

DERBY RESCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 5; NO DATES SET FOR PREAKNESS, BELMONT



Churchill Downs | Coady Photography

by Bill Finley

The GI Kentucky Derby has been moved from May 2 to Sept. 5 as a result of the coronavirus, Churchill Downs officials announced Tuesday.

“Throughout the rapid development of the COVID-19 pandemic, our first priority has been how to best protect the safety and health of our guests, team members and community,” Churchill Downs CEO Bill Carstanjen said in a statement. “As the situation evolved, we reached the difficult conclusion that we needed to reschedule. At no point did we ever consider canceling the Kentucky Derby.”

In the aftermath of Churchill’s decision, The Stronach Group, owners of Pimlico, and NYRA released statements saying that the dates of the GI Preakness S. and the GI Belmont S. remained up in the air.

The Kentucky Derby has traditionally been run on the first Saturday in May. It had been run on that date every year since 1945, when it was pushed back to June 9 due to World War II. With the coronavirus crisis escalating by the day, it became apparent that there was virtually no way the Derby could be held May 2, at least with fans allowed to attend. Prior to Tuesday’s announcement, it seemed inevitable that Churchill would move the race. **Cont. p3**

HITS AND MISSES AS OBSMAR OPENS UNDER TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES

by Brian DiDonato & Steve Sherack

Under the cloud of the COVID-19 pandemic and a sharp stock market reaction, the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale kicked off Tuesday with mixed results for sellers--as expected--but probably with better trade than some may have feared.

At the end of selling Tuesday, 134 head had changed hands for a combined \$12,550,500 at an average of \$93,660 and median of \$50,000. Those stats are expected to change as buyers continue to shop the RNA list and subsequent post-sale transactions are factored in, as will the RNA rate, which as of this writing stood at 44.4% with 107 buybacks.

While last year’s OBS March opener was held under dramatically different circumstances, for reference, last year’s session one gross before factoring in later post-sale transactions was \$22,134,000. The average was \$153,708 and median was \$83,500, with an RNA rate of 29.8%. **Cont. p8**

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Unsweet Tea (Archarcharch) and Vernon Dillard share a quiet moment at Oaklawn earlier this week. | Sarah Andrew

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Fasig-Tipton has announced adjusted dates for its upcoming Midlantic May sale, which will now take place May 26 and 27, a week later than previously scheduled.

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Kentucky Derby Rescheduled for Sept. 5

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“As the situation evolved, we steadily made all necessary operational adjustments to provide the safest experience and environment,” Carstanjen said. “The most recent developments have led us to make some very difficult, but we believe, necessary decisions and our hearts are with those who have been or continue to be affected by this pandemic.”

No American trainer figures to be more affected by the postponement of the Derby than Bob Baffert, who has at least three strong candidates for the race and must now figure out how to keep them in top form through the first week in September and where to race them. He has won the Derby five times.

“It is what it is,” Baffert said via text. “I’m more worried about what’s going on in America. Scary times.”

Carstanjen said that the decision to hold the Derby Sept. 5 was based on a limited number of competing sporting events on the day, talks with NBC and the availability of hotel rooms in the area.

By moving the race ahead by four months, Churchill Downs has bought itself time, but that doesn’t mean the race is guaranteed to be held Sept. 5. While everyone is hoping that life is back to normal by then, it’s quite possible that COVID-19 is still wreaking havoc in early September.

“We’re going to respond to real time information,” Churchill President Kevin Flannery said. “Right now, what we believe and what we’ve come to understand is that the September time frame should work. If circumstances change, we will respond. We will be resilient and will move forward responsibly.”

The Kentucky racing dates in early September belong to Ellis Park, but officials of that track have said they will now end their meet Aug. 30. It is unclear what Derby Week will look like at Churchill and which stakes traditionally held that week will remain on the schedule. Churchill did commit to running the GI Kentucky Oaks Sept. 4.

Moving the date of the Derby has upended the carefully crafted plans of trainers who have been campaigning in the major prep races with an eye on having their horses peak May 2. Now, none can be certain if their horses will still be in training come September and the path to a September Kentucky Derby is something no American horse trainer has ever had to navigate. There is no blueprint. But others echoed the sentiments of Baffert, saying that the date of a horse race pales in comparison to the national crisis that is ongoing.

“What is the Derby compared to what is happening in our country and in the world,” asked trainer Patrick Biancone, who has two Derby hopefuls in **Ete Indien** (Summer Front) and **Sole Volante** (Karakontie {Jpn}). “Nothing. It’s just a sporting event.”

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Biancone continued, “What is important to me is that everyone does their best to get rid of this really bad situation with the virus. Then, we can talk about racing. We will all do the best by our horses, but for now racing is a small thing compared to what is happening in the world.”



Ete Indien | Lauren King

Horses qualify for the Derby, which is limited to 20 starters, by accruing points in prep races. Churchill said that it will work on a new points schedule that will include races traditionally run after the Derby. Another unresolved question is the status of the spring meet, which was scheduled to run from Apr. 28 through June 27. Keeneland has cancelled its spring racing meet, which, ordinarily, precedes the Churchill spring meet.

With Churchill having found a spot on the calendar the next dominoes to fall will likely be the dates for the Preakness and Belmont. It would be highly unlikely if either were held as scheduled. The Preakness is set to be run May 16 and the Belmont has been scheduled for June 6. Statements released by management at both Pimlico and Belmont did little to clear up the situation.

“Our first priority in these difficult times is the health and welfare of our industry participants and the public at large,” The Stronach Group announced. “We are working with state and local governments, our industry participants, media and other affiliates to determine the most appropriate time to conduct the Preakness S. While we are mindful of the challenges these times present, we also know that events like the Preakness S. can help restore our sense of place and economic well-being to our communities and state. As soon as we have further clarity on these matters we will inform all.”

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In the meantime, Churchill executives admit this will be a Kentucky Derby like no other, but they remain confident that it can live up to the pageantry and thrills of a normal Derby.

“We feel confident that we are going to run the Kentucky Derby, and we are going to run it with a crowd,” Carstanjen said. “The Kentucky Derby is a participatory event. Its energy and its magic really comes from everybody participating and being there to enjoy it. So we’re going to make it happen. This race has happened 145 years in a row. It’s going to happen 146. We’ll roll with the punches, but we feel very, very good that September’s the right date.”

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FINDING DATES FOR PREAKNESS, BELMONT NO EASY TASK *by Bill Finley*

Perhaps this will neatly fall in line, with the GI Preakness S. being run two weeks after the GI Kentucky Derby and the GI Belmont S. three weeks after that. That would mean a Sept. 5 Derby, a Sept. 19 Preakness and an Oct. 10 Belmont. Four weeks later, Keeneland would host the Breeders’ Cup.

That may be the best thing when it comes to restoring some order to a Triple Crown that has been turned upside down by the coronavirus, but it doesn’t come without its own set of problems. A mid-September Preakness and a mid-October Belmont would fall way short of the norm, from attendance to handle to television ratings to overall interest. From a bottom-line perspective, they could be a disaster. Are The Stronach Group (Pimlico) and New York Racing Association (Belmont) ready to sign up for that?

The Kentucky Derby is the Kentucky Derby. Though attendance figures to be down because it will be run at an odd time, there will still be a huge crowd and the television ratings and the handle don’t figure to take much of a hit. Labor Day weekend is still the summer and Sept. 5 is a day where the competition from college football won’t be nearly what it is Sept. 19 or Oct. 10, the meat of the season.

Filly consigned by Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stables, who recorded the only :20 2/5 quarter, topped OBS March yesterday selling to Katsumi Yoshida for

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You're never going to get anything close to that Sept. 19 or Oct. 10. It's a time of the year when people are immersed in football, college and pro, and a day at the track might mean temperatures in the forties and gloomy skies. There's nothing about that time of year that lends itself to making a day at rickety Pimlico or cavernous Belmont attractive. You're going to see huge drops in the size of the crowds and everything else.

The communications director for Maryland Governor Larry Hogan tweeted Tuesday said that discussions are ongoing to move the Preakness to September, but that decision is ultimately going to be made by Belinda Stronach and her staff. The race cannot be run at Laurel as, by law, it must be held at Pimlico.

The Stronach Group (TSG) did not make any commitments Tuesday. Neither did NYRA. Their silence suggests that they are aware of the problems that come with falling in line after the Kentucky Derby and are exploring other options.

"We're working through the process in consultation with appropriate parties and stakeholders and yes, all scenarios are on the table," NYRA President and CEO David O'Rourke said.

NYRA may have more to say Wednesday as there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors.



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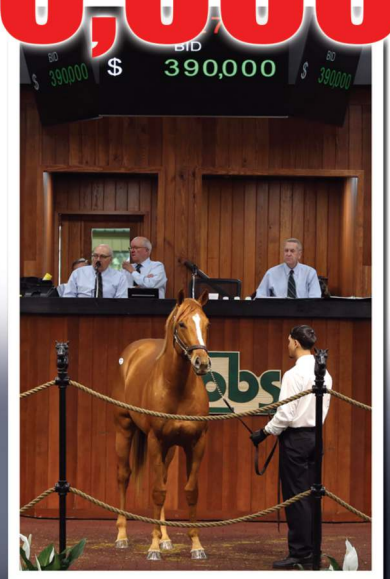
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What NYRA and TSG have to figure out is if they want to jump ahead of the Derby and run their races beforehand. That's the best chance they have of maximizing revenue or, at least, not losing too much money because the races had to be moved. The best day to run the Belmont would be on its regularly scheduled day, June 6. The same goes for the Preakness.

The problem with the original dates is that committing to them would be taking a huge risk. No one knows when life is going to get back to normal, but it's entirely possible that come mid-May or early June holding a huge horse racing event will not be doable. In that respect, scheduling the Preakness and Belmont in September and October is the safer bet.

So how about meeting somewhere in the middle? Would a June 20 Preakness followed by a Saturday, July 4 Belmont work? There's no reason why the Triple Crown races, in this extraordinary year, have to be run in their traditional order. There's no reason why the distance of the Belmont, if it were to be the middle leg of the Triple Crown, can't be shortened to a mile-and-a-quarter. If society has returned to some sense of normalcy by then and holding the races is feasible, the June 20-July 4 schedule would likely be a huge success.

There are other problems the tracks have to solve as the movement of the Derby will have serious ramifications for a number of other 3-year-old races.

Right now, the GI Travers S. is scheduled to be run a week before the GI Kentucky Derby. That won't work. The race will have to be moved back a few weeks. That could impact the GI Haskell Invitational, which may also have to find a new spot on the calendar. The GI Jim Dandy S. may have to be postponed for a year. Finding a place where the GI Pennsylvania Derby is a good fit will take some work.

But those are lesser problems. All we know right now is that the 2020 Triple Crown will look like nothing the sport has ever seen before. But, exactly what will that look be? It's a fascinating and complex question and getting it right will be no guarantee.

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Hits and Misses as OBS March Opens

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“We’re certainly not going to draw comparisons to other sales because we’re operating under unprecedented circumstances,” OBS director of sales Tod Wojciechowski said. “We were pleased that we were able to even hold the sale and allow some horses to be traded. That being said, there were still some nice horses who sold well. I think both the buyers and sellers showed resiliency while at the same time we’re all concerned and thinking about the circumstances that we’re currently dealing with.”

The day’s top lot was **hip 237**, an American Pharoah filly consigned by Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stables and sold to Katsumi Yoshida for \$650,000. She was the fastest quarter-mile breezer during last week’s under-tack show after working in a sparkling **:20 2/5**.

During the entirety of last year’s two-day sale, there were seven horses who sold for more than Tuesday’s session topper, including the \$2-million record-setting Tapit colt who sold during the first session.

“Certainly, the external forces that we’re dealing with have an effect--there’s no doubt,” Wojciechowski said of the lack of break-out horses at the top end. “But, I did have a number of buyers tell me today that some of their favored horses were [in

Wednesday’s session]. It’s unrealistic to think that the status in the world has no effect.”

Wavertree Stables was leading consignor with 10 sold for \$2,060,000. Katsumi Yoshida’s two purchases for a combined \$1,070,000 made him leading buyer.

Other buyers from Japan were also active in addition to Yoshida.

“It wasn’t unexpected,” Wojciechowski said. “They traveled a long way to get here and they attended the breeze show. They were concerned--they’ve had to deal with this in their home country as well. But they were here, and they’ve been fortunate and done a good job of getting some nice horses out of the March sale [in the past]. I wasn’t surprised to see them active.”

The second and final OBS March session begins Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Fast ‘Pharoah’ Filly Brings Big Bucks...

Hip 237 separated herself during last week’s OBS March under-tack previews as the lone juvenile to cover a quarter-mile in **:20 2/5**, and she stood by herself in the sales ring, too, when yielding a session-high bid of \$650,000 from Katsumi Yoshida of Japan’s Northern Farm. The Apr. 25 foal was consigned by Ciaran Dunne’s Wavertree Stables, Inc. *(Click for [ThoroStride walking video](#).)*



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Hip 237 is half to MSP My Sweet Stella (Eskendereya) and to the dam of another stakes winner. Her dam Megalicious (Songandaprayer) is a half to MSW and MGSP Abbondanza (Alphabet Soup) and brought just \$6,000 from M & M Racing at last month's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale while in foal to Paynter.

"It's going to be all the usual cliches, but at the end of the day she was fast and she vetted good. And if they can do that, you're golden," Dunne said. "She had a bit of pedigree. She was well-bought and well-sold, I would think."



Ciaran Dunne | Photos by Z

The bay was a \$70,000 KEENOV weanling and \$165,000 KEESEP yearling.

"It was for one of our pinhooking partnerships," Dunne noted. "We bought her at Keeneland last year and she was in Book 3. She was a little on the small side, but she was a beautiful mover. I think a lot of people picked on her for her size. We just took a shot. When they work like that, they get a whole lot bigger. She grew up and she's beautiful. She is a quality filly and she backed it up on the racetrack."

Yoshida also bought a \$420,000 Medaglia d'Oro colt (hip 65) earlier in the session from Top Line Sales.

