



MOTT CLOSING IN ON 5,000TH WIN



Hall of Famers Bill Mott and Cigar | Horsephotos

By Christina Bossinakis

When it comes to training racehorses, Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott has pretty much seen it all over the past half a century. In 2019, however, Churchill Downs served as a backdrop for a rare first for the Hall of Famer, who captured his first GI Kentucky Derby with 'TDN Rising Star' Country House (Lookin At Lucky). Fast forward a year and Mott closes in on another personal first, namely his 5,000th career win, which places him seventh overall, and fourth among leading active trainers.

"I am proud of the fact that we have won that many races and many of those wins came at the top racing circuits," admitted the 66-year-old. "But it is also a matter of pride, because there are so few people who have reached that mark. Without a doubt, getting there is a landmark, but the next day, it'll be over and we'll be shooting for the next winner."

And while some may pinpoint a single event or moment that put them on the road to realizing their fate, the Mobridge, South Dakota, native believes that it was a series of deft pivots that propelled his career.

"Opportunities present themselves, and I believe what you do with those opportunities determines your success," he said. "In my career, I think I was lucky *and* made a lot of good choices when those opportunities presented themselves."

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NOT THIS TIME FILLY ZIPS FASTEST QUARTER AT OBS

by Jessica Martini

A filly by Not This Time, mirroring the quick start of her freshman sire's progeny on the racetrack, claimed the fastest quarter-mile breeze time of the week so far when covering the distance in :20 1/5 during Monday's second under-tack preview ahead of next week's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. Consigned by Top Line Sales, **hip 1254** is out of graded stakes winner Sheza Smoke Show (Wilko).

"When we led her up there, we knew she would go fast, but we had no idea she would go :20 1/5," said Top Line's Torie Gladwell. "She had prepped really fast, so we were thinking maybe a :20 3/5 if everything went right and we got lucky, or a :20 4/5 would be fantastic. But when they said :20 1/5, I was like, 'Did that just happen?'"

The bay filly was originally catalogued for the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale, but was rerouted to the Spring sale when the South Florida auction was canceled. **Cont. p3**

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First to arrive at the Monmouth Park stable gate on Monday morning, trainer John Stephens guides Summer Tune (Summer Front) off the van from Ocala, FL. Monmouth Park will begin its 2020 season on July 3. | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

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Not This Time Filly Fastest at OBS (cont. from p1)

“She has been sitting on go since the Gulfstream sale,” Gladwell said. “We backed off of her a little bit just to give her a rest. So we skipped a couple of breezes, took it easy with her, but she never went out of training.”

Gladwell is such a fan of the filly, she was already shopping for more of the family Monday.

“She is beautiful to boot. She’s not a little pocket rocket,” Gladwell said. “She’s a big, strong filly. She has some scope and some length to her. And she’s really smart with a big eye and a beautiful head. I was actually trying to find where the yearling and the baby were today, trying to track down the family to see if anything would be for sale. I like her that much.”

Mark Marino signed the ticket to acquire the filly as part of a pinhooking partnership for \$135,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. She was bred by International Equities Holding, which purchased Sheza Smoke Show with the filly in utero for

\$185,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale.

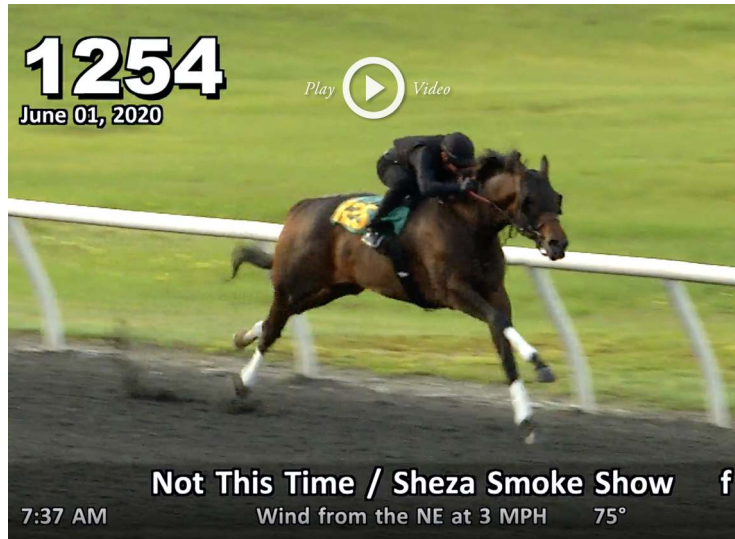
“Mark Marino is a really good friend of ours and we sign his name every now and then on horses that are going to be more exclusive on,” Gladwell said. “It’s a group of four people in the partnership and they are all excited. A couple of them are in a different time zone, so they were waking up at 6:30 to watch her breeze.”

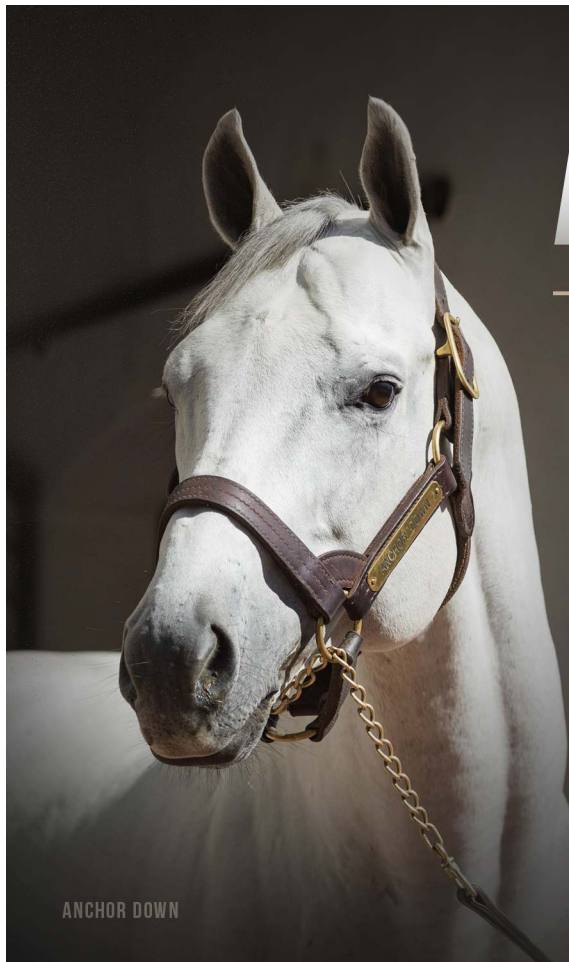
Not This Time became the first North American freshman sire in the winner’s circle this year when Hopeful Princess won at Churchill Downs May 21. He followed up the next day when Swaggy George won at Gulfstream Park.

“For sure that will help us,” Gladwell said of Not This Time’s early success. “That’s

just luck right there. Obviously his horses are going to be precocious and early. They are going to have a lot of speed and talent. This filly is the same way.”

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"They are more Speightstown body types," Gladwell said of Speightster's offspring. "They are a little bit smaller, quicker sprinter type horses. I think the Not This Times are going to be bigger and stretchier and get more of a two-turn type horse. But I like both stallions--they are both my top picks. Speightster, Not This Time, and I like the Air Force Blues. There are some good freshman sires this year."



Torie Gladwell | Fasig-Tipton photo

Three juveniles tied the fastest furlong of the week so far when working in :9 4/5 Monday.

A filly by Street Boss (**hip 286**) worked in :9 4/5 for Grassroots Training and Sales LLC, which purchased the chestnut for \$37,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale. The 2-year-old is out of the unraced Pride of Place (A.P. Indy), a full-sister to multiple Grade I winner Flashing. She was bred by Calumet Farm, which purchased Pride of Place with the filly in utero for \$55,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale.

A colt by Ghostzapper (**hip 1250**) shared the furlong bullet time of :9 4/5. Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, the bay colt is out of Roberta Turner (Smart Strike), a half-sister to multiple graded placed Foxy Danseur (Mr. Greeley). Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbreds, he was purchased by Joey Platts for \$250,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

During Monday's third and final set of breezes, a filly by Munnings (**hip 318**) also completed her furlong work in :9 4/5. Consigned by Randy Miles, the bay juvenile is out of the unraced Quick Click (Tiznow). Her second dam is Click Your Heels (Pulpit), a full-sister to Tapit.

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Bred by Eric Antonio, hip 318 was purchased by Daniela Boyd for \$37,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Monday's three :9 4/5 works tied Sunday's mark set by a filly by Into Mischief. Five horses Monday equaled Sunday's quarter-mile bullet mark of :20 4/5 and a pair of juveniles worked the quarter-mile in :20 3/5; a colt by Into Mischief (**hip 208**) and a filly by Bayern (**hip 248**).



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"The track was a little faster today," Gladwell said. "We had a lot of rain the past couple of days, but last night I don't think it rained hardly at all. So I think the track tightened up a little bit from yesterday to today because we didn't have all of that water on it. And then the cloud cover kept it cooler--it's probably 10 degrees cooler today and that really helps keep the track tight throughout the day. There was a :9 4/5 in the last set, so nobody can say that the track doesn't play semi-fair throughout the whole day."

The breeze show has attracted a good-sized crowd and Gladwell hopes that translates into a competitive marketplace next week.

"There are a lot of people in the stands watching the tack show and if you don't see somebody and you talk to someone about them, they say they are coming later and they are having others do work for them," Gladwell said. "So I think it's going to end up a pretty busy sale as far as traffic goes. Now whether they are coming to spend money, I don't know. But I have heard a lot of people say they have orders to fill, so that always gives us hope."

The breeze show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 7:30 a.m. The Spring sale will be held next Tuesday through Friday with bidding beginning each day at 10 a.m.

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JUDGE DENIES KHBPA'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION IN LASIX CASE

by Bill Finley

Franklin (Ky) Circuit Court Judge Thomas Wingate has denied a motion by the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (KHBPA) that sought a temporary injunction that would have kept Churchill Downs and Keeneland from running Lasix-free 2-year-old races.

Wingate also granted a motion from the defendants to dismiss the case for "lack of standing."

Much of the KHBPA's case resolved around its assertion that only the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) could make rules regarding Lasix. The ban on the medication at the two Kentucky tracks were house rules, written into the conditions by the tracks themselves. The KHRC's rules regarding a Lasix ban in 2-year-old races have yet to take effect.

"Obviously we are disappointed with the ruling. We felt that this is the responsibility of the racing commission and not the individual tracks to decide an issue as important as medication," said KHBPA Executive Director Marty Maline. "That is a key component to what we were trying to argue, not whether you agree with Lasix or don't agree with Lasix. We didn't feel like the court necessarily covered the issues we were trying to address."

The court ruled that under Kentucky racing regulations, a track can select International Medication Protocols as a race condition and use it to bar Lasix in a race.

Wingate did not agree with the HBPA's stand that its rights had been violated and members will suffer injury due to the Lasix ban, which are conditions for granting a temporary injunction. The court noted that the two tracks announced their intention to ban Lasix in 2-year-old races in April of 2019.

"The Defendants argue that the KHBPA cannot suddenly allege, notably after Churchill has successfully held multiple Lasix-free races, irreparable and immediate harm when, for over a year, its members were aware of Defendants' plan," Wingate wrote.

The KHBPA was also asserting that there was a possibility that horses would be harmed if racing without Lasix. To that point, the court noted that an injunction cannot be granted on the grounds of an anticipated danger.

