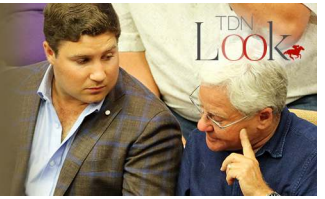


**A Changing of the Guard at Denali**



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## STRENGTH AND HONOR



**Honor A.P.** | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

by *Steve Sherack*

As **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code) was gearing up for his career debut at Del Mar last summer, owner Lee Searing had some fun with trainer John Shirreffs while inquiring about a potential rider for his stunning \$850,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling acquisition.

"I asked John, it wasn't like I didn't know, and said, 'Who are you going to be putting on this big horse,'" Searing said of the veteran conditioner widely known for playing his cards close to his vest.

"He said, 'Well, I don't know Lee.' As we got closer and knew when his first race was going to be, I said to him, 'You know Johnny, you could at least tell me now.' He said, 'Well, I got to tell you, his last two works have been with Mike and he's excited about this horse. I got to not let Mike get too excited about this horse.'"

Mike, of course, is Hall of Famer Mike Smith, the long-time, go-to rider for Shirreffs. The two most notably partnered on the legendary career of 2010 Horse of the Year Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) as well as 2005 GI Kentucky Derby upsetter Giacomo (Holy Bull).

"Mike came up to me and said, 'This is quite a horse,'" Searing said. "We knew that we had something from the beginning."

Something, indeed.

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## WAR OF WILL BACK TO ADVANCE CASSE'S FAME

by *Chris McGrath*

His thoughts, on Wednesday, turned naturally to his late father. How could they not? Mark Casse was only 11 or 12 when he toured the Hall of Fame in Saratoga with the man whose passion for the Thoroughbred was already lighting a path for his whole future.

"I'm going to be in here someday," the boy announced. Most fathers think they know how to respond to a remark like that. "Sure you will. You'll be the janitor."

But Norman E. Casse was different. As usual, they were camping in their RV in the Fasig-Tipton parking lot, just a block away. **Cont. p6**

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### MIXED RESPONSES TO US JOCKEY CLUB 'DIKTAT'

European responses have been mixed on the U.S. Jockey Club's 140-mare cap directive. Emma Berry has the story. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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**OAKLAWN CASINO TO REOPEN MAY 18**

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*The Oaklawn Park casino has been given the green light by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson to resume operations May 18. During his press briefing May 7, Hutchinson announced that the state's three casinos can reopen, but only at one-third capacity and that stringent social distancing requirements will be in place.*

**JACK PRESTON PASSES AWAY**

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*Longtime owner/breeder Jack Preston died in his home in Texas earlier this month. He was 84. The Preston family campaigned the likes of GI Belmont S. winner Victory Gallop, two-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Da Hoss and MGISW Flat Out.*



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**Lee Searing Profile cont. from p1**



**Lee Searing | Benoit**

Honor A.P. first caught the eye as a 2-year-old rallying smartly from last of 10 and leveling off beautifully in the stretch to round out the exacta going six furlongs on debut at Del Mar Aug. 17. He was sent straight to the front by Smith and never looked back, running a field of nine off their feet to graduate in style when stretched to a two-turn mile at Santa Anita at second

asking Oct. 13.

After missing some time with a foot bruise, Honor A.P. launched his sophomore season belatedly with a valiant second behind the unbeaten Bob Baffert-trained Authentic (Into Mischief) in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7. The blaze-faced dark bay began to wind up from fourth with a flashy move on the far turn and made a bold bid at Authentic as they straightened for home, but the pacesetter had plenty left in the tank and drew off to win by 2 1/4 lengths.

“Everybody says he’s a lot like A.P. Indy,” Searing said of the grandson of the late leading sire and 1992 Horse of the Year. “He’s a ridgling and he’s got these great looks. I couldn’t pass up naming him after a combination of his dad Honor Code and Lane’s End foundation sire A.P. Indy. He puts his head down and looks like he could run all day. He does it so easy.”

A highly anticipated rematch is on the horizon with the aforementioned San Felipe winner in the rescheduled GI Santa Anita Derby, currently slated for June 6 pending final approval from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Santa Anita last raced Mar. 22 due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Searing is well aware of the stiff competition out there on the GI Kentucky Derby trail, especially in his own backyard, after Baffert’s sweep of last weekend’s split-division GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park with unbeaten ‘**TDN Rising Stars**’

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Charlatan (Speightstown) and Nadal (Blame).

“We’re sitting here kind of like a single destroyer in the midst of the Baffert Army fleet,” Searing said with a laugh. “Baffert’s got some great horses and he’s a great trainer, but this horse just looks like he’s ready to take on the challenge.”

Searing continued, “John is developing him like we’ve got a really good horse. He could go a distance of ground and his last race, trying to chase Authentic, wasn’t the easiest thing to do. He made the perfect move--the one we all wanted to see--but he didn’t catch him. He didn’t lean on him and we’re just really happy with the way he ran. We will be ready, God willing, for this race. We haven’t set him down yet.”

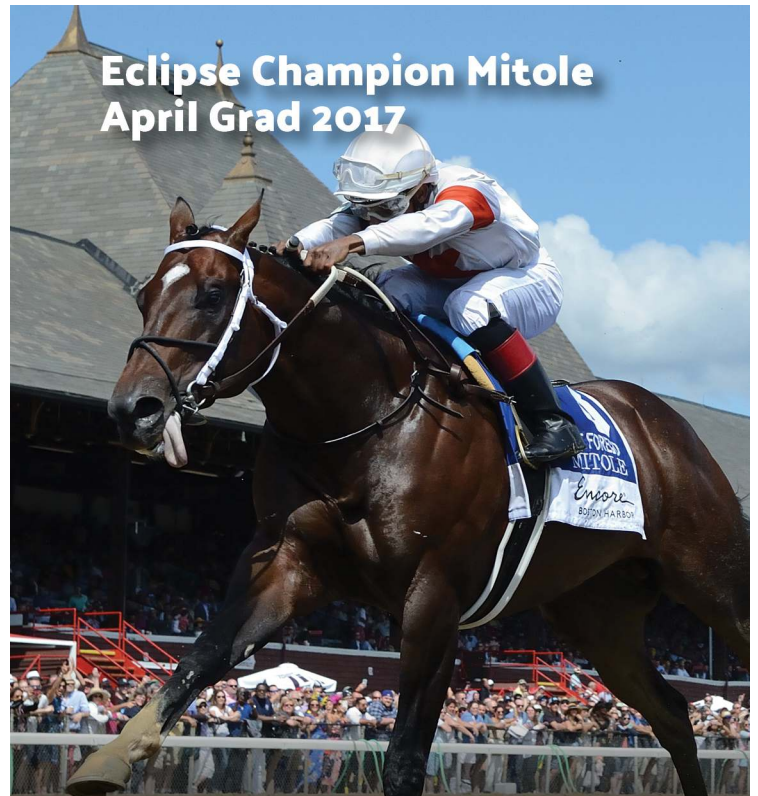
Honor A.P. was the most expensive of 61 yearlings to switch hands from the first crop of promising young sire Honor Code. Bred in Kentucky by George Krikorian, he is out of the Shirreffs-trained two-time Grade I heroine Hollywood Story (Wild Rush).

The 19-year-old has also produced the stakes winner Miss Hollywood (Malibu Moon); the multiple graded-placed Hollywood Star (Malibu Moon) and multiple stakes-placed Hoorayforhollywood (Storm Cat).

Honor A.P.’s year-older half-sister by Giant’s Causeway brought \$875,000 from Searing at the 2017 Keeneland September Yearling sale. Now named Hollywood Girl, she was a promising debut winner on the Santa Anita lawn last June and is currently on the comeback trail after posting a pair of subsequent off-the-board finishes at Del Mar last summer.

“[Buying] Honor A.P. goes back to the year before when [bloodstock agent] David Ingordo called me--he knows George Krikorian really well--and said, ‘Lee, there’s this filly in the sale, she’s absolutely gorgeous and we’ve got to buy her,’” Searing said. “We ended up buying her and she’s a maiden winner now. But we backed off her and she’s doing unbelievable.”

Searing continued, “So, when the next year came and we knew



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[Honor A.P.] was going into the sale, we knew we'd have to bid a lot of money--he's a beautiful horse, too. The exercise riders and grooms out here call him 'the chickmeister.' I was just really excited to buy him."

Carrying the initials of Lee and Susan Searing's three adult children--Christina, Richard and Katherine--C R K Stable LLC currently boasts approximately 25-plus horses in training in Southern California split between Shirreffs and Peter Eurton. The Searings, now proud grandparents, also have runners with Ingordo's wife, trainer Cherie DeVaux.

"I've kind of stepped it up over the last three to four years," the 72-year-old said of his stable. "I try to buy six to eight yearlings a year and I'm keeping some broodmares, too. We're going to end up racing and also selling some of the offspring. And it's all because of David Ingordo--he really does a great job. I'm trying to play the game at the highest level."

Searing will be doing just that on the aforementioned, loaded Santa Anita Derby June 6 program at the Great Race Place also with Gil San Pasqual S. and Gill Native Diver S. winner **Midcourt** (Midnight Lute) in the GI Gold Cup. The late-blooming and lightly raced 5-year-old gelding, a \$450,000 KESEEP yearling buy, was third as the 3-5 favorite in the GI Santa Anita H. most recently Mar. 7.

"Midcourt is just a perfect example of somebody taking their time and patience to turn a horse completely around," Searing said of the dark bay who sat out his entire 3-year-old season.

"John's such a great horsemen--my wife says he's as close to a horse whisperer as you can get. It's fun to watch a horse that didn't even want to run or train suddenly turn it all around."

Searing added, "I'm looking forward to these big races with my horses. We're excited."

Searing is the CEO of Searing Industries, a California- and Wyoming-based, family-run business with more than 200

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employees specializing in manufacturing steel-tubing products. He began attending the races with his father as an 8-year-old and it didn't take long for the family to make a splash into horse ownership.

"We bought our first horse when I was 12, and I owned my first horse--a \$2,000 claimer at Caliente with my father--when I was 18," Searing said. "His name was Secret Touch and his name carries on with a horse I own now."

He continued, "I started my own business back in 1985 and we got out of racing for about 10 years while we started the company. The company has done really well and has allowed me



to buy some really nice horses. When you go back 54 years and you look at all these horses you've owned—including having fun with a lot of cheap horses—I'm going to continue to enjoy horse racing over the years to come."

Standouts to carry the purple and gold of C R K Stable--Searing's silks pay homage to the Los Angeles Lakers and the gone-too-soon legendary all-star Kobe Bryant--are headed by MGISW Switch (Quiet American), who also hit the board *three* times in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. The \$150,000 KEESEP yearling earned more than \$1.4 million on the racetrack and later brought \$4.3 million from Moyglare Stud Farm at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton November sale.

C R K has also campaigned 2004 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Our New Recruit (Alphabet Soup); four-time graded winner and millionaire Kobe's Back (Flatter), who currently stands at Bonita Farm in Maryland; MGSW & MGISP Kettle Corn (Candy Ride {Arg}); and Candy Boy (Candy Ride {Arg}), winner of the 2014 GII Robert B. Lewis S. and third-place finisher of the Santa Anita Derby. The latter gave the Searing family their first taste of Louisville on the first Saturday in May.

"I just want to see my horses again more than anything," Searing concluded. "I'm not the guy that says, 'It's the Derby or nothing.' I'm the guy that just loves horse racing."

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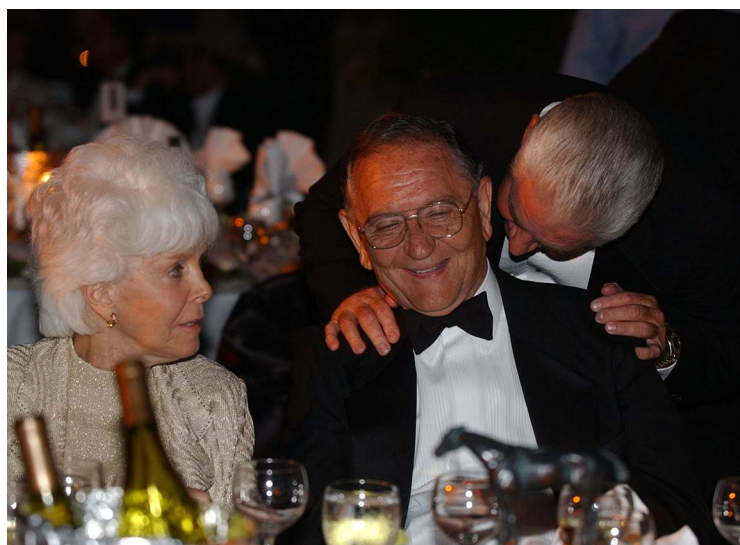


### Casse's Fame cont. from p1

Bringing his son here every summer, for the yearling sales, was part of an ongoing immersion in the whole culture; and the Hall of Fame had become a reverent ritual. "I'm sure you will," he replied.

