot and Grade I-placed Endless Chatter.

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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.*

### Chance Timm, Lane's End Farm



Chance Timm | Lane's End Farm photo

Implementing The Jockey Club's proposed cap on numbers of mares bred would most certainly boost demand for unproven and moderately priced proven stallions. The overarching problem is the commercialization of breeding Thoroughbreds, but one way to mitigate that would be to implement the cap.

Stallions' ability to breed large numbers of mares has distorted their stud fee values. Horses that breed extraordinarily large books are either underpriced intentionally or perceived in the market as a stallion on the way up that may stand for significantly more in years to come. It's hard for me to speculate on other stallion farms, but more than likely this is not done by accident--it's intentional, either to eat up market share of the mare population, perception in the market, or a philosophy that the quality of mare doesn't really matter and there's just more 'boots on the ground' for the stallion. Either way, such practices only contribute further to an already extremely volatile stallion, yearling and foal market.

Implementing the cap would correct the stud fee market by forcing stallion owners to be very precise on pricing their stallions in order to maximize their revenue. Doing this would also force mare owners to consider other maybe not-so-commercial, but certainly viable, proven and unproven stallions. I believe most breeders are against the commerciality of the breeding industry but are forced to 'play the game' in order to try to be profitable. What would help them be more profitable with these types of stallions is my next point.

If the cap were implemented, yearling buyers would have to look at another stallion's progeny much more closely. They want product. If there aren't 60-70 and sometimes more, yearlings in the September sale by each of the top few proven or first-year stallions that year to choose from, they'll have to look elsewhere and therefore reward breeders who supported the other stallions.

The extreme up and down of number of mares bred for most stallions only exacerbates the problem. Good stallions who have shown their ability never fully reach their potential because they're in a constant cycle of big and small crops. Young stallions that get off to a solid but not extraordinary start are never really given a chance. The market gives up on them before they've really matured and therefore their owners are forced to give up on them since they are deemed unmarketable. The examples of this are endless, ones that we're all aware of. Implementing the cap would not only disperse mare numbers and reduce the volatility of numbers of mares bred but would ultimately be better for the breed, better for breeders and better for stallion owners.

**Have an answer you'd like to submit? Email [suefinley@thetdn.com](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com)**

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# SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 2020  
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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSWs
<b>BRETHREN</b> (Distorted Humor) <i>(Cookie Dough--GIII Royal Delta S.)</i>	4	1
<b>CONSTITUTION</b> (Tapit) <i>(Laura's Light--GIII Sweet Life S.)</i>	5	5
<b>CURLIN</b> (Smart Strike) <i>(Amundson--Hollie Hughes S.)</i>	66	31
<b>EMCEE</b> (Unbridled's Song) <i>(Chowda--Gander S.)</i>	1	---
<b>JUSTIN PHILLIP</b> (First Samurai) <i>(Just Might--Colonel Power S.)</i>	6	1
<b>MUNNINGS</b> (Speightstown) <i>(Warrior's Charge--GIII Razorback H.)</i>	38	16
<b>PALACE MALICE</b> (Curlin) <i>(Mr. Monomoy--GII Risen Star S.)</i>	3	2
<b>PAYNTER</b> (Awesome Again) <i>(Ring Leader--Dixie Belle S.)</i>	10	3
<b>RAISON D'ETAT</b> (A.P. Indy) <i>(Lebda--Miracle Wood S.)</i>	2	---
<b>SQUARE EDDIE</b> (Smart Strike) <i>(An Eddie Surprise--Wishing Well S.)</i>	17	3

**THE FACTOR** (War Front) 28 8  
*(Factor This--GIII Fair Grounds S.;  
Naughty Thoughts--Wide Country S.)*

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**UNCLE MO** (Indian Charlie) 54 29  
*(Modernist--GII Risen Star S.)*

**WAR FRONT** (Danzig) 89 48  
*(Invader--John Battaglia Memorial S.)*

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*Italicized numbers indicate new activity*

*Interested in listing your information in future New SWs tables? Contact [suefinley@thetdn.com](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com)*



## RECORD ENTRIES FOR TEXAS 2YO IN TRAINING SALE

A record number of 175 juveniles have been entered for the Texas Thoroughbred Association's Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park Apr. 3. The under tack show will be held Apr. 1, at 10 a.m. This year's head count is up nearly 35% from last year's 135 (including supplements) and more than double the number in the 2016 sale, which was the first held jointly by the TTA and Lone Star.

"We expected to have more entries after the passage of beneficial legislation in Texas last year, but we were a little surprised by just how much interest there's been from both consignors and buyers," said Mary Ruyle, executive director of the TTA. "We are excited about the two incentive programs related to this sale and the overall increase in purses in Texas and incentives for Accredited Texas-breds."

All graduates of this sale will be eligible for a new purse incentive program for all races this year at Texas tracks. The incentive is available for all graduates, regardless of where they were bred. Sale graduates will also be eligible for the Texas Thoroughbred Futurity at Lone Star this summer with divisions for fillies and colts/geldings offering purses of \$100,000 each.

Among stallions represented: Animal Kingdom, Bodemeister, Candy Ride, Fusaichi Pegasus, Goldencents, Kitten's Joy, Maclean's Music, Overanalyze, Palace, Tapiture, Uncle Mo in addition to regionally prominent sires Astrology, Bradester, Court Vision, Custom for Carlos, Early Flyer, Flat Out, Half Ours and Too Much Bling. For more information, visit

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## TERF LAUNCHES WEBSITE, ANNOUNCES GRANT DEADLINE

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation, a Pennsylvania-based non-profit group dedicated to the support of local, regional, and national organizations promoting education and research to benefit the Thoroughbred, has unveiled a new website at [www.terfusa.org](http://www.terfusa.org). The new website includes 2020 grant application materials. TERF will consider grant applications which focus on Equine Education, Equine Research, Veterinary Medicine Scholarships and the proper care of horses. Applications for grants are due Apr. 1.