The Court also found that the KHBPA did not have "associational standing" and noted that "...The KHBPA is merely required to show that it represent(s) at least one member with an injury in order to obtain relief, but the Court finds that the KHBPA cannot satisfy this simple requirement."

In addition, the court filing brought up the question as to whether or not the KHBPA represents the position of the majority of owners and trainers in the state.

"Confusingly, the KHBPA claims to have a membership of 5,150 owners and trainers, yet the KHBPA brings this action without identifying one affected member," Wingate wrote.



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Wingate wrote that he was not passing judgment on the merits of the medication.

“It must be emphasized that the Court is not determining whether Lasix should be provided on race day to horses,” Wingate wrote. “Ethical and medical debates on the administration of Lasix on race day to Thoroughbreds are beyond the scope of this litigation. Instead, the Court is solely focused on its task of interpreting the relevant law to ensure that the actions of Defendants do not exceed the permissible bounds.”

Maline said the KHBPA will consider an appeal of the ruling.

The Breeders’ Cup, The Jockey Club and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association filed Amicus Briefs in support of Keeneland and Churchill Downs.

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TVG WILL NOT BROADCAST NYRA RACES

While the Thoroughbred industry is set to welcome back racing at Belmont Park this Wednesday, the races will not be shown on TVG. Reporting for *HorseRacingNation*, Ron Flatter said that NYRA races will appear only on FOX Sports, MSG+ and across advance-deposit wagering platforms, including TVG.

“FOX Sports has significantly increased its commitment to horse racing every year since our partnership began in 2016,” said Tony Allevato, Chief Revenue Officer for NYRA and the

president of the company’s advance-deposit wagering platform NYRA Bets. “This year, FOX Sports presented NYRA with the opportunity to further expand national television coverage of Belmont Park. We jumped at the opportunity to provide horseplayers and racing fans with more hours of live horse racing than ever before through FOX Sports and their family of regional networks.”

Officials at Churchill Downs were also unable to come to an agreement to have its races broadcast on TVG this spring. Instead, the races are appearing on the network’s sister channel TVG2 and also daily on the ‘America’s Day at the Races Program,’ in which Churchill partners with NYRA and FOX.

“NYRA has informed us that it will not entertain granting non-exclusive television rights to TVG,” Kip Levin, CEO of TVG, told HRN. “We are disappointed that after a 20-year partnership and at such a crucial time for the sport, racing fans will be inconvenienced because Belmont Park’s races will not be available on either TVG or our simulcasts of ‘Trackside Live’ on NBCSN.”

NYRA Bets is available in 29 states, according to its website. Churchill Downs operates an ADW of its own at TwinSpires.com, while The Stronach Group--which operates Gulfstream, Santa Anita and Laurel--runs 1/ST Bet, Xpressbet and XBTV.

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- TORIE GLADWELL, TOP LINE SALES

Mott Closes in on 5,000th Win *(cont. from p1)*

A career with horses appeared inevitable for the young Mott, whose father, Tom, was a large animal practitioner in South Dakota. Through his father, Mott was introduced to a family of horsemen which would leave a sizeable footprint in racing, the Asmussens, led by its patriarch, Keith, a well-known horseman and Quarter Horse jockey. Responsible for a pair of sons who would go on to distinguish themselves in racing--Hall of Fame trainer, Steve, and Eclipse Award-winning apprentice and renowned international champion jockey, Cash--Keith invested in some horses with the elder Mott and that alliance would lead to a summer job opportunity at the track for his son in 1967 when Bill was only 14 years old.

The following summer, the Mott worked for Ray Goehring, and that position took him to several area tracks, including Fort Pierre, Aberdeen and Park Jefferson, also where future Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas would cut his teeth early on. Mott took out his own training license at 16 in 1969.

"I had a horse [My Assets] of my own that we had purchased for \$320," said Mott, recalling his initial trainee. "We ran her the first time at Fort Pierre in South Dakota [in 1968], and my dad was down as the trainer because I was only 15. She had her second win [officially] for me at Park Jefferson."

"I don't believe any win that I have ever had could have surpassed that first win," he laughed. "If you can imagine, it was only a \$500 purse and she dead-headed for the win, but it was probably as big a thrill as I have ever had in my life. It was all history from there. From that point on, I knew what I was going to do."

Mott continued, "It probably ruined my education because as soon as I went back to school, I couldn't concentrate. All I could think about was training horses."

Mott was later introduced to Bob Irwin, who hailed from the same hometown--Columbus, Nebraska--as Hall of Fame trainer Marion Van Berg. Irwin, a pupil of the renowned horseman, went out on his own after the Van Berg passed away in 1971. During his time with Irwin, Mott worked along the Detroit Race Course [Livonia, Michigan] and Oaklawn Park [Hot Springs, Arkansas] circuits in early 70's before joining leading trainer Jack Van Berg, who was destined to join his father in the Hall of Fame in 1985.

"Boy, I asked a lot of questions," said Mott of his tenures with Irwin and Van Berg. "I had some horses on my own, but when I went to work for Bob and then for Jack, I realized I had a lot to learn. I was already winning races, but it was like going from high school to graduate school."

And in an era when teaching the next generation was not always among a trainer's priorities, Mott recalled that his mentor was willing to impart his vast experience.

"He certainly gave you the opportunity to learn, if you were interested," said Mott. "You would watch and if you had questions, you would learn from him."

A year after joining the Van Berg camp, Mott was promoted to an assistant, and his position took him to a variety of states around the country, including Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Florida.

"He gave me and Frankie Brothers, also an assistant at that time, a string of horses," recalled Mott.

Under the direction of his assistants, the Van Berg barn enjoyed plenty of success throughout the Chicago area, including a banner season in 1976 when Van Berg earned the training title at Arlington Park in addition to leading the nation with 496 victories, a record that stood until broken by Steve Asmussen, who recorded 555 winners in 2003.

Then, one of several career-defining moments presented itself. On the heels of Van Berg's

sparkling '76 season, the legendary horseman decided to have divisions of horses run under Mott and Brothers' names.

"He was still the engineer and was still the head of the stable, but Frankie and I were listed as the trainers," he recalled. "We were winning a lot of races in Detroit at that time, and since I was listed as the trainer, people became familiar with my name. Looking back now, I think that gave me a big opportunity, because it put my name out there and gave me some name recognition. We won a lot of races around Detroit, Chicago, and that helped me early on."

In 1978, Van Berg moved his operation to the West Coast, and Mott decided to open his own public stable in the east.

"[Jack] left the midwest and went way west, so it left me with two or three of the clients we had been training for," he said. "We were winning right off the bat. I wound up having some clients in Detroit and then I took some to Kentucky. I had great clients in both places. And it picked right up from there."



Hall of Fame Trainer Jack Van Berg | *Horsephotos*

'Smoking' the Opposition...



Theatrical, with Hall of Famer Pat Day aboard, following his 1987 GI Breeders' Cup Turf win | Horsephotos

Through the next four decades, Mott's ascent continued, and the horseman was responsible for six champions; Theatrical (Ire) (Nureyev) (Ch. Turf Horse 1987); Paradise Creek (Irish River) (Ch. Turf Horse 1994); Cigar (Palace Music) (Ch. Older Horse and Horse of the Year 1995-96); Ajina (Strawberry Road) (Ch. 3yo Filly 1997); Escena (Strawberry Road) (Ch. Older Female 1998) and Royal Delta (Empire Maker) (Ch. 3yo Filly 2011; Ch. Older Female 2012-13). Voted the Eclipse Award trainer in 1995 and 1996, and again in 2011, Mott earned nine Saratoga training titles from 1992 through 2007; 10 titles at Belmont Park and nine at Gulfstream Park. He also ranks sixth among all trainers with 10 Breeders' Cup victories and over \$19 million in earnings. Mott, who set the record for number of wins at a single Churchill Downs meet with 54 in 1984, held the distinction of being the all-time leading trainer in wins at the Louisville oval for 31 years, beginning in 1986, before being surpassed by Dale Romans in 2017.

Mott reflected on a few of his trainees that were key players in the trajectory of his career:

THEATRICAL (Nureyev)

Theatrical, trained by Bobby Frankel at the time Mott signed on as private trainer to the [owners/breeders Bertram and Diana] Firestones, ran second behind subsequent Turf champion Manila in the 1986 GI Breeders' Cup Turf. Theatrical arrived in Mott's barn in January of 1987.

"I took the private job with the Firestones, so that was my initiation into New York. That was one of the bigger moves I ever made. That's how I wound up with Theatrical.

He was my first Breeders' Cup winner (Turf, 1987), my first champion, and although I had other Grade I winners before him, he won six Grade Is in a single season. If you ask me if there was one horse in my career that did more for me than any other horse I would say it was Theatrical."



Cigar winning the Breeders' Cup Classic | Adam Coglianese

CIGAR (Palace Music)

Campaigned by his breeder Allen Paulson, Cigar was initially trained by Alex Hassinger, Jr. before being turned over to Mott in 1994. While under Mott's care, the bay won 17 starts, and famously went on a 16-race win streak from 1994-1996, tying Triple Crown hero Citation), before retiring with 19 wins--including the inaugural G1 Dubai World Cup and the 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Classic--and \$9,999,815 in earnings.

"Cigar was another major push in my career. He came to us at Hialeah--[trainer] Tom Albertrani was my assistant at the time--and from there we took him to New York. I had never been on him, and one day I took him to the Belmont training track and I galloped him. I came back to the barn and I said, 'Whoa, this is some kind of a machine. This horse is special.'"

"He had been coming off turf races, so I ran him on the turf a couple of times and then we finally decided we better do something else and put him back on the dirt and that's when the [win] streak started."

"After Cigar won his race at Oaklawn [GI Oaklawn H., spring of 1995], I pulled my guys aside and said, 'You better sit back and really enjoy this because I don't know if we'll ever see this again,'" Mott said. "The thrill of when he won the Breeders' Cup Classic at Belmont made for a perfect year. He was 10 for 10 [in 1995] and won the Classic and did it so convincingly. In my opinion, that was Tom Durkin's greatest race call of all time. It was a great feeling."

ROYAL DELTA (Empire Maker)

Royal Delta initially raced as a homebred for Prince Saud bin Khaled's Palides Investments. After annexing the 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic while racing for Prince Saud's estate following his death, she sold in a dispersal sale to Ben Leon's Besilu Stables for \$8.5 million at the 2011 Keeneland November sale. She was voted 2011 Champion 3yo Filly and later added another Ladies' Classic at four in addition to two collecting two more titles as Champion Older Mare in 2012-13.

"I was lucky enough to get her back after the sale, and I probably owe that to Dale Romans," Mott said with a laugh. "I was watching her sell and I had no idea if I was going to get her back, since Mr. Leon had horses with other trainers [Todd Pletcher]. The hammer fell at \$8.5 million and the media rushed over to Mr. Leon, who I didn't know at the time. And Dale, who was sitting behind me in the sale pavilion, pushed me and said, 'Go and say hello to that guy!' And when I didn't get up right away, he literally shoved me right out of my chair and said, 'Would you get up? Get up and go over there and say hello to that guy!' So I did. As Mr. Leon was leaving the pavilion, I congratulated him and told him that he bought himself a wonderful mare. He asked me if I had a business card, and of course, I didn't. But I gave him my number and as they say, the rest is history. I got to keep her and she went on to be a three-time Champion."



Royal Delta selling at KEENOV in 2011 | Horsephotos

Chasing the Classics...

Mott has overseen a diverse array of horses through the years, having conditioned some of the sport's most iconic runners of either gender. And despite the quality of runners on both major surfaces, Mott developed a reputation as a 'turf' trainer, a moniker he both welcomes and questions.