Wavertree, Tuesday session's leading consignor with 10 sold for \$2,060,000, also sold:

- A \$320,000 Frankel (GB) filly (hip 226, :21 1/5, ThoroStride) to Team Casse. She was a €280,000 Goffs Orby yearling out of a full-sister to British MGSW and MG1SP Gregorian (Clodovil). "We were probably a shade disappointed," Dunne said. "We always thought she was a better filly than that. She was really well-bought. For a filly who is bred to go 1 1/4 miles to put in the breeze she did was pretty phenomenal. I thought she made an amazing video. Coming in here and after she breezed, we thought she would have brought a tick more, but we will take what we got and move on."

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● A \$320,000 American Pharoah colt ([hip 319](#), [:21 1/5](#), [ThoroStride](#)), purchased by trainer John Kimmel, who was a \$330,000 KEEJAN short yearling and \$300,000 KEESEP RNA. Out of SW and MGSP Please Sign In (Doc's Leader), he's half to European highweight and G1SW Certify (Elusive Quality) and GISW Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire}).

● A \$275,000 Dialed In colt ([hip 141](#), [:20 3/5](#), [ThoroStride](#)) who breezed the fastest quarter last Thursday and sold to North Hills. He was a \$30,000 Keeneland November weanling and a \$130,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling and is out of a stakes-winner and a half to a stakes winner. "He's a beautiful horse," Dunne said. "We maybe would have thought he could have brought a little more, but he didn't sell on his reserve--he sold in excess of where we set the reserve."

"We basically set our reserves based on where we think we can sell them," Dunne said when asked if he had adjusted reserves at all in response to a potentially soft market. "We are not a racing operation. We sell. If we get one back, it's because we read the room wrong. I don't think it would have been any different last year, five years ago, we would have done the same thing. And gotten the same results."

He added as the session wore down Tuesday, "We sold 10 of 12 and I would imagine that the other two are going to get done here in the next hour. It wasn't all pretty and a lot of it was just getting our money back and getting out of Dodge. But we've been doing this a long time and there haven't been many easy days. I'm not sure this will even rank up there with some of the hardest. There was plenty of activity around the barns. The vetting was good. We were disappointed in a spot here and there, but there have been plenty of times where we've been disappointed before and when there were no excuses." -@BDiDonatoTDN

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• Median (% change)	\$50,000 (-35.1%)	\$77,000

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MyRacehorse in a New York State of Mind...

Michael Behrens and David Kandasamy's California-based fledgling [MyRacehorse.com](#) made some noise with a pair of New York-bound purchases during OBS March's first day of trade, led by a \$500,000 Into Mischief colt ([ThoroStride video](#)), who will be campaigned in partnership with Spendthrift Farm. A trainer will be decided at a later date.

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XX, as **Hip 258**, the highest-price colt sold on the day is out of the multiple stakes-placed Montbrook mare Montessa G. The \$235,000 KEESEP yearling, bred in Kentucky by Machmer Hall, breezed a quarter in **:21** at the under-tack show.



Hip 258 | Photos by Z

MyRacehorse and B. Wayne Hughes's operation went to \$550,000 for another son of Into Mischief at this sale last year. Now named Lane Way, the handsome bay finished third in his two-turn debut in a maiden special weight at third asking for Hall of Famer Richard Mandella at Santa Anita Sunday. Leading sire Into Mischief currently commands a \$175,000 stud fee at Spendthrift Farm.

"The Into Mischief colt looks like a precocious 2-year-old," MyRacehorse's Racing Operations and Owner Experience Manager Joe Mishak said. "Into Mischief speaks for himself, he's had a tremendous start as a stallion. With horses like Authentic and some others on the Derby trail, he's just a tremendous stallion that we support and our partners at Spendthrift are obviously big fans as well. This colt is extremely well-balanced--we saw him breeze at the farm beforehand, too--he's very athletic and fluid. We had a lot of good faith in the consignor Nick de Meric--he takes really good care of his horses--and that's an added bonus having that confidence. We were excited to get him right where we wanted him."

MyRacehorse also purchased **Hip 166**, a son of Mission Impazible co-bred by Sequel Thoroughbreds and Twin Creeks Farm from the Sequel Bloodstock, Agent III, consignment (**:10 1/5**), for \$100,000 Tuesday. The New York-bred will be trained by Todd Pletcher with Twin Creeks staying in as a partner. Produced by the More Than Ready mare Kettle's Sister, he is a half-brother to GIII Sam F. Davis S. winner Vinceremos (Pioneerof the Nile).

Offering shares of in-training Thoroughbreds in "micro" increments for as little as \$100, MyRaceHorse has hit the ground running since its inception just a few years ago, campaigning in partnership the likes of GI Cotillion S. heroine Street Band (Istan) and GII Pocahontas S. winner Lazy Daisy (Paynter). The promising sophomore Tizamagician (Tiznow), a close fourth in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S., is co-owned along with Spendthrift Farm. Using a "collaborative approach," MyRacehorse's advisors include bloodstock agent and popular TVG analyst Nick Hines.

"We wanted to come into this sale as a company to place an emphasis on our New York program," Mishak said. "We started a couple of years ago in California where our headquarters are--we remain committed to the California program--then we went national last year and we're just making a natural progression to the other major racing circuits. As our corporate strategy and goal, we really wanted to thank and reward our New York-based owners for their support so far. We're very appreciative, and now it's time to rock and roll for those guys and get some quality horses out there, too. We're very excited."

–@SteveSherackTDN

Pick View Finds Success With Another Freshman...

Twelve months ago, Joe Pickerrell and Courtney Roberts of [Pick View LLC](#) were celebrating at OBS March after selling \$160,000 yearling buy and eventual GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero Structor (Palace Malice) for \$850,000. The young consignors found more success with a son of a first-crop sire this year thanks to **hip 320**, a **:20 3/5** breezer by Runhappy scooped up by agent Josh Stevens and trainer Bret Calhoun for \$475,000 on behalf of owner Tom Durant. ([Click for ThoroStride walking video.](#))

"We knew he would be a top colt--we just didn't know what that meant in this current environment," Pickerrell said. "That colt might have brought twice that a year ago, but we're happy to get what we can and he's going to a good spot, so we wish them nothing but the best of luck."

Hip 320 is out of the stakes-placed Pledge Pin (Chatain), who is a half to MSW and MGSP Great Mills (War Front). He was bought back for \$145,000 at Keeneland September and was sold by Pick View on behalf of his breeder, Millennium Farms.

“Nobody missed the horse,” Pickerrell said. “Everybody that’s anybody had him out multiple times. It’s just a matter of what people are willing to spend in this economy. People who are realistic understand that this is just a storm that’s going to pass, and we’re going to be back to normal pretty soon. The fast horses are still going to be fast horses when this storm passes.”

Pick View has a second Runhappy colt in its 2020 crop of juveniles--the other one was entered in the now-cancelled Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale.

“They’re both top colts--we just thought in order to best showcase them both, we’d split them up and go in different directions,” Pickerrell said. “We really like [the other colt] quite a bit. He’s a big, strong, hearty horse--really handles the training. He’ll be a horse who will be around for awhile, and when we get a chance to showcase him, we’re pretty excited about getting him in front of some people.” --@BDiDonatoTDN

Another ‘Top’ Lot for Yoshida at OBS March...

A year after purchasing a trio of juveniles from the Top Line Sales OBS March consignment, including smashing Tokyo debut winner and \$525,000 graduate Lecce Baroque (Uncle Mo), Northern Farm’s Katsumi Yoshida went to \$420,000 for a son of Medaglia d’Oro (*ThoroStride* video) from Jimbo and Torie Gladwell’s operation in Ocala Tuesday.





“Mr. Yoshida has had very good luck with our horses, but he also buys the best that we offer,” Torie Gladwell said. “[MGSW] Copano Kicking (Spring At Last) also went to Japan for different owners a couple of years ago [\$100,000 2017 Fasig-Tipton March graduate] and that horse has won a couple of million dollars over there. I think that set the precedent that we do sell nice, solid horses and they don’t have to be million-dollar horses coming out of our consignment to go over there and perform.”

Hip 65, a \$400,000 RNA as a yearling at Keeneland September, was bred in Kentucky by Fred W. Hertrich, III. He breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 at the OBS March under-tack show. The bay is out the Dansili mare Flagstaff (GB), a daughter of the talented Juddmonte homebred and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine and G1 Matriarch S. runner-up Etoile Montante (Miswaki).

“We were so nervous taking that horse to the ring, and after watching all these results right now, I probably would’ve been even more nervous because the market is very scary,” Gladwell said late Tuesday afternoon. “We were lucky enough to have four or five really good vets on him, so we felt like we were secure going up there, but we just weren’t sure if people were going to raise their hands.



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“The Medaglia d’Oro colt was very sound--he was vetted and X-rayed from his feet to his ears and passed all the X-rays. That’s what I think people liked about him, plus he was a really pretty-moving horse on the synthetic track and also on the dirt. He might be able to go both ways, even though his pedigree does scream turf.”

She concluded, “We really liked him as yearling--Taylor Made had him up there at Keeneland--and we were trying to buy him. The breeder and some of his partners agreed to let us train him and sell him here though, so that was very kind of them.”

The aforementioned 3-year-old filly Lecce Baroque beat the boys by 10 lengths on debut in Japan Feb. 8 (*video*). Yoshida’s other 2019 purchases from Top Line included a \$675,000 Candy Ride (Arg) half-sister to champion Drefong (Gio Ponti); and a \$200,000 Cairo Prince colt. He picked up a \$775,000 American Pharoah colt--now named Nile River--a debut winner at Tokyo last November and unplaced in Hyacinth S.--at Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream last year.

Yoshida also bought Tuesday’s \$650,000 OBS March session topper, a daughter of American Pharoah. She was consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent.

--@SteveSherackTDN

Out of the 'Blue'...

The first juvenile to sell from the first crop of European champion 2-year-old male Air Force Blue (War Front) was well-received in the OBS ring Tuesday, bringing \$390,000 from Willis Horton Racing LLC. The Feb. 10 foal was consigned by Brandon and Ali Rice's RiceHorse Stable as [hip 27](#), and covered a furlong last Thursday in [:10 flat](#). ([Click for ThoroStride walking video.](#))

Bred in Kentucky by Sierra Farm, the chestnut was a \$95,000 KEESEP RNA. His MSW dam has produced eight winners, including globetrotting G2 UAE Derby and G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. winner and fellow promising young sire Daddy Long Legs (Scat Daddy), as well as MSW Tres Dream (Chester House). Second dam Sparrow Lake (Apalachee) was also a multiple stakes winner.



Brandon and Ali Rice and Hip 27 | Photos by Z

RiceHorse partnered with Sharon Hudon's Sierra Farm to bring the colt to the 2-year-old sales after he RNA'd at September.

"It was beyond expectations," said consignor Brandon Rice of Tuesday's result. "We're really happy for the people who got the horse. I think they're going to thank us in the future for buying a horse who my wife and I have thought the world of. We loved him at September, but weren't able to afford him, so we struck a deal with Sierra Farm and [farm manager] Mike Callanan. We were glad that they entrusted us with him—I don't think we were the only offer, but they chose us for the job."

Rice said that he and his wife Ali had a high opinion of the colt as soon as he began his first lessons.

"Right from the breaking process we thought he was special, but you don't really know anything until you start putting the speed on him," he said. "Right from the first work, he felt amazing. He gave you goosebumps... From there, with us as a young, humble business and trying to be careful with what we do, we said, 'How do we not mess this up?' We'd been blessed with such a good horse here--eats well, trains well, takes care of

himself, always overachieves breezing... He's just brilliant. Whoever trains him--whether it's Ali and I, or his next trainer, he'll look just as good. I'm certain of it. We're just blessed to have had him in our shedrow."

Airforce Blue, a \$490,000 KEESEP yearling trained by Adian O'Brien, stands at Coolmore's Ashford Stud. He commanded a fee of \$25,000 in his first year.

"I have two Air Force Blues--the other one is a filly who's going to the races for a customer," Rice said when asked if he'd had his hands on any of the sire's other progeny. "She is really gorgeous moving right now; I haven't asked as much of her as what I've asked of this colt... certain horses, the way they move, the way they wow you, the way they recover from workouts and handle themselves within workouts competing with other horses--that filly's doing everything right. I've got good mojo about this sire."

The big story heading into OBS March was obviously the social and economic uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, but Rice was taking everything in stride some halfway through the first day of selling Tuesday.

"The whole industry and the whole world is just caught up in a funny economy and time, but I think most of the wise people will just keep their heads down and keep making one good decision after another, day by day," he said. "Obviously, with race meets being cancelled and other sales being cancelled, it's hitting us 2-year-old sellers at a really tough time. We're all nervous; we have financial pressures on us, but this is already a risky business--we don't need additional risk on top of it... I think for now we have to keep our heads down and keep selling. If it's going to hurt me in my pocketbook, I probably won't know about it. Would all these horses have brought double if the stock market was good? Probably not. We aren't going to panic. We're going to keep taking care of our horses to the best of our ability and it will work itself out. At the same time, I don't want to downplay the market and situation because I think there are other guys who won't be as fortunate as me. I had the special horse in that top tier of the sale and probably of anything that's going to be offered this spring. You're just never in trouble when you've got a horse like that in your hands." --@BDiDonatoTDN

Full-Sister to Bar of Gold Brings \$330K...

As the estate planning of longtime owners/breeders Chester and Mary Broman continues, a Medaglia d'Oro full-sister to their 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint upsetter Bar of Gold brought \$330,000 from Larry Best's OXO Equine at OBS March Tuesday.

Best has already enjoyed success with another daughter of the Darley leading sire, campaigning \$1.25-million KEESEP graduate Cambier Parc (Medaglia d'Oro) to wins in the 2019 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. and GI Del Mar Oaks.

The dark bay, a :10 flat breezer at the under-tack show, was consigned as **Hip 167** by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock on behalf of the Bromans. With the couple staying in for a piece, Sequel Bloodstock also sold the GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby-bound and Broman-bred Chestertown (Tapit) for an OBS March record of \$2 million to a group headed by West Point Thoroughbreds at this sale last year.



Becky Thomas | Photos by Z

"She was absolutely beautiful," Thomas said of the New York-bred full-sister to Bar of Gold. "They are different kind of fillies. This filly is quick. Bar of Gold was real tall, leggy and stretchy. She was a different made kind of horse. They are both very Medaglia looking in terms of color though, both being dark bay or brown. Larry Best got a really, really great value. The market is obviously very compromised with what's happening right now and Mr. Broman is very realistic on reserves. We were sure that she was going to sell. We're really happy that Mr. Best got her. Mr. Broman isn't dispersing his mares at this time. We know that she'll get a great shot, that part was really good, but it is bittersweet."