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**New Historic Horse Racing machines put on hold with lawsuit ongoing** After getting the okay from the Nebraska State Racing Commission, Fonner Park ordered 50 new historic horse racing machines. Now, they are put on hold as the Attorney General says they are illegal. The discrepancy is whether the Historical Horse Racing machines are more like slot machines or are they still parimutuel. **Danielle Shenk, Nebraska TV**

### AZ Sports Betting Bill, Hopping Through House Committees

The latest bill to legalize gambling on sporting events in Arizona made its first appearance last week and has moved quickly ever since. AZ HB 2813 would make retail sports betting legal which means no mobile platforms would be available in Arizona under this proposal...Historic horse racing is allowed under the bill as a form of sports betting that will be regulated by the Arizona Department of Gaming. Pari-mutuel betting is mentioned as being part of the package as well. The sponsors of the bill are Sen. Sonny Borrelli and Rep. Steve Pierce, the same sponsors for a second sports betting bill in Arizona, AZ SB 1525, which has stalled out after its second reading on the Senate floor February 5. **Christina Monroe, [www.legalsportsbetting.com](http://www.legalsportsbetting.com)**

### Kentucky sports betting bill facing new challenges

A bill legalizing sports betting in Kentucky has gained wide bipartisan support but has also recently been hit with a series of amendments that could make it much harder to get passed. Multiple Republican lawmakers have attached nearly a dozen amendments to House Bill 137 that would legalize sports betting at Kentucky horse tracks and the Kentucky Speedway. Mobile sports bets on smartphones also would be legalized under the proposed bill. **Marty Finley, Louisville Business First [www.bizjournals.com](http://www.bizjournals.com)**

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**LUCY N ETHEL**, 7, During--Kid Silver, by Silver Ghost  
Foal born Jan. 19, a filly by Quality Road.  
Will be bred back to Curlin.  
Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds.  
Accomplishments: MGSW of \$394,855.

**CAJUN DELTA DAWN**, 6, Kantharos--Cajun Dawn, by Awesome Again

Foal born Jan. 25, a colt by Curlin.  
Will be bred back to Nyquist.  
Owned by Curtis Mikkelsen and Patricia Horth.  
Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$488,105.

**PRIVACY**, 16, Notebook--Private Fun, by Private Account

Foal born Feb. 12, a filly by Mendelssohn.  
Will be bred back to Omaha Beach.  
Owned by Lambholm.  
Boarded at Sequel New York.  
Accomplishments: Dam of Ancient Secret (Kantharos), GSW, \$439,434; Jais's Solitude (Afleet Alex), GSP, \$131,593.



**After a winter that has seen more rain than snow in Kentucky, Moonshine Memories and her Justify foal remember what sunshine feels like as they enjoy a sip of water together at Ashford Stud on Monday.**



**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**

**BUENA VISTA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jolie Olimpica (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	122
2	Carressa 🌿	Uncle Mo	Mercedes Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, S, Ingordo, Dorothy & David & Mooney, S	Shirreffs	Espinoza	122
3	Muchly (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Callaghan	Rispoli	120
4	Mucho Unusual 🌿	Mucho Macho Man	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Rosario	122
5	Sold It 🌿	The Factor	Dunne, Ciaran and Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
6	Meal Ticket 🌿	Malibu Moon	Jeong, Peter and Johnston, Keith F.	Chew	Pereira	120
7	Brill	Medaglia d'Oro	OXO Equine LLC	Chatlos	Franco	120
8	Lady Prancealot (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Arntz, Craig, Arntz, Josie, Durando, Donald, Iavarone, Jules & Michael & McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Bravo	124
9	Super Patriot	Unusual Heat	Little Red Feather Racing, Baltas, R, Peskoff, J Ramos, Jose Cruz and Salvatore, Raymond L.	Baltas	Fuentes	120
10	La Sardane (Fr)	Kingsalsa	Team Valor International	Drysdale	Prat	120
11	Keeper Ofthe Stars 🌿	Midnight Lute	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Wong	Cedillo	122
12	Tiny Tina	Paddy O'Prado	A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Fanticola, Anthony	D'Amato	Van Dyke	120

**Breeders:** 1-Stud T N T, 2-Michael C. Stinson, 3-Highclere Stud, 4-George Krikorian, 5-Jeanne Canty, Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel & Pegasus Stud LLC, 6-Glen Hill Farm, 7-Southern Equine Stables, 8-Tally-Ho Stud, 9-Harris Farms, 10-SCEA Plessis & Jean Guillemin, 11-Olin Gentry, Omar Trevino & Anthony Cappola, 12-Marjorie Dye & Alex Venneri

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:04 p.m. EST**

**WORLD OF TROUBLE SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Epic Dreamer	Orb	Epic Racing, LLC	Breen	Ortiz	118
2	Lasting Legacy 🌿	Tapizar	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Lopez	122
3	Sweetontheladies	Twirling Candy	The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. and Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Meneses	120
4	Admiral Lynch 🌿	Super Saver	Michael Dubb	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Jackson	Kantharos	Tracy Pinchin	Pinchin	Saez	122
6	Fast Pass 🌿	Successful Appeal	Paradise Farms Corp. and Walder Racing	Walder	Torres	122
7	Goldenlion 🌿	Curlin	Maria Ines Mejia	Sanchez	Zapico	118
8	Yorkton	Speightstown	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Simon	Landeros	124

**Breeders:** 1-J.D. Stuart, P.C. Bance, A REnterprises, J Hollendorfer & G Todaro, 2-Jack Swain III, 3-English Range Farm, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Tracy Pinchin, 6-John T. L. Jones Jr. & Walmac Farm LLC, 7-Nicholas J. Sibilio, 8-Chiefswood Stables Limited