"Interestingly enough, I probably won 2000 races on the dirt before I even knew there was a turf course anywhere," said Mott with tongue firmly in cheek. "Because I had Theatrical and had the Firestone job, and a lot of the good horses I had for them were imported from Europe. Of course, I trained for Mr. Paulson and his horses had a lot of European influence in them too, so I kind of got the reputation of being a turf trainer and as somebody that was patient. Consequently, I didn't get too many Derby-type horses. They sent them somewhere else."

"You get pigeon-holed, as a guy who does well with fillies or turf horses," he said. "Or maybe the Triple Crown guy. And as it worked out, I wasn't pegged as the Triple Crown guy. But, the way I look at it, at least I was something!"



Mott and 2019 Kentucky Derby winner Country House | Coady

Breaking through that particular ceiling for the trainer was Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor), the first horse to win a Classic for Mott. Campaigned by WinStar Farm, the chestnut won the 2010 GI Belmont S.

"More recently, I've become a little more aggressive about [the Classics]," he said. "I do want to participate if we have the right horse, but you do want to have the right horse and feel like you have a chance."

Case in point is the 2019 renewal of the Kentucky Derby, Mott, who had only run 14 horses in any Classic previously, appeared to be well-armed with Tacitus, winner of the GII Wood Memorial S.; and GII Tampa Bay Derby and Country House (Lookin At Lucky), runner up in the GII Risen Star S. and third in the GI Arkansas Derby.

"I felt like Country House and Tacitus both had a good chance in last year's Derby and that's why we went," he recalled. "Country House was coming off a good race and he seemed to be improving slowly. I didn't realize he could jump that far forward on [Kentucky Derby] day."

Mott continued, "He finished third in Arkansas and three weeks later he jumped way forward as far as the effort goes. He just ran a terrific race. We were thrilled. We were second with Country House and fourth with Tacitus. We were so pleased with their efforts. Country House ran a winning race."

On a rain-soaked day, the horses splashed past the wire, and while Maximum Security (New Year's Day) appeared to be the winner, the ensuing drama that was about to unfold would prove to be one for the ages. And Mott, like many other seasoned veterans and fans, watched the spectacle play out in amazement as Maximum Security was disqualified after 23 minutes of deliberation and placed 17th, moving Country House into first with Tacitus inheriting third.

"That experience has to take the cake," he recalled. "It was not far from being a complete blur. I was a bit numb at that point. We had been thrilled to death to be second and I can't say I was any happier that they put his number up, so what had happened really didn't set in. All I knew was there were a lot of dissatisfied

people when I looked back at the stands. I had some mixed emotions about that. But I don't feel like there were many knowledgeable horse people that felt it was a bad call."

At the end of it all, in whatever fashion the win was earned, a win is still a win. In retrospect, Mott is pragmatic about his Derby-winning experience.

"It was little bit of a relief, but now it makes me want to win it more," he said. "I'd like to win it again, but this time I want to win it by daylight. It inspired me. And I like to show everyone that this was no fluke."

Next Generation...

Propelled by hard work, consistency and an unwavering commitment to his profession, Mott never really worried about the titles, championships and accolades along the way. Nonetheless, success came calling, culminating with his induction into Racing's Hall of Fame in 1998. At the age of 45, he became the youngest Thoroughbred trainer to earn the honor in his first year on the ballot.



Bill and Riley Mott with Grade I winner Elate
Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

"I'm glad it happened then, and got that out of the way," he said with a laugh. "By that time, I had a lot of winners and I think Cigar had a lot to do with that, too. It was really a thrill."

He added, "But I don't want to rest on my laurels because I'm in the Hall of Fame or I've won the Derby. I actually think it makes me try harder and try and do a better job and make better decisions. I don't ever want to look back and say that I got lazy or passive."

Granted opportunities to learn from the likes of top horsemen Jack Van Berg and Bob Irwin, Mott offered some of the insight he's gleaned through five decades of training to the next generation of horsemen.

"My advice to anyone starting in this business is use good common sense and play by the rules," he said. "You've got to win and be productive to stay in the business, but don't give into the outside pressures that might make you do something not within the rules. Just do your best, work hard and do the best possible for your horses. Rules are becoming more stringent and even when you are trying to stay within the rules, it's easy to make a mistake sometimes, but don't try and make a mistake. "

And while Mott admits he doesn't think there is a set recipe for his success, he points to three things, without which, he believes, would have made it impossible to have scaled the heights he has attained.

"I've been fortunate in that I have many of the same owners for years," he explained. "I've been proud of the fact that there might have been people that left, and even though I didn't have anything for them for a while, they thought enough of us to come back. I also have great staff, and have had been very lucky to have quality horses sent to me over the years. It's put me where I am today."

Among the key members of the current Mott team, son Riley, who had been working for his father in some capacity since early childhood, joined his father's operation full time after graduating from University of Kentucky in 2014. When asked to compare himself to his son, Mott didn't miss a beat.

"He has a much better personality than I do," he said with a hearty laugh. "He's better educated than I was, and he's very passionate about the business. He's there when they turn the lights on in the morning and he's a hard worker."

Mott realizes that, as an integral member of the team, the junior Mott will in all likelihood look to make his own way one day, as did he over 40 years ago. And what does Mott aspire for his son?

"From a father's perspective, I can only hope he will do better than I have done," he said. "That's naturally what you want for your son. You want them to reach whatever heights they're capable of. It's been fun watching him and I'll be very interested to see what happens in the future."

And if there is a single quality the accomplished horseman hopes he will have imparted to his son before launching his own stable, he said without hesitation, "To me, being honest and straightforward is the most honorable thing I could ask for."

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WEATHERING THE STORM



While many questions regarding the Coronavirus pandemic remain unanswered, and with a stock market experiencing extreme volatility, there is continued uncertainty as to what could happen in our industry over the next few years. But many people in the industry have been through such ambiguity before. We sought the advice of industry leaders who successfully made their way through the Great Recession of 2008, and we asked what they learned from it and how they will use their experiences to guide them through the coming years.

CRAIG BANDOROFF, Denali Stud



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Honestly, I think the biggest thing is to control your expenses. I had a client once, Herb Moelis, who was one of the smartest guys I had the pleasure to work with. He once told me a dollar you save is no different than the dollar you earn.

Probably the only thing Obama's Chief of Staff, Raul Emanuel, said that I would have agreed with is this: "Never let a good crisis go to waste." I tried to instill that culture of watching all expenses in my company and my team. I hoped that if I harped on it continuously, they'd adopt it. By adopting these practices in your company in difficult times, you then carry them over to times when you are not in a crisis. They become a standard for the way you operate all the time.

As an owner, you hate to see waste. You have to make your team understand that everything matters. During the 2008 crisis, we made some operational changes that saved money but didn't impact the care or well-being of the horses. Two of the biggest changes being going to pelleted feed for mares, weanlings, and yearlings (before sales prep season) and bedding on round bale grass bedding. It's hard to control your costs because they constantly go up and in times like these, you know you can't pass them on. So the other key is to operate with efficiency. Make do with less, work smarter.

Finally, you hope to be in a position to take advantage of any market downturn and purchase quality mares and shares. I watched several very smart people do that. It requires a long-term outlook and especially a level of confidence that not everyone has.

Pretty basic stuff. I'm not sure there is a secret sauce. Just operate smart and hunker down. As your Grandmother said, "this too shall pass."

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TDN Q&A: JACK CARLINO AND LIZA HENDRIKS

Godolphin Flying Start graduate Jack Carlino and current Flying Start trainee Liza Hendriks have launched Wanamaker's, an online auction house for Thoroughbreds. The website will host a sale each month, with the first going live June 17. *TDN's* Gary King finds out more.

TDN: Could you give us a little information about your background(s) in the industry to date.

JC: I was most recently the Sales Coordinator at Hill 'n' Dale Farm which was a great position to learn about the sales process and operations of a highly successful farm. Prior to my time at Hill 'n' Dale, as you mentioned, I was a trainee on the Godolphin Flying Start course. I fell in love with racing on a chance visit to Del Mar which ultimately led me to the University of Louisville to start my involvement in the industry.

LH: I am currently a trainee on Godolphin Flying Start, which has been an incredible opportunity. Before Flying Start, I worked for NYRA in the TV department for a year with an amazing team around me that gave me a great introduction into my professional career in the racing industry. I grew up in Pennsylvania with two parents as trainers, Elizabeth Merryman and Richard Hendriks. Being able to observe their training operations has helped me understand the need for greater accessibility to buy and sell horses year-round.

TDN: When did you come up with the concept for Wanamaker's?

JC: The planning and development phase of Wanamaker's began in November of last year.

TDN: And what inspired you to select that specific company name?

JC: Wanamaker's was originally one of the first department stores in the U.S. and a driving force behind the evolution of retail. When brainstorming a name, we wanted to stick with an auction house type of name such as Christie's or Sotheby's and felt Wanamaker's fit this goal well along with the fact that John Wanamaker is a distant relative of Liza.



Jack Carlino and Liza Hendriks

TDN: We have seen a few online sales platforms launched over recent months. How does Wanamaker's differ, and what do you see as your source of advantage?

LH: While utility was our first task in designing the Wanamaker's platform, we put significant energy into the design, user-friendliness, and security of the platform. We feel that users will find the experience on wanamakers.com equal to and better than the e-commerce platforms they use every day. Our entire payment system is integrated with Stripe, an international leader in the payment space for security and convenience used by the likes of Uber, Amazon, and DoorDash.

TDN: Lately, some of the bigger auction houses seem to be getting involved in this sphere. How do you compete against them, and is there room for everyone?

JC: We feel that the inclusion of the major auction houses in this sphere is confirmation of the need for a model like ours. Competition is incredibly healthy for any market and there is absolutely room for multiple players as can be seen in a place like Australia where online Thoroughbred auctions have really taken off. We plan to compete by offering up an exceptional user experience, a high level of flexibility with our customers, and a sole focus on our online auctions.

TDN: What benefits does the platform provide for both the buyer and seller?

JC: Giving customers opportune timing and maximum visibility along with a large reduction in costs and labor that go into traditional auctions are important advantages that we've identified. Our monthly auctions create a scenario where sellers can get year-round market value by merging the advantages of selling at auction with the ease and efficiency of e-commerce.

TDN: Have you solicited the advice from many industry participants so far? What has the feedback been like?

LH: Generally speaking, the feedback has been very positive, and the sense of urgency was noticeably heightened in feedback after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers have pointed out and are excited to have more freedom and power in the buying and selling process. We will constantly be looking for feedback and are ready to quickly implement changes that our customer base wants.

TDN: How often are you planning on conducting a sale?

JC: Our sales will be monthly, with entries open for approximately three weeks and the catalog live for nine days with bidding taking place on the final day. We felt this was a good time frame to introduce the market to this new way of buying and selling horses. It especially gives buyers ample time to inspect horses in-person if they choose to do so. Our first sale's entries will close on June 16 and the catalog will be live the next day.

TDN: Could you break down the bidding process?

LH: When a catalog is released, pre-bidding is open. This allows potential buyers to set a max bid. A max bid authorizes the Wanamaker's bidding system to bid up to that amount but never more than necessary to win. These bids are kept fully confidential and if two users enter the same bid, the first user to enter the bid is given priority.

On the final day of the sale, bidding will go live at 8 a.m. ET. At that point, bidders can bid live in set increments and the system will begin to act upon any max bids. At 5 p.m. ET, listings will begin to close in a staggered fashion. If a bid is placed in the final three minutes of an auction, the countdown clock for that listing will extend back to three minutes remaining until there are no more bids. When entering a horse, sellers are able to set a reserve and a starting price.