And, true to that faith, it was his father who--barely five years later--discovered that the one state which would issue a trainer's licence to a 17-year-old was Massachusetts. Casse's first runner, at Keeneland in 1979, promptly became the first of 2,865 winners dividing him from his election, this week, to the Hall of Fame.

So long a road, with Thoroughbreds, will invariably have its twists and turns; its blind alleys and smashes, as well as open stretches of freewheeling good fortune.



Harry Mangurian | *Horsephotos*

"There have been so many forks in the road," Casse reflects. "Had I gone left instead of right, or right instead of left, would I be in the Hall of Fame today? Probably not. I was asked on Wednesday, 'Is there a certain horse that got you there?' And I said, 'No. I think it goes to the people.'"

Someday he'd like to sit down and work through the whole timeline; revisit those crucial turns he made only because he had a wise hand on his shoulder. Most obviously that of his father, chairman of OBS for 27 years. But there were also pivotal years working for the late Harry Mangurian, and his Mockingbird Farm. Casse learned so much that he came to feel like the son Mangurian never had.

You can't reach the Hall of Fame just by believing in destiny. What has sustained Casse, through good times and bad, is an unshakeable sense of vocation. From the outside, however, the narrative tends to be more seamless.



Casse and War of Will after last year's GI Preakness S. win  
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Casse and his son Norman | Coady Photo

Sure enough, Casse's election to the Hall of Fame came just before the reappearance of his first Classic winner, **War of Will** (War Front) in Gulfstream's Sunshine Forever S. And that reminds us all how, even in the fraction of Casse's career that extends only to this time last year, we have seen fate test the man--and draw out his best.

Not only did we see him win the second and third legs of the Triple Crown with two different horses. First of all, we saw how he strove to restore dignity to the indecorum and upheaval generated by a single moment during its greatest race.

Casse was watching from the 5/16th pole as War of will launched his challenge to the front-running Maximum Security (New Year's Day). His son Norman, named for the father Casse had lost in 2016, put an arm round him.

"Dad, you're going to win the Kentucky Derby."

We'll never know whether War of Will might have won, but for that fateful bump. We do know that he affirmed his caliber by winning the GI Preakness S. two weeks later; and we also know that Casse, whatever else was going through his mind, aptly stressed that an unprecedented Derby disqualification was no kind of calamity compared with a catastrophic pile-up. Since then, however, all the contention over a rule broken out on the track has been subsumed by the far more grievous breaches alleged, by the Feds, to have taken place in the privacy of Maximum Security's barn.

However that case plays out, Casse has meanwhile taken a courageous stand, **including in the TDN**, against the whole culture of medication abuse--notably Clenbuterol--with a clarity and resonance seldom volunteered by trainers of his stature. And that's why many other horsemen of honor will hail his election to the Hall of Fame as a salute, not just to a tremendous record of personal achievement, but also to the whole principle of winning fair.

When his 17-year-old son Colby hugged his father on Wednesday, they sat down and talked about what it meant. They talked about "Humble and Kind", a country song by Tim McGraw.

"It says: achieve your goals, but do it the right way," Casse explains. "And I said to Colby, 'This shows you that you don't have to give up your integrity to be successful. You know, in life, there are going to be times when you're going to have choices to make. And you don't have to cheat, you don't have to break rules, to be successful.' And maybe that's what I'm proudest of.

"I'm happy and excited that we're cleaning up our sport. I was just tired of all the things that were going on. And I've come to the point in my life where I've done most of the things that I wanted to achieve. Racing has been so good to me. How can I give back? By being a spokesman for our game, by trying to make it better."

He doesn't dwell on what might have been, but for that bump in the Derby. "I've read so many experts saying this and that," he says. "But the only one that I think would know is God. To be honest, I don't even think about it. If there's anything I would wonder, it's whether that horse [Maximum Security] should even have been there. Given what we know now, who knows what was done to get him even to be competing in that race? I mean, I have been amazed by Maximum Security [since]. But he's always going to have this stigma, and now I think he's got to go out and prove that he's truly that great, without any outside help."

Regardless--not that it was ever a choice--Casse is clear in his mind that he would choose the Hall of Fame over a Kentucky Derby.



War of Will (black cap) outside of Maximum Security and inside of Country House heading for home in last year's GI Kentucky Derby  
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Masterson and Tepin at Royal Ascot | *Racing Post Photo*

"Because it means you did it year after year," he explains. "I've been so fortunate through my life, and have had so many great things go my way in racing. But this is a little different. Because it doesn't say you did it one time, or two times; it says you've done it over a long period."

Those serial accomplishments, of course, far exceed the compass of a treatment as inadequate as this. There have been so many memorable moments since the teenage Casse, after a six-month experiment with a licence, went back to his father to renege on the part of the deal that had committed him then to go to college. Dad, perhaps unsurprisingly, was okay with that. Casse started out sleeping over the horse van cab, and even that was much better than some of the places he subsequently had to stay. He remembers going to bed in one hotel with the prayer: "Dear God, just let me wake alive in the morning!" He did not miss those days, certainly, after resolving to base himself in Toronto—a decision made despite having become, as many may have forgotten, Kentucky's leading trainer while still in his 20s.

"Until probably 10 years ago, when Dale Romans broke it, I held the record for most wins at a meet in Kentucky," he says. "But the Kentucky circuit was so mish-mash, you were always moving. What was so great about Canada was that they start in March and end in December. And those other four months I could spend in Ocala, which was home."

Casse has won the Sovereign Award for Outstanding Trainer in Canada a record 11 times, but his son eventually started urging him to spread the net back to Kentucky.

"Norman pushed me and pushed me and when Mr. Oxley came aboard, he gave us the ammunition to be able to compete, to open up our Derby hopefuls and do things like that," Casse explains. "One thing led to another and now we represent some of the biggest in the game."

Sure enough, five Canadian Horses of the Year are now matched by five Breeders' Cup winners; and there have so far been 18 millionaires. But the single photograph of a winning horse in Casse's home depicts **Tepin** (Bernstein), boldly exporting her brilliance to a long, soggy stretch of Royal Ascot in the G1 Queen Anne S. in 2016.

"At the time, honestly, I didn't realize what a feat it was," Casse admits. "As each year goes by, I have a greater appreciation for it. If it wasn't for Mr. Masterson—a true, true sportsman—would we have gone? But he pushed and pushed, and thank goodness he did because that win makes us kind of unique."

With the return of War of Will in mind, it's worth remembering how Tepin's form somewhat faded as a sophomore. With her, as with the likes of **World Approval** (Northern Afleet) and **Got Stormy** (Get Stormy), Casse and his team showed their skill in helping a maturing horse to regroup.

"We've never been shy about running," Casse noted. "We will run and we will travel. Yes, the worst race Tepin ever ran was in the latter part of her 3-year-old season. But we gave her a break, and she was nearly unbeatable after that. World Approval, similar: we gave him some time, he came back. And then Got Stormy last year.

"War of Will ran hard and strong and obviously tapered off a little bit towards the end of the year. Or maybe he just wasn't mature enough to play with the older horses. I always say that the 3-year-olds are like teenagers, and sometimes it's a little too early to take them on. But he's grown up, he's matured. He's bigger and stronger and training very well."

The switch back to grass for the Sunshine Forever reflects the ambition, with War of Will's stallion resume in mind, to add a Grade I on that surface. Conceivably, indeed, the reopening of Gary Barber's home state might yet make the GI Shoemaker Mile a preferable comeback. This would obviously be a pretty late call, but such are the constant crossroads of Casse's calling. After all, if War of Will had already won himself that Grade I on grass, he might never have tried the Triple Crown trail in the first place.

"Exactly," says Casse. "If he'd had a cleaner trip in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, who knows? Thank goodness he didn't, because he probably wouldn't have won the Preakness."

Such is the unpredictability of the racetrack. But unpredictability is universal, right now, and Casse's many friends and admirers in the business would perhaps prefer the Hall of Fame induction ceremony be postponed for a year. Surely it would be twice the fun, that way, than if contrived within the strictures still likely to prevail in August.

The one guarantee is that Casse won't be misinterpreting his accession. In this business, you never run out of challenges.

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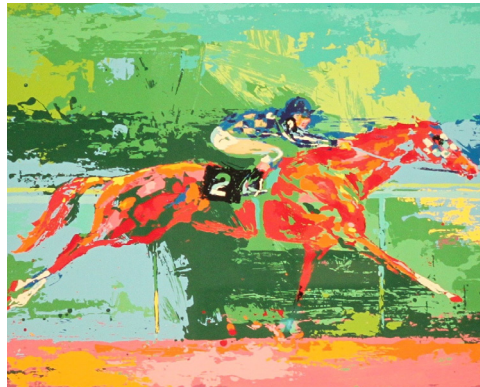
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Casse poses with wife Tina for Preakness win photo | Horsephotos

Nonetheless he is proud that the Hall of Fame vindicates not just his own talent, but also the people who allowed it to flourish.

On Wednesday his mother called in tears of joy. When Casse was 13, and his parents were splitting up, she had wanted to take him with her back to Indiana.

"She was going to move away from horse racing, and there was a big battle over where I was going to stay," he recalls. "One day I went to her and I said, 'Mom, do you love me?' She goes, 'I love you more than anything in the world.' I said, 'Well, if you truly love me, you'll let me stay with dad and the horses. Because if you take me away from the horses...' And she said, 'Okay.' To me, that day, she showed how much she loved me. She sacrificed her feelings for mine, and there's no greater love than that."

His mother, then, has no less a share of the gratitude Casse divides between his parents. Their parting actually created a new bond of sorts, in mutually committing to his fulfillment. Yes, the joy that ultimately resulted comes with a renewed sorrow, in that it cannot be shared with his father. But at least Casse can comfort himself that his dad's legacy is now secured forever.



Norman E. Casse | FTBOA

"My Dad and I would go to the Hall of Fame all the time when we were in Saratoga," Casse recalls. "Obviously I was in awe, because this was the

world I loved. I had such love for my father and horse racing was what we did together. He was very instrumental in helping me achieve my goals, that's for sure. I wouldn't be where I am today without him. Unfortunately, it's a few years now since he passed away. But I think he's up there looking down, and I hope he's very proud."

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## OAKLAWN CASINO SET TO RESUME LIMITED OPERATIONS MAY 18



Coady Photography

by Bill Finley

The Oaklawn Park casino has been given the green light by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson to resume operations May 18. During his press briefing May 7, Hutchinson announced that the state's three casinos can reopen, but only at one-third capacity and that stringent social distancing requirements will be in place.

Oaklawn's casino has been closed since Mar. 16 and the shutdown had started to affect purses. Under the worst-case scenario, the casino would be closed for an extended period of time and purses would have to be reduced at the 2021 Oaklawn meet. The race meet at Oaklawn was completed May 2 without interruption.

"While we are excited that Governor Hutchinson has given Oaklawn the green light to open Mar. 18, there will be strict protocols which need to be implemented, first. Once we have those in place, we can start adding to next year's purses by opening," Oaklawn President Louis Cella said.

Trainer Ron Moquett, who is a member of the Arkansas HBPA Board of Directors, said that even though the number of gamblers who can go to the casino will be limited, its opening was an important step.

“This means there is a light at the end of the tunnel,” he said. “It doesn’t have to get back to where we were overnight. Our industry depends on a lot of things, including clients and owners buying horses for the next year, hoping there is going to be racing. When there is nothing happening and everything is stagnant, it doesn’t entice a lot of people to invest a lot of money. The casino doesn’t have to go full steam, but it’s important that people see that things are starting to get back to normal. Being open at one-third capacity is not what everyone ultimately wants, but it is a start.”

The Oaklawn casino will be among the first to reopen since the coronavirus pandemic began. A tribal casino in Idaho resumed operations May 1, becoming the first U.S. casino to start up again.

Hutchinson said that the state will continue to work with the casinos on how best to manage a situation where the coronavirus is still a threat. Hutchinson added that Dr. Nate Smith, secretary of the Arkansas Department of Health, has “worked very hard, we’ve all worked hard” with the casinos as they sought to reopen. In other states, the casino industry has put forth social distancing plans that include closing every other slot machine and putting up plexiglass barriers at the gaming tables to separate the players and the dealers from one another. The casinos will not be able to operate around the clock and will instead close at night to allow for additional cleaning.