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie	2	3	2	2	--	--	49	18	277,400	1,077,536
	Crops: 6			Stands: Ashford Stud KY		Fee: \$125,000				Modernist	
2	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	5	9	2	3	--	--	63	12	90,210	893,297
	Crops: 9			Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY		Fee: \$175,000				Mischevious Alex	
3	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown	2	4	2	3	--	--	39	10	270,000	733,426
	Crops: 7			Stands: Ashford Stud KY		Fee: \$30,000				Finite	
4	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit	1	5	1	4	--	--	30	5	200,000	574,057
	Crops: 13			Stands: Gainesway Farm KY		Fee: \$200,000				Enforceable	
5	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit	3	5	2	4	--	--	45	8	151,900	573,898
	Crops: 2			Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$40,000				Tiz the Law	
6	<b>Palace Malice</b> (2010) by Curlin	1	1	1	1	--	--	42	7	260,000	491,739
	Crops: 2			Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY		Fee: \$25,000				Mr. Monomoy	
7	<b>Carpe Diem</b> (2012) by Giant's Causeway	--	2	--	1	--	--	44	7	88,740	472,376
	Crops: 2			Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$15,000				Monforte	
8	<b>Violence</b> (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro	1	1	--	--	--	--	33	12	87,600	463,982
	Crops: 4			Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY		Fee: \$25,000				No Parole	
9	<b>Twirling Candy</b> (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	1	1	1	1	--	--	36	9	150,000	417,618
	Crops: 6			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY		Fee: \$40,000				Fore Left	
10	<b>Paynter</b> (2009) by Awesome Again	1	2	--	--	--	--	32	8	126,600	385,600
	Crops: 4			Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$10,000				Ring Leader	
11	<b>Khozan</b> (2012) by Distorted Humor	1	2	--	1	--	--	33	7	105,000	384,936
	Crops: 2			Stands: Journeyman Stud FL		Fee: \$8,500				Liam's Lucky Charm	
12	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike	--	1	--	1	--	--	33	11	51,000	368,834
	Crops: 9			Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY		Fee: \$175,000				Fire Coral	
13	<b>Goldencents</b> (2010) by Into Mischief	--	--	--	--	--	--	47	9	47,062	367,045
	Crops: 3			Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY		Fee: \$25,000				Jet Max	
14	<b>Blame</b> (2006) by Arch	1	3	1	2	--	--	19	4	153,000	362,407
	Crops: 7			Stands: Claiborne Farm KY		Fee: \$35,000				Nadal	
15	<b>Tonalist</b> (2011) by Tapit	1	1	1	1	--	--	36	6	92,070	360,746
	Crops: 2			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY		Fee: \$15,000				Tonalist's Shape	

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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm** (\$50,000), 2-19, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.58, gd.

**LONG WEEKEND (c, 3, Majesticperfection--Liza Too {SP, \$116,448}, by Olmodavor)** went wire-to-wire to graduate by five lengths on debut at Churchill Downs June 23 and was sixth next out in the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 10. Shelved for the season following that effort, he was heavily favored at 6-5 in this sophomore bow. Taking up his preferred position at the head of affairs, the bay clicked off opening splits of :22.32 and :45.31 and cruised clear in the lane to win for fun. It was 6 3/4 lengths back to runner-up Alternate Time (Alternation). The winner's dam is also responsible for the juvenile colt Flying with Angels (Ghostzapper) and a yearling filly by More Than Ready. The half-sister to multiple Grade I winners Paulassilverlining (Ghostzapper) and Dads Caps (Discreet Cat) was bred back to Ghostzapper last term. Sales history: \$225,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$79,928. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-B.C.W.T. Ltd.; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY);  
T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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## IN ITALY:

**Acire Xam**, m, 5, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Lady Simpson (GB), by Yankee Victor. Varese, 2-19, Hcp. (€4.95k), 1950mT. Lifetime Record: 40-3-5-6. O-Nicolo' Rivolta. B- (KY). T-Cristiano David Fais. \*\$37,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; 18,000gns 2yo '17 TATAPR.

**Munthany**, h, 6, **Raven'sPass**--Safarjal (Ire), by Marju (Ire). Varese, 2-19, Cond. (€4.5k), 1500mT. Lifetime Record: 29-5-0-5. O-Valter Pusceddu. B- (KY). T-Flavio Gagliardi. \*£15,000 HRA '17 GOFNOV; 3,000gns HRA '18 TATNOV. \*\*1/2 to Karama (Kitten's Joy), SW, \$117,900.

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**Bayern** (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000  
 157 foals of racing age/28 winners/0 black-type winners  
 9-Oaklawn, Wmc 1m, HUNGRY N SCRAPPY, 5-1  
 \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
 231 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, PARTY LIGHTS, 12-1  
 \$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 RNA  
 OBS MAR 2yo  
 8-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, SWEET KISSES, 7-5  
 \$170,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$290,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000  
 233 foals of racing age/32 winners/5 black-type winners  
 9-Oaklawn, Wmc 1m, LIL RED VETTE, 6-1  
 \$5,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$27,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

**Fast Anna** (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
 142 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners  
 3-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, IMPETUOUS, 8-5  
 \$130,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Honor Code** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000  
 213 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, CAVALRY CHARGE, 6-1  
 \$375,000 FTS AUG yrl

**Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
 130 foals of racing age/13 winners/3 black-type winners  
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, CAZADORA, 15-1  
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, SLIME QUEEN, 4-1  
 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Katz My Song** (Unbridled's Song), Champagne Farm  
 28 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 8-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, ELITE SONG, 9-2

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000  
 232 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, FOREVER WICKED, 8-1  
 \$6,000 EAS MAY 2yo

9-Oaklawn, Wmc 1m, GOLDEN LILY, 12-1  
 \$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Sunland, \$33,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.63, ft.**

**NO PASA NADA (g, 4, Attila's Storm--Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-6-0, \$158,669. O-Driggers, Robert M., Driggers, Del Rae and Ivey, Ben Lee; B-Robert Driggers & DelRae Driggers (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. \*\$22,000 RNA Ylg '17 RUIAUG. \*\*Full to Tilla Cat, SW, \$369,369; and No Pasa Nada, SP, \$158,669.

**2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 2-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:45.47, gd.**

**GIFT FROM MOM (m, 5, Kentucky Dane--Picture of Mom, by Cat Power)** Lifetime Record: 32-2-1-4, \$47,571. O-Ivan Vazquez Racing Stable; B-Raymond E. Donald (OH); T-Ivan Vazquez.

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,500, 2-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.12, gd.**

**SILVER G T O (g, 6, Hard Spun--Mylittledeucecoupe, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 32-6-3-5, \$88,322. O-Sebastian Gonzalez; B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY); T-Glenroy Brown.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**T. J. B. Oorah, g, 3, Kitten's Joy--Laca, by Cherokee Run.** Sam Houston Race, 2-19, (C), 1mT, 1:40.47. B-SRK Mares, LLC (KY). \*\$23,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$18,000 RNA 2yo '19 TTAAPR. \*\*Full to Chief's Kitten, SW, \$166,069.