Khancord Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), winner of the 2010 GIII Herecomesthebride S. at Gulfstream, has also produced stakes-placed runners Land Mine (Mineshaft) and Homeland (American Pharoah) (\$500,000 KEESEP graduate). The 13-year-old produced a colt by Medaglia d'Oro in 2019 and was bred to Triple Crown winner Justify for the 2020 season. She is due in late May. This is the extended female family of standouts Half Ours (Unbridled's Song), Yankee Gentleman (Storm Cat), et al. Bar of Gold was her first foal. --@SteveSherackTDN

Keeneland Cancellation Not Stopping Ward...

Perhaps no trainer was more significantly affected by Keeneland's **cancellation of its spring meet** due to COVID-19 than Wesley Ward, who dominates the Lexington oval's April juvenile races and uses them as a springboard to Royal Ascot. Despite still trying to figure out when and where his more precocious trainees would make their debuts, Ward added another speedster to the stable Tuesday in the form of **hip 129**. Consigned by GOP Racing Stable Corp., the son of The Factor tied for the quickest furlong of the under-tack previews at **:9 4/5** and was the only horse to achieve that feat during Thursday's first breeze show.

"He's fast--we know that. Now all we have to find is a place to race him," said Ward, who appeared to be in a jovial mood given the current set of circumstances. "Obviously, I've been lucky with the sire. The good thing about the 2-year-old in training sales is that, you can have the pedigrees and physicals and all that [at earlier sales], but here you at least get to see them go an eighth of a mile, and this guy's as fast as there is in the sale. That's 90% of the battle, finding a runner--certainly he's that. We don't know how far he can go, but we know he can go an eighth of a mile quick."

Ward owns and trains Bound for Nowhere (The Factor), winner of the 2018 GII Shakertown S. at Keeneland.

Hip 129 was a \$22,000 KEENOV RNA turned \$17,000 OBSOCT yearling. He is out of SW and GSP Idle Talk (Olmodavor) and hails from the female family of champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) and her GSW half-brother Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice).

As for plans for the rest of his stable of juveniles, Ward said, "Every year, the fast ones of mine who I start breaking and training come to hand real quick, so every year I've been backing up later and later and later. The first few started to identify themselves a couple weeks ago when we started breezing. Those were the ones we were going to focus on in the first couple of races [at Keeneland], and the rest would kind of just fall into place. Now that they're not going to have the Keeneland meet, we'll just back up on everything and give them a bit more time. I'm lucky that in years past I started them a lot earlier, but I've continued to back things up--so it kind of worked out in that way at least. It's quite a shame. I was really hoping that they'd continue racing without fans like they've been doing. Being the only game in town to put your two dollars on, doing it sitting on your couch, would've been a great opportunity for racing to get more people involved. Hopefully the other tracks don't follow suit, but we'll see what happens." --

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OBS March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale

Wednesday, March 18

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343	C	Bayern-Race Rocks (Ire)	\$72,000	FTN PREF NY-BRED YRLG	Crow-Sharp Ventures	Paul Sharp
344	C	Hard Spun-Random Chance	\$25,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Bird In Hand Stables	Bird In Hand Stables
345	F	Congrats-Rap Queen	\$42,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	C & M Racing	Hemingway Racing/Training
347	C	Anchor Down-Red Brunette	\$47,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Oakmont	Pike Racing
349	F	Poseidon's Warrior-Reeyre	\$5,000	OBS YRLG 2019	GOP Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
350	C	Frosted-Rehocracy	\$210,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Bill & Corinne Heiligbrodt	SBM Training and Sales
352	C	Tonalist-Remember Ned	\$40,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	William Rainbow & Falling Creek	Golden Rock T'breds
356	C	Fast Anna-Ride Me Fast	\$130,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Backstretch Farms/De Meric	De Meric Sales
358	C	Outwork-Riding Point	\$155,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Al Pike	Pike Racing
359	C	Upstart-Ridingwiththedevel	\$140,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
361	C	Speightster-Rivertown Belle	\$80,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Owls Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
363	C	Speightster-Rockhouse	\$11,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Valentine Jimenez	Bold Arrow T'breds
364	C	Speightster-Rock 'n Wolin	\$72,000	FTK FALL MIX 2018	Bally Fair Bloodstock	Golden Rock T'breds
365	F	Mucho Macho Man-Rocksie Lucie	\$55,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Tari Brocklebank	Havens Bloodstock
366	C	Outwork-Romantic Cuvee	\$65,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Pick View	Pick View
369	C	Orb-Rosy Humor	\$67,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Gina Fennell	L.G.
370	R	Super Saver-Royale Michele	\$100,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	B.G. Stables & Meah/Lloyd B'stock	Harris Training Center
373	C	Lemon Drop Kid-Ruefully	\$27,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Wilfredo Agusti	Niall Brennan Stables
374	C	Not This Time-Running Creek	\$62,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Lori & Mark Collinsworth	Ocala Stud
375	C	Cairo Prince-Ryan's Inheritance	\$95,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Pick View	Pick View
378	C	Paynter-Sam's Sunny City	\$20,000	FT SANTA ANITA FALL YRG	John Brocklebank	Havens Bloodstock
379	C	Into Mischief-Sandra's Rose	\$260,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Gary Broad/Walmac/Town & Country	King's Equine
380	C	Union Rags-Sangrita	\$45,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	David Flores	Flores Equine
385	F	American Pharoah-Scherzi	\$175,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Gary Contessa	De Meric Sales
386	C	Constitution-Screwgie	\$95,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Red Wings	Wavertree Stables
388	F	Commissioner-Second Street City	\$15,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	V. C. Corp.	Niall Brennan Stables
389	C	Blame-Seeking Sheba	\$20,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	C and A Racing	Whitman Sales

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390	C	Super Saver-See Rock City	\$63,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Big Time Racing	Whitman Sales
394	C	Anchor Down-Sergeant O'Rourke	\$100,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Red Wings	Wavertree Stables
397	F	Liam's Map-She Be Keene	\$70,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Chris Johnson/Taylor Made Sales	Harris Training Center
398	C	Speightster-Sheet Humor	\$210,000	FTN PREF NY-BRED YRLG	Brick City Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
399	C	Honor Code-She Has Charm	\$30,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Chad Schumer	Golden Rock T'breds
400	F	Sky Mesa-Shesacurlinmytoes	\$11,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Gen Ex Partners	De Meric Sales
403	C	Admiral Kitten-Shivering Fax	\$10,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Sunshine Equine	Mayberry Farm
404	C	Super Saver-Show Me the Roses	\$13,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	J R Racing Stables	J R Racing Stables
405	F	Wicked Strong-Showtime Samurai	\$11,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	K.I.A.	Mayberry Farm
406	C	Street Boss-Shutterbug	\$10,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Tari Brocklebank	Havens Bloodstock
407	C	Bahamian Squall-Silk Ridge	\$7,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Jose Cuellar	Blas Perez Stables
408	F	Justin Phillip-Silkworm	\$22,000	OBS WNT MIX 19	Damon Ming	Gene Recio
409	F	Street Boss-Silky Omega	\$14,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Valentine Jimenez	Bold Arrow T'breds
412	C	Street Boss-Simply Precious	\$35,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Chuck Horvitz	Mayberry Farm
413	F	Air Force Blue-Sirenage	\$140,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Elmrata Invest.	De Meric Sales
415	F	Vancouver (Aus)-Skip the Storm	\$27,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Tim Hamm/Blazing Meadows Farm	Blazing Meadows Farm
416	C	Summer Front-Sky Fraulein	\$6,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Emerald Equine	Whitman Sales
417	C	Ghostzapper-Smoke Signals	\$205,000	FTN PREF NY-BRED YRLG	Blue Collar Stable	Sequel Bloodstock
419	F	Street Boss-Social Vindication	\$22,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Golden Rock	Golden Rock T'breds
421	F	Creative Cause-Solar Echo	\$25,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Legacy Way & Big Easy	Big Easy
422	C	Tourist-Somali Byrd	\$4,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Edwin Mundo Rios	C.J. Stable
423	C	Chitu-Something Casual	\$20,000	OBS WNT MIX 19	Green River Farms/Gary Logsdon	Hawk's Nest
424	F	Bernardini-Song Collection	\$250,000	FTN SEL YRLG SAR 2019	Quarter Pole Enterprises	Eddie Woods
426	C	Super Saver-Song of My Heart	\$12,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Jorge Luis Gonzalez	Brick City Thoroughbreds
433	F	Overanalyze-Spoken	\$20,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Eric Aquino	Golden Rock T'breds
434	C	Oxbow-Squiggle	\$9,500	OBS YRLG 2019	George Santis	M R Racing
436	F	Mizzen Mast-Starship Duchess	\$10,000	FT SANTA ANITA FALL YRG	By a Nose	Havens Bloodstock
438	C	Flat Out-Status	\$22,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Miguel Melendez	Randy Miles
440	C	Honor Code-Storm Hearted	\$28,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Rosborough	Flores Equine
441	F	Cairo Prince-Stormin Sistas	\$11,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	V. C. Corp.	Two Oaks Equine
442	F	Constitution-Stormy Kristine	\$40,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	English Range Farm	Envision Equine
443	F	Uncle Mo-Storybook (UAE)	\$150,000	FTN SEL YRLG SAR 2019	Timber Stables	Paul Sharp
444	C	Fed Biz-Street Sailing	\$11,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Edilberto O. Herrera	Nice and Easy T'breds

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445	F	Fed Biz-Strike Upa Song	\$20,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	Global Thoroughbreds	Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds
448	C	Dominus-Summertime	\$55,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Tari Brocklebank	Havens Bloodstock
452	C	Upstart-Super Divine	\$85,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	King's Equine	King's Equine
454	F	Union Rags-Sweet Success	\$240,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
455	C	Palace-Swiss Key	\$50,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
456	C	Frosted-Taboo	\$115,000	FTN SEL YRLG SAR 2019	King's Equine	King's Equine
458	C	Super Saver-Tap It Out	\$20,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Golden Rock	Golden Rock T'breds
460	F	Speightster-Tasunke	\$65,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Marc Tacher	De Meric Sales
463	C	Brody's Cause-Tea Dancer	\$4,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Michelle Hemingway	Hemingway Racing/Training
464	C	Kanthalos-Tempers Flair	\$185,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Bill & Corinne Heiligbrodt	SBM Training and Sales
466	C	Micromanage-Tessio	\$13,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Jose Munoz	Jose Munoz
468	F	Firing Line-Thine	\$27,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Carlos Munoz/Mark Warnick	CM Thoroughbreds
470	F	Not This Time-Three Degrees Mon	\$26,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Equine Trust Investments	De Meric Sales
471	C	Street Boss-Three Loves and Me	\$70,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Albert Davis	Old South Farm
472	F	Tourist-Tiboli (GB)	\$15,000	KEE JAN ALL AGES 19	Kelly Lively	De Meric Sales
473	C	Upstart-Tightly Wound	\$15,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	JVC Training & Sales	J V C Training and Sales
474	C	Twirling Candy-Tikkarita	\$10,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Sayeli Camacho	Team Work Racing Corp.
477	C	Will Take Charge-Tizabella	\$10,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Golden Rock	Golden Rock T'breds
478	C	Curlin-Tizavision	\$135,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Medina	Flores Equine
480	F	Ready's Image-Tizzy Fever	\$2,500	KEE NOV BRDG 18	Marco Medina	De Anda Sales
483	C	Exaggerator-To the Brim	\$52,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Patrick Hoppel	Hoppel's Horse & Cattle
484	F	Violence-Traveler	\$55,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
485	C	Blame-Treaty Oak	\$30,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	Lara Run	Pick View
486	F	Not This Time-Tremendamente Loca	\$20,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Mason Springs	Mason Springs
488	C	Bernardini-Triumphantly	\$11,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Chuck Givens	Ends Well
490	C	Kanthalos-Tropic of Aquarius	\$75,000	FTI YRLG OCT 19	Cary Frommer	Cary Frommer
491	C	Central Banker-Trout River Red	\$2,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Big Easy Racing & Sales	Big Easy
493	C	Not This Time-Truss	\$100,000	FTN FALL MIXED 2018	Bloodstock Investments	King's Equine
496	C	Liam's Map-Twinkling	\$120,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Marc Tacher	De Meric Sales
497	C	Street Sense-Twirl Me	\$75,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Crow-Sharp Venture	Paul Sharp
498	C	Competitive Edge-Twisted Purpose	\$105,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	East Hickman Bloodstock	SBM Training and Sales
501	F	Into Mischief-Unbridled Mistress	\$170,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Hartley/DeRenzo	Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds
502	F	Carpe Diem-Up the Street	\$7,500	KEE NOV BRDG 18	South Legacy Stables	Potrero Stables