TDN: How does the cost structure work in terms of listing fees, commissions, etc.?

LH: We have a flat fee of \$300 to enter a horse into an auction and our commission is 5% on sales and 0% on RNAs. Given the nature of an online sale, our ability to offer 0% commission on RNAs is something we felt was fair and deserving for sellers. As a company, we've decided to donate .1% of total sales to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) and collect .05% from sellers to be donated to the TAA as well.

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DEL MAR FUTURITY, DEBUTANTE CLOSE JUNE 12

Early nominations to the GI Del Mar Debutante, to be contested Sunday, Sept. 6, and the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity, scheduled for closing day Sept. 7, close Friday, June 12. Both races are run over the distance of seven furlongs.

The nomination fee for both races is \$250, with no additional or sustaining fees required.

Nomination forms can be downloaded here for the [Debutante](#) and the [Futurity](#) and can be returned to the Del Mar racing office via email at nominations@dmrc.com. Forms may be faxed to (858) 794-1049 or nominations can be phoned in at (858) 792-4231.

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WOODBINE LAUNCHES HORSE RACING APP

Woodbine Entertainment has launched a new horse racing app as it prepares for live racing to return without spectators Saturday. Dark Horse was designed to benefit both first-time bettors and more experienced horse players and to provide users with betting insights and strategies. The first legal sports betting app in Canada, Dark Horse also allows users to stream the races right in the app for immediate action. Users can play for free or bet with real money.

“Dark Horse is the perfect horse racing betting app for any sports bettor who is looking for some action,” said Chris Lush, Senior Vice President, IT, Wagering and Distribution of Woodbine Entertainment. “The app was created with the sports bettor in mind and uses a simplified user experience and artificial intelligence to make it easy for new players to engage with the sport of horse racing.”

Dark Horse is now available in the Apple App Store and can be downloaded on other devices by visiting PlayDarkHorse.com. Dark Horse is being launched across Canada and is currently available in British Columbia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

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MILLIGAN PROMOTED TO RACING VP AT OAKLAWN PARK

Jason Milligan has been promoted to Vice President of Racing at Oaklawn Park, effective immediately.

“We are so happy to have Jason step into the role of Vice President of Racing,” General Manager Wayne Smith said. “Having a career of over 25 years here, 11 as Director of Operations, Jason truly knows the ins and outs of all things Oaklawn. He has worked closely and built great relationships with the racing office, racing officials, and horsemen and we look forward to the knowledge and enthusiasm he will bring.”



Jason Milligan

A Hot Springs native, Milligan began working at his hometown track in 1994. He spent his first two years at Oaklawn in customer service as a Red Coat, before taking a job as a field analyst with the *Daily Racing Form*. He returned to Oaklawn in 1997 and held various management roles before being named Director of Operations in 2009.

“I have grown up both personally and professionally here at Oaklawn,” Milligan said. “As a child, I have so many fond memories of coming to watch the horses run. The thrill of racing was something that excited me 40 years ago and is still with me today. Oaklawn is one of the top Thoroughbred racetracks in the country and there is no place I’d rather be. I look forward to using my experience to help Oaklawn continue to achieve a new level of racing.”

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SUMMER FRONT FILLY ADDED TO ERC

The 2-year-old filly **Community Adjusted** (Summer Front) has been added to the Empire Racing Club’s roster of runners, the group announced Monday. The dark bay filly will race for the partnership of Rob Masiello and ERC, and will be trained by Christophe Clement. Out of Rimini Road (Dynaformer), the filly was purchased by Masiello for \$100,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

Launched by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA) in 2019, the Empire Racing Club is a non-profit organization designed to introduce fans to racehorse ownership. The second season of the ERC will be limited to 200 members. The cost to join is \$500 for the term, with no further outlay by the participants, providing members with the racing and horse ownership experience without the pitfalls and costs often associated with the business.

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BEAUGAY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rushing Fall	More Than Ready	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Brown	Castellano	124
2	Fifty Five	Get Stormy	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Rosario	122
3	Got Stormy 	Get Stormy	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	124
4	Call Me Love (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	R Unicorn Stable	Clement	Alvarado	122
5	Passing Out	Orb	Janney, III, Stuart S. and Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118
6	Xenobia (Ire)	Falco	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Franco	120

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



7th-Laurel, \$57,640, Msw, 6-1, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.63, fm. MARYLAND MO (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Who's Cozy {GSP}, by Cozzene) finished a well-beaten third when favored at 13-10 debuting against \$40,000 maiden claimers on the local main track Oct. 3 and was bet hard again at 12-5 switching to turf and stepping into special weight company here. Hopping a bit at the start, the \$200,000 Fasig-Tipton October grad led early before deferring to sit third at the fence behind a :24.24 quarter. Shuffled back two spots past a :48.77 half, the bay saved ground under patient handling on the far turn and took charge as the frontrunner drifted out sharply a furlong from home. Quickly going clear, he hit the wire 2 1/2 lengths to the good of Bold Quest (Super Saver). The winner is a half to Who's in Town (Speightstown), SW, \$211,022. His dam is responsible for a juvenile Twirling Candy filly and was bred to West Coast last season. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$34,359. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Albert Frassetto; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-H. Graham Motion.

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IN JAPAN:

A Shin Amen Ra, c, 3, American Pharoah. See 'U.S. Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'

It's Lit, c, 4, Animal Kingdom--Why Katherine (MGSP, \$281,829), by Whywhywhy, Tokyo, 5-30, Allowance (\$195k), 1600m, 1:37. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-0, \$264,815. O-North Hills; B-Betz, Burns, Magers, CoCo Equine & Terra Racing (KY); T-Shoichiro Wada. *\$120,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$310,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

Spada, h, 5, Speightstown--A Bit of Humor, by Distorted Humor. Tokyo, 5-30, Allowance (\$271k), 1400m, 1:23.7. Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-2, \$281,333. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Fairlawn Farm (KY); T-Shizuya Kato. *Won by six lengths. **\$600,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG.

IN RUSSIA:

Lovely Motif, f, 2, Carpe Diem--Love and Lies, by Broken Vow. Krasnodar, 5-30, Allowance, 1000m. B-Town & Country Horse Farms LLC (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Delicate Lady (Thunder Gulch), GSP, \$174,003. ***\$15,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Fast Boy, c, 2, Lemon Drop Kid--Sovereign Crisis, by Congrats. Krasnodar, 5-30, Summer S. (NBT), 1200m. B-T/C Stable LLC (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Temple Rock, c, 3, Temple City--Regal Betty (SP), by Congrats. Pyatigorsk, 5-31, Sprinters' S. (NBT), 1200m. B-Gunpowder Farms LLC (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **\$35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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Saturday's Results:

5th-Kyoto, ¥13,830,000 (\$128,465), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m, 1:51.5, ft.

A SHIN AMEN RA (c, 3, American Pharoah--I O Ireland {SW, \$179,508}, by Giant's Causeway) led throughout to post his second career victory and possibly enter the reckoning for a race like the G3 Unicorn S. at Tokyo June 21, one of two Japanese races recently added to the 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' series. Hard-ridden from gate five, the \$325,000 Keeneland September graduate railed through to take up the running entering the first turn. Allowed to bowl along at his own courage down the back, he kicked further clear in upper stretch and maintained a safe margin to the wire, scoring by 2 1/2 lengths as the 10-1 fifth choice. A Shin Amen Ra's dam was a stakes winner on the turf and stakes-placed over an extended 10 furlongs for Illinois-based Team Block, while second dam Ioya Two (Lord At War {Arg}) was victorious in Arlington's GIII Modesty H.

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The latter's produce include Ioya Bigtime (Dynaformer), victorious in the GIII Kentucky Cup Turf, GSW Amazing Results (Grand Slam) and SW Mavericking (Empire Maker) from this same sire line. Ioya Two's half-brother Mystery Giver (Dynaformer) was a dual graded winner and Grade I-placed on the lawn. I O Ireland is the dam of a yearling colt by Into Mischief and was most recently covered by Uncle Mo. Sales history: \$325,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$129,630.

O-Eishindo Inc; B-Team Block (KY); T-Kenji Nonaka.

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Bradester (Lion Heart), Valor Farm, \$3,000

19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Lone Star, Msw 4 1/2f, POLICY LIMIT, 3-1
 \$7,500 TTA MIX yrl

Lincoln Law (Lawyer Ron)

2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Lone Star, Msw 4 1/2f, LONDON'S LINCOLN, 5-1
 1-Lone Star, Msw 4 1/2f, VICKSLINCOLNLAWYER, 5-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JUNE 2

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
 318 foals of racing age/39 winners/7 black-type winners
 4-Lone Star, Msw 7 1/2ft, AMERICAN DREAM, 4-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Laurel, \$60,522, 6-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.71, fm.

MONEY FROMHEAVEN (f, 4, Munnings--Smart Policy, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-3, \$186,416. O-Make Family First Stable LLC; B-Timothy J. Rooney (MD); T-Hamilton A. Smith. *\$37,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT. **1/2 to Rocky Policy (Rock Slide), MSW, \$449,709.

5th-Lone Star, \$35,000, 6-1, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 5ft, :56.40, fm.

STALEMATE (f, 3, Even the Score--Cabanero, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$39,387. O/B-Millennium Farms (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$24,598, 5-31, 3yo/up, 5f, :57.96, ft.

ZIPP ON BY (g, 6, City Zip--Cape Cod Girl {SP, \$108,610}, by Cherokee Run) Lifetime Record: 26-7-3-5, \$288,664. O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Mike & Pat Freeny (KY); T-Rey Hernandez. *\$105,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Little Mark, g, 4, **My Golden Song**--Deep Finesse, by Devil His Due. Lone Star, 6-1, (S), 1m, 1:41.88. B-Ed & Paula Larson (TX). *\$3,500 RNA Ylg '17 TTAMIX.

Felix the Fox, c, 4, **Tapit**--Wine Princess (MGSW & GISP, \$461,561), by Ghostzapper. Tampa Bay Downs, 6-1, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.10. B-Dattt Farm LLC (KY). *\$475,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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CITY ZIP, Zipp On By, g, 6, o/o Cape Cod Girl, by Cherokee Run.

ALW, 5-31, Mountaineer

EVEN THE SCORE, Stalemate, f, 3, o/o Cabanero, by Smart

Strike. ALW, 6-1, Lone Star

MUNNINGS, Money Fromheaven, f, 4, o/o Smart Policy, by

Smart Strike. ALW, 6-1, Laurel

MY GOLDEN SONG, Little Mark, g, 4, o/o Deep Finesse, by Devil

His Due. MSW, 6-1, Lone Star

NOBLE CAUSEWAY, Causforcelebration, g, 5, o/o Momma's

Eyes, by Malibu Moon. WMC, 6-1, Laurel

OUTFLANKER, Chicken Dinner, f, 4, o/o Stevie Goes Vegas, by

Stevie Wonderboy. WCL, 6-1, Laurel

TAPIT, Felix the Fox, c, 4, o/o Wine Princess, by Ghostzapper.

MSW, 6-1, Tampa Bay

UNCLE MO, Maryland Mo, c, 3, o/o Who's Cozy, by Cozzene.