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**Lexy Anna, f, 3, Professor Fate--Miss Posse, by Posse.** Mahoning Valley, 2-19, (S), 6f, 1:16.84. B-Lori Yoder (OH).

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**Moro Cool**, g, 4, **Moro Tap**--Dattts Cool, by Bluegrass Cat. Sam Houston Race, 2-19, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.83. B-Wesley Melcher (TX).

**Golden Pearl**, m, 5, **Exhi**--Pearls and Jeans, by Sky Classic. Mahoning Valley, 2-19, 5 1/2f, 1:08.14. B-Paul Buttigieg (ON).



**ATTILA'S STORM**, No Pasa Nada, g, 4, o/o Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone. AOC, 2-18, Sunland

**EXHI**, Golden Pearl, m, 5, o/o Pearls and Jeans, by Sky Classic. MSW, 2-19, Mahoning Valley

**HARD SPUN**, Silver G T O, g, 6, o/o Mylittledeucecoupe, by Lion Heart. ALW, 2-19, Mahoning Valley

**KENTUCKY DANE**, Gift From Mom, m, 5, o/o Picture of Mom, by Cat Power. ALW, 2-19, Mahoning Valley

**KITTEN'S JOY**, T. J. B. Oorah, g, 3, o/o Laca, by Cherokee Run. MCL, 2-19, Sam Houston

**MAJESTICPERFECTION**, Long Weekend, c, 3, o/o Liza Too, by Olmodavor. AOC, 2-19, Sam Houston

**MORO TAP**, Moro Cool, g, 4, o/o Dattts Cool, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 2-19, Sam Houston

**PROFESSOR FATE**, Lexy Anna, f, 3, o/o Miss Posse, by Posse. MSW, 2-19, Mahoning Valley



Kitten's Joy had a new winner Wednesday | Sarah Andrew



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## MEYDAN CARNIVAL MARKS RETURN OF GHAIYYATH



Ghaiyyath | Godolphin

Thursday's Dubai Carnival action continues to build toward the Mar. 7 Super Saturday card and the Mar. 28 Dubai World Cup night, as four group races are on tap. The highest rated Dubai-based horse, Godolphin's German Group 1 winner **Ghaiyyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (126) for Charlie Appleby, returns in the 2000-metre G3 Dubai Millennium S. over the grass at Meydan after a last out 10th making the early running in the Oct. 6 G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Run as the first race of seven on the evening, the event also features Appleby's 2019 victor **Spotify (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and Saeed bin Suroor trainee **Royal Meeting (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who won the G1 Criterium International in 2018. The latter reported home fifth in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort locally on Jan. 23.

"He's the highest-rated horse in the race and we know he predominately runs well fresh, so that's why we are working backward from the G1 Sheema Classic," trainer Charlie Appleby said of the 2019 14-length G1 Grosser Preis von Baden victor. "That's why I have come a couple weeks forward, rather than the usual trial route in the [Mar. 7 G2] City of Gold. I thought this was timing-wise better for him. He looks well and he's fresh, so we expect a good run out of him on Thursday. Again, the target is the Sheema, so he's not fully wound up by any stretch of the imagination. He's fit enough to come out and run. If he turns up [victorious] there, he's the class horse in the race, anyway. Whatever he does, hopefully we have the improvement there for the Sheema Classic."

The 115-rated **Desert Encounter (Ire)** (Halling) lines up for David Simock and Abdulla Al Mansoori. The 8-year-old gelding is the third top-level winner in the Dubai Millennium, having scooped the G1 Pattison Canadian International S. at Woodbine in Canada at the end of his 2019 campaign. It was his fourth straight score, after taking the Aug. 2 G3 Glorious S. at Goodwood, Windsor's G3 Winter Hill S. on Aug. 24 and Newbury's G3 Legacy Cup S. on Sept. 21.

Hoping to add to her Classic haul after taking the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas here going a mile on Jan. 23, Godolphin's **Dubai Love (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) faces five rivals in the 1900-metre G3 UAE Oaks later on the card for Saeed bin Suroor. The race is worth a total of 85 GI Kentucky Oaks points (50-20-10-5), and the winner is guaranteed a spot in the Mar. 28 G2 UAE Derby. Off the mark at first asking at Nottingham on Oct. 2, she ran third in a Kempton all-weather affair on Nov. 6. [Cont. p2](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### THE TDN KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR FEB. 20

Bill Finley pens the first edition of the TDN Kentucky Oaks Top 10 for Thursday's edition. Coolmore stallion Munnings has the top two places, filled by **Finite** and **Venetian Harbor**, respectively.

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### Thursday's Meydan Preview Cont. from p1

In her sophomore bow, she was a one-paced fourth in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial on Jan. 2 prior to her Guineas score. The re-opposing **Down On Da Bayou** (Super Saver) was two better that day behind bin Suroor's Final Song (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

An intriguing entrant is Japan's **Serein** (Uncle Mo), who will have Yutaka Take at the controls for Koji Maeda and trainer Mikio Matsunaga. These connections raced Lani (Tapit) to a win in the G2 UAE Derby in 2016. Successful in a Sapporo maiden last July, the dark bay ran second going a mile at Tokyo in October. After an unplaced run there on Nov. 23, she was back to winning ways stepping up to 1800 metres at Nakayama on Jan. 25.

Immediately after the UAE Oaks, turf milers take their chances in the G2 Zabeel Mile. **Mythical Magic (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), a winner of this last year for the team of Godolphin, Charlie Appleby and William Buick, unite again with the 5-year-old gelding. Runner-up in the 2019 G2 Al Fahidi Fort, the bay found Glorious Journey (Dubawi {Ire}) too good in the 2020 edition on Jan. 23 after a pair of unplaced runs in England last summer.

"Mythical Magic is doing the same sort of route as last year, where he was second in the Fahidi and then hopefully he can step forward one place and go very close there in the Zabeel Mile," said Appleby. "He's come out of the Al Fahidi in good order and the step up to a mile was always going to suit him, so he was always going to be a major player and the one to beat."

Appleby also saddles the lightly raced Jan. 9 local handicap hero **Zakouski (GB)** (Shamardal), fifth in the 2019 G3 Craven S.