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503	F	Munnings-Vallee des Reves	\$25,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Eric Antonio Delvalle	Gayle Woods
504	F	Competitive Edge-Vanetta Hill	\$45,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Towering Cumulus	Gene Recio
506	C	Candy Ride (Arg)-Veronique	\$110,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	King's Equine	King's Equine
507	F	Will Take Charge-Vesper Cat	\$20,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Winners Circle Stable	De Meric Sales
508	C	Sky Mesa-Vicky Ticky Tavie	\$31,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Golden Rock	Golden Rock T'breeds
509	C	Temple City-Vikki's Honor	\$2,500	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Dancing Wind Stables	Pedro Bernal Perez
511	F	Carpe Diem-Von Rosenberg	\$75,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Marc Tacher	Eddie Woods
513	C	Runhappy-Walking Path	\$95,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Windfield Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
514	F	Shanghai Bobby-War Clan	\$27,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Gerardo Romero & L.G.	L.G.
515	C	Caleb's Posse-War Kill	\$22,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	CJ Thoroughbreds	Richardson Bloodstock
516	F	Street Boss-Welcome Addition	\$7,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Andrea Stables	J R Racing Stables
518	F	Speightster-Western Peace	\$27,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Island Bloodstock	Julie Davies
519	F	Anchor Down-Whenislifeaholiday	\$42,000	OBS YRLG 2019	English Range Farm	Envision Equine
520	F	Carpe Diem-Where's Poppa	\$20,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	Classic Bloodstock	Gayle Woods
522	F	Outwork-Why Lucy Why	\$70,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Barry Berkelhammer	Cary Frommer
523	C	The Factor-Wife Support	\$9,500	OBS WNT MIX 19	Valentine Jimenez	Bold Arrow T'breeds
526	F	Kantharos-Wildcat Heiress	\$125,000	FTK FALL MIX 2018	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
527	F	California Chrome-Wildcat Lily	\$80,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Speculation Equus	Wavertree Stables
533	C	Laoban-Yankee Bright	\$20,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Jacobo Ordonez	Golden T'breeds Training/Sales
536	F	Air Force Blue-Zeta (Ire)	\$20,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	Superfine Farms	All Dreams Equine
537	C	Cairo Prince-Zip Cash Back	\$65,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Brian Klatsky	Wavertree Stables
539	C	Outwork-Zulia	\$65,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	CJ Thoroughbreds	Richardson Bloodstock
541	C	Broken Vow-Abide	\$5,500	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	V. C. Corp.	Two Oaks Equine
542	C	Mshawish-A Bit of Humor	\$6,500	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Roderico Figueroa	New Way
543	C	Anchor Down-Abounding Love	\$70,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Marc Tacher	Eddie Woods
544	C	Carpe Diem-Abraqat	\$65,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Korea Racing Authority	De Meric Sales
545	C	Optimizer-Adeline Moon	\$3,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Ivan Martinez	David J. Markgraf
548	C	Liaison-Alaska Miss	\$5,500	OBS WNT MIX 19	Jose Munoz	Jose Munoz
549	C	Firing Line-Alexandria J	\$110,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Red Wings	Wavertree Stables
550	C	Tapizar-Allencat	\$135,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Brick City Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
551	C	Frosted-All Mettle	\$130,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Brick City Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
554	C	Violence-AI Max Diner	\$180,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	Dudley Racing	SGV Thoroughbreds
555	F	Strong Mandate-Always and Forever	\$20,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Blas Perez Stables	Blas Perez Stables

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559	C	Malibu Moon-Ameristralia (Aus)	\$130,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	4th Quarter Equine	McKathan Bros. Sales
563	C	Wicked Strong-Annabird	\$11,000	OBS WNT MIX 19	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
565	C	Trappe Shot-Antique	\$20,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	The Quater Co.	Havens Bloodstock
566	F	Street Sense-Arabic Style	\$100,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Cotton Plant	Eddie Woods
570	C	Liam's Map-Art Show	\$77,000	FTI YRLG OCT 19	Cotton Plant	Eddie Woods
572	C	Munnings-Atlantic Island	\$220,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Quarter Pole Enterprises	Eddie Woods
573	C	Tapiture-Aunt Els	\$125,000	FTN SEL YRLG SAR 2019	King's Equine	King's Equine
576	C	Palace Malice-Awesome Grannie	\$150,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
578	F	Honor Code-Azzedine	\$10,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Bird In Hand Stables	Bird In Hand Stables
579	F	Super Saver-Ballad	\$32,000	OBS YRLG 2019	G & H Stable	Harris Training Center
582	F	Khozan-Battling Brook	\$50,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
583	C	Quality Road-Beach Town	\$340,000	KEE NOV BRDG 18	McMahon & Hill Bloodstock	Eddie Woods
585	C	Upstart-Bear It	\$62,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Stanley Dunn & Parrish Farms	Parrish Farms
586	F	Super Saver-Bear On the Run	\$14,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Chris Lamance	Stephens Thoroughbreds
587	C	Blame-Bedanken	\$35,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Golden Rock	Golden Rock T'breds
590	F	Mark Valeski-Bellamy Roadster	\$7,500	OBS WNT MIX 19	Danielle Loya	SGV Thoroughbreds
591	F	Carpe Diem-Bella Paella	\$17,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Jesus Lopez	Flores Equine
592	C	Kantharos-Bella's Fantasy	\$50,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Robert Theuerkauf	Whitman Sales
593	F	Flashback-Betty's Blossom	\$8,000	OBS WNT MIX 19	Wendi Polanco	Coastal Equine
594	F	Uncle Mo-Beychevelle	\$20,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	H M A Equine	Blazing Meadows Farm
595	C	Prospective-Bimmelbahn	\$4,200	OBS WNT MIX 19	Gina Fennell	L.G.
596	C	Bayern-Bitter Lemon	\$75,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Golden Star Farm	Golden Star Farm
598	C	Upstart-Blue Beryl	\$220,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
600	C	Temple City-Blue Moon (Fr)	\$9,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Little Farm Equine	Little Farm Equine
601	F	Goldencents-Blue Samurai	\$23,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Alex Silva	Top Line Sales
606	C	Tonalist-Bread 'n Water	\$85,000	FTN PREF NY-BRED YRLG	Woodford Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
608	C	Jack Milton-Breeze Bayou	\$4,500	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Aureliano Noguez	Boutte Sales
611	C	Chitu-British Event	\$42,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Stanley Dunn & Parrish Farms	Parrish Farms
615	C	Dialed In-Call the Kitty	\$21,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	MEI	Whitman Sales
619	F	Munnings-Cape Lady	\$80,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Brooke Hubbard	Gene Recio
621	F	Munnings-Caramore	\$50,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Marc Detampel & Fergus Galvin	SGV Thoroughbreds
622	F	Blame-Carefree	\$62,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Farfellow Farms	Gene Recio
623	F	Street Boss-Careless Moment	\$77,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Dilligaf Stables	SGV Thoroughbreds

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624	C	Palace-Carlisle House	\$7,000	ESLA YRLG AND MIX 2019	George Santis	M R Racing
626	C	Commissioner-Cascadilla Falls	\$80,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Eddie Kenneally	Eddie Woods
628	C	Optimizer-Catlanta	\$1,300	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Nestor Martinez	David J. Markgraf
634	C	Speightster-Celebrated	\$15,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Carlos Munoz	CM Thoroughbreds
635	F	Bodemeister-Certain Quality	\$3,500	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	C J Stable	C.J. Stable
636	F	Not This Time-Chambray	\$8,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	J R Racing Stables	J R Racing Stables
637	F	Not This Time-Champagne Sparkle	\$95,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Lewis Lakin	Sequel Bloodstock
639	C	Texas Red-Changing Attitudes	\$15,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Ramiro Salazar	Julie Davies
640	C	Daredevil-Chapellerie (Ire)	\$30,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Owls Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
645	C	Mucho Macho Man-Chasida	\$25,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Danny Pate	De Meric Sales
648	C	Orb-Child Please	\$67,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Red Wings	Wavertree Stables
649	F	Twirling Candy-Chilly Fashion	\$75,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
650	C	Fast Anna-Chiquiem	\$140,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
652	F	Midshipman-Choo Choo Lady	\$40,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Towering Cumulus	Gene Recio
653	C	Shanghai Bobby-Ciddy's Song	\$40,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Stanley Dunn & Parrish Farms	Parrish Farms
655	C	Shackleford-Cinnamon Girl	\$25,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Big D Stables	SGV Thoroughbreds
657	C	Shanghai Bobby-Circumstance	\$37,000	KEE JAN ALL AGES 19	Backstretch Farms/De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
658	F	Not This Time-Civility Pledge	\$10,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Three E.S.	All Dreams Equine
659	C	Tapiture-Clamorous Clarissa	\$50,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Bill & Corinne Heiligbrodt & SBM	SBM Training and Sales
661	C	Broken Vow-Coastal Sunrise	\$5,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Hemingway Racing & Training	Hemingway Racing/Training
663	C	Tamarkuz-Confession	\$125,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Pick View	Pick View
664	F	Verrazano-Con Gee	\$3,200	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	30-30 Ranch	30-30 Ranch
667	F	Competitive Edge-Convent Type	\$40,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Best Friends Bloodstock	De Meric Sales
669	C	Midshipman-Copperelle	\$55,000	FTK SUM YRLG 2019	Hoby & Layna Kight	Hoby & Layna Kight
676	C	Outwork-Crazy Woman Creek	\$50,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Quarter Pole Enterprises	Eddie Woods
677	F	Outwork-Crimson Spire	\$18,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Rafael Matos Ortiz	Whitman Sales
678	C	Midnight Lute-Crown Me Wicked	\$5,500	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	T C I	Whitman Sales
679	C	Commissioner-Cry the Blues	\$55,000	KEE SEP YRLG 2019	Spartan	Wavertree Stables
680	F	Tapiture-Cupids Gallop	\$30,000	OBS YRLG 2019	Olivia Enterprize	Mayberry Farm
681	C	Union Rags-Cuttyhunk	\$125,000	FTK OCT YRLG 2019	Oakmont	Pike Racing

SESSION TOPPERS

OBS MARCH--TUESDAY'S TOP COLTS

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
258	Into Mischief--Montessa G (\$235,000 yrl '19 KEESEP) Breeder: Machmer Hall (Ky) Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XX Purchaser: Myracehorse.com and Spendthrift	500,000
320	Runhappy--Pledge Pin (\$145,000 RNA '19 KEESEP) Breeder: Millennium Farms (Ky) Consignor: Pick View LLC, Agent IX Purchaser: Tom Durant	475,000
065	Medagliad'Oro--Flagstaff (GB) (\$400,000 RNA yrl '19 KEESEP) Breeder: Fred W. Hertrich, III (Ky) Consignor: Top Line Sales LLC, Agent XIV Purchaser: Katsumi Yoshida	420,000
027	Air Force Blue--Dreamy Maiden (\$95,000 RNA yrl '19 KEESEP) Breeder: Sierra Farm (Ky) Consignor: RiceHorse Stable (Brandon & Ali Rice) Purchaser: Willis Horton Racing LLC	390,000
319	American Pharoah--Please Sign In (\$300,000 RNA yrl '19 KEESEP; \$330,000 yrl '19 KEEJAN) Breeder: Hurstland Farm & William F. Kartoziyan (KY) Consignor: Wavertree Stables, Inc. (C Dunne), Agent IV Purchaser: John C. Kimmel, agent	320,000

OBS MARCH--TUESDAY'S TOP FILLIES

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
237	American Pharoah--Megalicious (\$165,000 yrl '19 KEESEP; \$70,000 wnlg '18 KEENOV) Breeder: Zayat Stables (Ky) Consignor: Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), agent Purchaser: Katsumi Yoshida	650,000
167	Medaglia d'Oro--Khancord Kid Breeder: Chester & Mary Broman (NY) Consignor: Sequel Bloodstock, agent for C & M Broman Purchaser: OXO Equine LLC	330,000
226	Frankel (GB)--Manderley (\$306,127 yrl '19 GOFOR) Breeder: Coolmore (Ire) Consignor: Wavertree Stables, Inc. (C Dunne), agent IV Purchaser: Team Casse, agent	320,000

149	Empire Maker--Jaded Glory (\$150,000 yrl '19 KEESEP) Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds (KY) Consignor: Randy Miles, Agent III Purchaser: August Dawn Farm	280,000
063	Hit It a Bomb--Five Star Daydream (\$95,000 yrl '19 KEESEP) Breeder: Spendthrift Farm (Ky) Consignor: Harris Training Center LLC, Agent III Purchaser: Meah/Loyd Bloodstock	200,000

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OBS MARCH -- TUESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
063	filly	Hit it a Bomb	Five Star Daydream	200,000
(\$95,000 yrl '19 KEESEP) B-Spendthrift Farm (KY) Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, Agent III Purchased by Meah/Loyd Bloodstock				

Solana Beach Sales, the pinhooking division of Little Red Feather, acquired this filly from the first crop of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Hit it a Bomb for \$95,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Tuesday in Ocala, she caught the eye of bloodstock agent David Meah, who purchased her half-sister and subsequent graded stakes winner Gas Station Sushi (Into Mischief) for \$240,000 at the 2017 OBS March sale.

129	colt	The Factor	Idle Talk	165,000
(\$17,000 yrl '19 OBSOCT; \$22,000 RNA wnlg '18 KEENOV) B-Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau (MD) Consigned by GOP Racing Stable Corp Purchased by Wesley Ward				

Gerard Ochoa's GOP Racing Stable purchased this colt for \$17,000 out of the OBS sales ring last October. The 2-year-old zipped a furlong in a co-bullet :9 4/5 last week.

141	colt	Dialed In	Into Reality	275,000
(\$130,000 yrl '19 FTKJUL; \$30,000 wnlg '18 KEENOV) B-Scott Dilworth (Ky) Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent I Purchased by North Hills				

Ciaran Dunne's Red Wings pinhooking partnership purchased this colt for \$130,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. The bay turned heads last week with a quarter-mile work in :20 3/5.

149 filly Empire Maker Jaded Glory 280,000
(\$150,000 yrl '19 KEESEP)

B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds (Ky)
Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent III
Purchased by August Dawn Farm

Jeffrey Bloom purchased this filly by the late Empire Maker for \$150,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale and she proved a touchdown when selling to former New York Giants coach Bill Parcells.

208 filly Firing Line Lu Baton 160,000
(\$8,000 yrl '19 KEESEP; \$35,000 wnlq '18 KEENOV)

B-Pope McLean, Marc McLean, and Pope McLean, Jr. (KY)
Consigned by Coastal Equine LLC (Jesse Hoppel), Agent I
Purchased by Steve Landers

Luis Franco was able to acquire this filly from the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Firing Line for just \$8,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

289 colt Run Away and Hide Officer Allie 170,000
(\$40,000 yrl '19 FTCAJR)

B-Jack and Barbara Owens (Ca)
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc., Agent III
Purchased by Hideyuki Mori

Bloodstock agent John Brocklebank acquired this colt for \$40,000 at last year's inaugural Fasig-Tipton California Yearling Sale.

FASIG-TIPTON ANNOUNCES NEW MIDLANTIC SALE DATES

Fasig-Tipton has released adjusted dates for its upcoming Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which will be held a week later than previously scheduled in response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. The two-day auction will be held May 26 and 27 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. The under tack show will be conducted Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 21-23. The auction had previously been scheduled for May 18 and 19.

"We have been in discussions with the Maryland State Fairgrounds following the CDC's recent guidance announcement and determined it would be best to push the sale back one week," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "This allows appropriate clearance from the current CDC recommended eight-week timetable."