MSW, 6-1, Laurel

2020 BELMONT GRADED STAKES--SPRING SUMMER

Date	Race	Track
June 3	GIII Beaugay S.	Belmont
June 6	GI Runhappy Carter H.	Belmont
	GII Fort Marcy S.	Belmont
	GIII Westchester S.	Belmont
June 13	GI Ogden Phipps S. (BC)	Belmont
June 20	GI Belmont S.	Belmont
	GI Acorn S.	Belmont
	GI Woody Stephens S., pres. by Claiborne	Belmont
	GI Jaipur S.	Belmont
	GII Pennine Ridge S.	Belmont
	GIII Wonder Again S.	Belmont
June 27	GI Just A Game S.	Belmont
	GII New York S.	Belmont
	GII True North S.	Belmont
	GIII Vagrancy H.	Belmont
July 4	GI Runhappy Metropolitan H.	Belmont
	GI Manhattan S.	Belmont
	GII Suburban H.	Belmont
	GIII Poker S.	Belmont
	GIII Victory Ride S.	Belmont
July 11	GII Ruffian S.	Belmont

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VICTOR LUDORUM IN COMMAND AT DEAUVILLE



Victor Ludorum winning the G1 French 2000 Guineas | Scoop Dyga

After all the worry and uncertainty of the past few weeks, the first of the European Classics to be staged in the time of COVID-19 provided a reassuring outcome as Godolphin's TDN Rising Star Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal) made class tell over the straight mile at Deauville. As it was before the huge disruption wrought by the virus, so it remains at least in this sphere with the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner confirming the form of the Arc card's juvenile highlight to regain the winning thread in Monday's G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Sent off the 7-5 favourite despite his below-par prep when third in the May 11 G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at ParisLongchamp, the homebred had one behind early and showed signs of laziness but Mickael Barzalona knew to bide his time and coax him forward when the time was right. Getting rolling towards the stands' side, he took command approaching the final furlong and was pushed out to assert for a 1 1/2-length verdict over **The Summit (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), with **Alson (Ger)** (Areion {Ger}) a neck behind for a Fabre one-three.

"This shows that he needed the race last time and he's proven today what a great horse he is," Barzalona stated in his immediate post-race reaction. "He didn't have the best trip last time and I was very impressed with the way he went down to the start here--he hasn't gone to post as well in the past."

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IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT

Whereas the Poulains was a clear-cut affair, Deauville's G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Pouliches provided a stirring climax as Haras du Logis Saint Germain's homebred **Dream and Do (Ire)** (Siyouni {Fr}) inched out **Speak of the Devil (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) in a frantic bobbing finish. Demonstrating her worth in this league when runner-up to **Tropbeau (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) in the G3 Prix de la Grotte at ParisLongchamp last time May 11, Dream and Do and Maxime Guyon were on the front foot from the outset in this Classic gifted a perfect slot behind the pace-setter **Marieta (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}). Guyon waited until the furlong pole was close at hand to commit the 8-1 shot and that decision probably made the difference between glory and agonising defeat with the 18-1 chance Speak of the Devil lunging late.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

NOT THIS TIME FILLY ZIPS FASTEST QUARTER AT OBS

A filly by Not This Time earned the fastest quarter-mile breeze time of the week at OBS, covering the distance in :20 1/5. Jessica Martini has the story. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains Cont. from p1

He added, "It was not my idea to take back like that, but it was the way the race unfolded and once I took him out he has a way to quicken which is very impressive. He is very strong and very fluent in his stride and has a beautiful action. You can see now that he has lost none of his quality and I think he will stay further--he was just doing the minimum at the end."

Andre Fabre is the ultimate artisan when it comes to preparing his Classic contenders to peak on the day and this eighth Poulains winner under his care is a prime example of that unteachable blend of intuition and skill. There was precious little to garner from Victor Ludorum's Fontainebleau effort to encourage maximum confidence here despite the absence of his stable's brilliant juvenile Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal) and any raiders from Britain or Ireland. Despite the fact that he appeared too fresh for a part of that trial, the way he finished off was deflating for those who recalled the panache with which he operated in three winning starts in the space of just over a month during the autumn.

Introduced at the beginning of September at ParisLongchamp, the bay earned instant **TDN Rising Star** status with a scintillating effort and followed up in convincing fashion despite a penalty when sent to Chantilly for more conditioning 13 days later. In the Lagardere, which was a stern enough test coming so quickly on the back of his two starts, he was forced to overcome testing ground but proved professional enough to account for Alson by 3/4 of a length in a bunch finish. This performance proves that the Fontainebleau effort can be put aside, but the initial signs as he tackled a straight course for the first time were not entirely positive.

Tending to race either tardily or green in rear almost five lengths off the tempo set by the outsider **Reshabar (Fr)** (Iffraaj {GB}), Victor Ludorum received a light flick down the neck with Barzalona's stick as he was pulled out approaching the final two furlongs.



Victor Ludorum returns to the scales after his second Group 1 score

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While the reaction was not electric, it was an emission of steady power which overwhelmed Alson and the Fontainebleau winner The Summit to suggest that the G1 Prix du Jockey Club trip will be a perfect fit. There was no hiding place for non-stayers, with the winning time faster than the fillies' equivalent by 1 1/2 seconds.

Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard said, "We are delighted with the performance of Victor Ludorum, who left his comeback run in the Prix de Fontainebleau behind him and showed his best form. The Prix du Jockey Club has always been Plan A for Victor Ludorum and we will see how he comes out of this race before confirming his next target. I am sure that Andre Fabre will want a chance to assess the horse over the coming days and discuss it with Sheikh Mohammed."

The Summit was affirming his rise through the ranks which began last month at ParisLongchamp and trainer Henri-Alex Pantall was feeling more than a small share of vindication. "I am happy with his performance, of course, but also a little bit disappointed to be second as it is always a little bit frustrating," he commented. "It shows that last time was no fluke--everyone said that [jockey Pierre-Charles] Boudot had won the race that day but he showed today that he's a good one. After this, I don't think the Jockey-Club will be next as I am not certain he will go much further than a mile." **Cont. p3**



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DETAILS OUT OF PROPOSED SPRING SHAKE UP

The G1 Caulfield Cup may move after the G1 Melbourne Cup on the Australian racing calendar. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Pedigree Notes

Fifteen years after Shamardal returned from a similarly unbeaten Group 1-winning juvenile campaign to capture this contest at its traditional home, the aptly-named Victor Ludorum was following suit and it now remains to be seen whether he can emulate his sire's triumph in the Chantilly Classic which was having its inaugural running at 10 1/2 furlongs in 2005. On pedigree as well as racing style that trip looks easily within his compass, with his dam being the G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Antiquities (GB) (Kaldounevees {Fr}) and his half-sister Mary Tudor (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) annexing the Listed Naas Oaks Trial and finishing third in the G1 Irish Oaks.

The second dam is the Listed Prix Rose de Mai winner Historian (Ire) (Pennekamp), a daughter of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Helen Street (GB) (Troy {GB}) who also boasted this operation's stellar performer Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian). Successful in the G1 Dubai World Cup and G1 Stephen Foster H., he also emerged as a leading sire while his listed-placed full-sister Helsinki (GB) produced Shamardal himself. That fact means that Helen Street features 3x3 in Victor Ludorum's pedigree, providing a timely reminder of the great loss that Darley have suffered as a result of the recent death of Shamardal. Indeed, there is a strong chance that by the first week of July he would have sired the winner of three of the European Classics. Antiquities, who is also linked with the operation's G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning youngblood sire Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), has the 2-year-old colt Ages of Man (Ire) by Dawn Approach's sire New Approach {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Territories's sire.

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Monday, Deauville, France

EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS-G1, €360,000, Deauville, 6-1, 3yo, c, 8fT, 1:34.14, gd.

1--**VICTOR LUDORUM (GB), 128, c, 3, by Shamardal**

1st Dam: Antiquities(GB) (GSP-Fr, \$116,642), by Kaldounevees (Fr)

2nd Dam: Historian (Ire), by Pennekamp

3rd Dam: Helen Street (GB), by Troy (GB)

'TDN Rising Star'. O/B-Godolphin; T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €205,704. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, €473,164.

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: F.

2--**The Summit (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Acola (Fr), by Acatenango (Ger). (€16,000 Ylg '18 AROCT). O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €82,296.

3--**Alson (Ger)**, 128, c, 3, Areion (Ger)--Assisi (Ger), by Galileo (Ire). O-Corinna Baronin von Ullmann; B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER); T-Andre Fabre. €41,148.



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Margins: 1HF, SNK, 3/4. Odds: 1.40, 8.00, 8.00.
 Also Ran: Celestin (Fr), Kenway (Fr), Arapaho (Fr), Shinning Ocean (Fr), Reshabar (Fr), Ecrivain (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches Cont. from p1

Dream and Do needed the line badly and looked initially to have gone down with Speak of the Devil enjoying the momentum, but the photo showed that she had prevailed in as tight a finish as this Classic has seen since the dead-heat between Coronation (Fr) and Galgala in 1949. **Mageva (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), who traded at 43-1, was to complete the surprise trifecta two lengths away, a head in front of the disappointing 17-10 favourite Tropbeau in fourth.

Dream and Do is the latest provincial girl come good in France's major races and Marseille-based trainer Frederic Rossi was quick to hail her importance in his career which has taken off in recent months. "She's my little champion and I'm in seventh heaven," he proclaimed as he welcomed back his first winner at the top level. "We know that a mile is really her limit and on this straight course you have to have that little bit of stamina, so the post came just in time. Maxime gave her a beautiful ride--it was not really the plan to race that close to the pace, but with her draw near that filly [Marieta] who we knew

would go to the front she found herself in a good spot and that was the way it went. When she makes a move, she does quicken very strongly but has a short turn of foot."

Not a precocious juvenile, Dream and Do was introduced over 7 1/2 furlongs on this venue's round course during the August festival and ran second to the subsequent G3 Prix d'Aumale winner Savarin (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Going one better over this trip at Marseille-Borely in September, the bay dropped back to seven furlongs for a conditions event at Maisons-Laffitte and followed up as portentously Mageva filled third spot. Returning to the latter circuit later that month for the G3 Prix Miesque over the same trip, she saw off the Listed Criterium du Bequet winner Les Hogues (Ire) (Bated Breath {GB}) to end her juvenile campaign on a high and was just a half-length off Tropbeau in the Grotte as she prepared for this moment.

Stepping forward with the benefit of an outing in that time-honoured trial, Dream and Do had a direct route to success here as Marieta gave way after 6 1/2 furlongs as her trainer Mauricio Delcher-Sanchez had feared she would. Speak of the Devil ran into a blind alley up the stands' rail on the way to unleashing her storming finishing flourish and it is possible that she was unlucky, but the winner was tenacious as she arrived on her right and it may be that her experience gave her the edge in the tussle to the line.

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She had given her all there and it was clear that Frederic Rossi was right in his assertion that she will not follow where other Pouliches heroines have led by tackling the extra 2 1/2 furlongs of the Diane.

"I have always said that she will not run in the Diane, as she won't stay but I will talk to the owner," he said. "I don't think it's worth taking a chance, as you can do damage by not running horses at their right distance. It is not certain at this stage where she will go, but I don't think the [G1 Prix] Jean Prat against colts is a good option either. Perhaps it would be better to wait for the [G1 Prix] Rothschild here in August, but we'll also definitely consider the [June 20 G1] Coronation [S. at Royal Ascot]. We will sit down and discuss her future. She doesn't have to take the long trip back to my stables in Marseille, as I have a base in Chantilly and



Dream And Do (right) prevails over Speak of the Devil
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she can stay there for the meantime. Five minutes after the race, she already looked like she hadn't had a hard race at all."

Maxime Guyon said, "We had a beautiful trip and I think last time in her prep I lost the race because I moved too soon. I might have won that as well, but she was there on the big day and that's what matters."