“Oaklawn is a mainstay of our tourism product here, so it’s very welcomed news and I can’t wait for the 18th to get here,” Visit Hot Springs CEO Steve Arrison told the *Hot Springs Sentinel-Record*.

The state’s other casinos are in Pine Bluff and at the greyhound track in West Memphis.

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## MARYLAND’S \$375M RACING ACT PASSED

The Racing and Community Development Act of 2020, a capital plan aimed to protect horse racing in Maryland through the development of Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park, was allowed to pass, without signature, by Gov. Larry Hogan Thursday.

Passed by the Maryland General Assembly Mar. 18, the legislation clears the way for the Maryland Stadium Authority to provide up to \$375 million in bonds, stemming from a combination of funds from the Racetrack Facility Renewal, Purse Dedication Accounts and Baltimore City’ video lottery terminal payments and funds from the Maryland Lottery. The Act will take effect June 1.

Outlined in the plan are a series of improvements to Maryland racetracks, including a revamped stable area, training facility



Pimlico Racecourse | *EquiSport*

and synthetic racing surface at Laurel, in addition to the development of Pimlico into a year-round event and community center, while securing the GI Preakness’ future at Pimlico.

Also outlined under the Racing and Community Development Act; the creation of an equine health, welfare and safety committee headed by the Maryland Racing Commission and the potential for an equine research and medical facility at the redeveloped Laurel.

Key members involved in developing the plan which led to the legislation include Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association’s legal counsel Alan Foreman; Maryland Jockey Club legal counsel Alan Rifkin; and consultant Bill Cole, who formerly served as President of the Baltimore Development Corp.

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## MJC RELEASES CONDITION BOOK FOR LAUREL MEET

The Maryland Jockey Club has released a spring condition book for Laurel Park covering a period of 15 days ahead of the still-undetermined resumption of live racing in the state. Specific dates have not been set. As part of Gov. Larry Hogan’s statewide shutdown, live racing was paused in Maryland following the Mar. 15 program at Laurel out of concerns due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Highlighting the early condition book is the highly anticipated seasonal debut of racing over Laurel’s turf course.

A total of 148 races and 42 substitute races are in the spring condition book, including 71 turf races. It was put together by Jillian Tullock, who worked in several capacities for the MJC from 1994-2019, including assistant racing secretary under Georganne Hale, before being appointed racing secretary Mar. 5. Click [here](#) to view the 2020 spring condition book.

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## JACK PRESTON PASSES AWAY AT 84



Jack Preston & Victory Gallop | Getty Images

Longtime owner/breeder Jack Preston died in his home in Texas earlier this month, the *Blood-Horse* reported Friday evening. He was 84.

Preceded in death by his two brothers J.R. and Art, the Preston family campaigned the likes of GI Belmont S. winner Victory Gallop, two-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Da Hoss and MGISW Flat Out.

The Preston brothers partnered on a variety of business ventures involving gas and oil, real estate, restaurants, cattle ranches and geothermal power generation companies.

Along with his brothers, he founded Preston Farm near Quanah, TX, then eventually developed Prestonwood Farm near Lexington, where they stood top sire Kris S. and Groovy. Distorted Humor, a horse campaigned in partnership with Russell Reineman to four graded stakes victories, launched his stallion career at Prestonwood, as did Victory Gallop, who famously dashed Real Quiet's Triple Crown aspirations in 1998.

In 2000, Kenny Troutt and Bill Casner teamed to purchase Prestonwood from the brothers and renamed it WinStar Farm. The nursery remains home to Distorted Humor, now 27 years old.

"Jack was a great guy that just was always very positive and a real gentlemen and sportsman," WinStar's Elliott Walden, who trained Victory Gallop for the Prestons, said. "That was the great thing about the Preston brothers; they were true sportsmen and loved the competition of horse racing. And Jack was always very friendly. He enjoyed the people part of the horse business as well, and was a great man."

Walden continued, "I was talking to Melissa, his wife, a couple of days ago and she said the (1998) Belmont was the greatest day of his life. It was one of the greatest days of my life, too, to be a part of that and to just be able to share that with Jack was

really neat. I can just remember both Art, who passed away a few years ago, and Jack and their willingness to take on Real Quiet, even though we had been defeated by him twice. They wanted to come back again, and that just doesn't happen any more. Really, they wanted to come back for the competition of it. It was a rivalry and I personally had gotten weak. And they encouraged me to run because of the sportsmanship. They couldn't let Real Quiet just have the Triple Crown. It meant something. It meant something to them, and they wanted to beat Real Quiet. I remember that."

Rich Decker, General Manager of Prestonwood Farm starting in 1985, stayed on board until they sold the farm to WinStar.

"Jack was an equal partner in Prestonwood and was very active in decision making with the purchases we had of mares, stallions and racehorses," Decker said. "He was a very thoughtful guy, put a lot thought into any of the decisions that he made and was a very wise man that obviously helped with the success of Prestonwood."

He continued, "They were all very competitive. Jack was a baseball pitcher in college at the University of Tulsa. He was a competitive guy, man. As they all were. Quiet in demeanor, but very competitive. It's just sad to see the end of the three brothers' involvement in the horse business. They're a group of guys who are part of a bygone era now. There's always somebody to take their place, but it's just different now. It's different."

Michael Dickinson was a longtime trainer for the Preston family, led by the heroics of Da Hoss.

"It's the end of a racing family," Dickinson said. "All three brothers loved the thrill of the game. They were brilliant owners and great friends who loved to be involved. We used to communicate on a daily basis, and they were always up for a challenge. Jack once told us they weren't afraid of risk as they had drilled plenty of dry wells in the oil fields before they hit payday."

Dickinson said that they proved just how risk-averse they were before Da Hoss's run in the 1996 Breeders' Cup Mile at Woodbine.

"The horse liked firm going and it had rained almost every day for 10 days at Woodbine, so we thought, 'we're in trouble,'" Dickinson said. "But then Jon Boy, the exercise rider, Joan Wakefield and myself walked the course on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We thought we found one dry-ish path and hatched a plan which was unconventional to say the least. So we spoke to the boys the night before the race and said, 'this is going to be very difficult. If we ride a normal race, we will not win.' So we came up with a plan. I ran it past the owners and right away they said, 'do it.' So we went to Gary Stevens the next day with the plan. We said to Gary, this is unusual, but we



got the owners' permission and if it doesn't work, we will take the blame."

Da Hoss's Breeders' Cup win two years later at Churchill, with only one prep race since the win at Woodbine, was just as unconventional, but the Prestons were just as willing to go along with the plan.

"He hadn't run for 18 months and he was getting ready to run in June, and he had a problem, so I phoned them up and said, 'sorry boys,'" Dickinson said. "I know you haven't seen this boy in 18 months but he needs more time. But we'll get him to the Breeders' Cup, and they never questioned it at all. That was the happiest day of my life, I think, when he won the second one. They were true sportsmen. They always wanted the best for the horse, and the horse always delivered for them."

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## RACE SEASON APPROVED FOR EMERALD DOWNS TO BEGIN IN JUNE

The Washington Horse Racing Commission voted to approve a 44-day season for Emerald Downs Friday. Racing was originally scheduled to begin Apr. 18 and has now been approved to launch Monday, June 22. Races will be conducted every Monday and Tuesday with no fans in attendance.

Horse Racing without public participation is included in Phase 3 of Governor Jay Inslee's "Safe Start Washington" plan. Upon entering Phase 4, racing will open to the public and Emerald Downs will return to a traditional weekend race schedule. A revised stakes schedule will be announced next week. Horses have been in training since Feb. 1.

Track president Phil Ziegler said, "They have done a terrific job of staying healthy and taking care of the 600 horses currently stabled at the track. We have followed all the CDC and state safety guidelines since the emergency began."

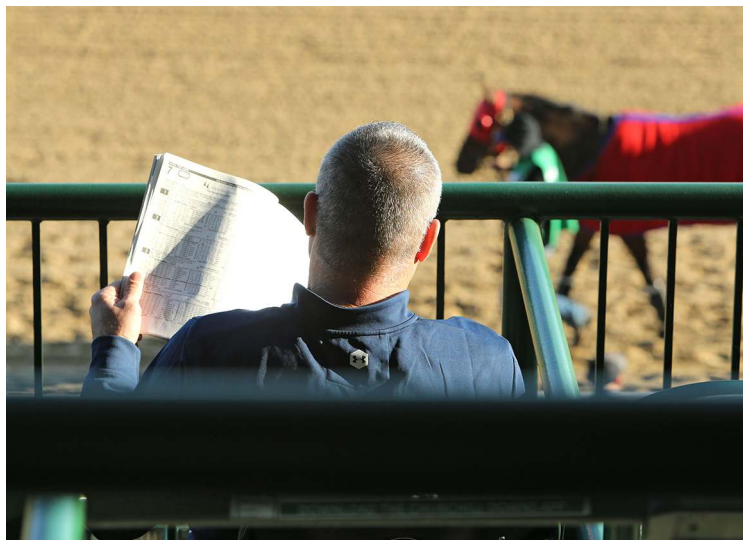
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## OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY: #FREEDATAFRIDAY - RACING'S OPEN DATA CANYON



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*by Pat Cummings, Thoroughbred Idea Foundation*

Two weeks ago, **Microsoft announced the launch** of its “Open Data Campaign,” in their words, “to help address the looming ‘data divide’ and help organizations of all sizes to realize the benefits of data and the new technologies it powers.

“We believe everyone can benefit from opening, sharing and collaborating around data to make better decisions, improve efficiency and even help tackle some of the world’s most pressing societal challenges.”

Now, it is obvious that it is in Microsoft corporate’s interests to convince others of this, but at its heart, this is a line in the sand. Microsoft is asking the world to embrace more open data in order to create a better society.

We, and **others here** and **here**, are asking for American racing to embrace an open data campaign to create a better sport.

This is all about the benefits to our greater business, not just in the present, but for the future. We believe racing would enjoy greater participation from wagering customers by offering free, basic past performances, and free, raw data feeds for analysis by those considering investing in racing’s wagering markets if such data were readily available. Other benefits are likely too.

This can also be about the welfare of horses, about improving our world’s understanding of horses and the meticulous efforts to breed even better, stronger future generations. Be it heart-rate monitoring, recovery rates, stride length, morning workout timing and much, much more, our sport is so desperately in need of investment to uplift its technological base to a modern level. This should help customer confidence, owner participation and more.

The “data divide” Microsoft references is, in horse racing, much more like a data canyon, with a monumental gap between our sport and not just the rest of the sporting world, but the business world too. Racing is ripe for investment, provided we can meet other challenges too--proper pricing, bolstered integrity measures, modern marketing and so much more. Our issues cannot be boiled down to prioritize only one topic above any other--it needs concurrent improvement.

Horse racing is still big business, and if our future is to look better than our overall past and present, then meaningful refurbishment must commence. **Churchill Downs Incorporated’s annual report**, also out about two weeks ago, offers insight into the financials of operating a racing and wagering business in an industry that is otherwise fairly opaque.

CDI’s online wagering business generated \$290 million in revenue from 2019, led predominantly by TwinSpires, whose live and simulcast racing operations yielded \$277 million of that net revenue figure. Operating expenses for its overall online wagering business were \$206 million, with CDI reporting that their overall online wagering business’s adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (adjusted EBITDA) came in at \$66.3 million.

Sitting on a base of roughly \$11 billion in annual wagering, where is racing’s greater plan to get to \$15-20 billion in five years, \$40-50 billion in 10 years? The impact to prize money is clear--purses should be at \$1.5 billion in five years and \$3-4 billion in 10. Not only does such a plan not exist at the moment, but one has never existed.

Despite many negative metrics that exist and have been oft recited in this weekly feature, there is hope for racing, but we need significant renovations to many different elements of the industry, combined with significant investment. The impetus to change amongst many of the sport’s optional financial participants--owners--is growing. The desire to benefit from change amongst the sport’s other major segment of optional financial participants--horseplayers--has never been greater.

It should make for an interesting future.

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# MAKING BETTING MORE FRIENDLY



**Zoe Cadman** | *courtesy Zoe Cadman*

*With racing's temporary opportunity as the only game in town, the TDN's Katie Ritz took a poll of some industry insiders known to like a good bet and asked them: what is one simple way that tracks could make betting more friendly for existing horseplayers and/or more effective at bringing in new players? As you'll see, none of them could stop at just one.*

## ZOE CADMAN

As an avid racing fan first and foremost, and a gambler second, I truly believe we need to make things just a bit easier for everyone involved. Here's my list of the things I feel we need to move forward with. Note, some tracks have already implements some of these ideas.