Fasig-Tipton also announced dates for a second Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training auction to be held in June. The June Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday, June 24-25, with the under tack show taking place Monday and Tuesday, June 22-23.

The June auction will also be conducted at the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

"As the auction calendar continues to shift as a result of COVID-19, the addition of this June auction provides another sales venue for buyers and sellers," said Browning. "We are making every effort to ensure that there are ample opportunities for our customers to conduct needed business under these difficult circumstances. We will continue to monitor the current situation and make additions or changes to our sales schedule as conditions dictate."

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WALDROP SPEAKS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

NTRA President Alex Waldrop was the first speaker on the NTRA's teleconference Tuesday, during which he spoke at length about the current coronavirus pandemic, recommendations on dealing with it and different steps being taken by the racing industry. The following are some of the highlights of that talk:

"So much of this pandemic is local in nature. Central Kentucky has its own special circumstances. Some tracks may be in an area with less community spread. We ask everyone to stay in touch with your state and local health department and your governor's office. You have state alliances now forming.

We do know that many of the racetracks have moved to a no spectator policy and we think it is a great idea for those racetracks that can do it. We think it is a good opportunity for racing to sell itself to a new audience. There are no other sports betting opportunities, so this is a time for racing to distinguish itself. Lots of people depend on the racing for their livelihoods.

Nonetheless, we have stressed to individuals and to tracks that it is imperative, if they are going to race at this time, to take precautions to protect their employees, stable area workers, racing officials, jockeys and always their horses. There are a lot of people who can be impacted. One good thing about this is we know that there is no evidence at this point in time that horses are not a host for this string of the coronavirus, Covid-19. Horses are not impacted by this virus, so it is an opportunity, but we have to be responsible.

Be cognizant on social distancing. Follow the guidance that is laid out by the CDC. Keep six feet apart. Be aware of the level of community transmission. Also, be mindful of proper hygiene. Put up posters and make sure they are bilingual about washing hands and those types of things. Make sure the entire backstretch and front side are cleaned thoroughly. I know many are appreciative of these tracks remaining open, but we need to have proper hygiene and make sure we have options for quarantine. Telecommuting is not an option for people working at a racetrack.

We are telling people only to let those essential to conduct the racing on the track. That means excluding owners as NYRA has done and we commend them for doing that. We also respect those who have chosen not to run like Keeneland.

Focusing on jockeys, jockey quarters put them in close proximity and they also travel a lot. We are asking them to consider traveling less to keep this localized.

Something else we would consider a best practice and Keeneland has actually done it, because remember, whether you or racing or not, you have a community of people taking care of the horses and these horses are not going somewhere else. The movement of these horses would create more potential problems. We are encouraging people to keep the horses they have in place. One of the things Keeneland is doing is they are taking temperatures of people who come and go at the stable gate. Anyone with a fever above 100.1 will not be admitted."

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REPORT: 19 NAVARRO, SERVIS TRAINEES HAVE DIED AT MONMOUTH *by Bill Finley*

An investigation by the *Asbury Park Press* has revealed that 19 horses trained by either Jorge Navarro or Jason Servis have died at Monmouth Park since 2010. Servis and Navarro were among 27 people indicted last week by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York after an investigation into horse doping.

Twelve of the dead horses were trained by Navarro and seven by Servis. According to the *Press*, the 12 deaths out of the Navarro barn since 2012 are the most at Monmouth by any trainer over that period of time. Servis was second.

The *Press* reported that Servis and Navarro will plead not guilty when arraigned next week. Navarro faces two counts of "misbranding" the performance-enhancing drugs he allegedly used and Servis faces one. Each count has a maximum of five years in prison.

Navarro and Servis have dominated Monmouth racing over the last several years. During the 2019, 2018 and 2017 meets, Navarro was the leading trainer and Servis was second. Navarro has won seven straight training titles at Monmouth. In 2018, he set a single-season record at Monmouth with 85 wins.

The story focuses in on a gelding named **Firm** (Strong Mandate), who was claimed by Navarro at Gulfstream on Jan. 27, 2019. The horse later raced twice at Monmouth and collapsed and died on the track following a June 15 race. According to the *Press*, the cause of death was never determined.

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SO... WHO'S THE LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRE OF 2020?

It's time for our annual favorite question. We surveyed some top judges on who their leading first-crop sire is, and asked them to give us some under-the-radar picks as well.

BECKY THOMAS



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The first stallion that comes to mind that I really like is **Frosted**. I have three that are all very racey. They've given me a good first impression of their sire. They seem to be a lot more precocious than what you would think of with Tapits, and they're all three very speedy-looking. They all have great hips, but they're racey without being heavier boned.

I have two **Not This Times** and I like them. They're both quick. One is out of a Pioneerof the Nile mare and you wouldn't think that Pioneerof the Nile with Giant's Causeway would be so quick.

I don't have any by **Nyquist**, but I really like him. I've bred to him every year and I have a mare in foal to him as well.

We stand this horse so I don't want this to seem like a promotion, but I have seven or eight **Laobans** and I absolutely love them. They're tall, leggy, stretchy, scopey Uncle Mo-type horses that have a lot of length. I've always been an Uncle Mo fan with the Indian Charlie and In Excess line.

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TURF PARADISE COMPROMISE: OPEN FOR TRAINING UNTIL START OF MAY

By Dan Ross

After the operators of Turf Paradise announced suddenly over the weekend that racing was suspended and that trainers stabled there had until March 28 to vacate the premises as a result of the coronavirus, a compromise has been reached keeping the track open to training until May 1, with the doors to shut May 9.

As part of the negotiations between the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) and Turf Paradise management, the HBPA will pay half of the expenses incurred for track maintenance while horses remain training there until the start of May.

According to Bob Hutton, president of the Arizona HBPA, his organization has also agreed to allow all incoming simulcast signals into Arizona to Turf Paradise's network of Off-Track Betting parlors (OTBs) through the end of the year.

"I think they're very relieved that they have somewhere to stay for the next 45 days," said Hutton, about the mood among the Arizona trainers. "I think everybody's minds were eased last night. They were able to sleep because they were in desperation, panic mode."



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Vince Francia, Turf Paradise general manager, said that, while the track had considered remaining open for live racing—minus the crowds, federal and state recommendations about limiting large gatherings essentially ruled that option out.

"We have 1000 people on site here. They're not fans—they're connected with the racing industry," he said. "That's why we can't re-initiate racing at this time."

When asked whether the latest federal recommendation about limiting gatherings of more than 10 people would impact Turf Paradise's OTB network, Francia said that "we're well aware" the OTB's could be affected.

"It's not so much what we will do," he added. "We have to comply with what the governor and state recommend or orders."

The announcement over the weekend came after the Arizona HBPA sent a letter last week to the Arizona Department of Gaming, asking that they withdraw the Turf Paradise signal from all The Stronach Group (TSG) affiliates—the latest development in a months-long feud between an arm of TSG tasked with distributing the company's signal and the Arizona Department of Gaming.

Though the compromise has afforded Arizona trainers some stability in the near-term, major question marks remain about where they will go at the beginning of May, especially if the impacts from the coronavirus are still reverberating through the racing industry. One possibility is Arizona Downs, formerly known as Yavapai Downs, which reopened for live racing in 2019.

According to Tom Auther, an Arizona Downs owner and partner, there's a possibility the track could conduct live racing this summer. However, before the track can open its doors to horsemen this summer, approval would need to be given by Yavapai County, with whom the track is currently in talks.

However, Auther stressed how the "fluidity" of the situation prevented him from offering more concrete answers. "With what's going on, we just don't know what to say to anybody. Are all the tracks going to be closed until June, or later than June? Will our OTB network have any content to sell?" he said. "It sounds crazy, but we just don't know what to say other than to keep everybody informed on a day-to-day basis."

Trainer Mike Chambers reiterated Hutton's statement that the extended training period has afforded trainers temporary peace of mind. "There's just been a lot of stress on everybody on the backside because there just aren't that many places that are open," he said. "It's just been a real mess for everybody concerned."

Indeed, Canadian trainer Jared Brown told the *TDN* that the abruptness of the announcement over the weekend has made him think twice about returning to Turf Paradise when live racing resumes at the track, and he has already considered locating to Texas next winter.

"I was pretty worried the other day," said Brown, who operates a string of about 12 horses. "It takes us a minimum five days just to get the paperwork to be able to head north. When you've got multiple loads to make, plus a trip for your house trailer and everything else you've got down here, it was pretty shocking, to say the least."

TODAY'S GOOD NEWS/ RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

PM ADVERTISING OFFERS LEXINGTON-AREA COMMUNITY GRAPHIC DESIGN ASSISTANCE

by Sue Finley

In every crisis, it's possible to find examples of kindness and generosity, of people reaching out to help total strangers out of the goodness of their heart. Starting today at the TDN in this series, we're going to try to bring you a little bit of good news every day.

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I noticed the post on Instagram early Tuesday morning. “In these uncertain times, PM Advertising is offering our services free of charge to the first five service-related companies that need promotional material created. If you need help getting the word out about promoting your services, please contact us today for a complimentary social media/e-blast graphic to help share your message. Local supporting local.”

Christine Siegel, the Executive Director at PM Advertising in Lexington, Kentucky, explained the motivation behind the post.

“Jon (Siegel) and I were home watching the news last night, and saw all the things that were being canceled and we started to become concerned about the community, and the restaurants shutting down. We have friends in the restaurant industry and we were seeing the worry on people’s faces, wondering how they were going to communicate to people that they’re still cooking, that you can buy takeout, or get gift cards.”

The Siegels wondered what they could do to help, and they decided they would do what they do best: graphic design, media and PR. “We said what can we do to get their message out because they’re so panicked?” Siegel explained. “What can we do as a community to support each other in the face of these challenges that have genuinely struck fear in the hearts of people? That’s where it came from. We said, ‘Let’s get the word out for other people who don’t know how to do that.’”

Within minutes of posting the offer, all five spots were filled.

The first person to take them up on it was Dan Liebman, the owner of **Staxx BBQ** in Frankfort, Kentucky, and a contributor to the *Thoroughbred Daily News*.

Liebman transitioned from Thoroughbred journalism to restaurateur several years ago (see [2016 feature](#)). Staxx BBQ not only offers a traditional restaurant, but is outfitted with a drive-through—helpful in the coronavirus era—and does a catering business used by many consignors to feed their help at sales time.

“That’s what it’s going to take to get through this pandemic,” said Liebman. “It’s going to take helping people you don’t know, and reaching out and helping neighbors. We’re trying to get our message out that we’re still here and willing to serve. Most people are coming through the drive-through, and we got an order today for 70 box lunches, which is helpful. We can’t stay and serve it, but we can drop off catering. If a farm or an agency was wanting to feed their staff, as a way of helping out through a crisis, we’re available. We’ll deliver it. We’ll bring it right to the farm.”

Siegel said that a business like Staxx was exactly what she was imagining when they thought of the concept.

“The whole food aspect of the crisis really struck me,” she said.

“The schools are shut down and some of those kids rely on those two meals a day.” She said another business that contacted them was a charity that is trying to deliver meals to kids. Yet another was the Pivot Brewing Company in Lexington, which makes cider from apples pressed onsite, and had always billed itself as a community gathering place, with comedy shows, yoga, and a running group, all now impossible in the current climate.”

Siegel said that while they filled all five spots immediately, they were going to do more. “It just shows the need that’s out there,” she said. “We’re going to leave it up and help as many people as we can.”

Know of someone helping others, or have some good news you'd like to share? Email suefinley@thetdn.com.

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NEW VOCATIONS LAUNCHES LA DERBY SILENT AUCTION

Owners with horses racing at the Fair Grounds on Louisiana Derby Day Saturday are being encouraged to pledge a percentage of their earnings to support New Vocations efforts. All funds raised will go directly to support the horses currently at the Louisiana facility, which has already served over 50 retired racehorses since opening last year.

In addition to the pledge New Vocations will have an online auction with a variety of items ranging from unique New Orleans art to gift baskets and packages. The online auction can be viewed [here](#) and will run until Sunday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m.

“It’s been a pleasure to help serve the Louisiana horsemen with New Vocations,” said Rosie Napravnick. “I’m thrilled with the reception from the racing community in Louisiana and hope both the pledge and silent auction are able to raise much needed funds for our satellite facility in Covington. We have received great support from the horsemen, which has enabled us to grow in a rather short period of time.”

Napravnick joined forces with New Vocations last year to open a satellite facility in Covington. She has been instrumental in the expansion and has played a key role in helping raise funds and awareness for the new facility.

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TERF AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO WILSON COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation awarded \$3,750 to four Wilson College students to further their education. This year's recipients are each Equine Facilitated Therapeutics (EFT) majors and will use these funds to further their education in the equine field. The recipients are Bethany Doppel, Catlin Umberger, Rachel Stoner and Michelle Miller.

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Woodbine CEO Jim Lawson defends decision to keep horse racing going

Woodbine Entertainment CEO Jim Lawson was asked how realistic it still is for Thoroughbred horse racing at Woodbine Racetrack to begin this year on the scheduled date, Apr. 18.

“I’m hopeful. I’m hopeful,” Lawson told the *Toronto Sun*.