Fabrice Chappet, trainer of both Speak of the Devil and Mageva, was understandably disappointed. "It's not easy to lose by a nose," he said. "After running well on their respective seasonal bows, they have shown that they are top-class fillies today. Mageva had a bad draw and had to wait before finishing very well, as did Speak of the Devil who can sometimes be keen. After a waiting race, she found herself a bit too far back from the leaders. She kept running on only to be beaten by the

smallest of margins. We will take our time to think about their future programs." **Cont. p6**

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Mickael Barzalona, who was unable to bring up a Classic double on Tropbeau, said of the beaten favourite, "I was a bit disappointed with her. We had a good position and she was relaxed, but it didn't happen."

Pedigree Notes

Dream and Do is the first foal out of Venetias Dream (Ire) (Librettist), who offered little promise that she would turn out the dam of a Classic winner when retired after a moderate career for the Stuart Williams stable. Her best effort came when third in a six-furlong handicap on Wolverhampton's Polytrack in 2012, earning her a meek official rating of just 50 from the BHA. Let go for just 1,000gns at the following year's Tattersalls February Sale, she was up to 80,000gns when purchased by the MAB Agency in what now looks an inspired piece of business at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale three years later.

That was due to the exploits in the interim period of a son of Venetias Dream's half-sister L'Enjoleuse (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) named Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

Charm Spirit was one of France's leading milers of recent times, winning the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and G1 Prix Jean Prat before embarking on a

successful career as a sire. L'Enjoleuse is also the second dam of the Rushaway S. winner Onthewaytonevrland (Ire) (No Nay Never), while Venetias Dream's more notable half-sister Megeg Blis (Ire) (Soviet Star) was third in the G3 Athasi S. before producing the dual listed-placed sprinter Kyllang Rock (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}). Dream and Do's third dam Somfas (What a Pleasure), kin to the Canadian champion and excellent producer Fanfreluche (Northern Dancer), produced four stakes winners including the G2 Mill Reef S.-winning sire Russian Bond (Danzig) and his G2 Temple S.-winning full-brother Snaadee. Also connected to the Group 1-winning sire Ransom O'War (Red Ransom), Venetias Dream has a 2-year-old filly by The Gurkha (Ire) who like Dream and Do was offered at Arqana but failed to meet her reserve in October. She also has a yearling colt by Geneagles (Ire).

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Monday, Deauville, France

EMIRATES POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES-G1, €360,000, Deauville, 6-1, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:35.68, gd.

1--DREAM AND DO (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Siyouni (Fr)

1st Dam: Venetias Dream (Ire), by Librettist

2nd Dam: Machaera (GB), by Machiavellian

3rd Dam: Somfas, by What a Pleasure



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2--**Speak of the Devil (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Moranda (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). (€45,000 Wlg '17 ARQDEC; €62,000 Ylg '18 AROCT). O-Rashit Shaykhutdinov; B-Herve Viallon (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. €68,580.

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3--**Mageva (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Melilot (Fr), by Elusive City. (€75,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG). O-Hubert Guy, Antoine Gilibert, Gilles Barbarin & Benoit Chalmel; B-EARL Haras Saint-James (GB); T-Fabrice Chappet. €34,290.

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Also Ran: Tropbeau (GB), Ellerslie Lace (Fr), My Love's Passion (Fr), Marieta (Fr), Simeen (Fr), Tickle Me Green (Ger), Yomogi (Fr), Desobeissance (Ire), Emoji (Ger). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

KING FOR A DAY

Stall Salzburg's **Fearless King (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) ran third behind **Rubaiyat (Fr)** (Areion {Ger}) and **Zavaro (Ger)** (Areion {Ger}) in Hoppegarten's May 10 G3 Dr Busch-Memorial and exacted a measure of revenge by outpointing the former in a thrilling tussle to secure Monday's G2 35th Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen - German 2000 Guineas over one mile at Cologne. Settled off the tempo in fourth until encouraged closer once into the home straight, the 5-2 second favourite gained a narrow advantage entering the final furlong and withstood the vain rally of Rubaiyat under a drive in the closing stages to hold on for a career high. At the line, he had a head to spare over last year's hitherto unbeaten German Horse of the Year with the runner-up's Henk Grewe stablemate **Santurin (Fr)** (Sommerabend {GB})

keeping on to finish 1 3/4 lengths adrift in third.

The March-foaled bay opened his account with a seven-furlong maiden success at Munich in July and dropped to sixth over the same distance contesting the Aug. 31 G3 Zukunftsrennen at Baden-Baden in the second of two juvenile outings.

"Everything was perfect today and we are very happy that he was able to overturn the form from Hoppegarten," trainer Sarah Steinberg told *GaloppOnline* after registering a first Classic triumph. "We did not make an entry for the [July 12 G1 Deutsches] Derby [at Hamburg] because we didn't think he'd be able to stretch out to a mile-and-a-half. I think 10 furlongs will be his optimum trip."

Rubaiyat's trainer Henk Grewe added, "Rubaiyat ran a great race and everything was almost perfect. He was always thereabouts and fought really well to the line. Fearless King was a little bit better today although the situation might have been different on a somewhat softer track."

Pedigree Notes

Fearless King becomes the second mile Classic winner for his sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and is the first foal out of dual-winning G3 Oh So Sharp S. runner-up Astrelle (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). Astrelle, herself kin to G2 Premio Ribot victor Porsenna (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and MSW G2 Gran Criterium runner-up Basileus (Ire) (Dream Ahead), is a granddaughter of GII Black Helen H. victrix and G1 Oaks d'Italia placegetter Sopran Mariduff (GB) (Persian Bold {Ire}). The latter's descendants include G1 Grande Premio Joao Cecilio Ferraz hero Tweet (Brz) (Midshipman) while Fearless King's fourth dam Marina Duff (Ire) (Caerleon) annexed the G3 Premio Dormello as a juvenile and is also the second dam of G3 Premio Ambrosiano victor Voice of Love (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}) and G3 Premio Carlo d'Alessio scorer Time Chant (GB) (War Chant). Astrelle has also produced an unraced 2-year-old filly by Pride of Dubai (Aus) and a yearling filly by Frankel (GB).

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Monday, Cologne, Germany

35TH MEHL-MULHENS-RENNEN - GERMAN 2000 GUINEAS-G2,
 €76,500, Cologne, 6-1, 3yo, c/f, 8fT, 1:34.85, gd.

1--**FEARLESS KING (GB), 128, c, 3, by Kingman (GB)**

1st Dam: **Astrelle (Ire) (GSP-Eng), by Makfi (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Miss Mariduff, by Hussonet**

3rd Dam: **Sopran Mariduff (GB), by Persian Bold (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (175,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Stall Salzburg; B-Essafinaat UK Ltd (GB); T-Sarah Steinberg; J-Rene Piechulek. €50,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €56,000. *18 SW & 7th GSW for his sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**Rubaiyat (Fr), 128, c, 3, Areion (Ger)--Representera (GB), by Lomitas (GB).** (€90,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS). O-Darius Racing; B-Gestut Karlshof (FR); T-Henk Grewe. €15,000.

3--**Santurin (Fr), 128, c, 3, Sommerabend (GB)--Semina (Ger), by Mamool (Ire).** O-Stall Schloss Benrath; B-Hans Klober & Gunter Muller (FR); T-Henk Grewe. €6,500.

Margins: HD, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.50, 1.60, 28.10.

Also Ran: Zavarro (Ger), Palimero (Ger), Palmiro (Fr), Leeroy Gold (Fr).

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Ahead of the four day QIPCO Guineas Festival at Newmarket Amy Starkey, of Newmarket Racecourses, speaks to us about the protocols in place for the safe resumption of racing at The Rowley Mile.

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Fearless King (GB) (Kingman {GB}) (left) holds off German Horse of the Year Rubaiyat (Fr) (Areion {Ger}) in the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen, becoming his sire's second Classic winner. | Marc Ruhl

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ENABLE POINTING TO ECLIPSE AT SANDOWN

Two-time G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) will point for the July 5 G1 Coral-Eclipse S. at Sandown for her seasonal bow, *Racing Post* reported on Monday. Royal Ascot's June 17 G1 Prince of Wales's S. has been ruled out for the John Gosden trainee. The bay was second to Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the 2019 Arc in her final 2019 outing.

"Enable is in good form and has enjoyed a couple of spins up the Al Bahathri in the past few weeks," Gosden told *Racing Post*. "But with all of the uncertainty about when racing was going to restart and even whether Royal Ascot was going to go ahead earlier this year we've decided to wait for Sandown."

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DETTORI CALLED UP BY BALLYDOYLE FOR 2000 GUINEAS

Italian reinsman Frankie Dettori has picked up a Classic ride and will be aboard one of four possible Coolmore G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas contenders on June 6th for Aidan O'Brien at Newmarket, *Racing Post* reported on Monday. G2 Coventry S. winner **Arizona (Ire)** (No Nay Never) is second favourite among the 15 entries as of Monday, while O'Brien also has GSW & G1SP **Wichita (Ire)** (No Nay Never), **New World Tapestry** (War Front), and G2 Royal Lodge S. victor **Royal Dornoch (Ire)** (Gleneagles {Ire}) entered at this stage. The Rosegreen quartet will be going up against European champion **Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal) for Godolphin, and Qatar Racing's Group 1 winner **Kameko** (Kitten's Joy).

"Aidan has been in touch and I'll be riding for Ballydoyle in the 2000 Guineas," Dettori, who will be aboard the Mark Johnston trainee MGSW & MG1SP **Raffle Prize (Ire)** (Slade Power {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas the day after told *Racing Post*.

"Ryan [Moore] obviously has first choice, but I'm standing by for one of the others and I'm excited about it."

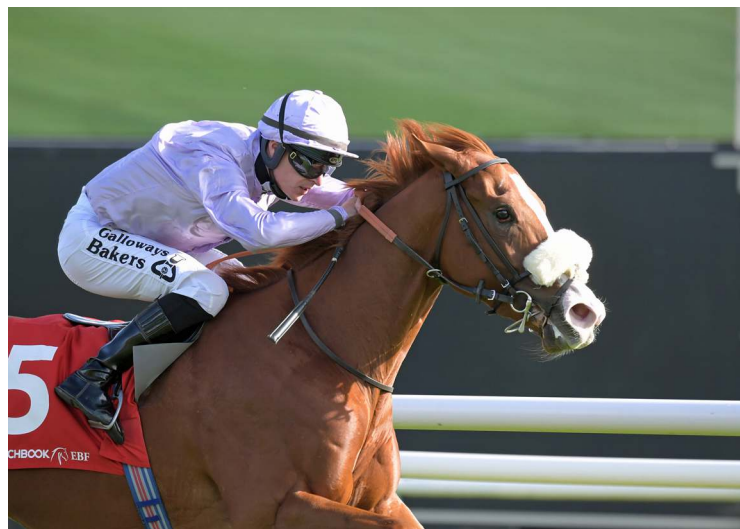
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BEBF BOOSTS PRIZE-MONEY LEVELS AFTER RESTART

The British European Breeders' Fund (BEBF) has reiterated its support of the racing programme with the provision of more than £140,000 in prize-money support across 90 races in the first month of racing since resumption.

That support starts on Tuesday with the BEBF sponsorship of a 2-year-old maiden at Kempton, followed by the running of the £30,500 British EBF Unibet Snowdrop Fillies' Listed S. the following day.