"Zakouski is a horse who's obviously won nicely in his handicap debut there and he's definitely come forward for that run," Appleby continued. "He obviously had been tried at group company in the past in the Craven, but he's a different individual and character now and we've gelded him since then. This is his first step back up into group class again, but we feel he deserves to have a crack at it and he's the younger pretender compared to Mythical Magic, who's sort of been there and done it. Two nice horses to have in the race."

Another royal blue representative is Saeed bin Suroor's **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who is aiming to go one better after

finishing 2 1/4 lengths second in the G2 Al Rashidiya on Jan. 30. The 6-year-old enjoyed a profitable Dubai campaign last term, culminating with a win in the Mar. 9 G1 Jebel Hatta.

"He ran much better last time and is in good shape at home," said bin Suroor. "It looks a tough race, but we are happy with him."

Jan. 30 course-and-distance handicap victor and SP **Salute The Soldier (Ger)** (Sepoy {Aus}) also steps up for Fawzi Nass and owner Victorious.

Juddmonte's **Equilateral (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}) makes his return to group level in the G2 Meydan Sprint over the minimum trip. A listed winner at Doncaster last September, he was gelded after a sixth-place run in the G3 World Trophy S. at Newbury on Sept. 21. Sent to the sidelines for 124 days, the Charlie Hills trainee returned victorious in the Listed Dubai Dash going this distance on Jan. 23. Shadwell's **Waddy (Ire)** (Approve {Ire}) was two lengths back in second.

"It's always been the plan to run him in this race so that we had a chance to freshen him up [after the Dubai Dash]," Hills said. "We have had a couple very nice pieces of work with him and James Doyle came and sat on him and was very pleased. I couldn't be happier with how he's training and how he looks. He's put his weight back on and his coat is coming through nicely, so I think he really enjoys it over there. The track also suits



**Equilateral** | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

him, being a flat, fast course.

"[Any lack of pace] shouldn't be an issue for him, as he's made the running before and won. If he runs well, we'll keep [training] him the same way and if he goes on to the [G1 Al Quoz Sprint over 1200m], hopefully he will keep travelling and finishing like he did last time. I think we could still see some improvement from him."

American Grade III victor **Blitzkrieg** (War Front) is only rated three points lower than Equilateral's 112 for Doug O'Neill. Fourth in both the New Year's Day GII Joe Hernandez S. at Santa Anita and in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort on Jan. 23, The GIII San Francisco Mile S. victor was an encouraging second in the Listed Dubai Sprint on Feb. 6, while fellow Meydan Sprint entrant **Angel Alexander (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), second in the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise, finished a one-paced fifth.

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Frankel's 2-year-old full-sister, pictured here as a yearling, has been named Chiasma and is in training with John Gosden. She's the second filly out of Kind; the first, Joyeuse (Oasis Dream), has a 2-year colt by Galileo named Maximal. | Juddmonte Farms

**MARGARSON'S BEAN A SOCIAL STAR**

by Carly Silver

When chatting with amateur jockey Rosie Margarson, it's impossible to remain in a foul mood as her bright, booming laugh echoes merrily through phone speakers. She brings that sunny attitude to social media by posting messages and videos about her equally endearing horse, **Caribbean Spring (Ire)**.

Best known as 'Bean,' the Irish-bred gelding delights some 3,375 fans on Twitter with tales of mischievous antics, joy in running and eating snacks, and an affectionate relationship with 25-year-old Margarson. Currently residing in Cheveley near Newmarket, Margarson is a rider and communications assistant for her father, trainer George Margarson. [Cont. p4](#)



Rosie Margarson and Caribbean Spring after winning the Princes Countryside Fund Charity Race in 2018 | *Racing Post*

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## Bean Cont.

The elder Margaron has 18 horses in his yard right now and four yearlings. Rosie works part-time as a communications assistant for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund and also rides out with Bean each day.

Along with her elder sister Katie, an assistant trainer, Margaron grew up in Suffolk stable yards. The sisters blossomed into horsewomen under the tutelage of George--whom Rosie-as-Bean dubs 'Boss Human' on Twitter--and mother Gaye, AKA 'Mother of Bean.' Rosie herself is 'Small Human.'

"It's probably the best upbringing you could ever ask for," she said. "You're outside all the time. I had a pony that was my responsibility from the age of six. It taught me an awful lot that you don't learn in school."

Having her entire family working with horses molded Margaron. She added that "seeing them work had made me a much harder worker in my older age."

Margaron first exercised mounts for her father at 14 and began officially riding out two years later. At the end of 2017, she applied for a job at the *Racing Post* and didn't get it. Deciding to take a break, she traveled to India, Thailand, Indonesia, and Australia. Upon arriving Down Under, she got a license as a trackwork rider for trainer David Hayes.

"It was refreshing because they actually all thought I was quite a good rider, which I hadn't got a lot of at home," she recalled. "So normally a lot of the time when I was younger, Dad would put me on very quiet horses because I wasn't the most confident rider. I used to be quite a nervous rider and then I went to Australia for a month and rode in Australia. And they just put me on anything they felt like and it taught me a lot about riding, so when I came home, I became more confident, and Bean actually has brought me on leaps and bounds. I'd have never thought I'd be riding him, certainly not in races."

She returned to the UK in spring 2018 to work as a communications assistant for the British Horse Racing Authority. In that role, she said she "learned to be a lot better with communication, because the BHA is a huge, nationwide team. You're working with people in Scotland, people down south; you've got to be very inclusive to everyone."

She added, "Everything you do has an impact on someone

else; you have to be very thoughtful in whatever you do, as such."

The BHA post improved her interpersonal and digital communication skills, which would serve her well when it came to Bean's account.

Rosie and Bean first met in 2016. Now six years old, the son of Dark Angel (Ire) didn't immediately make much of an impression.

Margaron recalled, "We bought him as a 3-year-old and he came into the yard from Ireland. He was quite little then; he didn't make much of an appearance."

At first, George Margaron had another apprentice, Jane, ride Bean. When the two didn't click, Gaye offered to take on the gelding.