1. Free parking and admission (Santa Anita offers free parking and admission on weekdays).
2. Free programs.
3. Less time between races. The average person wants action and gets bored easily.
4. Make it more kid friendly. Santa Anita does a great job of this with the park in the infield, but it's a bit too far from the action. The best example I have was the old Party in the Park at Arlington. Parents could gamble and have a beer.
5. Dollar beer days are massively popular. Perhaps give back \$2 win tickets for horses in the upcoming race. Obviously not with every beer, but encourage these folks to bet.
6. Better policing of races and consistency with the stewards.

Have a camera in the steward's room like they do in Europe. The betting public likes to feel informed.

7. More information. Look at Hong Kong: if a horse doesn't eat, it's written about in the paper. The same goes for transparency from trainers, which leads to the bigger question of when are we going to have one governing body. With this, we should have the same rules for each state. If a trainer has trouble following along from state to state, how are gamblers ever going to have a chance?

8. Make it fun. Have more night racing. Twilight racing is a big hit. Send buses to pick up commuters from trains, bring them in, feed them and entertain them. We must do more.

9. A dear friend of mine is a gambler who lives in Vegas. He's been saying for years that we should have a "match race Friday." Now, I'm not a fan of match racing, let it be said. I feel it is very hard on the horses, but perhaps there are ways around this. His idea is to have 12 races all held 10 minutes apart. With action every 10 minutes, no one gets bored. And with limited field sizes, this may be the answer. Just a thought.

10. Invite people in. This is popular at Santa Anita with barn tours and breakfast. Saratoga does the same thing. Make people think they have the inside scoop. Open the gates. Let them in the barns so they can pet a horse and see that we love our horses.

11. Not sure how you could police this, but perhaps new gamblers could get a break on the takeout.

Much of what I have written is already going on in some form, but we need more of it in order to survive. As far as takeout, maybe tracks for one day per meet or even one day per month could scrap takeout all together. I'm guessing handle would double for that particular day. They could even have a day devoted to takeout going to aftercare.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CRAIG B. SINGER

I have never made a comment on things done in the horse business by governors, racing commissions or now, The Jockey Club. My feelings were always kept to myself. I cannot keep quiet about the new ruling by The Jockey Club to limit the breeding of stallions to 140 mares. I have been in the horse business for a long time and I love horses. Otherwise, the business model makes no sense to a rational business person. The horse business is hard enough now to make money or even break even. All horse people strive to have a great stallion. I have been lucky enough to have a few; Smart Strike, Danzig,



Northern Dancer, etc. That income allows us stallion owners to “make up” for the other expenses in our business. Now, The Jockey Club wants to take away that valuable income for stallion owners lucky enough to “hit” with a great stallion. Keep it up Jockey Club. Make it harder for the people you are trying to protect from themselves. Not smart!

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### SOVEREIGN AWARDS TO BE ANNOUNCED VIRTUALLY

The 45th Annual Sovereign Awards, honoring Canada's champions for the 2019 season, will be presented by The Jockey Club of Canada May 19. Winners of the 24 Sovereign Awards categories will be announced live during a virtual ceremony at 8 p.m. (EDT).

To watch the ceremony streamed live at [www.woodbine.com](http://www.woodbine.com) and HPItv Canada. A digital program will be available for download at <https://jockeyclubcanada.com> prior to the event.

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### CHRB RE-OPENS LOS AL LICENSING OFFICE FOR RENEWALS

The California Horse Racing Board will re-open its Los Alamitos Race Course Licensing Office solely for renewal applications. Protective measures have been taken to assist with mitigating the risk of COVID-19 for CHRB staff and the public. Similar plans are in process at Golden Gate Fields, Santa Anita Park, and CHRB Headquarters in Sacramento. In an effort to prevent the introduction of new people to the backside of the track, new licenses will not be issued at this time, however, exceptions will be considered if the license is necessary for the health and safety of people and/or horses. For requests for exceptions, contact Shawn Loehr, Chief of Enforcement and Licensing [sllloehr@chrb.ca.gov](mailto:sllloehr@chrb.ca.gov).

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### BREEDERS' CUP CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WITH NEW CHARITABLE INITIATIVE



*Sarah Andrew photo*

Blessings for the Backstretch, a charitable initiative, has been launched by Breeders' Cup in partnership with The Stronach Group to support mothers living and working on the backstretch at Santa Anita Park this Mother's Day.

On Sunday morning, May 10, the two organizations will hand-deliver Mother's Day Blessings Baskets to these hard-working women in appreciation for their immeasurable contributions to the horse racing industry. Each basket will include chocolates, fresh flowers, body wash, moisturizers, nail polish and other special gifts and treats curated with moms in mind.

"We are indebted to the mothers who are working day-to-day on the backstretch to support the horse racing industry through this unprecedented situation, all the while caring for their own families," said Drew Fleming, President and CEO of Breeders' Cup. "This Mother's Day, we hope to express our gratitude for their hard work and add a bit of extra joy to their special day."

"Each year, and especially this one, it is important to celebrate these special women on Mother's Day and give them an extra bit of thanks for all they do within our racing community," said Aidan Butler, Executive Director of California Racing Operations for The Stronach Group. "They are a pivotal part of our daily business, while also caring for the safety and well-being of their families. We are lucky to have these women in our lives and remember all those that have come before them."

Blessings for the Backstretch is the latest effort in a string of initiatives led by Breeders' Cup to alleviate the burdens created by COVID-19 within the horse racing industry. In April, Breeders' Cup introduced Cocktails & Conversation, a recurring virtual

happy hour, to raise funds for backstretch communities most heavily impacted by the health crisis.

Also in April, Breeders' Cup announced a direct \$25,000 donation to the Race Track Chaplaincy of America to provide aid for in-need backstretch workers, as well as a donation of 4,500 gloves, 2,000 hair covers, 1,200 Tyvek suits, 500 masks and 500 shoe covers to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to help reduce risk of virus exposure for medical personnel in the state.

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#### Maryland Jockey Club Denies Report of Oct. 3 Date for Postponed Preakness; Dates in July, August Possible

Owners of Pimlico Race Course refused to confirm a report by WBAL-TV that a new date has been set for the postponed Preakness S. A report Wednesday afternoon claimed that Oct. 3 had been selected for the second jewel of horse racing's Triple Crown series. Childs Walker, [baltimoresun.com](http://baltimoresun.com)

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Tapiture</b> (2011) by Tapit Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	2	4	--	--	--	--	51	20	90,000	712,820
											Steph'sfullasugar
2	<b>Liam's Map</b> (2011) by Unbridled's Song Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000	--	1	--	1	--	1	40	15	210,000	804,535
											Basin
3	<b>Khozan</b> (2012) by Distorted Humor Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500	1	3	--	2	--	--	40	14	109,000	721,959
											Liam's Lucky Charm
4	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	2	6	1	4	1	2	43	13	598,300	1,326,069
											Tiz the Law
5	<b>Carpe Diem</b> (2012) by Giant's Causeway Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	3	--	1	--	--	48	13	66,245	720,792
											Train Bearer
6	<b>Competitive Edge</b> (2012) by Super Saver Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500	--	1	--	--	--	--	45	13	98,800	640,865
											Edgeway
7	<b>Wicked Strong</b> (2011) by Hard Spun Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000	1	2	--	--	--	--	44	13	59,425	448,499
											Villainous
8	<b>Bayern</b> (2011) by Offlee Wild Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000	--	2	--	1	--	--	42	12	107,000	564,139
											Tempers Rising
9	<b>Palace</b> (2009) by City Zip Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	--	1	--	1	--	--	28	11	74,200	291,547
											Auberge
10	<b>Honor Code</b> (2011) by A.P. Indy Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000	1	2	1	2	--	--	34	10	137,500	576,807
											Max Player
11	<b>Tonalist</b> (2011) by Tapit Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	1	2	1	2	--	--	34	9	213,110	798,131
											Tonalist's Shape
12	<b>The Big Beast</b> (2011) by Yes It's True Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$6,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	25	9	80,500	361,864
											Up in Smoke
13	<b>Race Day</b> (2011) by Tapit Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	1	1	--	--	--	--	35	7	50,650	288,523
											Implicator
14	<b>Danza</b> (2011) by Street Boss Stands: Fair Winds Farm OH Fee: \$2,500	1	1	--	--	--	--	25	7	62,244	229,629
											Pitching Ari
15	<b>American Pharoah</b> (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private	2	4	--	1	--	--	34	6	173,043	657,346
											Cafe Pharoah

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## SATURDAY'S INSIGHTS: FRESHMEN SIRE DUO HAVE FIRST RUNNERS

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### 2nd-GP, \$65K, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, post time: 1:35p.m. ET

Known for his prowess with early 2-year-olds, trainer Wesley Ward sends out the first runner by champion and GI Kentucky Derby hero **Nyquist** in **BREAKTHROUGH**. Purchased for \$330,000 at FTKJUL, the dark bay is a half-brother to SW & MGISP Red Vine (Candy Ride {Arg}) and his dam is a half to MGSW Fort Prado (El Prado {Ire}). Scratched from a similar spot Friday, he enters this unveiling off a bullet three panels on the turf at Palm Meadows in :36 1/5 (1/8) May 4. Nyquist was the leading first-crop sire of yearling sellers last year, with 44 sold (60 ring) for an average of \$236,318 according to *TDN* Sales Statistics.

**Screen Star (Not This Time)** was the most expensive of his first-crop sire (by Giant's Causeway)'s 21 weanlings to sell in 2018, hammering for \$160,000. The dark bay is out of half-sister to MGSW/GISP sire Tapiture (Tapit), GSW Rotation (Tapit) and MSW Remit (Tapit), the dam of MGSW Finite (Munnings) and MSW/GSP Reride (Candy Ride {Arg}). Screen Star was also a \$22,000 FTKOCT buyback and was bought back on a bid of \$145,000 at this year's OBS March Sale. **TJCIS PPs**

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Just Whistle (MTO)	Pioneerof the Nile	Saez (2)	Matz	8-1
2	Sand Dancer	Eskendereya	Meneses	Hills	20-1
3	El Tormenta	Stormy Atlantic	Davis	Cox	12-1
4	Aquaphobia	Giant's Causeway	Ortiz Jr	Maker	10-1
5	Cullum Road	Quality Road	Bravo	Correas	20-1
6	Halladay	War Front	Saez (1)	Pletcher	4-1
7	Hawkish	Artie Schiller	Jaramillo	Toner	10-1
8	Regally Irish	Regal Ransom	Maragh	Motion	20-1
9	Social Paranoia	Street Boss	Zayas	Pletcher	3-1
10	Highland Sky	Sky Mesa	Vasquez	Tagg	15-1
11	Admission Office	Point of Entry	Rosario	Lynch	5-2
12	War of Will	War Front	Gaffalione	Casse	10-1



### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm** (\$100,000), 5-8, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.87, ft.

**TWO LAST WORDS (g, 3, Commissioner--My Peg, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** won the state-bred Hillsdale S. at Indiana Downs Sept. 11 and was third next out in the Indiana Futurity S. against Indy-breds Nov. 5. He was last seen finishing a well-beaten eighth in a sloppy renewal of the GI Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 30. Given a 9-2 chance in this seasonal bow, the bay saved ground in a joint third through a :22.86 first quarter. **Cont. p2**



**TAM2 cont.**

Tipped out for a two-wide bid, the gelding swept to the lead in mid-stretch and kicked clear to win by a length over Wicked Warrior (Wicked Strong). The winner's dam is also responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Russian Influence (Into Mischief) and a yearling colt by Super Saver. She was bred back to Goldencents. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-1-1, \$127,979. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Deann Baer; B-Deann & Greg Baer DVM (IN); T-Tim Glyshaw.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**



Just Right Mike | Lauren King

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$63,000, Msw, 5-8, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.92, ft. JUST RIGHT MIKE (c, 2, Cajun Breeze--Wishiwoulda, by Da Stoops)** finished third on debut over track and trip Apr. 13 and was sent off as the 5-2 second-choice this time. Stalking Carson City Kid (Uncaptured) from second through an opening quarter in :22.48, the homebred drew even with the pacesetter turning for home and was joined by 9-5 favorite and \$420,000 OBSMAR buy Restored Order (Frosted) on his outside. Wearing down Carson City Kid in the final sixteenth, Just Right Mike forged clear to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Carson City Kid held second over Restored Order. The winner has a yearling full-brother and a full-sister born earlier this term. "The main thing was that I really had a lot of confidence in the horse and believed that he could have been much more than what he achieved on the track," trainer Michael Yates said of sire Cajun Breeze, who he co-owns. "I got to looking at his pedigree--he's by Congrats, a son of A. P.