Last month, the BEBF announced its aim to spend its full allocation of £1.68 million in prize-money enhancements for the 2020 season, despite the loss of the first two months of the Flat season and a premature end to the National Hunt season. It plans to support divisions of any confined novice or maiden races run in June, along with eight listed races, and is making plans to provide sponsorship for an extended Flat programme in to November and December.



King Carney is a graduate of the BEBF Future Stayers' Series
Racing Post

"The return of British racing is of course welcomed across the industry and as the sport's financial wheel starts to turn again, the British EBF is delighted to be able to provide a kickstart with vital extra funding derived from racing's original self-help scheme," said Emma Berry, a trustee of the BEBF and member of the BHA Flat Pattern Committee.

"The British EBF has been working closely with the BHA to give its backing to almost 100 races in the first phase of the resumption to help stimulate the industry through enhanced prize-money at listed level and below."

A number of winning graduates of the BEBF Future Stayers' Series races will be seen in action this week. [Cont. p10](#)

BEBF Cont.

Hypothetical (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) is set to run in the G3 Unibet Classic Trial S. on Wednesday, while Trefoil (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), Convict (GB) (Australia {GB}) and King Carney (GB) (Australia {GB}) are all entered for Classic trials at Lingfield on Friday.

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RACING IN WALES GREENLIT FOR JUNE 15TH

Racing will resume in Wales behind closed doors on June 15th, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and the Welsh courses announced on Monday. Chepstow will be the first track active, with summer Jumps racing at Bangor-on-Dee resuming in July and October sees the resumption of Ffos Las. The established **protocols released** for racing behind closed doors in the UK will be closely adhered to.

"I'm delighted to see the return of racing in Wales at Chepstow next month as ensuring that racing gets back up and running in all three nations of Britain has been a priority of the BHA in recent weeks as we look to maintain our nationwide footprint, and provide opportunities for trainers based in devolved administrations," said BHA Chief Executive Nick Rust. "The focus of our plans is on returning safely and I believe the public can be reassured by the measures we have put in place. Our participants have made sure they understand all that will be asked of them when they attend a meeting. Their priority, like ours, is to ensure continued observance of social distancing rules and prevent the virus spreading.

"I hope this is a vital first step towards a complete return for our industry in Wales, and we look forward to returning to race at Ffos Las, and Bangor-on-Dee later in 2020."



Jockeys at Chepstow | *Racing Post*

Added Chepstow and Ffos Las Racecourses Executive Director Phil Bell, "We are delighted to welcome the return of racing in Wales. There will be a lot of work to do for everyone to adapt the way we run race meetings and meet the stringent safety requirements that have been set out by BHA, but we are very much looking forward to meeting the challenge and getting back to work."

For the full schedule of Welsh meetings, go to www.britishhorseracing.com.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, June 2, 2020:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bobby's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Lanwades Stud
77 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:45-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, JUST A JEROBOAM (GB)
9,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018
15:40-NEWCASTLE, 5f, KATTY D (GB)
4,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
15:05-NEWCASTLE, 5f, THE MOUSEN CHAMP (GB)
£8,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarr Stud
82 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
15:40-NEWCASTLE, 5f, DIGITAL (Ire)
£52,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
145 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
15:40-NEWCASTLE, 5f, EMIRATI DIRHAM (Ire)
€42,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £40,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
15:05-NEWCASTLE, 5f, FOOLS RUSH IN (Ire)
€38,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £60,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
14:45-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, HOST (Ire)
£52,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
14:45-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, KOOL MOE DEE (Ire)
€30,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 25,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
16:50-NEWCASTLE, 5f, MAMBA WAMBA (Ire)
£6,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
15:05-NEWCASTLE, 5f, MUKER (Ire)

First-Season Sires Cont.

€32,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £27,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

16:50-NEWCASTLE, 5f, SAMARA BAY (Ire)

£14,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Yearling Sale 2019

15:40-NEWCASTLE, 5f, TAPETEN TONI (Fr)

€27,000 RNA Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

16:15-NEWCASTLE, 5f, VIRGINIA PLANE (GB)

New Bay (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Ballylinch Stud

77 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

14:45-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, BOWLAND PARK (GB)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

113 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

14:45-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, WILLIAM BLIGH (GB)

25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 50,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud

122 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

16:15-NEWCASTLE, 5f, AISH (GB)

8,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud

127 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

14:45-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, BALAVAD (Ire)

€20,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE

The Great Spirit (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}),

4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, FEEL THE FEVER (Fr)



Mehmas has a host of starters throughout the UK | Amy Lynam/ITM

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

SON OF JUST THE JUDGE INTRODUCED AT KEMPTON

4.30 Kempton, Mdn, £5,400, 3yo/up, 11f 219y (AWT)

SWIFT VERDICT (GB) (**Dubawi {Ire}**) was the €1.4million topper at the 2018 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale and gets the call from John Gosden to make his debut for a partnership between the China Horse Club and Ballylinch Stud. Out of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and GI E. P. Taylor S. heroine Just the Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), the bay will most likely need the experience based on the fact that he has been passed over by Frankie Dettori in favour of Nat Rothschild's **Galsworthy (GB)** (**Dansili {GB}**), a twice-raced grandson of the G1 Sun Chariot S. winner Spinning Queen (GB) (Spinning World).

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

4th-Newcastle, £5,400, Nov, 6-1, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.41, st/sl.

ART POWER (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Evening Time {Ire} {Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 5-6f, MSW & MGSP-Ire, \$167,992}, by **Keltos {Fr}**), who graduated with a five-length tally tackling five furlongs in an Oct. 11 York novice test last time, broke sharply to seize an immediate lead here. Holding sway throughout, the 5-4 favourite was safely clear entering the final quarter mile and ran on strongly under mild urging in the latter stages to score by an impressive 5 1/2 lengths from Electric Mistress (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). One of eight winners from as many runners produced by MGSP Listed Sweet Mimosa S. victrix Evening Time (Ire) (Keltos {Fr}), he is kin to G3 Ballyogan S. victrix Penny Pepper (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit winner Morning Frost (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), the stakes-placed Shaan (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) and a yearling colt by Ribchester (Ire). Evening Time is herself a half-sister to MSW & MGSP sire Distinctly Dancer (Ire) (Distinctly North). Sales history: €110,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$17,256. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Tim Easterby.

9th-Newcastle, £5,400, Mdn, 6-1, 3yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:13.69, st/sl.

FRANKLY DARLING (GB) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Hidden Hope {GB} {SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$142,832}, by Daylami {Ire}), runner-up to TDN Rising Star Cabaletta (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) on her sole start over a mile at Yarmouth in October, raced wide without cover tracking the leading group early. Arriving on the front with real purpose with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 10-11 favourite surged clear from there to record an authoritative five-length success from Thibaan (War Front), Shadwell's son of the GI Flower Bowl Invitational and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Lahudood (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Dream with Me (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), the 700,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 half-brother to the G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Rain Goddess (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), travelled strongly for a long way before fading to be fourth.

The winning rider Rob Havlin said, "She's still pretty green. I stuck three-wide, I was going to drop in but the one on my inside was struggling a bit so I decided to keep it nice and smooth for her. Turning in I was fairly confident, she'd organised herself by then. I always felt she was going to put the race to bed. She saw the mile and a quarter out well, she's by no means a slow filly but I think she can see the mile and a half out no

problem. She's filling into her frame nicely and she's going the right way."

The winner's dam was a smart type for her owner-breeder, winning the Listed Cheshire Oaks before finishing runner-up in the G2 Lancashire Oaks and third in the G2 Prix de Pomone. Her daughter of Shamardal named Our Obsession (Ire) took the Listed Galtres S. before producing last year's G3 Musidora S. runner-up Frankellina (GB) to a mating with Frankel. Hidden Hope is a half to the G1 Coronation S. heroine Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian), to the G3 Lingfield Derby Trial scorer Mystic Knight (GB) (Caerleon) and to the unraced dam of the G1 Epsom Derby, G1 Eclipse S., G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Irish Champion S. hero Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,027. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Mr A. E. Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.



Frankly Darling kicks away to a five-length tally at Newcastle on Monday as British racing resumes. | *Racing Post*

10th-Newcastle, £5,400, Mdn, 6-1, 3yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:14.61, st/sl.

VALYRIAN STEEL (IRE) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Sabratih {GB} {MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,478}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), who started as the 11-4 second favourite, was tardy from the gates and languished towards the rear throughout the early stages. Making steady progress up the rail in the straight, the bay who made the top ten sold at the 2018 Arqana Deauville August Yearlings Sale collared Wise Glory (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) yards from the line to score by a neck. Luck on Sunday (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the full-sister to the G1 Falmouth S., G1 Matron S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Alice Springs (Ire), was a well-beaten fifth. The winner is a full-brother to Syrtis (GB) who was runner-up in last year's G3 Prix de Conde, G3 Prix Noailles and G3 Prix de Guiche. The dam, who was a useful sprinter in France, winning the Listed Prix Cor de Chasse and Listed Prix de Bonneval and finishing third in the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise, is a half to two other black-type winners including last year's G3 Sovereign S. and Listed Feilden S. scorer Kick On (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}). Also related to the G3 Fred Darling S. winner Sueboog (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and her G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning son Best of the Bests (Ire) (Machiavellian), her 2019 colt is by Acclamation (GB). Sales history: €600,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,306. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-H.H. Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa; B-G & B Partnership (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Edraak (Ire), g, 4, Elzaam (Aus)--So Blissful (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Newcastle, 6-1, 6f (AWT), 1:15.02. B-Niall McGrady (IRE). *€41,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; £82,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR; £13,000 4yo '20 GOFJAN.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

7th-Deauville, €22,000, Cond, 6-1, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.74, gd.

DAWN INTELLO (FR) (c, 3, Intello {Ger}--Gadalka, by Giant's Causeway), who bagged a Nov. 11 newcomers' test at Deauville before posting a May 12 third at Saint-Cloud on seasonal return last time, settled fourth after breaking in the front rank here. Improving into second on the home turn, the 23-10 pick inched to the front with 300 metres remaining and was ridden clear in the latter stages to prevail by 2 1/2 lengths from Salesman (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). He is the last known foal and one of three scorers out of Gadalka (Giant's Causeway), herself a daughter of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac victress Sulk (Ire) (Selkirk). Sulk, who is also the

dam of stakes-winning G2 Al Fahidi Fort placegetter Ibn Battuta (Seeking The Gold), is kin to three black-type winners including G1 Hong Kong Cup-winning sire Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf and G1 Beverly D. S. heroine Dank (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The March-foaled chestnut's fourth dam is G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix Robert Papin winner Masarika (Ire) (Thatch). Sales history: €57,000 Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €28,420. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Viktor Timoshenko (FR); T-Andreas Schutz.

5th-Senonnes-Pouance, €12,000, Mdn, 6-1, 2yo, 6f 165yT, 1:27.57, g/s.

MADINA (FR) (f, 2, Kheleyf--Landelles {Ire}, by High Chaparral {Ire}) recovered from an early bump to lead after the initial strides of this debut. Holding sway thereafter, she turned for home with a comfortable advantage and kept on well under urging inside the final 300 metres to easily hold Angelino (Fr) (Scissor Kick {Aus}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Kin to a yearling filly by Panis, she is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Warwickshire Oaks and Listed Aphrodite S. placegetter Lady Artemisia (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Her second dam Crimson Glory (GB) (Lycius) is a half-sister to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Crimplene (Ire) (Lion Cavern). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mme Kathleen Richard; B-Stephane Tallon (FR); T-T Richard.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Deauville, €22,000, Cond, 6-1, 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.20, g/s.