“Whether it’s realistic or not ... I’m hopeful.” **Steve Buffery, Toronto Sun**

The Rise and Fall of Jorge Navarro, the Alleged Doping King of Horse Racing

“A plan to redevelop the dilapidated Pimlico Race Course and keep the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore was outlined Tuesday to Maryland lawmakers, who would have to approve the \$389 million proposal.” **Robert Klemko, Washington Post**

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 March 11, 2020
Writers Talk Racing's Doping Scandal



Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:49 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Major Fed	Ghostzapper	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Rosario	122
2	Mailman Money	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
3	Wells Bayou 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, C & L, Madaket Stables & Wonder Stables	Cox	Geroux	122
4	Chestertown	Tapit	West Point Thoroughbreds, Broman, Sr., C & M, Woodford Racing, Siena Farm, & Masiello, Robert	Asmussen	Velazquez	122
5	Social Afleet	Northern Afleet	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Beschizza	122
6	Shake Some Action 🌿	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Hernandez	122
7	Sharecropper	Pioneerof the Nile	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Stall, Jr.	Mena	122
8	Royal Act 🌿	American Pharoah	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Cedillo	122
9	Portos	Tapit Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122	
10	Enforceable 🌿	Tapit John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	122	
11	Ny Traffic	Cross Traffic	Fanelli, J, Cash is King, LC Racing & Braverman, P	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	122
12	Lynn's Map 🌿	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Gaffalione	122
13	Silver State 🌿	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
14	Modernist	Uncle Mo	Wygod, Pam and Martin	Mott	Alvarado	122
15	Mr. Big News	Giant's Causeway	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Albarado	122
16	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables, and LaPenta, Robert V.	Pletcher	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Lloyd Madison IV, LLC, 2-TK Stables LLC, 3-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 4-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 5-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson, 6-Edgar Scott Jr. & Jane MacElree, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Stonehaven Steadings, 9-Wertheimer et Frere, 10-Clearsky Farms, 11-Brian Culnan, 12-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 13-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 14-Wygod Family, LLC, 15-Don Alberto Corporation, 16-Chrysalis Stables

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:10 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lone Sailor 🌿	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Graham	118
2	Sonneteer	Midnight Lute	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Murrill	118
3	Fearless 🌿	Ghostzapper	China Horse Club International & WinStar Farm	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Mena	118
5	Tenfold	Curlin	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Velazquez	118
6	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	118
8	By My Standards	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	118
9	Gun It 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Morgan's Ford Farm, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 8-Don Ladd, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Antoinette	Hard Spun	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	French Rose	Raison d'Etat	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Murrill	122
3	Tempers Rising 🌿	Bayern	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Leparoux	122
4	Bonny South	Munnings	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	122
5	Stop Shoppin Tammy 🌿	Tapit	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Lanerie	122
6	Finite	Munnings	Winchell Thoroughbreds, Reiman, Thomas, Dickson, William and Easter, Deborah A.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Dr. Bryan Boone DVM, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-My Meadowview LLC, 6-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:42 p.m. EDT

MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dot Matrix	Freud	Ten Strike Racing	Cox	Geroux	122
2	Aquaphobia	Giant's Causeway	Paradise Farms, Staudacher, D & Hooties Racing	Maker	Gaffalione	122
3	Dontblamerocket	Blame	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Leparoux	122
4	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M, Wonder Stables, Kisber, Michael E. and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Brown	Rosario	118
5	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Instilled Regard 🌿	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
8	Channel Maker 🌿	English Channel	Joey Gee Tbreeds, Wachtel Stable & Barber, G	Mott	Alvarado	118
9	Factor This 🌿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Bridgmohan	122
10	Secretary At War	War Front	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Beschizza	118
11	Marzo 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
12	Synchrony	Tapit Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	118	
13	Bundibunan 🌿	Ghostzapper	Haras Interlagos	Correas, IV	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-Truxton Stables, 2-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 3-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Haras du Mezeray, 5-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 6-KatieRich Farms, 7-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 8-Tall Oaks Farm, 9-Maccabee Farm, 10-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 11-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 12-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 13-Michael Perlman



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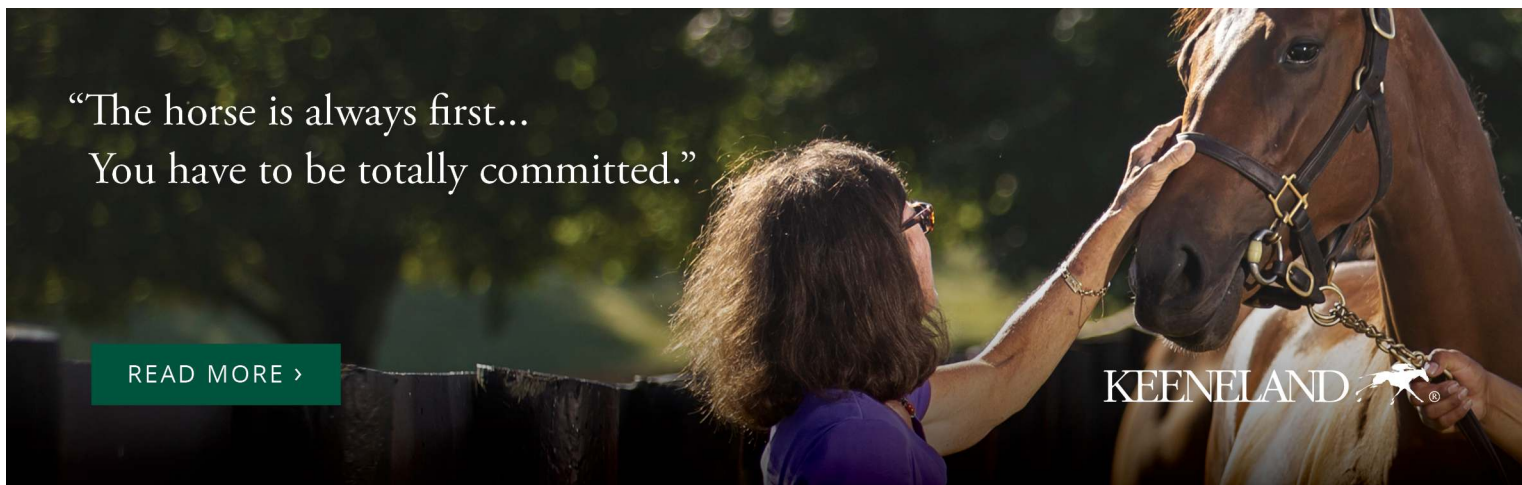
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Mucho Macho Man (2008) by Macho Uno	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	9	3,162,000	3,419,119
	Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000									Mucho Gusto	
2	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief	--	--	--	--	--	--	86	23	83,944	859,698
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000									Love and Love	
3	Central Banker (2010) by Speightstown	--	3	--	1	--	--	52	9	123,500	755,598
	Stands: McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds NY Fee: \$7,500									Bankit	
4	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	--	1	--	--	--	--	60	19	200,000	739,617
	Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000									Sabeq'hom (KSA)	
5	Cross Traffic (2009) by Unbridled's Song	2	3	--	1	--	--	48	13	73,000	551,250
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000									Montauk Traffic	
6	Will Take Charge (2010) by Unbridled's Song	--	--	--	--	--	--	46	13	83,834	546,750
	Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000									Herrschaft	
7	Strong Mandate (2011) by Tiznow	--	--	--	--	--	--	39	13	84,769	485,274
	Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$5,000									Jennemily	
8	Flashback (2010) by Tapit	--	1	--	1	--	--	46	11	60,000	477,667
	Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500									British Idiom	
9	Fed Biz (2009) by Giant's Causeway	1	2	--	1	--	--	51	11	64,450	408,010
	Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500									Scilly Cay	
10	He's Had Enough (2010) by Tapit	--	2	--	--	--	--	41	10	33,350	298,291
	Stands: Woodford Thoroughbreds FL Fee: \$2,500									Enough Love	
11	Bandbox (2008) by Tapit	1	1	--	--	--	--	20	9	78,822	286,445
	Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$2,500									Artful Splatter	
12	Itsmyluckyday (2010) by Lawyer Ron	--	--	--	--	--	--	36	11	63,950	279,750
	Stands: Maro Veterinary Services OH Fee: \$2,000									Ilchester Cheetah	
13	Can the Man (2011) by Into Mischief	--	1	--	1	--	--	40	12	40,500	273,734
	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$3,500									Truck Salesman	
14	Super Ninety Nine (2010) by Pulpit	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	6	52,472	264,298
	Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$3,000									Little Miss Raelyn	
15	Abstraction (2010) by Pulpit	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	12	26,120	228,227
	Stands: Doubletree Farm NM Fee: \$3,500									Evacuee	

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 6f, AMERICAN LEGEND, 9-2
\$200,000 FTK JUL yrl

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
157 foals of racing age/32 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Charles Town, Alw 7f, DREW, 6-1
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$9,000 RNA BAR OCT yrl

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000
93 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Charles Town, Alw 7f, PUNK ROCK PRINCESS, 6-5
\$25,000 EAS OCT yrl

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
231 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 6f, HAILEY'S DAY, 8-1
\$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
163 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, COMMCAT, 5-2
\$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, WENDELIN B, 20-1
\$1,000 KEE NOV wnl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
158 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, DUNWOODY, 4-1

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 1m, A FAST BROAD, 6-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$23,000
TTA APR 2yo

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
124 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Charles Town, Alw 7f, PAISLEY SINGING, 8-1
\$1,000 EAS OCT yrl

5-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, PIPERS GOLD, 7-2

Gray Meteor (Unbridled's Song), Paul Brandt
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 6f, A P METEOR, 30-1

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm
45 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, FAST VERDICT, 4-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 1mT, SLEW TANG CLAN, 10-1
\$28,000 KEE SEP yrl

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
102 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 7 1/2ft, BALOOK, 7-2
\$2,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl; \$20,000 RNA EQL 2YO yrl

Jimmy Windows (Proud Accolade)
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 6f, ANGRY BEE, 20-1

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
103 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
10-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 1mT, CARLEA'S DREAM, 25-1
\$100,000 ESL YRL yrl

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
232 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Sam Houston Race Park, Msw 6f, LIAM'S TEMPEST, 7-2
\$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
152 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, KEYS TO THE PALACE, 5-1
\$17,000 ESL YRL yrl; \$30,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
147 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, TAP N TWINE, 8-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
181 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 6f, SUMMERS HOPE, 5-1
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
6th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,700, (S), 3-17, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.56, ft.
KASAMOUNT (g, 4, Star Cat--Top Smoocher, by Monashee Mountain) Lifetime Record: 26-4-3-2, \$79,458. O/T-Robert C. Cline; B-Pam S Heintz & Joseph D Heintz (OH). *\$2,200 Ylg '17 PEDOH.

5th-Will Rogers Downs, \$27,775, 3-17, (NW26MX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.89, sy.

MILTONTOWN (g, 4, Speightstown--Forest Legend, by Forest Camp) Lifetime Record: 15-3-0-0, \$103,812. O-Rick & Clayton Wiest, R 6 Stable & Norman Tremblay; B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm, LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$25,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '17 KESEP.

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1st-Mahoning Valley, \$25,500, 3-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.33, ft.

NATIVE WAHOO (m, 6, Closing Argument--Native Brick {SP, \$176,327}, by Native Regent) Lifetime Record: 40-9-6-9, \$121,410. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Carrol J. Castille (LA); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kallie Sioux, f, 3, Bricktown Cat--Charlie Sioux (SW), by Indian Charlie. Will Rogers Downs, 3-17, 5 1/2f, 1:07.11. B-Dusty Rose Ranch, LLC (OK).
Sally Strong, f, 3, Strong Mandate--Tantamount, by Lemon Drop Kid. Mahoning Valley, 3-17, (S), 6f, 1:15.98. B-John J. Sugar (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Akulina, f, 4, Silver City--Miss Pepper, by Gold Legend. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-17, (S), (C), 1mT, 1:40.55. B-Billy Clevenger (TX).



ALL TDN WINNERS
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BRICKTOWN CAT, Kallie Sioux, f, 3, o/o Charlie Sioux, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 3-17, Will Rogers
CLOSING ARGUMENT, Native Wahoo, m, 6, o/o Native Brick, by Native Regent. ALW, 3-17, Mahoning Valley
SILVER CITY, Akulina, f, 4, o/o Miss Pepper, by Gold Legend. MCL, 3-17, Sam Houston
SPEIGHTSTOWN, Miltontown, g, 4, o/o Forest Legend, by Forest Camp. ALW, 3-17, Will Rogers
STAR CAT, Kasamount, g, 4, o/o Top Smoocher, by Monashee Mountain. ALW, 3-17, Mahoning Valley
STRONG MANDATE, Sally Strong, f, 3, o/o Tantamount, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 3-17, Mahoning Valley

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 21	GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
	GII TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds
	GII Muniz Memorial Classic	Fair Grounds
	GII New Orleans Classic	Fair Grounds
	GIII San Luis Rey S.	Santa Anita
Mar. 27	GIII Appleton S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	Gulfstream
Mar. 28	GI Curlin Florida Derby	Gulfstream
	GII Gulfstream Park Oaks	Gulfstream
	GII Pan American Kitten's Joy S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Orchid S.	Gulfstream
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By Daithi Harvey

While Ireland's flat turf season is still scheduled to get underway at Naas on Sunday, an announcement is expected by Wednesday afternoon regarding the nation. Britain became the latest European country—following France, Germany, Italy and Spain—to call off racing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, and it is conceivable that the Emerald Isle could follow suit.

With a legitimate Classic contender in his care in Siskin (First Defence), trainer Ger Lyons is no doubt keen to get up and running but said he fears that doing so amidst the coronavirus outbreak could be damaging to the sport.

"It's been a lovely, smooth pre-season and we have a fantastic bunch of horses who are all raring to go but this thing has developed quicker than any of us anticipated," Lyons said. "First and foremost can I say that the people that really matter are the health experts and medical professionals who we are relying on to get us through this situation so that is who my thoughts are with the most at the moment. I have so much admiration for them as they are in the belly of the beast, despite the personal and family issues the outbreak may also be causing them simultaneously.

"Our own day-to-day routine hasn't been affected too drastically. We have plenty of staff in and we are working away, heeding guidelines as best we can but my huge concern is that racing in Ireland might be stopped and if that happens we are all in big trouble." [Cont. p2](#)

FARMS SOLDIERING ON AMID PANDEMIC

By Kelsey Riley

The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic has wreaked havoc on the Thoroughbred racing industry, causing the cancellation of racing in at least Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, while numerous other nations and jurisdictions are hanging on by a thread while continuing to race without spectators.

A shining light for the Thoroughbred industry during this dark time has been that the breeding business has soldiered on largely uninterrupted, save for a few added biosecurity measures and staffing considerations. This is a huge relief during a crucial time for the business, and seemingly one known factor amid a plethora of uncertainties.

Another known factor is that what we do know is in constant flux; the virus is moving quickly, and government regulations are tightening by the day. Julian Dollar, general manager of Newsells Park Stud, said the farm's day-to-day operations at this time are largely unfazed, but said he fears the repercussions if restrictions are placed on moving horses between farms. [Cont. p5](#)

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In a normal set of circumstances Lyons should be counting down the days to taking the wraps off last year's G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. winner **Siskin** (First Defence), whose first seasonal target is the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket in six weeks' time. With British racing already off until the end of April, it is utterly conceivable that Newmarket will not go ahead as planned on that date. Lyons, among all trainers, still has to operate under the assumption that racing will continue on an even keel after the initial cancellations and to that end he said his stable star is ticking along nicely towards a potential seasonal debut.