Indy, and the mare is a daughter of Awesome Again. I just thought he had the pedigree to make a sire. He was a good sound horse." Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$49,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Shadybrook Farm Inc. (FL); T-Michael Yates.

**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 5-8, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.54, fm.**

**DOUBLY BLESSED (g, 3, Empire Maker--Via Villaggio {GSW & GISP, \$373,419}, by Bernardini)** finished third on debut going a mile over this turf course Mar. 28 and was sent off at 6-1 while navigating an extra furlong this time. Running in second last through opening splits of :24.78 and :49.52, the bay slipped in along the fence with three-eighths left to run and improved to fourth at the top of the lane. A bit green, he was straightened out by Daniel Centeno and sent after the dueling leaders Reliability (Tapit) and Beachwalker (Street Sense). Doubly Blessed swept past that duo late to win by a neck. Reliability held second by a nose over Beachwalker. The winner is the first foal out of GSW & GISP dam Via Villaggio, a daughter of GSW Hoh Buzzard (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}). Her only produce since is a juvenile colt by Speightstown and she was most recently bred to American Pharoah. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$13,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500 111 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, SCREEN STAR, 12-1 \$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$22,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$145,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000 94 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, BREAKTHROUGH, 9-5 \$330,000 FTK JUL yrl



**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private  
 318 foals of racing age/38 winners/6 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Alw 5fT, ENVIED, 6-1  
 \$335,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**The Big Beast** (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000  
 102 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
 11-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, HAUNTEDBYTHEMUSIC, 6-1

**Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud, \$15,000  
 200 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Gulfstream, Alw 5fT, AFFICIONADO (Fr), 4-1  
 50,000gns RNA TAT FEB 2yo

**Chitu** (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, \$4,500  
 88 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Alw 5fT, SILVER TUNES, 20-1

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000  
 233 foals of racing age/42 winners/5 black-type winners  
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, HYPERFOCUS, 7-2  
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Fast Anna** (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
 142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Alw 5fT, FAST SCENE, 3-1  
 \$32,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000  
 232 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Alw 5fT, COMPENSATE, 5-1  
 \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
 246 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners  
 7-Gulfstream, Alw 5fT, AMERICAN TAP, 6-1  
 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**PUNTSVILLE (m, 8, Cashel Castle--Deville, by Petionville)**

Lifetime Record: MSW, 33-14-7-0, \$499,163. O/B-S. D Brillie LP (IL); T-Michele Boyce. \*1/2 to Devileye (Indygo Shiner), MSW, \$277,949.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Koko Star**, c, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--High Chant, by War Chant.

Gulfstream, 5-7, (C), 1mT, 1:35.26. B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY).

\*\$290,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$130,000 RNA 2yo '19

OBSMAR. \*\*Full to Kitten's Queen, SW & GISP, \$378,444; and to Csaba, MGSW, \$682,440.

**CAJUN BREEZE**, Just Right Mike, c, 2, o/o Wishiwoulda, by Da Stoops. MSW, 5-8, Gulfstream

**CASHEL CASTLE**, Puntsville, m, 8, o/o Deville, by Petionville. AOC, 5-8, Tampa Bay

**COMMISSIONER**, Two Last Words, g, 3, o/o My Peg, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AOC, 5-8, Tampa Bay

**EMPIRE MAKER**, Doubly Blessed, g, 3, o/o Via Villaggio, by Bernardini. MSW, 5-8, Tampa Bay

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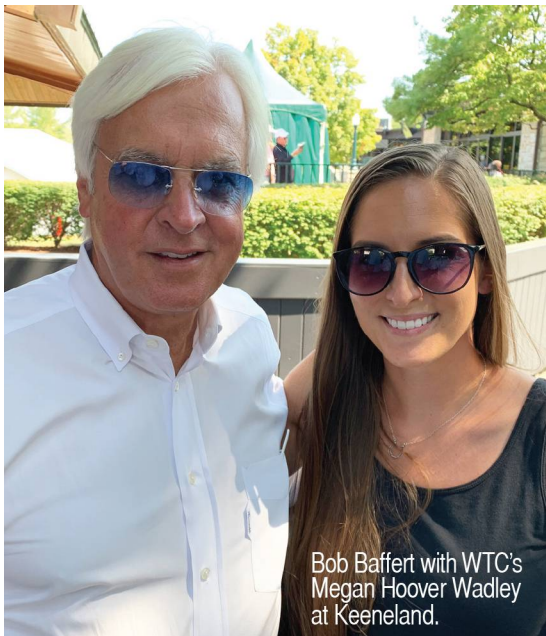
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## MIXED RESPONSE TO US JOCKEY CLUB 'DIKTAT'



Stallions born from 2020 will be limited to covering a maximum of 140 mares in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

The US Jockey Club's announcement of an impending cap on the number of mares a stallion can cover has received a mixed reaction among breeders in Britain and Ireland.

As reported in [yesterday's TDN](#), colt foals born in 2020 who eventually retire to stud will be restricted to covering 140 mares in a season. No limit will be set for stallions already at stud or for those born before 2020.

The US Jockey Club figures for 2019 show that 43 stallions served books of more than 140 mares. In Britain and Ireland combined that number stood at 44 for last year, but that includes 17 National Hunt stallions. The British and Irish mare population for 2019 was 23,318, and 8,300 of those mares visited one of those 44 stallions with a book of 140 or more.

Eight Flat stallions covered in excess of 200 mares—Australia (GB), Churchill (Ire), Dandy Man (Ire), Kodiak (GB), Lope De Vega (Ire), Sioux Nation and Zoffany (Ire) in Ireland and Kingman (GB) in Britain.

Classic-winning owner-breeder Julian Richmond-Watson, who is also chairman of the TBA, cannot envisage a similar cap being implemented in Europe.

He said, "I think it would be much more difficult to do here, whereas in the United States, the Jockey Club runs the show to a large extent when it comes to studbook. It would certainly be worth discussing but it simply wouldn't be possible to do it here without the whole of Europe agreeing to the same thing."

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## LAGARDERE LEGACY RIDES ON VICTOR LUDORUM

By Tom Frary

When **Victor Ludorum (GB)** (Shamardal) steps out for Monday's keenly anticipated G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at ParisLongchamp, he will do so with the kind of notability that comes as standard for winners of the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. France's pre-eminent track's juvenile showcase, previously known as the Grand Criterium, has long proved magnetic to the elite and acts as a significant early exposé of prominent future sires.

Back in 1933, Edouard de Rothschild, the grandfather of the current France Galop President of the same name, was represented by his beloved Brantôme (Fr), who brushed aside his peers en route to achieving widespread notoriety as a 3-year-old. Ending up as one of his country's most revered racehorses, he was also to be classed a "chef-de-race" despite an unwelcome diversion to Germany as the consequences of World War II took hold. After that unhappy epoch, as Europe ascended from the gloom and despair there was another significant force to emerge in the 1948 winner Ambiorix II (Fr). Marcel Boussac's champion 2-year-old colt went on to grace Bull Hancock's Claiborne Farm with distinction, becoming North America's leading sire in 1961. [Cont. p4](#)



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**Mixed Responses to TJC Diktat Cont. from p1**

He added, "We do have different dynamics here, especially with the National Hunt side where stallions take a long time to come good and then have a few years at the top. It could potentially give chances to more stallions but whether it widens the gene pool I'm not entirely sure.

"It obviously means that for the same number of mares there would need to be more stallions, which has to be a good thing, the more diversity we have should surely be better, and that could certainly help early on in a stallion's career. But presumably it will make certain stallion fees more expensive, because logically supply and demand would push up the price."

Joe Foley, who stands four stallions at Ballyhane Stud and is President of the ITBA, was also doubtful that a similar rule could be applied in this part of the world.

"There are obviously merits and demerits to what the Jockey Club in America have come up with but I wonder about the logistics of actually putting such a rule in place, either in America or certainly in Europe," he said.

Colin Bryce of Laundry Cottage Stud, the breeder with his wife Melba of Group 1 winner and successful stallion Wootton Bassett (GB), sounded a note of caution in regard to interfering with market forces.

He said, "Theoretically it might sound very good but when you start to put theory into practice you start to come and get up against lots of little issues. You'd like to think that it's a good idea, and plenty of people write about the dangers to the breed of overproduction. Given that, you'd have to think that the corollary is in favour of [a cap], but it is intervening in the market, and is intervening in the market a good thing necessarily? I suppose it depends on your political views."

To a degree, the stallion choices available to most breeders are dictated by myriad factors including price, pedigree, location and, of course,

availability. A cap for the most in-demand stallions naturally imposes another limitation and one which does not find favour with Luca Cumani, who has just welcomed the final foal of the season at his Fittocks Stud.

"In principle I'm against these sort of impositions and I think that the market should dictate," he said. "I do see why they've done it, and I do see that everybody is getting worried about the narrowing of the gene pool, with too many mares going to too few top stallions, but I'm still not convinced that that is the right thing."

Cumani continued, "I think these sorts of things generally find an equilibrium—either the top stallions become too expensive or there are too many of their stock at the sales and then people change their minds and redirect their mares to other stallions. Basically I'm against this sort of diktat, so I am surprised that a nation like the US, which is a standard bearer for freedom and freedom of choice, makes an imposition like this. I very much hope this

doesn't come to Europe as well."

Cumani's fellow breeder Anthony Rogers of Airlie Stud gave the plans a warm reception, however, describing the new ruling as "an interesting and positive development."

He said, "I think it's a good idea. It's good for the breeders, it's good for the horses, it's good for everyone really. It's 140 mares—that's still quite a lot of animals. It wasn't too long ago that we were covering 40 mares and syndicating stallions with 38 shares and they were covering 42. The horses aren't machines and we are finding out that the impact of covering high numbers, Northern and Southern Hemisphere, does take its toll on them."

Lanwades Stud owner Kirsten Rausing, the chairman of the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF), feels that one of the repercussions of the stallion cap could be an increase in the number of horses shuttling.

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Luca Cumani | *Racing Post*



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## **Mixed Responses to TJC Diktat Cont.**

"There are two inevitable effects of this, it seems to me, and one is that the very top stallions' fees will markedly increase," she said. "The other thing is that, by implementing this, the Americans are almost forcing the stallion studs to shuttle to the Southern Hemisphere as much as they can, which is probably not what they had in mind. They say that what they have in mind is to protect the gene pool and you don't protect the gene pool by shuttling stallions—it has the opposite effect."



**Kirsten Rausing** | *Racing Post*

Rausing continued, "I cannot really comment on domestic American matters, however, as chairman of the ITBF, we the ITBF were extremely surprised that there seems to have been no international consultation at all and we did indeed approach the American Jockey Club in May 2019 about this.

"If it goes through it seems to me that they have issued a diktat. No doubt it will be challenged, it would have to be challenged by some of the big stud farms, you would think."

The restraint of trade argument would almost certainly render a similar limitation on European stallion books extremely difficult to implement, and David Redvers of Tweenhills Farm & Stud expressed surprise that the ruling has been announced in America.

He said, "I don't think it would stand a chance of becoming legislation over here. I think there are all sorts of unconsidered outcomes likely to show themselves but anything that increases competition in the marketplace has to be good, and that's for any marketplace. So if it gives more people an opportunity to start up stallion farms and feel that they've got an opportunity then maybe it is a good thing."

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### Lagardere Legacy Cont. from p1

This particular spell also saw the dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Tantieme (Fr) offer a precursor of what was to follow and he went on to be crowned France's champion sire on two occasions, while the 1950 winner Sicambre (Fr) proved another stalwart in his second career.

North American interests came forward again for the 1964 Grand Criterium hero Grey Dawn (Fr), who inflicted a now scarcely believable defeat on his illustrious stablemate Sea-Bird (Fr) to claim champion honours, having also garnered the Prix Morny and Prix de la Salamandre. He stood in Kentucky as a sire and broodmare sire par excellence and was still raging against the dying of the light in his 29th year at Domino Stud Farm.

Three years after Grey Dawn's memorable renewal, there was an overseas interloper of great note. The late Dr. Vincent O'Brien brought Sir Ivor to Paris during one of his many experimental phases--the colt went on to Pisa for the winter--and Raymond Guest's crack performer served notice that he was to carve his own niche in the turf's history. Scintillating victories in the 2000 Guineas and Epsom Derby were followed by a suitably impressive stud career also at Claiborne. He proved a longstanding font of class animals from there, with over 90 stakes winners including the legendary Sir Tristram (Ire). His reputation soared even higher as a broodmare sire, with one of his daughters Ivanjica triumphant in the Arc.