WAYATOS (FR) (g, 4, Maxios {GB}--Walayta {Ger}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, €20,781. O-Peter Specker; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (FR); T-Carina Fey. *€11,000 Ylg '17 BBAGO.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Takamaka (Fr), f, 2, Silver Frost (Ire)--Tamada (Fr), by Lucky Story (GB). Salon-de-Provence, 6-1, 5 1/2fT, 1:07.41. B-Mme D de la Heronniere (FR). *€13,000 Ylg '19 ARQNOV.

Jean Racine (Fr), c, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)--Paola Lisa (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Pomellato (Ger). Senonnes-Pouance, 6-1, 6f 165yT, 1:27.10. B-Louis Giscard d'Estaing & SCA Bourgfontaine (FR).

Moderator (Fr), g, 3, Rio de la Plata--Monarquia (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Salon-de-Provence, 6-1, 12fT, 2:37.41. B-Valentin Bukhtoyarov & Evgeny Kappushev (FR).

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GERMANY

Monday's Results:

ROTTGEN CUP-Listed, €12,500, Cologne, 6-1, 4yo/up, 1850mT, 1:51.29, gd.

1--**RUNNYMEDE (GB)**, 128, g, 4, **Dansili (GB)**--**Indication (GB)**, by **Sadler's Wells**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. (75,000gns HRA '19 TATFEB). O-Stall Salzburg; B-Juddmonte Farms (GB); T-Sarah Steinberg; J-R Piechulek. €7,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, €47,671. *Full to Stipulate (GB), SW & MGSP-Eng, SW & GSP-Aus, \$330,292.

2--**Sibelius (Ger)**, 128, c, 4, **Pastorius (Ger)**--**Shiramiyna (Ire)**, by **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**. (€19,000 Ylg '17 BBAGS). O-Art 4 Horseracing. €3,250.

3--**Sun At Work (Ger)**, 128, g, 8, **Areion (Ger)**--**So Royal (Ger)**, by **Royal Solo (Ire)**. (€38,000 Ylg '13 BBAGO). O-Elisabeth Sofie Kindrat. €1,500.

Margins: 3HF, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 2.30, 8.30, 6.20.

Also Ran: **Kabir (Ger)**, **Northsea Star (Ger)**, **King (Ger)**, **Santiano (Ger)**, **Baccara Rose (Ger)**.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

New Topmodel (Ger), f, 3, **Amaron (GB)**--**Napata (Fr)**, by **Singspiel (Ire)**. Cologne, 6-1, 8fT, 1:37.73. B-Gestut Ohlerweiherhof (GER). *€5,000 Ylg '18 BBAGO; €11,000 2yo '19 BBAGO.

Cincinnati (Ire), c, 3, **Dream Ahead**--**California (Ger)**, by **King's Best**. Cologne, 6-1, 10 1/2fT, 2:10.54. B-Hans Wirth (IRE).

Dartan (GB), c, 3, **Reliable Man (GB)**--**Desabina (Ger)** (SW-Ger), by **Big Shuffle**. Cologne, 6-1, 12fT, 2:31.28. B-Gestut Rottgen (GB). *€36,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGS. **1/2 to Dessau (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), SW & GSP-Ger; Daria (Ger) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), SW-Ger; and Damour (Ger) (Azamour {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 14f+, MSP-Ger & SP-Ity.

EASTERN EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

Calabrese (Ire), c, 3, **Alhebeyeb (Ire)**--**Crystalline Stream (Fr)**, by **Polish Precedent**. Kincsem Park (Hungary), 5-31, 1900mT. B-Elton Lodge Stud. *Won by seven lengths as the 1-5 favourite. **€12,000 RNA Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €1,500 Ylg '18 GOFNOV.

Secret Grey (Ire), c, 3, **Gutaifan (Ire)**--**Scarborough Lily (GB)**, by **Dansili (GB)**. Kincsem Park, 5-31, 1600mT. B-Knocktoran Stud

& Carribeg Stud. *2,500gns Wlg '17 TATDEF; €3,500 Ylg '18 GOFNOV. **VIDEO (1. futam)**

Antilopa (Ire), f, 3, **Sir Prancealot (Ire)**--**Aqueous (Ire)**, by **Art Connoisseur (Ire)**. Kincsem Park (Hungary), 5-31, 1400mT. B-Tally-Ho Stud. *Ch. 2yo Filly-Hun. **€1,400 Ylg '18 GOFNOV. **VIDEO (5. futam)**

Plontier (Fr), c, 4, **Planteur (Ire)**--**Becbec (Fr)**, by **Slickly (Fr)**. Sluzewiec (Poland), 5-31, 2000mT. B-Thousand Dreams, Ecurie O Piraud & P Guigand. *Third in last year's Wielka Warszawska, Poland's most prestigious race. **€11,000 Ylg '17 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Giannina (Ire), f, 2, **Sir Percy (GB)**--**Lady Hestia**, by **Belong to Me**. Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 5-30, 1200mT. B-Hyde Park Stud. *1ST TIME STARTER. **€7,500 Ylg '19 TATIRE. **VIDEO**

Pippilotta (Fr), f, 3, **American Post (GB)**--**Porquerolaise (Fr)**, by **Martaline (GB)**. Sluzewiec (Poland), 5-30, 1600mT. B-Haras de Lassos, C Sanglier, C Keerhem & M Caire. *1ST TIME STARTER. **€3,500 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

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Britain's Queen Elizabeth, 94, pictured horseback riding during lockdown Her Majesty The Queen was photographed riding at Windsor over the weekend. It is her first public appearance since the coronavirus lockdown began in the UK. **Laura Smith-Spark, CNN**



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Trainer: Roger Charlton



DETAILS OUT OF PROPOSED SPRING SHAKE-UP



Mer de Glace winning the Caulfield Cup | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

The details of what would be the biggest shake-up to the Melbourne Spring Carnival in 140 years have been revealed, with a proposal for the G1 Caulfield Cup to be run after the G1 Melbourne Cup discussed with key owner and trainer groups ahead of its consideration by Racing Victoria later this week.

The details of the radical proposal to upend the calendar by running the Melbourne Racing Club's carnival in late November after the Victoria Racing Club's traditional four-day meet, were leaked in the media on the same day the Australian Trainers Association (ATA) and the Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners' Association (TROA) met with RV to discuss the plans.

With COVID-19 protocols likely to still be in place during the traditional peak period, the Melbourne Racing Club wants to push back its key Group 1 events, the Caulfield Guineas and Caulfield Cup, in order to give it a better chance of running its marquee events in front of as big a crowd as possible, while also not clashing with the peak of the AFL season, which has been delayed by COVID-19.

"We've discussed this publicly for a few weeks. We think there is certainly many reasons to explore making changes this year of any year," MRC's Executive Director of Racing and Membership, Jake Norton, said in discussing the changes over the weekend.

"We think there is a great deal of promise to be had for the industry and for the MRC and with the great support and assistance of Racing Victoria, and in particular Paul Bloodworth, we've mapped out a remodelled program that we believe caters for all categories of horses. We're excited about the prospect and it's over to the RVL Board now to see if they see there is enough merit in it to give us a crack at it this year."

The Victoria Racing Club remains determined to keep its traditional dates, with the Melbourne Cup, which anchors its four-day Flemington carnival, to be held on the first Tuesday in November, which this year is Nov. 3, as tradition dictates.

In contrast to the Victorian approach, Racing NSW confirmed on Monday its spring calendar won't be changed, and prizemoney levels will be lifted back to pre-COVID-19 levels, highlighted by the \$15-million The Everest and the \$7.5-million Golden Eagle.

While the concept has been discussed for the past few weeks, Friday shapes as D-Day with the Racing Victoria board to meet to discuss the changes and an announcement likely early next week.

It will explore two major options, whether to leave the spring schedule as it currently stands, or whether to shake-up spring scheduling, and shuffle a host of meetings to accommodate the changes requested by the MRC. A third option, to move the entire carnival back a month, is unlikely to be on the agenda as the VRC is not interested in changing its dates.

It will take into account submissions from the ATA and from TROA. The ATA has confirmed it had asked its members to submit their thoughts on the proposed changes for presentation to Racing Victoria on Wednesday.

TROA's Chairman Jonathan Munz said that owners were against the proposal as it would be 'effectively wrecking the national racing calendar.'

"The MRC proposal is ill-advised and self-indulgent and not in the interests of the racing industry as a whole," Munz said. "It is just not sensible to run the major Caulfield Cup Carnival races after Melbourne Cup Week and take away a whole series of important lead-up races.

"Just as importantly, that would result in there not being enough time to get horses ready for the Autumn Carnival. MRC would be effectively wrecking the national racing calendar and pattern to just potentially benefit one race day."

While 2020 is a year like no other, the change would be historically significant.

The Caulfield Cup has been run in October, and as the main lead-up to the Melbourne Cup, since 1882 after the first three editions of the race were held in April. The intention this year would be to run it on Nov. 28, three and a half weeks after the Melbourne Cup.

The two great handicaps have been inextricably linked through the years with 11 horses having completed the double of winning both races in the same year, the most recent being Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm {USA}) in 2001.

There have been 100 winners of the 143 previous editions of the Caulfield Cup who have gone on to contest the Melbourne Cup, while last year's Melbourne Cup winner, Vow And Declare (Declaration Of War {USA}), finishing second in the Caulfield Cup in his final lead-up run.



Vow And Declare winning the Melbourne Cup | Bronwen Healy

Changes Would Be Felt Across the Spring

Of course, it is not just the Caulfield Cup that will be impacted, with the intention to run the G1 Caulfield Guineas, one of the highlight 3-year-old races of the spring, on Nov. 21. The leaked spring schedule also confirms that the MRC wants to back-up the Caulfield Cup Day program by shifting the G1 Thousand Guineas to the same day and moving the G1 Memsie S. from the start of the spring to the end of it.

The change would ensure that the entire Melbourne spring takes on a different look from the very outset, with the proposal that the G2 PB Lawrence S. pushes back two weeks to fill the spot previously occupied by the Memsie S. on Aug. 29.

It is not known that in the case that it approves of the above changes, whether Racing Victoria intends to immediately announce a full stakes program for the spring to support the new-look feature race schedule, but stretching the spring out longer will certainly create a challenge as to ensuring the quality of support races. There is also the challenge of how that fits into the intended program for Racing NSW, which has given its participants certainty over scheduling and prizemoney for the spring.

“Collectively, the industry has done a great job at ensuring that racing has continued during these uncertain times. Industry

participants across all sectors complied with the very strict and successful bio-security measures adopted by Racing NSW, which were critical to enabling racing to continue during COVID-19,” Racing NSW Chairman Mr Russell Balding said after confirming prizemoney levels would lift back to pre-COVID-19 levels. “This


in turn meant that wagering turnover, which is the main source of funding for prizemoney, was not as adversely impacted as initially feared, such that Racing NSW is in the financial position to be able to restore prizemoney levels much sooner than expected.

“It is important that the thoroughbred racing industry is able to move forward with confidence. Restoration of prizemoney levels to their

pre-COVID-19 levels, to be distributed to the industry participants who continued to put on racing during COVID-19, enables those participants to plan their future with confidence.

“The confirmation of racing dates enables industry participants to move forward with certainty. Trainers and owners can now properly plan the racing preparations for their horses. With these announcements today, we are very confident that our extended Spring Carnival will be further strengthened and build on the success of last year.”

Interestingly, the movement of the Caulfield Cup from Oct. 17 does give Racing NSW plenty of free air to promote its marquee spring event, The Everest, which is scheduled on the same day.

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