"Siskin is grand and is training well," Lyons said. "He looks fantastic and has thickened out. Is he a Guineas horse? I still don't know. My instincts are telling me he is a shorter runner but at the minute he is being trained for the Guineas at Newmarket. We are on target but then again the industry might not be."

The COVID-19 outbreak is a fast-evolving situation with major decisions coming from all angles, seemingly every other hour, and while Lyons said he had faith in Ireland's leadership in their battle to limit the spread of the infection among the general public, he said he feels the racing industry has been found severely wanting in its approach to the crisis.

"I'm so disappointed with the BHA over its lack of action over

Cheltenham," he said. "Last year they cancelled racing in a heartbeat over the equine flu yet here is a situation with more grave human consequences and they hid behind the British Government's similar inaction. They could have self-policed and at the least held it [Cheltenham] behind closed doors. I'm also disillusioned with the Irish people who travelled over with many coming back ignorant of the potential consequences."

He continued, "It may well be too late at this stage but I am just asking people to do the right thing and don't wait for someone in authority to tell you what to do. It's time for racing professionals--and I'm pointing the finger at those trainers, jockeys and stable-staff who were in Cheltenham last week--to take it upon themselves to take a two-week break from mixing with their colleagues."

"I have been in touch with both Brian Kavanagh in HRI and Michael Grassick in the trainers' association and I believe we in the racing industry need to get ahead of this virus. By that I mean those who went to Cheltenham need to self-isolate and any Irish trainers that had runners there need to allow their staff that were there to do the same. I know for a fact that at the racecourses last Friday night, Saturday and Sunday there were stable staff there who had been at Cheltenham. That to me is highly irresponsible and also disrespectful to the rest of us."

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Subsequent to Lyons venting his frustration, Jessica Harrington announced her intention to lie low at home for two weeks and reassured people that her and her staff were doing their utmost to halt any spread of infection.

In contrast, Lyons said he had no gripe with how the Irish Government has handled the situation. He said, "My reading of it is our current Government couldn't have been any lower in morale after the general election but if their handling of the country in general terms was consistent to how they've handled this crisis since it developed, then they would have the respect of a lot more people. If they carry on as they are and they get us through this and there is another election then I think you would see a different result to the last one. I think they are playing a blinder and Simon Coveney has given

me confidence that they are handling it correctly. But we can't just rely on the Government, we have the power to protect our own industry and I don't think we are doing that."

As well as increasing the chances of a full-scale racing lockdown Lyons also laments the damage done to racing's image following last week's festival. "The negative consequences for racing's image as a result of Cheltenham going ahead as normal are massive. It was a PR disaster as it suggested we, the racing industry, were giving two fingers to the rest of society. I'm not going to give you the industry line just to be popular with the majority because I don't care what anyone thinks about me. I just care about racing taking place uninterrupted. The bottom line is Cheltenham should have been run behind closed doors and I'm not saying that in hindsight; I said the same before the meeting started."



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Lyons pulled no punches when speaking about his jumping colleagues and said he was disappointed so many have put short-term gain ahead of long-term pain. "Just because an authority doesn't tell you not to do something isn't an excuse to do something that you know deep down is wrong. Trainers are managers and it is up to them to make arrangements with staff so as not to have them mixing with other staff at the races after being in Cheltenham. I know it's easier said than done and the likes of Gordon [Elliott] and Willie [Mullins] had huge numbers of runners and then staff as a result and it would be a nightmare to try and operate after without them. It goes for the jockeys too. I know the Davy Russells of the world will be expected to tog out again straight after Cheltenham but that's wrong and I don't mind saying it. They made a decision beforehand to ride in Cheltenham because that is their World Cup but for the benefit of this sport that we all say we love they should have done the right thing. And that is take time off afterwards to make sure

they have no symptoms. I have 90 horses here ready to run, as do lots of other trainers, so I just hope and pray that racing behind closed doors is acceptable for however long it is needed and that it works and that we do the right thing."

The measures introduced by HRI to conduct racing in the most sterile capacity possible include limiting attendance to officials and participants required to operate a race-day only, one media representative per publication and one owner per runner, while the jockeys' saunas are closed and there are no catering or betting facilities available. Participants also have to adhere to strict guidelines posted around the facility with

door handles, handrails of escalators, elevator buttons and any other obvious points of contact to be disinfected regularly during each race meeting. While not ideal, and in the longer term there will be implications for racecourses with regard to loss of gate receipts and sponsorship, the alternative situation of racing being cancelled is a far more sinister prospect.

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Some breeders are concerned that lock downs could make it difficult to get mares to the breeding shed | *Racing Post*

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“We’re not hugely affected now, but what will affect us is if we can’t move horses around to be bred,” he said. “That would be very, very serious. It would affect us if we can’t move our horses between the UK, Ireland and France and back again, but not as badly as if we couldn’t move our horses off the stud. That would really affect us, although [Newsells resident stallions] Nathaniel and Equiano would then end up covering very nice books.

“The worst-case scenario would be a complete restriction on the movement of horses. If that happened, that would cause chaos. That would have a big impact.”

“That is a major concern, and it’s been an often-asked question,” said Liam O’Rourke, Darley’s director of studs, stallions and breeding based in Newmarket, on the fear of a restriction of movement of horses. “In this country there’s no word of it happening just yet, but this will come under greater scrutiny as the crisis deepens.”

O’Rourke said he has seen a push from mare owners from Ireland and continental Europe to get their mares into the UK earlier than normal. Dollar noted he had successfully shipped a pair of mares to France on Tuesday morning.

“There is a far greater awareness now to get horses moved with the possibility that borders might be closed in the coming weeks,” O’Rourke said.

It is impossible to foresee what future regulations will come, but Dollar reasoned that if the nearly complete cancellation of racing in Europe—nearly unimaginable weeks ago—has happened so swiftly, nothing can be ruled out.

“The government has an extremely difficult job to find the balance between letting businesses continue and stopping the economy from crashing completely and trying to control the spread of this virus,” he said. “It’s not an easy decision and I’m glad I don’t have to make those decisions, but racing has

obviously stopped in the UK until May. Once these things have been put on hold it’s always hard to put them back on again without really good evidence to know you’re safe to do so, so I wouldn’t be surprised to see that stretch [to restricting movement of horses between farms]. If you think about the reasons why racing is stopping, there must be a risk. They must feel people are moving around for something that isn’t really necessary. If they’re saying bars and restaurants should be closed, at what point do they say, ‘it’s not necessary for you to transport that mare to that stallion?’ Hopefully it won’t happen, but I could see that as the next step down the ladder.”

Studs Farms Well Placed

As we await the unknown, day-to-day life on the studs continues, with a few extra biosecurity protocols in place. Stud managers across Britain and Ireland acknowledged that a Thoroughbred nursery during breeding season is generally already well equipped to deal with heightened sanitary needs.

“A lot of stud farms would be pretty well placed for that sort of thing in the first place,” Dollar said. “I said to the guys today, ‘imagine we had an EHV outbreak. How would we be dealing with this?’ We’d be taking it up 10 times the level we are for coronavirus with isolating barns and such. We’ve been in the unfortunate situation of having dealt with that in the past, so we know what we have to do and we’re well placed for it. We have foot baths at every barn anyway irrespective of what’s going on because it’s just good protocol. We have several hand sanitizers in each barn for the simple reason that we think washing your hands when dealing with horses is good management. Those sorts of things have made life a little easier; there’s not a big culture shock.” **Cont. p6**



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Cathal Beale | *Racing Post*

Farms Soldiering On Cont.

Irish National Stud Chief Executive Officer Cathal Beale said, “We’re very much used to working cleanly and disinfecting and washing our hands and using the correct protocols. It’s just being sensible and making sure everyone is safe.”

Adhering to government protocols was also a widely shared sentiment.

“We’re especially following the government guidelines as far as we can—social distancing, washing of hands,” Beale said. “Any horse box that arrives into the covering shed or the foaling unit, we’re insisting the drivers stay in the horse box. We’re doing everything we can to limit the amount of contact between people. We’ve told everybody that if anybody shows any signs the virus whatsoever, there is a procedure there for them to tell us and self isolate if that’s what their own GP advises.

“It’s really following the advice of the health services executives in Ireland and making sure everyone stays safe, while at the same time recognizing that we have a serious duty of care to the animals and to make sure that we can maintain the quality of service to the very highest standards that we’re used to.”

“We’re used to being friendly,” Beale acknowledged. “We’re used to shaking hands and having a cup of tea and having a chat. But in the interests of the bigger picture I think everyone understands the importance of this and we have to play our role.”

Dollar said Newsells Park has likewise asked visitors to its covering shed to not leave their vehicles.

“We prefer the guys not come out of their vehicles and into the shed even to view the covering,” he explained. “We’ve advised breeders, if they can, to leave the foal at home and bring the mare on its own. That’s somewhat alien to UK

breeders; it was something I got introduced to when I ran Castleton Lyons [in Kentucky]. Initially I thought, ‘oh my god, you can’t do that.’ And I quickly learned it was a great way of doing things because the foal wasn’t exposed to a breeding shed that potentially has diseases and infections, and the mare was much more relaxed when she arrived at the shed because she wasn’t thinking about her foal around her.

“We’ve been doing it this way for 14 years since I arrived back from the States, and touch wood I’ve never had an accident with a mare or a foal. I would wholeheartedly recommend it to breeders.”

Cheveley Park Stud Managing Director Chris Richardson said his operation is following a similar protocol.

“Being a walk-in farm, when the mares and foals come in nobody is allowed off the horse boxes,” he said. “We have staff to collect the mare and foal and bring them into the covering yard and return them to the horse box. We make sure all our staff are well suited and we don’t allow any viewings of the matings from our viewing gallery; that’s closed.”

Cheveley Park has added some sanitation-minded measures to its staffs’ routines.

“We’ve had to introduce a risk assessment on the COVID-19 disease,” Richardson said. “We’re following government guidelines and we have all the precautions that I’m sure most sensible people have like foot dips, hand washing facilities, overalls. Our congregating areas have been moved outside, so now when the teams meet up in the mornings in each different division they meet outside and then they go about their daily duties. They arrive, wash their hands and we have hand sanitizer everywhere. The staff have been brilliantly resilient. We’re potentially very much in the infancy of this whole thing and it’s something we’re obviously dealing with on a day-to-day basis. It’s really just a matter of trying to set it up so we’re ready for any eventuality.” [Cont. p7](#)



Julian Dollar | *Alayna Cullen*

Farms Soldiering On Cont.

Richardson and Dollar both acknowledged the convenience that much of their workforce lives onsite and that they work in an open-air environment, and they mirrored Beale's sentiment that high standards of care and safety for both horse and human are top priority.

"Staffing wise, we have protocols and contingencies in place and there is some wiggle room if we're down a few members of staff if they have to self isolate," Dollar said. "Even if we were down a few members of staff, we'd still be able to offer the highest level of care that we could; we wouldn't have to compromise anything.

"Some of the office staff are working from home for their own health and the health of their families. We've set up everyone's computer or laptop at home to be linked to the server in the office so they can work from home. Hopefully we're well-placed, but I have no doubt this is going to get worse before it gets better."

Richardson said some Cheveley Park office staff members remain in the office while others have chosen to work remotely, and O'Rourke said that Dalham Hall has spread its staff further amongst its offices and restricted canteen times for his farms workers.

Dollar and O'Rourke both expressed that the timing of the pandemic could help ease staff burdens.

"We could probably end up leaving the yearlings out 24/7 now that we're into spring and that wouldn't be the worst thing--although we like to bring our horses in every day and give them a bit of handling," he said. "But if we had to change anything because of it, that's the sort of thing we'd do."

"There are a couple things that give us a bit of hope," O'Rourke said. "It's now almost the end of March and spring is well on its way. We hope the grass will come in time enough to be able to turn out horses such as yearlings early, and that will not put any extra burden on our workforce. We're certainly hoping mares that are far enough along in their pregnancies that they can get turned out, and again that helps matters. I think it would have been a whole lot worse if this was all happening a month ago. It certainly isn't easy, but it's the fear of the unknown. It still could be a nightmare but we're taking it day-by-day and taking all the precautions that we can."

Stallion Bookings Holding Up

Dollar said he has seen a mild impact on stallion books, but said it is something he expects to balance out.

"A few breeders have said they don't want to breed their mare this year, or they feel uncomfortable shipping the mare over from Ireland because of the situation where they might get stuck over here," he said. "I think it will have a slight impact but like anything it swings in roundabouts. A breeder here in the UK might not feel comfortable shipping their mare to Ireland or France and therefore might breed to a UK-based stallion instead."

Richardson said that in some cases breeders have adjusted their plans, but he thinks that is a reaction to the general bloodstock market rather than the pandemic.

"Any impact on bookings, I don't think one could blame the virus," he said. "I think everybody is taking a long, hard look at

their mating plans and their nominations and I think there are a number of people who have sat on their hands this year especially at the lower level and are waiting to see what their mare produces.

"The economic concern that this is going to bring may well mean there is going to be a reduction in business, but most of the mares we've got booked in will be coming. I doubt there will be many people deciding at the last minute to mate their mare; I suspect they'll have to put those funds elsewhere.

"It's very worrying, there are a

lot of people whose jobs are in jeopardy and who have mortgages to pay and families to feed, and there is going to be prioritization. With no racing in England now until the end of April and Tattersalls announcing a delay of the Craven and Guineas sales, we'll just have to wait and see. The roads appear to be quieter and I think whilst we have breeders who are breeding their mares, I'm not expecting a huge surge in interest regarding the stallions."

"You have to be concerned," Richardson added. "People are being discouraged from going to the pubs around here, going to the theatre, large groups getting together for gatherings--and quite rightly. We really have to treat this disease with respect. I have 32 mares left to foal, and we have 60 on the ground. I want to get through the next three weeks and get most of the foals born [before the pandemic worsens]." [Cont. p8](#)



Chris Richardson | Keeneland

Into The Unknown

All indications are that the pandemic has not yet reached its height in most regions. While government responses have been staggered and have come under mixed scrutiny, Beale said he has been encouraged by Ireland's response.

"I must say the government in Ireland has done a fantastic job in making it clear what the expectations are; the messaging and communication that has come from government has been exceptionally good and very clear," he said. "We all know what we have to do and when we have to do it. It's a terrible thing for the tourism industry; tourism sites are closed, pubs are closed, restaurants and hotels are headed that way. A lot of people are losing their jobs. There's a huge economic downside to all of this for everybody so we have to try to make sure we're in the position that when this lifts—if we can flatten the curve, as everyone is saying, we can allow our health services to cope on a more even basis. And that will allow us, when the thing does pass over, to get back to normal as quickly as possible and to get everybody back to work as quickly as we can."

O'Rourke said his team is keeping close tabs on the governments directives and having daily COVID-19 meetings.

"They're changing those guidelines day-by-day," he said. "We absolutely expect this situation to get tougher and tougher over the coming weeks, and in a month's time it might be an entirely different story than this conversation.

"It's all evolving and there will still be major developments that will have a great impact—a ripple effect—right across the board. We'll just have to keep working diligently if that sort of thing happens: keep those borders open, keep the mares moving and keep restrictions away from movement of animals. If we could get into the latter half of April we'd be a long way to achieving our goals, but I'm nervous of thinking that far ahead."

Dollar said the gravity of the situation is sometimes still surreal.

"We live in a little bubble, really, here," he said. "Most of the guys that work on the farm live on site. We live in our own little world, which is I suppose why in some ways it feels so unreal. Here we are today, driving around the stud; it's a beautiful spring day, everything seems right in the world, yet we have this terrible virus that's causing chaos globally.

"In the same way that with breeding horses, you breed the best to the best and hope for the best, in this situation you prepare for the worst and you hope for the best. We're preparing for a worst-case scenario but hoping for the best."

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BRITISH RACING OFF THROUGH APRIL

Britain on Tuesday joined France, Germany, Italy and Spain in cancelling racing altogether in the midst of coronavirus, its shutdown set to last until the end of April. Today's meetings at Wetherby and Taunton will be the last before the cancellation takes effect.

The British Horseracing Authority had announced on Monday that racing would take place behind closed doors until the end of March, but the picture changed when just hours later Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a tightening of protocols including mass gatherings.



Masar winning the 2018 Craven S. during Newmarket's Craven meeting | racingfotos.com

"This is a national emergency the likes of which most of us have never seen before," said BHA Chief Executive Nick Rust. "We're a sport that is proud of its connection to rural communities and to the local businesses that support our industry. But our first duty is to the health of the public, our customers and to racing industry participants and staff so we have decided to suspend racing following the government's latest advice.

"Racing is a family and I know we will pull together over the coming days, weeks and months and support each other. By stopping racing, we can free up medical resources, doctors and ambulances, be they private sector or NHS, to assist in the national effort to fight this virus. And we can support racing industry participants and staff as they face up to the personal challenges ahead and care for their own families." **Cont. p9**

British Racing Off Through April Cont.

“There will be difficult months ahead for many of us. We need to focus now on ensuring that we can continue to look after our horses as the virus affects the thousands of participants and staff who dedicate their lives to caring for animals. We need to do what we can to support businesses inside and outside racing and the many people whose livelihoods depend upon this £4-billion industry. We are in constant contact with government which understands the very significant consequences of this decision for jobs and businesses. We will work with them to do our best to manage the impact.

“Racing leaders will keep today’s decision under constant review and endeavour to keep all customers, participants, staff and dependent businesses informed as the situation progresses.”

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TATTERSALLS CHANGES SALES SCHEDULE DUE TO COVID-19

The Tattersalls Ascot March Sale, originally scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 19, has been cancelled, the sales company announced on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, **British racing was suspended until the end of April** following changes in government guidelines in battling the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and Tattersalls has adopted a similar course of action with the shuffling of several sales dates. Now, the Tattersalls Ascot Breeze Up Sale, originally set for Mar. 31-Apr.1 and the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale, slated for Apr. 13th-15, have been combined and will take place in Newmarket from Apr. 29-May 1. Also, the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up and Horses in Training Sale will be postponed until May 27-29. These new dates may still change, as the government and industry’s response to the coronavirus remains fluid.

“We are making these changes in response to the unprecedented circumstances arising from yesterday evening’s new Government guidelines and the subsequent BHA decision to suspend British racing until the end of April,” said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. “These decisions have not been taken lightly and we are mindful at all times of our joint responsibility to the requirements of our clients and the wider public health issues which have overtaken normal daily life throughout the world.

“Full details of the revised formats associated with the amended sales schedule will be released as soon as is practical, bearing in mind the speed at which events are constantly changing. In the meantime we would like to reiterate our commitment to minimising the impact of this national emergency which has engulfed us all and to stress that we will at

all times endeavour to keep our clients informed of any further necessary changes affecting the wider Tattersalls group.”

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ARQANA MAINTAINS BREEZE UP DATES

The Arqana Breeze Up Sale, despite the coronavirus pandemic, will keep its May 8-9 schedule, the French sales company announced on Tuesday. A provisional catalogue will be online on Mar. 25, however changes may occur to this timeline, depending on COVID-19 and the response required to maintain the health and safety of all participants. The closing date for the Arqana yearling and store sales has been moved to Apr. 3, while the planning of yearling and store inspections is underway. These will occur as confinement measures allow, as France is now in lock down.

Arqana President Eric Hoyeau commented, “All industry stakeholders stand united to face this unprecedented crisis. On behalf of all at Arqana, I extend my thoughts and sympathy to those affected by the virus and their loved ones. On our own scale, we are striving to contribute to curb the spread of the epidemic. We shall also take every possible action to keep the market operating in support of the industry.”

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

BLOODSTOCK SOUTH AFRICA ALTERS SALES DATES DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Emperor’s Palace National Yearling Sale, originally on the calendar for Apr. 22-24, will be moved back a month to May 21-23, Bloodstock South Africa announced on Tuesday. Depending on how the COVID-19 pandemic plays out in South Africa, this policy will be reviewed on Apr. 16.

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GLOBAL SUCCESS FOR SEA THE STARS



Sea The Stars | The Aha Khan Studs

By *Melissa Steele*

Things have been going rather well so far for **Fifty Stars (Ire)** in 2020. The improving 5-year-old was a deserved winner of the G1 Australian Cup at Flemington on Mar. 7, backing up just a week after taking out the G2 Blamey S. at the same venue following his fast finishing fourth in the G1 CF Orr S. at the start of February.

In fact, it couldn't really be going much better for the improving son of Sea The Stars (Ire) who was purchased as a yearling at Tattersalls Book 2 for 110,000 gns (AU\$231,000) by John Foote on behalf of his owner Gerry Ryan. With little regard for the disadvantage of being born on Northern Hemisphere time, Fifty Stars went unbeaten as a 3-year-old against his slightly older peers and by the age of four he had fully shrugged off any age bias taking out three group races, always knocking on the door at the highest level where he was rewarded this season.

Fifty Stars isn't the first European import to win a Group 1 in Australia though and he's unlikely to be the last, but he is the second by his sire Sea The Stars. Again, what's the big deal you might ask? Just another European-bred sire dominating the middle-distance races Down Under. But here's the thing.

Sea The Stars has never shuttled to Australia. He's only ever covered a handful on Southern Hemisphere time and, from a

small sample of 19 runners on the Australian turf--most of them imports--he's had 12 winners, five stakes horses and two Group 1 winners. So, even for the most numerically challenged among us, the math is looking good.

"He's quite something," states Pat Downes and it's difficult to disagree with the man that stands Sea The Stars on behalf of his owner Mrs Tsui at the Aga Khan's Gilltown Stud in Kildare.

Expectations were always going to be lofty for a horse by Cape Cross (Ire), out of G1 Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe winner Urban Sea (USA) and hence, a half-brother to super sire Galileo (Ire), but the rest, as they say, is history.

Once described by his trainer John Oxx as "the perfect racing machine," Sea The Stars did indeed rewrite the history books; capturing the imagination of the racing world and beyond as he ate up Group 1 after Group 1 during his 3-year-old career, only ever doing just enough to come home with the goods.

"He's an amazing story," explains Downes. "We've seen so many horses by champions, out of champions and the bar is set very high for them as a racehorse and then as a stallion. Credit to the horse, he never disappointed and he looks set for a very, very good career at stud as well. I'm delighted for the horse, I'm delighted for his owner [Mrs Tsui]. She had some great days racing with him and she retained all of him; it's been a great success. She supports him in a big way herself and I think that's important."



Pat Downes | *Racing Post*

The story of Sea The Stars clearly did not end on the racecourse and his career at stud has so far produced 13 Group 1 winners—two of them in Australia—and include Classic winners Harzand (Ire), Sea Of Class (Ire), Taghrooda (GB), Sea The Moon (Ger) and Star Catcher (GB) not to mention the likes of Crystal Ocean (GB) and Stradivarius (Ire). It’s an impressive roll call for the sire on an upward trajectory which is reflected in his rising stud fee, set at €150,000 (AU\$274,497) for the Northern Hemisphere season underway.

Among the elite group of those to fly the flag for Sea The Stars in the Southern Hemisphere, in addition to Fifty Stars, are the G1 Sydney Cup winner

Shraooh (Ire), G3 Lexus S. winning **Oceanographer (GB)**, as well as, dual listed winner **Tall Ship (Ire)** and multiple Group 2 placed **Storm The Stars (USA)**. But what is it about Sea The Stars’s offspring that has enabled them to stamp their authority on the Australian turf?

“First of all, they’re just good horses,” says Downes, who can be forgiven for stating the obvious. “The conditions in Australia seem to suit them, Sea The Stars himself liked quick ground so they enjoy that and the fast pace of racing down there. It’s hard to pinpoint just one reason why but they’re good horses and he’s a good stallion and so, understandably, there are a few of them finding their way down to Australia.”

“He’s done well with a horse that Mrs Tsui herself bred – Shraooh—out of a Monsun (Ger) horse we have here, Jumoooh. Between him, Tall Ship and of course Fifty Stars there will certainly be a lot of keen eyes looking for them at the sales.”



Sea The Stars | Scoop Dyga

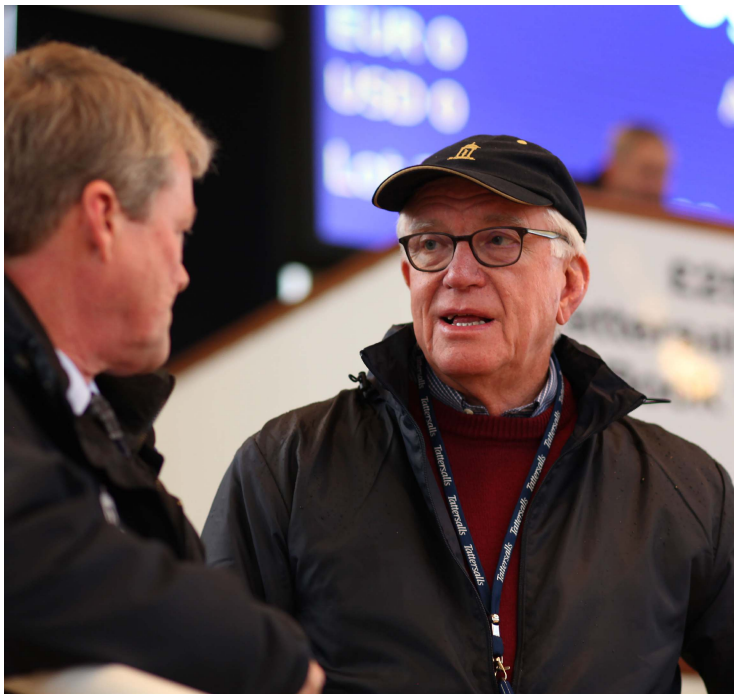
Progeny of Sea The Stars knocked down to Australian purchasers at European bloodstock sales is already a developing trend and one that is likely set to continue. Another trend to look out for is the harmonious pairing between the son of Cape Cross and daughters or granddaughters of Sadler’s Wells (USA). This is perhaps unsurprising given the influence of the champion sire on Urban Sea’s pedigree, not least as the sire of Sea The Stars’s half-brother Galileo.

“Of his five stakes runners down there,” says Downes, “two of them [Fifty Stars and Storm The Stars] are out of Sadler’s Wells mares and one [Tall Ship] out of a Baratheia mare. It’s a really good cross. Sea The Stars and Sadler’s Wells are getting on very well together.”

And, if you did happen to have a Sadler’s Wells-line mare in your breeding shed who is willing to travel, there’s good news for breeders in Australia and New Zealand. While Sea The Stars is unlikely to be on the shuttle list any time soon he is still open for business on Southern Hemisphere time and the cost of travel may be reflected in a reduced stud fee.

“When he was first retiring there was a lot of interest from Southern Hemisphere farms about him travelling down there,” says Downes, “but I don’t think that was anything that Mrs. Tsui ever seriously considered. But he’s here and if the demand is there [for Southern Hemisphere breeding] I’m sure she would be more than happy to facilitate that.

“He’s covered a few on Southern Hemisphere time but never any great numbers,” he continues.”




John Foote | Tattersalls

“I suppose in a lot of ways, the economics are difficult but Mrs Tsui would try to reflect the cost of travel in the price as opposed to in travel incentives or anything like that. For example, we were selling them at €100,000 (AU\$182,998) Southern Hemisphere time when he was standing for €125,000 (AU\$228,747).”

If the man himself is out of your price bracket though, then fear not. It seems the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree. Indeed, Sea The Stars's influence in Australia has already been extended via one of his most promising new sons at stud, Lanwades Stud's Sea The Moon (Ger). The runaway German Derby winner--incidentally bred on the same Monsun (Ger) cross as G1 Sydney Cup winner Shraaoh--has had three winners from three runners in Australia this season and is also available on Southern Hemisphere time.

In the meantime, our headline horse Fifty Stars looks set to continue his Autumn campaign in Sydney where he's aiming for the G1 Doncaster Mile. Whether or not he can bring up a hat trick of wins in 2020 and put another Group 1 on the board for his influential sire, one thing is for sure--we haven't seen the last of Sea The Stars's impact in Australia yet.

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