"And she got on really well with him," Margaron said. "I'm a very similar rider too in that we both, if a horse likes doing

something and if they're happy and having a nice time, we let them get on with it. But it was Mum that fell in love with him, head over heels, first of all, and when I came home and started riding him out every day, I say it took a month before I decided I loved him."

In July 2018, Margaron took out her amateur riders' license. The first time she rode Bean, the spritely horse behaved surprisingly well.

Margaron recalled, "It came at an odd time because I'd dislocated my shoulder from falling off another horse and

the first horse I rode back was Bean. He was a gentleman for the day; for once in his life, he actually behaved."

Bean's good behavior didn't last long, she said, "Riding him the first week, I'll happily admit, I was a little bit frightened of him because he sometimes just launches himself into alternate space."

But his charm endeared him to his rider, nonetheless. She noted, "As soon as you get used to him, you enjoy it and you laugh about it and you have a great time and you end up thoroughly in love with the little idiot."

The bay's personality immediately made an impact on Rosie, who mused, "He is the most charactered [sic] horse any of us have ever met. There are things he'll do that other horses wouldn't even dream of."



A typical day in the Life of Bean





Margarson accepts the Princes Countryside Fund Charity Race trophy from the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall | *Racing Post*

### Bean Cont.

Whether tossing his bucket out the stall door, standing with his hay net on his head, or eagerly greeting other runners on the heath, Bean quickly became a favorite.

Margarson first posted footage of Bean's irrepressible antics on her personal Twitter feed. Eventually, a rep from Saracen Horse Feeds who enjoyed the updates advised her to create an account just for Bean. By the beginning of 2019, she'd received similar input from about 10 other people, so Margarson decided to capitalize on Bean's momentum. Margarson crafted an adorable, endearing voice, modeling it on the immensely popular Thoughts of Dog account. This means Bean 'speaks' in 'not-proper English,' as Margarson termed it, punctuating his words with lots of commas and frequent use of the word 'heckin.'

Rosie includes Bean 'narrating' video clips of his exercise and pictures of his day-to-day shenanigans. Margarson said, "Initially, I didn't have the GoPro; I was just doing wording of what had happened during the day and a little snippet of video close to home because he behaves just about five minutes from home." Eventually, Katie lent her sibling her GoPro, and, as Rosie said, "the rest is history. The first video I put on went down really well, the second again, and I've been doing it almost daily ever since."

Since Bean has become a minor internet celebrity, fans recognize the Margarsons and their star runner at Newmarket. Fans will approach Rosie and remark, "Oh, so you're the Small Human." She said, "My mum gets it told to her all the time and she's like, 'Oh, gosh.'"

In addition, she said, "Dad thinks it's great; he finds it all quite amusing."

*Horse & Hound* editor Lucy Elder commissioned Margarson to write a column series in Bean's voice, while in December, Rosie launched a Bean Fan Club. Members will be treated like owners and be invited to Bean's races; the experience, she said, will include "lots of things that we'll organize for everyone that's

involved and hopefully it'll become a nice, little community."

But perhaps the most memorable Bean and Small Human moment came in 2018. In November of that year, Rosie rode Bean to victory in The Prince's Countryside Fund Charity Race at Ascot. Charles, Prince of Wales--accompanied by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall--presented the jubilant jockey with the trophy in the winner's circle.

"That was really the best day we've ever had," Margarson recalled of the charity race. "We'd prepared him pretty well for it because we knew it was coming and there was no race before it about a month before, and he was very fit and well and ready for it."

She added, "When he won for me, I still couldn't quite believe it. I thought, a furlong out, 'God, someone's going to catch up and we can't be quite that lucky.'"

To win with a horse she had worked with so closely was of great emotional significance, as she admitted, "It meant a lot. I cried quite a lot afterwards."

Margarson is working towards winning another race as a jockey--at least one aboard Bean, fans hope--in 2020. She will continue to develop her and her horse's digital presences, perhaps taking classes in social media training.

And when Bean's desire to race fades, Margarson will retire him and retrain him for a second career. What might Bean 2.0 enjoy doing, one wonders?

"I have a feeling he's going to enjoy jumping because he's quite a clever horse," she speculated. But as long as Bean has his Small Human, this dynamic partnership will continue to delight fans for years to come.

Follow Margarson on Twitter and Instagram at [@rosiemargarson](#). Follow Bean on Twitter at [@lifeofbean](#) and Instagram at [@thoughtsofbean](#).

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Beatrix Potter (Ire)'s filly foal by Triple Crown hero Justify pictured at Woods Edge Farm, Kentucky. The new arrival is a half-sister to champion European sprinter Harry Angel (Ire) and the G2-winning juvenile Pierre Lapin (Ire). | *Woods Edge Farm*

# EUROPEAN NEWS

## GAIN PARTNERS WITH SAUDI CUP

GAIN Equine Nutrition has partnered with the inaugural Saudi Cup to be the Official Equine Nutrition Partner of the \$29.2-million event.

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Saudi Arabia's King Abdulaziz Racetrack



Last week TDN reported on the Powerful Partners in Play for Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). This week watch the video on the Arc winner who has retired to Ballylinch Stud.

## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**4th-Newcastle, £30,000, Cond, 2-19, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.78, st. LORD OF THE LODGE (IRE) (c, 3, Dandy Man {Ire}--Archetypal {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire})** went postward as the crowd's 11-10 pick returning off a last-out second in the Aug. 23 G2 Gimcrack S. at York. Prominent throughout, he gained a narrow advantage at the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly under continued rousting from there to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths from Amarillo Star (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}). Half to a yearling filly by Kingston Hill (GB), the February-foaled bay is the lone scorer produced by an unraced half to three black-type performers headed by Listed Premio Giovanni Falck winner Viz (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), herself the dam of MGSW G2 Park S. victress Vitoria (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) and the granddam of MGSW G2 Blamey S. and G2 Ajax S. victor Fifty Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Sales history: €4,200 Wlg '17 TATFBR; €35,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 6-3-1-0, \$97,917. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mrs Elaine M Burke; B-Mount Armstrong Stud (IRE); T-Karl Burke.