It was perhaps in 1976 that the Grand Criterium saw its most impeccable winner and resultant sire. The Aga Khan's superb chestnut Blushing Groom (Fr) already enjoyed a lofty reputation ahead of his clash with the much-vaunted J. O. Tobin and simply lit up Longchamp when slamming that contemporary in a rare display of racing prowess. While he was unable to go on to even greater heights after being stretched too far in the 1977 Epsom Derby, his stud career at Gainesway Farm proved a highly distinguished one.



**Kendargent** | Alayna Cullen



**Arazi** | Horsephotos

His progeny list features the eventual 1991 Criterium hero and Breeders' Cup sensation Arazi, as well as Groom Dancer, the ground-breaking Nashwan and other star performers and subsequent sires Rahy and Rainbow Quest.

In 1978, there was another chestnut who was to prove an outstanding influence at stud in that continent. Irish River (Fr), who flaunted a trademark turn of foot to secure the prize in the blinkers he required in all his fast action, was another shrewd acquisition by John R. Gaines. At a time when his sire Riverman was de rigueur in the U.S., he was one of several high-profile French runners to head across the Atlantic. Living until 2004, he sired the likes of Paradise Creek, Hatoof and Brief Truce, and almost 90 stakes winners in total. Three years later, Green Forest was the latest Criterium hero shipped to the States and he enjoyed early joy without demonstrating his predecessors' staying power.

As the eighties wore on, France's homegrown talent Kendor (Fr) featured as the most prolific resultant sire following his unexpected romp in the 1988 edition. Backing that up with success in the 1989 Poule d'Essai des Poulains in record time, he continued the narrative of surprise package by going on to boost the French breeding industry with 34 stakes winners including Charges d'Affaires (GB), Keltos (Fr) and Literato (Fr) and today's domestic talisman Kendargent (Fr). During a time of rampant commercialism in the sport, that is impressive stuff.

While the next decade witnessed two high-class colts from the esteemed Francois Boutin academy in Hector Protector and Arazi, both failed to become the major stallion influence they appeared at first sight. Arazi, whose Breeders' Cup masterstroke remains a conversation piece the world over, could not turn good opportunity at Dalham Hall and Three Chimneys Farm into results. In 2001, the authorities re-shaped the Grand Criterium by shortening the trip to seven furlongs and Aidan O'Brien gilded the contest with one of the era's singular talents Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). **Cont. p5**

### Lagardere Legacy Cont.

Throughout his spell racing, he proved as unyielding as the geological promontory after which he was named and while his stud career did not enjoy a consistently rising trajectory he is now rightly seen as an important influence. His big earners are Eagle Mountain (GB), Society Rock (Ire), Samitar (GB), Prince Gibraltar (Fr), Eishin Osman (Jpn) and Mount Nelson (GB).

With the race rejigged again when named in honour of Jean-Luc Lagardere in 2003, Juddmonte's American Post (GB) dashed to glory before holding his own as one of France's best-value sires, while another Coolmore representative Oratorio (Ire) followed suit a year later prior to siring the high-class Military Attack (Ire). Another of Ballydoyle's winning strata Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) took advantage of the absence of his immovable foe Teofilo (Ire) in 2006 and his subsequent time in Co. Tipperary has seen him responsible for the leading performers Designs On Rome (Ire), Beauty Only (Ire), Mongolian Khan (Aus) and Romanised (Ire). By the time the decade was nearing an end, the race was back on track as a breed-shaping event.

Then came probably the race's most prolific recent sire in His Highness The Aga Khan's Siyouni (Fr). Enjoying what would be his final career win in the 2009 edition, he has surprised many with his conversion into pre-eminent flag-bearer for his owner-breeder's Haras de Bonneval. To date, the monarch of that Normandy establishment has been crowned leading sire in France for three consecutive years and can boast the likes of Sottsass (Fr), City Light (Fr), Le Brivido (Fr), Ervedya (Fr) and Laurens (Fr) among his prized crops. French breeding has enjoyed a renaissance as a result of Siyouni's feats and also from the similarly fast and precocious Wootton Bassett (GB) who won in 2010. Snapped up by Haras d'Etream, he rewarded their foresight by siring the brilliant Almanzor (Fr) and a plethora of other smart performers to position himself among the present day's leading domestic stallions.



Siyouni | *The Aga Khan Studs*



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Fast juveniles were the order of the day at this time and the 2011 winner Dabirsim (Fr) proved another of the slicker brigade before heading to Gestut Karlshof then Haras de Grandcamp. The 2012 scorer Olympic Glory (Ire) formed part of this clutch of Lagardere-winning stallions to stand in Normandy, in his case for Haras de Bouquetot, in what can only be seen as a revival of the region's power in this sphere.

While it is too early to say what kind of stud career the subsequent winners will enjoy, the initial signs are that the 2013 hero Karakontie (Jpn) has more than a small chance of making it. Now at Gainesway, as Green Dancer, Irish River and Blushing Groom had been before him, his first crop included last year's G3 Horris Hill S. scorer Kenzai Warrior. If he is promising, then the colt who was controversially disqualified in the 2014 renewal in Gleneagles (Ire) has started extremely brightly at Coolmore. His classy juveniles Royal Lytham (Fr), Royal Dornoch (Ire) and Southern Hills (Ire) served only to further illuminate his prospects.

With the 2015 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere reverting to a mile, it was Godolphin's Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}) who marked the occasion with a strong staying effort. Standing at Haras du Logis, his first yearlings sell in 2020 surrounded by positive vibes. In the same royal blue on Monday will be Victor Ludorum, part of last year's holy trinity of juvenile colts who were supplied almost as a salubrious parting gift by the recently-deceased Shamardal. Few would bet against the latest Andre Fabre rising star ultimately achieving his own renown among the winners of France's premier juvenile race.

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### MAY 11 REMAINS FRENCH RACING START DATE

Despite rumblings of growing uncertainty regarding the resumption of French racing on May 11, France Galop announced that the meetings were still greenlit as of late Friday evening in France. France has not conducted racing since Mar. 17 due to the coronavirus. The statement read:

“Since this morning, some alarmist reports have been circulating regarding the resumption of racing on 11 May in France, which have given racing professionals rise to legitimate concern. France Galop and LeTROT have worked tirelessly throughout the day to continue to convince the parties concerned of the absolute necessity to resume racing as planned and organised on 11 May.”

Earlier in the week it was confirmed that the Prefecture de Police de Paris had authorised the resumption of racing behind closed doors on May 11 in Paris. Paris was declared a “red zone” under the coronavirus lockdown restrictions. ParisLongchamp is one of three French racecourses that will be in operation on May 11, offering four group races—the G2 Prix d’Harcourt, G3 Prix la Grotte, G3 Prix de Fontainebleau and G3 Prix de Saint-George.

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### MOON SHINES BRIGHT IN COLOGNE CLASSIC

Stall Wasserfreunde’s triumvirate of Lars-Wilhelm Baumgarten, Uwe Aisch and Peter Vogt resisted a deluge of offers for **Wonderful Moon (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) after the chestnut’s 12-length demolition of Krefeld’s G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen last term. Their resolve to maintain hold of Germany’s champion juvenile hardened when welcoming Cologne racetrack supremo Ecki Sauren into the fold and the restructured Wasserfreunde reaped an immediate dividend with the chestnut’s mightily impressive display in Friday’s G3 pferedwetten.de Cologne Classic at the Weidenpescher venue.

Making his eagerly awaited seasonal return over 10 1/2 furlongs in this renowned Classic trial, the July 12 G1 Deutsches Derby entry had previously succumbed to Germany’s Horse of the Year **Rubaiyat (Fr)** (Areion {Ger}) after a thrilling tussle with that stablemate in the Oct. 6 G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten, having shed maiden status in another one-mile test at Cologne in September. Champion Henk Grewe had won last year’s contest with subsequent Deutsches Derby runner-up **Django Freeman (Ger)** (Campanologist), whose year-younger half-brother **Dicaprio (Ger)** (Adlerflug {Ger}) made a winning debut in an 11-furlong maiden earlier on the card, and both victories strengthened the trainer’s new link with rider Andrasch Starke.

Wonderful Moon, who also holds an entry in the June 14 G2 Union-Rennen over 11 furlongs back at Cologne, was sharply into stride and accepted a tow in second as **Near Poet (Ger)** (Poet’s Voice {GB}) took control after the initial exchanges. Looming large once into the home straight and quickening by that rival for the lead approaching the final quarter mile, the 2-5 favourite powered clear in taking fashion once shaken up and geared down in the latter stages to easily account for the patiently ridden closer **Grocer Jack (Ger)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Winterfavoriten third **Palao (Ger)** (Champs Elysees {GB}), who also employed patience after an alert break, kept on well in the closing stages to finish 3/4-of-a-length adrift in third.

“I was confident of victory beforehand, but it’s always tense when you have the favourite in a group race,” trainer Henk Grewe told *GaloppOnline*. “This is a very special win and, if [jockey] Andrasch [Starke] had unleashed him sooner, he’d have won even easier. I really liked the way he won, I rate him highly and we now go to the [July 12 G1 Deutsches] Derby [at Hamburg] via the [June 14 G2] Union [-Rennen at Cologne].”

#### Pedigree Notes

Wonderful Moon is one of three winners from as many foals of racing age and the leading performer produced by a winning half-sister to GSW G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis placegetter **Wunder (Ger)** (Adlerflug {Ger}) and dual G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise runner-up **Advanced (GB)** (Night Shift). **Cont. p7**



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### G3 Cologne Classic Cont.

The March foal is kin to Listed Grosser Soldier Hollow-Preis runner-up Wonderful Gorl (Ger) (Areion {Ger}) and the yearling colt Wonderful Eagle (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}). His second dam Wonderful World (Ger) (Dashing Blade {GB}) is a full-sister to MGSP Listed Gran Premio d'Italia winner Winning Dash (Ger), dual stakes scorer Wonder of Dashing (Ger) and Listed Flieger-Preis victress Wonderful Dreams (Ger), who in turn is the dam of Listed Nereide-Rennen third Wonderful Day (Ger) (Kahyasi {Ire}).

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#### Friday, Cologne, Germany

##### PFERDEWETTEN.DE - COLOGNE CLASSIC (EX BAVARIAN

CLASSIC)-G3, €27,500, Cologne, 5-8, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:11.54, gd.

1--**Wonderful Moon (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, by **Sea The Moon (Ger)**

1st Dam: **Wonderful Filly (Ger)**, by **Lomitas (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Wonderful World (Ger)**, by **Dashing Blade (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Wonderful Filly (Ger)**, by **Surumu (Ger)**

(€55,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS). O-Stall Wasserfreunde; B-Gestut Gorlsdorf (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Andrasch Starke. €16,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ger, 5-3-1-1, €82,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Grocer Jack (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Good Donna (Ger), by Doyen (Ire). (€85,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGS). O/B-Dr Christoph Berglar (GER); T-Waldemar Hickst. €6,000.

3--**Palao (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, Champs Elysees (GB)--Plissetskaia (Fr), by Caerleon. O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €3,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 4. Odds: 0.40, 9.90, 15.70.

Also Ran: Near Poet (Ger), Soul Train (Fr), Minotauros (Fr), Toscano (Fr), South Africa (Ger). Scratched: Prince Oliver (Fr).

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Trainer Henk Grewe saddled the winners of both of Cologne's group races on Friday | *Marc Ruehl*

### SHERIFF OK IN CARL JASPERS SHOOTOUT

Nadine Siepmann's **Be My Sheriff (Ger)** (Lawman {Fr}) had already secured two domestic stakes events, including last year's Listed Preis von Dahlwitz, but was winless in eight prior attempts at pattern-race level heading into Friday's G2 Carl Jaspers-Preis at Cologne. Second in the 12-furlong contest last year and placed in a further three Group 3 events, the 2017 G1 Prix du Jockey Club ninth went postward as the 18-5 second favourite returning off a third--behind subsequent G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern hero **Nancho (Ger)** (Tai Chi {Ger})--in Baden-Baden's Oct. 20 G3 Baden-Wuerttemberg-Trophy over 10 furlongs and duly delivered for a career high on seasonal bow.

The 6-year-old Gorlsdorf-bred broke out front before settling into a smooth rhythm racing second in the wake of Waugh (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) until rounding the home turn. Readied for his bid at the top of the straight, he cruised to the front passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden clear to easily account for 2017 G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Preis von Europa hero **Windstoss (Ger)** (Shirocco {Ger}) by two lengths. Last year's Deutsches Derby third **Accon (Ger)** (Camelot {GB}) was a half-length away in third.

#### Pedigree Notes

Be My Sheriff becomes the 20th group-race winner for his sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and is one of four stakes performers bred from a winning sibling of Listed Coupe des Trois Ans scorer Amico Mio (Fr) (Best of the Bests {Ire}). From the family of MG1SW champion sire and dual G2 Gerling-Preis victor Monsun (Ger) (Königsstuhl {Ger}), he is kin the stakes-winning Ans Bach (GB) (Green Desert), Listed Prix Urban Sea runner-up Zaskar (GB) (Anabaa), last year's Listed Derby-Trial second Beam Me Up (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and the hitherto untried 3-year-old filly Be My Gorl (Ger) (Sea the Moon {Ger}). His stakes-winning third dam Monamira (GB) (Kashmir II {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G2 German 1000 Guineas and G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Majoritat (Ger) (Königsstuhl {Ger}), produced MSW G2 German 2000 Guineas second More Wind (Ger) (Windwurf {Ger}) and is also the granddam of MGSW G1 Northern Dancer Turf S. third Messi (Ger) (New Approach {Ire}) and G2 Champagne S. victor McCartney (Ger) (In The Wings {GB}).

#### Friday, Cologne, Germany

**CARL JASPERS-PREIS (EX GERLING-PREIS)-G2**, €35,000,

Cologne, 5-8, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:26.53, gd.

1--**BE MY SHERIFF (GER)**, 126, h, 6, by **Lawman (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Bezzaaf (GB)**, by **Machiavellian**

2nd Dam: **Maid of Kashmir (Ire)**, by **Dancing Brave**

3rd Dam: **Monamira (GB)**, by **Kashmir II (Ire)**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** (€36,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBAGS). O-Nadine



Siepmann; B-Gestut Gorldorf (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Andrasch Starke. €20,000. Lifetime Record: 20-5-4-4, €134,860. \*1/2 to Ans Bach (GB) (Green Desert), SW-UAE, \$135,722; Zaskar (GB) (Anabaa), MSP-US & SP-Fr; and Beam Me Up (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), SP-Ger. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Windstoss (Ger)**, 126, h, 6, Shirocco (Ger)--Wellenspiel (Ger), by Sternkoenig (Ire). (€16,000 RNA Ylg '15 BBGOCT).

O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €7,750.

3--**Accon (Ger)**, 128, c, 4, by **Camelot (GB)**--Anaita (Ger), by Dubawi (Ire). (€22,000 Ylg '17 BBAGS). O-Holger Renz; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Markus Klug. €4,000.

Margins: 2, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 3.60, 10.10, 4.10.

Also Ran: Say Good Buy (Ger), Ashrun (Fr), The Way of Bonnie (Ire), Naida (Ger), Waugh (Ire), Amiro (Ger). Scratched: Nikkei (Ger). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free**

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## GERMANY

### Friday's Results:

**2nd-Cologne, €3,000, Mdn**, 5-8, 3yo, 8fT, 1:35.77, gd.

**SEAN (GER) (c, 3, Excelebration {Ire})--Sharin {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Areion {Ger}**, who posted a Sept. 27 debut fourth tackling 6 1/2 furlongs at this track in his only prior start, was well away and held sway at a solid tempo throughout this seasonal return.

Nudged along passing the two pole, the 8-5 second choice was safely clear entering the final furlong and pushed out to easily hold Palimero (Ger) (Amaron {GB}) by a half-length. The June 1 G2 German 2000 Guineas and July 12 G1 Deutsches Derby entry is the second foal and scorer out of Listed Kolner Zweijahrigem Trophy third Sharin (Ger) (Areion {Ger}). The April-foaled bay is a homebred half-brother to Listed Winterkonigin-Trial and Listed Henkel-Stutenpreis victress Sharoka (Ger) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Shila (Ger) (Lord of England {Ger}). Sales history: €43,000 Ylg '18 BBAGO.

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €2,100.

O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Markus Klug.

**3rd-Cologne, €3,000, Mdn**, 5-7, 3yo, f, 9f 55yT, 1:53.45, gd.

**SEA OF LOVE (GER) (f, 3, Sea The Moon {Ger})--Soprana {Ger} {MSP-Ger}, by Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**, who ran second in her Aug. 11 debut over seven furlongs here and fifth in Dusseldorf's Sept. 29 Listed Winterkonigin-Trial last time, was quickly into stride and to the fore from flagfall in this sophomore return. Shoved along approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 17-5 second favourite held a three-length buffer entering the final furlong and kept on well under continued urging in the closing stages to deny New Harzburg (Ger) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 1 1/2

lengths. Hailing from a family featuring G2 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) victress Ancestral Dancer (GB) (Siberian Express), the Aug. 2 G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) entry is the second of three foals and lone performer for Listed Grosser Sparkassenpreis and Listed Dallmayr Coupe Lukull placegetter Soprana (Ger) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). She is half to a yearling colt by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Sales history: €36,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGO. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €2,700.

O-Stall Dipoli; B-Gestut Gorldorf (GER); T-Markus Klug.

**4th-Cologne, €3,000, Mdn**, 5-8, 3yo, 11fT, 2:18.62, gd.

**DICAPRIO (GER) (c, 3, Adlerflug {Ger})--Donna Lavinia {Ger}, by Acatenango {Ger}**, a half-brother to last term's G3 Bavarian Classic victor and G1 Deutsches Derby second Django Freeman (Ger) (Campanologist), raced fourth passing the judge first time before slipping to fifth along the backstraight in this debut.

Coming under pressure to reduce arrears off the home turn, the 23-10 pick was ridden into third approaching the final furlong and kept on relentlessly in the latter stages to deny Nippon (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) by a half-length in the dying strides. The April-foaled chestnut's dam Donna Lavinia (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), herself a winning half-sister to G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis victor and sire Durban Thunder (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), has also produced the 2-year-old colt Django Unchained (Fr) (Pastorius {Ger}) and a yearling colt by Great Pretender (Ire). Sales history: €10,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGO. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €1,500. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Christoph Holschbach & Thomas Krauth; B-Christoph Holschbach (GER); T-Henk Grewe.

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Cologne, €3,000, Cond**, 5-8, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:31.98, gd.

**AVIATEUR (FR) (h, 5, Intense Focus--Attachante {Ire}), by Teofilo {Ire}** Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, €48,100. O-German Racing Club; B-Jean-Charles Coude (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Carvalho. \*€22,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARAUG.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### SOPHOMORE MILERS SQUARE OFF IN NHK MILE CUP

2019 Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Filly **Resistencia (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), fresh off a solid second in the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) over yielding ground on Apr. 12, lines up against males for the first time in the G1 NHK Mile Cup at Tokyo on Sunday.



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### G1 NHK Mile Cup Preview Cont.

A winner of the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies and G3 Fantasy S. as a juvenile, the U Carrot Farm runner opened her 3-year-old year with a third in the G2 Tulip Sho in March prior to her second in the 1000 Guineas.

“The track was heavy in the Oka Sho, but she did her best,” explained trainer Takeshi Matsushita. “Because of the ground I was a bit concerned about her recovery so I sent her to the farm where she was well taken care of and is fully recovered now. Christophe Lemaire rode her on Apr. 29 and her time was faster than I’d expected. This week, with the trip to the track, I didn’t clock her but just gave her light work. She was nice and relaxed. It’ll be her first long haul to a track and she loses weight even when traveling from Ritto to Hanshin, so the question is how much she’ll lose this time. We’ll bring her in on Saturday, so I’m hoping that’ll help. She’ll be up against colts for the first time but has the -2kg allowance so should be competitive. It’s her first time racing to the left but she changes leads well so that shouldn’t be a problem either.”

MGSW **Taisei Vision (Jpn)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) makes his second foray into Group 1 company after signing off 2019 with a runner-up effort in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. He defeated the re-opposing two-three **Gilded Mirror (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) and **Prince Return (Jpn)** (Strong Return {Jpn}) in the G3 Arlington Cup on Apr. 18.

“The Arlington Cup was his first race since the Asahi Hai Futurity S.,” said conditioner Toshihide Kikumoto. “He has matured a lot so his weight was up for the Arlington, but it was a good race. There hasn’t been much time between races so he got only light work but his movement has improved. This week we just focused on the final stage and didn’t worry about getting a time. It was a good workout and he’s eating well. It’s a furlong longer this time but the rider knows the horse. The horse is quiet usually but when he races he switches on quite noticeably.

His preparations have gone well. He’s had no problems so all that’s left to do is get him to the gate safely.”

**Shine Garnet (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) is three-for-four in her young career, with a pair of wins followed by a fourth in the G3 Fairy S. on Jan. 13. Back on top in the G3 Falcon S., she had Listed Crocus S. winner **Lauda Sion (Jpn)** (Real Impact {Jpn}) back in second that day.

“She was keen in the Falcon S. but the jockey held her back nicely and she gave a nice display of willpower,” said trainer Toru Kurita. “She also looks to be good over softer ground. She came back from the farm on Apr. 16 and the jockey rode her fast work last week. Her movement was good, as it usually is, and jockey Hironobu Tanabe got a good reading on her. She did well in the Falcon S., so considering those conditions to be the best for her, I brought her here. She has both power and speed and can do well even with softer ground. She’s eating well and is very even-keeled. I’m looking forward to seeing how well she can do up against colts on the Grade 1 level.”

A pair of unbeaten group winners also face the starter, with G2 New Zealand Trophy victor **Luftstrom (Jpn)** (Kinshasa no Kiseki {Aus}) set to break from gate 14 and G3 Mainichi Hai hero **Satono Impresa (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) farthest out bar one in the 17 post.

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## HONG KONG NOTEBOOK: BEAUTY

### GENERATION SET TO TRAIN ON *by Alan Carasso*

Two-time Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}), a latest second when looking for the three-peat in the G1 FWD Champions Mile, will remain in training for an 8-year-old season, owner Patrick Kwok tweeted May 7. [Cont. p10](#)



Beauty Generation | Horsephotos



**HK Wrap Cont.**

“Beauty Generation will stay on in training in Hong Kong next season. With the retirement of his legendary trainer John Moore, our champ BG will move to David Hayes in 2020/21,” the Beauty Stable tweeted Thursday.

The former Montaigne, Group 1-placed in Australia under the care of Anthony Cummings, was reinvented by Moore as a miler and the NZ\$60,000 Karaka sale graduate has since become the first in Hong Kong history to eclipse HK\$100 million in career earnings while posting a record-tying 18 local victories, eight at Group 1 level. Hayes is set for a return to Hong Kong, having won two trainers' premierships between 1996 and 2005.

Hayes's nephew Tom Dabernig and his son Ben will continue training out of Lindsay Park in rural Victoria.

**Mr Stunning Retired...**

**Mr Stunning (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) has officially been retired from racing at age seven. The A\$110,000 salestopper when offered as a weanling at the Inglis Great Southern Sale in 2013, the son of With Fervour (Dayjur) fetched NZ\$250,000 at the Karaka sale in 2014 and was originally trained by John Size, for whom he won the 2017 G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. Turned over to former Size assistant Frankie Lor at the start of the 2018/2019 season, he joined the likes of Falvelon (Aus) (Alannon {Aus}), Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie) and Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) as back-to-back winners of the Sprint two years ago and closed his career on a high with a 20-1 upset of the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize Apr. 26. Mr Stunning retires with a record of 12-7-4 from 30 starts and earnings of US\$7,674,105.

**Moreira In For the Fight...**

Joao Moreira, once 11 winners clear of Zac Purton on the Hong Kong jockeys' table, now faces a deficit, as the Aussie posted a five-timer at Happy Valley this past Wednesday while Moreira was shut out. But the 'Magic Man' won't go down without a battle.

“It's not over yet,” Moreira told HKJC's David Morgan after Friday morning's barrier trials. “I've got some support and some nice rides coming up.

He continued, “There's no doubt that what Zac did on Wednesday was fantastic. He has proven he's a world-class jockey and nobody should be surprised that he's in front at the moment, he's put himself in a much more comfortable situation getting a few winners ahead of me. But I don't think people should doubt me because I have faith in myself. I know I've got it too, I've got the skills and abilities and I know what I'm doing. I'm very strong mentally and I'll be doing my best all the way to the end.”

Moreira has a full book of 10 rides at Sha Tin, compared to Purton's seven.

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1	Shachi (Jpn)	Real Impact (Jpn)	Kowata	Kobiyama	125
2	Taisei Vision (Jpn)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Ishibashi	Nishimura	125
3	Resistencia (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Lemaire	Matsushita	121
4	Prince Return (Jpn)	Strong Return (Jpn)	Harada	Kayo	125
5	Shine Garnet (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Tanabe	Kurita	121
6	Gilded Mirror (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Matsunaga	121
7	Meisho Titan (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Yoshida	Honda	125
8	Succession (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Kunieda	125
9	Rhinebeck (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Tsumura	Tomomichi	125
10	Harmony Magellan (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Ono	Maki	125
11	Lauda Sion (Jpn)	Real Impact (Jpn)	Demuro	Saito	125
12	Bon Om Touk (Jpn)	Kurofune	Tanaka	Takahashi	121
13	Nishino Storm (Jpn)	Reach the Crown (Jpn)	Eda	Sugiura	125
14	Luftstrom (Jpn)	Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)	Lane	Hori	125
15	Soul Train (Jpn)	Red Spada (Jpn)	Fujii	Nishimura	125
16	Stone Ridge (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Matsuda	Fujiwara	125
17	Satono Impresa (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Take	Yahagi	125
18	Win Greatest (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Aoki	125

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## NEWGATE LANDS \$2M TOP LOT AT CHAIRMAN'S



In Her Time | Inglis

By Bren O'Brien

Demand for elite broodmares drove four \$1 million-plus results at the virtual Inglis Chairman's Sale and while Coolmore continued to build its band to support US Triple Crown winner Justify (USA), it was Newgate Bloodstock which topped the Sale in paying \$2 million for dual Group 1-winning sprinter **In Her Time** (Time Thief).

### At a Glance:

- The strength at the top-end of the market propelled a higher sale average than last year at \$429,804, compared to \$422,445.
- A mismatch of expectations between vendors and buyers saw the clearance rate drop to 56.7%, down from 93% last year. The rate should improve over the weekend as passed in horses are sold.
- The median was very similar to last year at \$275,000.
- The overall sale gross was \$21.92 million, down \$1.3 million on last year, with fewer horses sold (50 to 55) despite a much bigger catalogue.
- Group 1 winner In Her Time, unable to sell for \$40,000 as a yearling at the Classic Sale, topped the sale at \$2 million to Newgate.

- Group 1 winners Samaready (More Than Ready {USA}) and Booker (Written Tycoon) sold for \$1.8 million and \$1.6 million, respectively, to a Coolmore mares' syndicate and will go to Justify.
- Japan's Katsumi Yoshida paid \$1.4 million for G1 Queensland Oaks winner Youngstar (High Chaparral {Ire}) and \$800,000 for Group 2 winner Noire (Foxwedge).

### Time Called for Newgate

Group 1 winning mare In Her Time topped the Inglis Chairman's Sale, with Newgate yet to decide which stallion she will visit after paying \$2 million for the daughter of Time Thief.

Recently retired from the track, she was offered as Lot 42 by Yarraman Park Stud on behalf of her owners, breeder Peter Brown and Orbis Bloodstock. She sailed through the million-dollar barrier and the spirited bidding continued right up until Newgate Managing Director Henry Field, bidding from the Riverside complex, won out.

While Field didn't comment in detail on the purchase, he did indicate that a potential stallion for her will be decided at a later date.

Her brilliant racetrack career featured nine wins from 27 starts. Six of those wins were at stakes level including the G1 Galaxy and G1 Black Caviar Lightning, while she was placed in another five Group 1 sprints.

Her page has been enhanced further in the past year by The Everest winner Yes Yes Yes, who is out of a half-sister to her dam, Hell It's Hot (Zeditave).



Bruce Slade & Henry Field | Bronwen Healy





Coolmore was actively buying mares for Justify | Coolmore Stud

"All the people associated with his horse have done a wonderful job and wow, she's been quite a ride, what a great mare," Brown said after the Sale. "We couldn't sell her as a yearling and I bought her out of the Denise Cobcroft Breeding Trust because no-one else would buy her. I always liked her in the paddock and gee whiz, she has been a good horse ever since we put a saddle on her."

The result was also a vindication for Yarraman Park, which was the leading vendor for the Sale with \$3.06 million across four lots, and prepared In Her Time.

"We thought she would make around \$1.5 million - \$1.6 million, so \$2 million exceeded expectations. She really is lovely," Yarraman Park Director Arthur Mitchell said. "She is medium-sized and she didn't look to have any wear and tear, even though she is a 7-year-old rising eight--she is very sound. She has a beautiful nature, with a lovely head and is a beautifully balanced mare who moves well."

Newgate proved the biggest buyer overall, purchasing eight mares in total and spending \$4.355 million. As well as In Her Time, it paid \$675,000 for another mare just off the track in Group 1 winner **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge), who will head to its first-season stallion Brutal.

Other mares purchased for Brutal were **Sprightly Lass** (Snitzel), the dual stakes-winning mare offered in foal to Pierro, who was purchased for \$400,000, the Group 3 winner **Royal Fashion** (Snitzel), in foal to American Pharoah (USA) and bought for \$320,000, and **Decorah (NZ)** (Pins), in foal to Russian Revolution, and picked up for \$210,000.

Newgate also purchased **Diddles** (Snitzel) to go to Tassort and **Centafaith** (Keep The Faith) and **Windradyne (GB)** (Sepoy) to go to Cosmic Force.

### **Coolmore Snaps Up Samaready for Justify**

It was another dual Group 1 winning mare, **Samaready**, who would end up the second most expensive lot on the night,

fetching \$1.8 million when Coolmore Australia's Principal Tom Magnier won out in a three-way dual.

Entered as a supplementary lot by Vinery Stud, Samaready is in foal to Snitzel with what will be a full-sibling to Restricted Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic and Group 3 winner Exhilarates, her only foal to the track.

On the racecourse, Samaready won the G1 Blue Diamond S. and the G1 Moir S., while she was also a half-sister to Group 2 winner Night War (General Nediym). Group 1 winners County Tyrone (Danewin) and Almalad (Al Maher) also feature.

She is the latest high-profile mare purchased by Coolmore as part of a mares' syndicate to go to its US Triple Crown winner Justify, who stands his second season in Australia in 2020.

"There are obviously people who are very keen to get involved with him, so we have bought a lot of nice mares last year and we are trying to do the same this year," Magnier said. "He's getting the best chance at stud by getting the best mares and so we are going to keep trying to get the best mares for him."

Magnier said Samaready very much fitted the mould.

"A mare like her, she ticks every box. She's a great racemare, she's a great physical, she's got the pedigree and she is proven. She's ideal and when you put her to a champion like Justify, hopefully the result will be exciting," he said.

### **Booker Also Headed to Justify**

Coolmore also held sway through a tense dual to secure G1 Oakleigh Plate winner **Booker** for \$1.6 million and she too is destined to go to Justify.

Offered by Yarran Thoroughbreds on behalf of her owners Barrie and Midge Griffiths, who paid \$230,000 for her from Mill Park Stud's draft at the 2016 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, she was the first lot of the session to break through the million-dollar mark.



Booker | Inglis



The daughter of Written Tycoon looked to be sold on several occasions, but Coolmore held its nerve and Magnier won the day.

"Booker is one of the best speed mares we have seen in Australia in recent times and physically we all rated her extremely highly. She is a stunning mare," Magnier said. "The first Justify foals in the Northern Hemisphere are absolutely outstanding, so the initial plan is for her to visit him this year."

Booker's full brother Banquo, a one-time \$600,000 yearling, is also a stakes winner, while their dam Noonie (Flying Spur), sold for \$600,000 at last year's Inglis Chairman's Sale. Magnier was also the buyer of Booker's three-quarter-brother by Capitalist at the recent Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, paying \$380,000 for him.

The \$1.6 million result was a significant one for the Griffiths, who celebrated with John and Rachel Doherty from Yarran Thoroughbreds.

"She's was a wonderful yearling, quite an outstanding type and we are very pleased that she has gone to a good stud," Barrie Griffiths said. "We are all pretty excited here. We were just hoping that she would go to a good home and have a future with a new stud. She's had a great racing career and Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra did a great job with her on the track and we are hoping now she can enjoy her life as a mum."

### ***Yoshida Strikes to Secure Youngstar and Noire***

Japan's Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm, struck twice to secure top-quality mares, including \$1.4 million for G1 Queensland Oaks winner **Youngstar**, who was offered by Middlebrook Valley Lodge.

It what was an intriguing battle for the final million-dollar lot of the night, the second bid shot straight to \$1 million before Yoshida, bidding online, and another bidder on the phone, settled down to fight it out for Youngstar and the High Chaparral (Ire) mare is now set to head overseas.

Not only is she a million-dollar earner, a Group 1 winner and twice Group 1 placed, she is also the older three-quarter sister to another Group 1 winning filly in Funstar (Adelaide {Ire}), while another half-sister, Baggy Green (Galileo {Ire}), is the dam of

recent G1 All Aged S. winner Tofane (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}).

"We were absolutely delighted and it's been a wonderful journey for us," part-owner Arthur Inglis said. "It's been an absolute privilege to have been associated with her. She's just a wonderful thoroughbred and she's a beautiful animal and she will be a great addition to any broodmare band."

Group 2 winner and recent Group 1 placegetter Noire (Foxwedge) was also secured by Yoshida, who paid \$800,000 for the mare formerly owned by Star Thoroughbreds and offered by Glenesk Thoroughbreds.

From a family which includes stakes-winners Global Quest (More Than Ready {USA}), Timbourina (Timber Country {USA}), Media (Gilded Time {USA}) and Cardinal Virtue (Elusive Quality {USA}), she was a \$135,000

Easter Yearling Sale purchase who earned nearly \$700,000 with seven wins across 33 starts.

While Newgate, Magnier and Yoshida dominated as buyers, the combination of Longwood Thoroughbred Farm and Sheamus Mills Bloodstock spent \$1.87 million across four mares, including \$750,000 for **Samara Dancer (NZ)** (Hinchinbrook), in foal to Trapeze Artist, and \$620,000 for the Group 3 winner **Lubiton** (Snitzel), who is in foal to I Am Invincible. Both mares will go to I Am Invincible this year.

### ***Webster Hails Successful Sale in Tough Times***

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said given the broader

economic uncertainty and the fact the Chairman's Sale had to be conducted in a non-traditional virtual format, the results were a great success.

"To have achieved the results that we have had, with no horses on the grounds and no buyers here, it's very satisfying to have a sale where we have sold four for over a million and we have had competition from around the world," he said. "This Sale is a boutique, elite sale like others around the world and I think we have demonstrated you can sell these types of elite mares in this environment regardless of what happening around the world.

"For a sale to average \$435,000 in a global health crisis and in what is becoming an economic crisis is quite startling."



Youngstar | Inglis

Webster said the challenges around the clearance rate were to be expected in a breeding sales environment where there is less pressure to sell stock as there would be in a yearling sale.

"The breeders can hold onto these horses, whereas when they have a yearling they generally want to move them on and let somebody else take over the racing costs and education. In this case, the breeders don't have the compulsion to have to do that," he said.

The two mares to pass in at a high price were **Sword Of Light** (New Approach {Ire}), who was offered by Heskett Bloodstock, but fell \$100,000 short of her \$1-million reserve, and **Fundamentalist** (Not A Single Doubt), who went to \$875,000, when offered to dissolve a partnership, but was unable to get sold through the ring, with her reserve again at \$1 million.

Webster expects the clearance rate to lift over the weekend as deals are reached to sell those mares who got very close to their reserves.

"I have no doubt over this weekend, we are going to sell quite a few of those passed in horses. All of our team are working Saturday and Sunday because we have got that Broodmare Sale coming up, they are going to be here and taking calls and I wouldn't be surprised to see that the clearance rate is over 70% by Monday, which would be a really healthy result," he said.




**IN MACAU:**

**Sheng Li Superstar**, g, 5, **Harbour Watch (Ire)**--Viator, by Snaadee (USA). Taipa, 5-8, Hcp. (\$93k), 1510m (sand), 1:33.1. B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW). \*Formerly Westerly Wind.

\*\*1/2 to Viatorian (Secret Savings {USA}), MGSP-Aus, US\$876,445. \*\*\*SW-Mac. \*\*\*\*\$145,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS.

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May 9	G1 TAB Doomben 10,000	Doomben
	G1 TAB South Australian Derby	Morphettville
May 16	G1 Doomben Cup	Doomben
	G1 The Fuhrfy Goodwood	Morphettville
May 23	G1 TAB-Kingford-Smith Cup	Eagle Farm
	G1 Moet & Chandon QLD Derby	Eagle Farm
May 30	G1 Treasury Brisbane QLD Oaks	Eagle Farm
June 6	G1 TAB Stradbroke H.	Eagle Farm
	G1 J J Atkins S.	Eagle Farm
June 20	G1 Sky Racing Tattersall's Tiara	Eagle Farm



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