**2nd-Newcastle, £5,300, Nov, 2-19, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.85, st. VENTURA BOUNTY (FR) (c, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Amazing Bounty {Fr}, by Tertullian)** placed in both starts as a juvenile last term and came back of a 190-day break to stalk the pace in second for most of this one. Making smooth headway to seize control passing the two pole, the 2-1 second choice quickened clear approaching the final eighth and was pushed out to score by an impressive five lengths from Shoot to Win (Ire) (Shooting to Win {Aus}). **Cont. p7**

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**2nd-Kempton Cont.**

Kin to a yearling filly by Shamalgan (Fr), he is the second foal and winner out of a half-sister to Listed Baden-Baden Cup victress Amazing Beauty (Ger) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}). Sales history: €98,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$6,522. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Middleham Park Racing LIV; B-SAS Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (FR); T-Richard Hannon.

**2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 2-19, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:26.43, st/sl.**

**ARCTIC VEGA (GB) (c, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Childa {Ire} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$106,049}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire})** found a handy slot behind the leading trio after an alert getaway in this debut. Shaken up to launch his bid soon after passing the quarter-mile marker, the 11-10 favourite hit the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Paxos (Ire) (Outstrip {GB}). Becoming the second scorer produced by stakes-winning G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris third Childa (Ire), he is kin to G3 Prix La Force victor Chilean (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) and a 2-year-old filly by Kingman (GB). Childa is one of three black-type performers out of stakes-winning G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Chill (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}). Sales history: 220,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,045. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-PDR Properties; B-Ed's Stud Ltd (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Irish Acclaim (Ire), c, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Irish Cliff (Ire) (Ch. Imported 2yo Filly-Spa & SP-Fr), by Marju (Ire). Kempton, 2-19, 7f (AWT), 1:26.38. B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE). \*€105,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP.**

**Maykir (GB), g, 4, Mayson (GB)--Kiruna (GB), by Northern Park. Southwell, 2-18, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:44.65. B-Mrs M L Parry (GB). \*28,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 45,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 8,500gns 3yo '19 TATJUL. \*\*1/2 to Senafe (GB) (Byron {GB}), GSP-Ger & SP-Eng.**

**FRANCE****ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Botch (Fr), g, 3, Fuisse (Fr)--Dame de Montlebeau (Fr), by Dyhim Diamond (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-19, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.22. B-Herve-Luc Spezza & Mme Marynege Desmazieres-Spezza (FR). \*€36,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE. \*\*1/2 to Cox Bazar (Fr) (Nombre Premier {GB}), SW-Fr, \$123,575.**

**Shibli (GB), c, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Gharbeya, by More Than Ready. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-19, 10f 165yT, 2:19.04. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB).**

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Big Time Baby (Ire), g, 6, Dandy Man (Ire)--Royal Majestic (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-19, Hcp. (£209k/€251k), 1200m (AWT), 1:07.79. B-Paul & Billy McEnery. \*SW-Eng, GSP-HK. \*\*1/2 to Charline Royale (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Ity, \$150,700. \*\*\*€33,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; £45,000 Ylg '15 DONAUG. **VIDEO****

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Mugadoo (Ire), g, 5, Henrythenavigator--Elopa (Ger) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 9.5-11f, MGSW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$213,303), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Kensington, 2-19, Hcp. (£26k/€31k), 1800mT, 1:50.66. B-Frau N Bscher. \*1/2 to Elik (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Eng. \*\*€17,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; 20,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT.**

**Petruchio (Ire), g, 5, New Approach (Ire)--The Shrew (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Dansili (GB). Sandown (Hillside), 2-19, Hcp. (£26k/€31k), 1600mT, 1:39.75. B-Lodge Park Stud. \*48,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT.**

**WORLDWIDE NEWS****ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE OPENS**

The Asian Racing Conference has returned to South Africa for the first time in more than two decades, and following opening ceremonies on Tuesday evening, panels are set to take place Feb. 19 through 21 in Cape Town.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club's Executive Director of Racing Andrew Harding, also secretary-general of the Asian Racing Federation, gave the opening address on behalf of HKJC Chief Executive Officer and ARF Chairman Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, who has remained in Hong Kong to manage the Club's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Winfried has asked me to pass on his sincere apologies, but he hopes you will understand that the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus in China means he must be in Hong Kong," Harding said. **Cont. p8**

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“In addition to the welfare of the Club’s staff of over 20,000 people, he is needed to direct the Club’s efforts to support the Hong Kong community in this extremely challenging period. These challenges reach from securing sufficient masks for our staff and hospitals in an environment of a global supply shortage, ongoing discussions with Government to agree which mitigating measures the Club has to introduce to prevent the spread of the virus--and which enables us to continue racing--while working on Charity and Community Programmes via the Jockey Club’s Emergency Relief Funds, providing NGOs with resources to address the needs of the homebound elderly, the disabled and of ethnic minorities.

“I know for a fact that this was a very difficult decision for Winfried, but he felt that he must be with the Club’s staff and the Hong Kong community at this testing time.”

The theme of the 38th Asian Racing Conference is Unlocking Potential, something Harding says resonates with its host site.



**Andrew Harding opens the Asian Racing Conference in Cape Town | HKJC**

“The last time South Africa hosted the ARC was 1997, just three years after the end of apartheid,” he said. “As we gather together here today, some 23 years later, I think we are all very mindful--and deeply respectful of--the great strides South Africa has made. This includes its racing, where South African trainers and jockeys are already highly successful exports. This is soon to be followed, I don’t doubt, by South African horses competing and winning on the world stage.

“This is what makes the theme of this conference--Unlocking Potential--so resonant. For as South Africa reminds us, our sport has huge potential if only we can confront the challenges and grasp the opportunities before us.”

The Asian Racing Conference will comprise 11 sessions spread over three days.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Royal Meeting (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	124
2	Spotify (Fr)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	J Doyle	Appleby	125
3	Certain Lad (GB)	Clodovil (Ire)	Curtis	M Channon	124
4	Privilegiado (GB)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	O'Neill	Petersen	124
5	Desert Encounter (Ire)	Halling	Crowley	Simcock	131
6	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	131

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ascot Brass (Swe)	Juniper Tree (Ire)	Buick	Petersen	125
2	Serein 	Uncle Mo	Take	Matsunaga	125
3	Tapi Sioux	Tapiture	Dobbs	Watson	125
4	Careless Whisper (Swe)	Barocci (Jpn)	Lopez	Petersen	125
5	Dubai Love (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
6	Down On Da Bayou 	Super Saver	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Zakouski (GB)	Shamardal	J Doyle	Appleby	125
2	Mythical Magic (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby	125
3	Golden Jaguar 	Animal Kingdom	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
4	Zainhom	Street Cry (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125
5	Salute The Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125
6	Eqтираан (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
7	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125

**Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:50 p.m.**

**MEYDAN SPRINT SPONSORED BY LAND ROVER-G2, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Hawkesbury (GB)	Shamardal	Chaves	Al Neyadi	125
2	Blitzkrieg	War Front	Buick	O'Neill	125
3	Inverleigh (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
4	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Curtis	M Appleby	125
5	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	J Doyle	Hills	125
6	Waady (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	125
7	Poet's Society (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
8	Angel Alexander (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	125
9	Yaalail (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
10	Mazzini (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125

*\*All post times are local time.*



## AUSTRALIA'S FINEST



Snitzel | Bronwen Healy

By John Boyce

The top 10 active Australian sires ranked by their percentage of stakes winners has a familiar look to it. But in a few years' time, it's bound to change profoundly as some of the older guard take their leave from the stage.

Our list features stallions that covered mares in 2019, but already **Not A Single Doubt** has gone, while **Fastnet Rock**, **Exceed And Excel**, **Lonhro** and **More Than Ready (USA)** are in the glorious twilight of their excellent careers. Now would be a good time to make use of them before they're gone for good. And their age should not deter anyone--just look at the season Exceed And Excel is having. Perhaps his best ever.

**Snitzel** was born in 2002, but his rise to super stardom (Australia's Champion Sire of 2017, 2018 and 2019) is relatively recent after hiding in the shadow of his outstanding sire Redoute's Choice for many years.

But it is he that owns the most impressive stats among all Australian sires. He's the only current active sire that can boast a stakes winner-to-runner percentage of 10% or more.

What makes this effort all the more commendable is the fact that early in his career he was not blessed with the quality of mare he's now got access to. Now that he's the first choice of many breeders, we can reasonably expect him to move beyond the 10% benchmark.

### Breeders' First Choice

And here's why. Like many Australian sires, reputations have to be earned and Snitzel has been gradually winning breeders over for a number of years.

His percentage of stakes winners to runners has risen every year he's had runners and we also know that he's even more effective with elite mares (i.e. those in the top 15% of the population). He's currently siring 13% stakes winners from elite mares, so he's been given every chance to match or indeed to surpass his sire's excellent career score of 12% stakes winners to runners.

Exceed And Excel is having a bumper season and currently has three of the top 10 3-year-olds in the land according to Timeform.

They are Exceedance (125), Bivouac (124) and Standout (119), and that does not even include his Group 1-winning juvenile of last year Microphone, who proved his wellbeing with a recent Group 2 victory. And this all on top of his worldwide reputation as the world's leading source of juvenile talent since his first crop arrived on the scene 13 years ago.

His fellow Danehill (USA) son Fastnet Rock is the most prolific of the group siring 117 stakes winners so far, while the two great dark brown horses, Lonhro (7.5% stakes winners) and More Than Ready (7.2%), are still among the most effective sires in Australia.

### The Next Generation

But the focus is inevitably shifting to the younger generation, with **I Am Invincible** leading the way. His 50 stakes winners have come at a faster rate than Snitzel's first 50. In fact, only Danehill, Redoute's Choice and Fastnet Rock had a higher number after their first six seasons.

#### LEADING AUSTRALIAN SIRES BY % STAKES WINNERS TO RUNNERS

Name	Sire	Season	Rnrs	BTW	%BTW
Snitzel	Redoute's Choice	11	971	97	10.0
Exceed And Excel	Danehill	13	1,023	94	9.2
Fastnet Rock	Danehill	12	1,320	117	8.9
I Am Invincible	Invincible Spirit	7	620	50	8.1
Not A Single Doubt	Redoute's Choice	12	893	69	7.7
Lonhro	Octagonal	13	1,033	77	7.5
Pierro	Lonhro	4	290	21	7.2
More Than Ready	Southern Halo	16	1,228	88	7.2
Dundeel	High Chaparral	3	126	9	7.1
Zoustar	Northern Meteor	3	188	13	6.9



Danehill | Bronwen Healy

It's an impressive performance given that I Am Invincible really did start at the bottom, covering only 62 elite mares in his first four seasons. In his fifth year he got another 62 and has averaged 112 in the five seasons since then.

His poorer early mares produced stakes winners at a rate of just 4.4%, yet the Yarraman Park sire is currently just about doubling that score with 8.1% stakes winners. Given the quality of his recent books that mark should rise exponentially.

A high pass mark is also true of **Pierro**, who benefited from strong patronage--126 elite mares in his first book--from the outset of his career. That said, Pierro's current score (7.2% stakes winners) is still quite good given that many of the mares that produced such high expectations would have already seen their best days as producers.

That Pierro is an effective sire is supported by the fact that he gets 13.5% stakes winners from his elite mares compared to the 11.4% by other sires.



Zoustar | Widden Stud

Two other young guns on the rise are third season sires **Dundeel (NZ)** and **Zoustar**. Dundeel's tally of nine stakes winners may lag behind Zoustar's 13, but his four Group 1 winners is an impressive number for such a young sire. To put it in perspective, only Danehill (7) and Redoute's Choice (5) have ever sired more in their first three seasons. And Dundeel's third season is not yet over.



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Super Power Man**, g, 3, **Anacheeva**--Silver Girl, by Fastnet Rock. Sha Tin, 2-19, Hcp. (\$186k), 1200m (AWT), 1:09.20.

B-Rockmount (Vic). \*\$50,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR. **VIDEO**

**Foodie Princess**, g, 4, **Sepoy**--Raziyya of Sydney, by Redoute's Choice. Sha Tin, 2-19, Hcp. (\$186k), 1650m (AWT), 1:38.94.

B-Trelawney Stud (NSW). \*NZ\$80,000 Ylg '17 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

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Date	Race	Track
Feb. 22	G1 Ladbrokes Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	G1 Ladbrokes Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
Feb. 29	G1 Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
Mar. 7	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Mostyn Copper Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick