



THE 'BLACK EYE' OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION



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by Dan Ross

Over the past year or so, a series of high-profile positives attributed to environmental contamination have dogged racing's highest-profile trainer, Bob Baffert.

Last week, the California Horse Racing Board's Board (CHRB) conducted a hearing into the Dextrophan positive incurred by the Baffert-trained Merneith (American Pharoah) in July. Connections had attributed the positive to cross-contamination stemming from Merneith's groom, who took DayQuil and NyQuil, both of which contain Dextrophan.

Before that were the positives from Arkansas in May, when the Grade I-winning Gamine (Into Mischief) and Charlatan (Speightstown) subsequently tested positive for Lidocaine--an issue of cross-contamination, Baffert argued, from a stable employee wearing a pain-relieving Salonpas patch.

And before that was, of course, 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby-winning Justify (Scat Daddy)'s scopolamine positive, attributed to hay contaminated with scopolamine-laced Jimson Weed.

By virtue of Baffert's prominence within the sport, the issue of environmental contamination has been well laundered for a sun-lit public airing, with talk turning to medication smeared walls, urine-soaked bedding, contaminated hay and feeds, and backstretch workers taking all sorts of legal and illicit drugs. *Cnt. p3*

THYROXINE IN SOCAL: NEARLY 300 'SCRIPS THIS YEAR, OVER HALF FOR TWO TRAINERS

By T.D. Thornton

Despite an advisory designed to eliminate stable-wide usage of thyroxine that has been in effect since the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) investigated seven sudden deaths of horses trained by Bob Baffert in 2013 and found that all of them had been administered that drug "more as a supplement than a medication," the use of thyroxine in Southern California remains astoundingly high.

In introducing a new rule proposal on Thursday to curb thyroxine use "to the point that it really will not be used any longer within CHRB facilities," CHRB equine medical director Rick Arthur, DVM, revealed that between January and the first week of October this year, "veterinarians reporting to the official veterinarians on just the Southern California Thoroughbred circuit and their auxiliary training centers have reported 256 prescriptions for thyroxine between January 2020 and the first week of October." *Cont. p8*

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Live Oak homebred Souper Watson (Ghostzapper) provided trainer Mark Casse with his 3,000th victory Thursday at Gulfstream Park West. "[Training] is something I've just wanted to do my entire life. Milestones mean a lot. This has made me think back over the years," Casse said. | Lauren King

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While the issue is a bit of a complicated acronym soup involving things like testing thresholds, screening and detection limits, clearance times and ever more sensitive testing methodologies, expert opinion appears to be drawn into two broad camps.

On the one hand are those who believe adjustments need to be made to account for the inherent risks from inadvertent drug contamination. On the other are those who advocate a hardline stance, warning that a rule relaxation invites cheating.

Still, most agree that the industry needs to make fundamental revisions to the current status quo to avoid an ongoing string of contentious drug positives that further erode public trust in the sport.

"We can't live with rules that we've been using for 30, 40, 50 years," says Scott Stanley, a professor at the University of Kentucky. "We've got to think outside the box and move forward. Racing keeps giving itself a black-eye."

"I won't say there's lots and lots"

There have been a good 20 years of research illustrating the where and what of environmental contamination--some have helped answer lingering questions, even if others have also somewhat muddied the waters.

The International Conference for Racing Analysts and Veterinarians at the turn of the millennium unveiled a series of papers showing how even low-level exposures to naproxen, ibuprofen, isoxsuprine and flunixin--all of them commonly used therapeutic medications in racing--could result in a subsequent medication violation.

In what some regard a **seminal 2008 study**, Steven Barker, former director of the Louisiana State University Equine Medication Surveillance Laboratory, analyzed the test barn and the receiving barn stalls at a Louisiana racetrack. **Cont. p4**

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Barker found the presence of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like flunixin, phenylbutazone and naproxen in the soil in stalls, on stall surfaces, in the circulating dust, and in accumulated pools of water on the backstretch. All of the samples collected contained cotinine, the predominant metabolite of nicotine and a biomarker for exposure to tobacco smoke.

None of those drugs Barker detected, however, were at concentrations sufficient to trigger a positive test. A few years ago, Charles Town suddenly found itself at the center of a series of naproxen positives, mostly among horses shipping in. Naproxen is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory commonly found in drugs like Aleve and nicknamed the poster-child of stall contamination.

In response to this rash of positives, researchers swabbed 21 ship-in stalls at Charles Town and discovered high levels of naproxen in four stalls and reportedly low-levels of the drug in almost all.

Besides naproxen, the researchers discovered things like acepromazine and glycopyrrolate, along with traces of common human substances like metoprolol, a blood-pressure medication, and methadone and tramadol, which are opioid and opioid-like pain-medications respectively. Only four of the 21 tested stalls swabbed clean.

Other studies show more pointed findings, including a potential connection between bedding soaked with contaminated urine and an elevated risk of a positive test.

In this **French study from 2011**, horses administered flunixin orally and intravenously were housed on three different levels of bedding: one deep and one thin bedded stall (both of them stripped completely daily), and another stall managed the usual way (just the muck and wet patches removed).

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As a result of a number of positives for typically human-use antihistamines and anti-inflammatories, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) embarked last year upon a series of different studies to determine the threat of environmental contamination in the UK.

One study involves the swabbing of racetrack stabling, another the boxes at private training yards, while the third study looks at the potential relationship between bedding contaminated with low levels of medications and the risk of a positive finding.

According to David Sykes, no results are currently ready for public consumption, but he did say that they had found "very low levels" of medications in the racecourse stables. "I won't say there was none," he says. "But I won't say there's lots and lots."

The question now is: What does the gestalt of these studies reveal?

"Put down that golf club"

According to Barker, they illustrate just how prodigiously substances exist in and on the bedding, walls, dirt, dust, feed

and water tubs of the backstretch environment--even in the feed vanned into the track. Then there's the human element.

"The horses' environment also includes veterinarians. It also includes other humans, grooms and trainers and riders. Even the public that bring things into their environment," he says. More pointedly, they illustrate how "the environment of the horse can contaminate the horse at levels that can be detected," he says.

Given how prevalent contaminants exist in the environment, however, why aren't drug violations a more common occurrence?

Outside of a cluster of positives that can be traced back to something like a batch of contaminated feed, "It can be a random thing," says Barker, pointing to a lightning strike quality to the event, with a very specific chain of circumstances that lead to a positive finding.

The horse must be exposed to a high enough quantity of a substance close enough to a race, for example. Just as importantly, perhaps, is that a test is conducted in the first place. "How many horses aren't being tested?" Barker wonders.

On the flip side of the same coin are those experts who argue that the link between the environment and the test tube is far from clear.

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"My definition of environmental contamination is exposure to a substance that has the potential to result in a detectable concentration in a horse, and that that exposure occurred beyond the control of the trainer," says Mary Scollay, executive director and chief operating officer of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTTC).

"Some of the things that are being posited as environmental contamination I disagree with because I believe they're preventable," she adds. "What I feel has not been adequately demonstrated is the link between what's in the environment and what's in the horse."

For one, the concentrations being detected in the backstretch environment are typically at miniscule amounts, Scollay says. As an example, she points to a calculation that Stanley made of Barker's 2008 data: That a horse needed to consume 32 tons of dirt to obtain the equivalent of a single dose of phenylbutazone.

(In response, Barker emphasizes how his original study was intended primarily to detect background levels in the backstretch environment, and that subsequent studies--the French study in particular--have made the connection between contamination and a risk of a positive finding).

There are other variables, like the manner by which contaminants enter the horse's body, as their metabolism processes substances differently depending on how it's introduced into the system. "Not everything that enters the mouth gets absorbed," Scollay says.

The connection therefore between a backstretch worker taking a drug--whether legal or illicit--and a positive finding in the horse they have contact with is similarly dependent upon the substance, location and levels of exposure, says Scollay. "Once again, there's no blanket answer."

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Some substances are much more stable in the environment than others, meaning that they maintain their chemical make-up--and therefore their pharmacological potency--for long periods of time. This is borne out, say experts, in how widely used medications like furosemide are inconsistently detected in the environment.

At the end of the day, however, some trainers are able to operate large barns in multiple jurisdictions without falling foul of the regulators, says Scollay. While the "lightning strike" analogy is applicable in some cases of environmental contamination, she adds, "If you get struck by lightning twice, then I'm going to suggest you put down that golf club."

"Horse manure"

Another key component of this issue is how testing methodologies are becoming ever more sensitive--with some laboratories proving more sophisticated than others. Indeed, the naproxen positives at Charles Town coincided with state regulators switching the drug testing contract to the "highly capable" Denver-based Industrial Laboratories, according to the authors of the 2018 study.

"What's been the real problem here is we came from a period of time when most of these kinds of residues simply were not being detected before in horses," says Barker.

"Our methodology was not broad based to cover all possible drugs. Sensitivity of instrumentation was not nearly what it is today--the sensitivity has really increased," he adds. Indeed, "There's the ability to test some of these drugs to zeptogram levels."

To put that into perspective, a picogram--a larger unit of measurement than the zeptogram, and one more commonly referenced--is the equivalent of one second in 32,000 years. A femtogram--the next unit of measurement down from the picogram--is the equivalent of one second in 32 million years.

This basis of comparison is one frequently raised by advocates of the horsemen, and critics of the current testing system. But other experts object to the quantification of testing methodologies in this manner.

"It all sounds very dramatic," says the director of a U.S. laboratory, who asked to remain anonymous due to their company's involvement in ongoing litigation. "But it's kind of misleading."

To make their point, the lab director says that the amount of a particular substance in a single sample is a fraction of what's in the body as a whole, and that a horse has, on average, 50 liters of blood in its body. Fifty liters, therefore, is the equivalent of 50,000 milliliters.

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"The key term is per milliliter," says the lab director, pointing to betamethasone, a steroid medication, which has an RMTCT testing threshold of 10 picograms per milliliter.

"We're not saying that the horse can only have 10 picograms of betamethasone in its system," says the director. "We're saying you can have 10 picograms per milliliter times 50,000 milliliters, and that's how much drug you can actually have present in the horse."

The lab director also takes issue with the argument that a positive finding at a low-level is inherently innocuous, as that assertion fails to take into account origins of dose and administration.

"The people that say the concentration is so low, it has to be environmental contamination--that's the biggest load of horse manure that I can think of. Obviously, the level cannot tell us anything of how it got into the horse and at what level," the lab director says.

"People have this perception that the technology can capture everything and anything, and so, 'you guys are finding things all the time,'" says the lab director. "Keep in mind, 99% of the horses test clean. If it was that easy to contaminate your horse, we would be seeing a whole lot more cases than we actually are."

In part two we look at possible solutions to the problem, with experts zeroing in on testing thresholds, screening and detection limits along with formal regulatory processes.

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Thyroxine in SoCal cont. from p1

Arthur added that there have been 31 additional thyroxine prescriptions logged since that report was compiled a month ago, then tacked on this stunner: "Over half of the prescriptions are for just two trainers, and 80% of the thyroxine has been prescribed by just three veterinarians."

Arthur did not name the trainers or veterinarians involved, nor did CHRBB board members inquire as to who they were during the public portion of the Nov. 19 meeting.

"Hypothyroidism is rare in horses and especially so in young racehorses, to the extent that it's virtually non-existent," Arthur said.

"Nevertheless, thyroid hormones, primarily levo-thyroxine, are commonly prescribed," Arthur continued. "Thyroxine has been associated with cardiac arrhythmias and atrial fibrillation in humans, and anecdotally similar cardiac arrhythmias and atrial fibrillation have been reported in horses. While we cannot assert a cause-and-effect relationship, one sudden death already in 2020 occurred five days after the horse was prescribed thyroxine."

Arthur said that "the American Association of Equine

Practitioners (AAEP) and Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTCT) issued a thyroxine advisory [in August], noting the practice of prescribing levothyroxine to racehorses has drawn scrutiny and raised questions about the legitimacy of its use in horses engaged in training and racing."

Arthur also explained how "the New York Gaming Commission has already required a similar restriction at New York tracks [and] The Stronach Group has imposed similar restrictions at their Maryland and Florida tracks as a matter of policy."

The CHRBB proposal, which advanced to the 45-day public commentary period after a 7-0 vote, largely mirrors policies the above-mentioned jurisdictions have crafted.

According to the CHRBB's information packet for the thyroxine agenda item, "the adoption of Rule 1866.4 would require a TRH-response test to be performed by a Board-licensed veterinarian, a positive hypothyroidism test be obtained, and the positive result indicating hypothyroidism be submitted to the official veterinarian or equine medical director for review and approval of a thyroxine prescription.

"Following approval of the prescription, the thyroxine prescription cannot exceed 90 calendar days without further re-authorization from the official veterinarian or equine medical director, and a horse administered thyroxine is ineligible to start in a race for 30 calendar days of last administration."

Back in 2013, the CHRBB's compilation of Sudden Death Reports stated that although "the blanket prescribing of thyroxine to all horses in Baffert's barn does appear unusual" the cluster of seven sudden deaths of horses "remains unexplained [and] there is no evidence whatsoever CHRBB rules or regulations have been violated or any illicit activity played a part." **Cont. p9**



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The investigation of those deaths did, however, led to the CHRB's 2014 advisory that is still in effect requiring a specific diagnosis and other prescribing, reporting and labeling restrictions for thyroxine and any other thyroid hormones or analogs.

"This proposed regulation addresses an issue that's frustrated me for almost the whole time I've been equine medical director," Arthur said.

MMV Coming to CA

In other medication-related news, the CHRB Thursday voted 7-0 to adopt the Multiple Medication Violations (MMV) program used in other jurisdictions. It will establish a points system by which enhanced penalties are imposed, whereby the number of points assigned to a trainer depends on the class and number of violations committed.

The number of points accumulated determines the length of the suspension, and the class of violation determines the length of time before the points expire. The new MMV rule will go into effect once it is certified by the state's Office of Administrative Law.

2021 NorCal Dates

Few people are looking to relive the pandemic-skewed racing season known as 2020. But to come up with a workable version of a 2021 Northern California calendar that satisfies most stakeholders, the CHRB voted 7-0 Thursday to try again with a template for next year that nearly matches the dates that were allotted--but not entirely run--this year.

Health-related cancellations during 2020 caused the Santa Rosa, Ferndale and Fresno meets to get transferred to Golden Gate Fields, while Pleasanton ran an extended meet that included Sacramento's dates.

Back at the October meeting, the CHRB had assigned a Dec. 23, 2020-June 16, 2021 block to Golden Gate Fields, leaving the second half of 2021 dates in the region to be determined later.

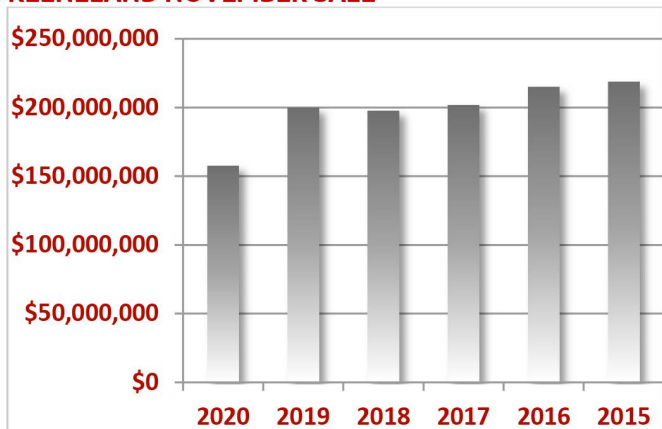
Commissioners on Thursday recognized there is not much clarity involving how COVID-19 might impact the racing schedule seven months from now. After brief debate about tabling the region's dates allotment because of all the unknowns, the board opted to move forward as if there will be no interruptions, with the backup plan of reconsidering each meet's allotment at a later date if needed.

"We'll put it in place so people can make plans as if it is going to be normal, and then adjust accordingly. That's kind of how we all have to live our lives right now," said commissioner Wendy Mitchell. **Cont. p10**



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- Jessica Martini

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| 2018 | 4,507 | 3,454 | 2,644 | 23.4% | 76.5% | 58.7% | \$197,851,300 | \$74,830 |
| 2017 | 4,147 | 3,219 | 2,424 | 22.4% | 75.3% | 58.4% | \$202,021,700 | \$83,342 |
| 2016 | 4,762 | 3,628 | 2,653 | 23.9% | 73.1% | 55.7% | \$215,213,000 | \$81,121 |
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Prior to the vote, CHRB executive director Scott Chaney said that after conferring with stakeholders to try and craft a schedule, "The two real sort of bones of contention seem to be Santa Rosa preferring to [add in] a week earlier, which obviously would cut a week into Sacramento. And [also] if part of Ferndale should run overlapped with Golden Gate Fields."

CHRB vice chair Oscar Gonzales said that to the first point, Santa Rosa officials have indicated that they are willing to compromise and race just two weeks as proposed, so long as for 2022, the CHRB will give Santa Rosa special consideration to host the three-week meet it prefers.

As for Ferndale, its desire not to have any overlapping dates with Golden Gate Fields wasn't able to be completely worked out. The fair meet and the commercial track will go head-to-head during the second of Ferndale's two-weeks, a setup that was last in effect in 2018. In 2019, the two venues had conflicting meets for the entire two-week period.

Based on those considerations, the CHRB ended up approving the following 2021 NorCal schedule (per custom, the calendar is allocated in blocks of dates, not actual race days):

- Golden Gate Fields (GGF): Dec. 23, 2020-June 16, 2021
- Pleasanton: June 16-July 13
- Sacramento: July 14-Aug. 3
- Santa Rosa: Aug. 4-17
- Ferndale: Aug. 18-31
- GGF: Aug. 25-Oct. 5

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ECLIPSE CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES AT STUD

By Sid Fernando

Champion fillies were rarely sold at public auction when owner/breeders dominated the sport for a good part of the last century. All of that changed from the 1980s onward when the industry became more commercialized and highly charged at the top end with international bidding wars for yearlings and breeding stock. Back then, folks like Robert Sangster and partners and Sheikh Mohammed and his brothers made the market, and in November of 1983--the same year that Sheikh Mohammed's Aston Upthorpe Stud outgunned Sangster at Keeneland July for the \$10.2-million yearling Snaafi Dancer (Northern Dancer)--Sheikh Mohammed purchased 1981 champion 3-year-old filly Wayward Lass (Hail the Pirates) for \$2.35 million at Keeneland, carrying her second foal (by Noble Nashua). In retrospect, that purchase signaled a shift in the industry. **Cont. p11**

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Monomoy Girl | Fasig-Tipton

In the decades since, numerous champion fillies and mares have changed hands at public auction, most recently **Monomoy Girl** (Tapizar), the Eclipse champion 3-year-old filly of 2018 and soon-to-be champion older mare of 2020, who sold to Spendthrift Farm for \$9.5 million at Fasig-Tipton two weeks ago.

The Eclipse Awards were instituted 50 years ago in 1971. I took a look back at the produce records of every Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old filly champion from **Turkish Trousers** (Bagdad) in 1971 to **Untapable** (Tapit) in 2014--the most recent to have a foal old enough to race. See the chart on page 12, which lists the number of foals of racing age for each mare next to the number of black-type winners produced. Of these black-type winners, I've listed where applicable the number of graded winners and Grade I winners for each mare. **Serena's Song** (Rahy), the champion 3-year-old filly of 1995, for example, produced 13 foals and six black-type winners. Of these six, four were graded winners, and one of those--Sophisticat (Storm Cat)--won at the highest level. Serena's Song, by the numbers, is to date the most successful producer of this group.

I've also listed in the chart those champions that were offered for sale at public auction within four years of their championships--a half interest in one, **Mom's Command** (Top Command), was sold privately--and you can come to your own conclusions about how these expensive fillies and mares fared at stud relative to their values.

Four champions--**Banshee Breeze** (Unbridled) died delivering what would have been her first foal; **Go For Wand** (Deputy Minister) died on track; **Tempest Queen** (Graustark) died of colic shortly after being bred for the first time; and **Ruffian** (Reviewer) died on track--didn't produce foals. The five most recent--**Covfefe** (Into Mischief) in 2019, **Monomoy Girl**, **Abel Tasman** (Quality Road) in 2017, **Songbird** (Medaglia d'Oro) in 2016, and **Stellar Wind** (Curlin) in 2015--don't have foals of

racing age, though they'll be watched closely in the coming years as four of the five sold at public auction for big bucks. Monomoy Girl aside, Abel Tasman made \$5 million at Keeneland January in 2019; Songbird sold for \$9.5 million in 2017 at Fasig-Tipton November; and Stellar Wind was purchased for \$6 million at Keeneland November in 2017.



Songbird selling at Fasig-Tipton | Fasig-Tipton

Of the 40 remaining mares, they have altogether produced 354 foals to date, 33 (9.3%) of which were black-type winners. Of those 33, 17 were graded stakes winners. Seven of the 40 mares have produced a Grade I winner, but only one offered at auction--**Sacahuista** (Raja Baba), a \$2.4 million RNA at Fasig-Tipton in 1988--has done so, so far. Eleven of 40 have produced at least one graded winner, but aside from, again, Sacahuista, Mom's Command was the only one from this group offered for sale or sold. It's also notable that Mom's Command's graded winner arrived late in her career and was by an unlikely sire at that.

Mom's Command

Filtering these champion 3-year-old fillies over a 50-year span offers an interesting snapshot of how things have changed in the industry. For instance, in the 10 years from 1971 to 1980, seven champions were homebreds, and none of the 10 was sold after her racing career; over the past 10 years from 2010 to 2019, however, only three were homebreds, and six were sold after their championship sophomore seasons, for an aggregate of \$41 million.

If that sounds like a lot of money, take a look at the inflation-adjusted dollars from the 1980s.

After **Wayward Lass** sold for \$2.35 million in 1983, **Life's Magic** (Cox's Ridge) was the next 3-year-old filly champion to sell at public auction in 1986 for \$5.4 million, in foal to Mr. Prospector. **Cont. p12**

PRODUCE RECORDS OF CHAMPION 3YO FILLIES, 1971 TO PRESENT

| Name | Foals of racing age | BTW | GSW | G1SW | Sales/RNA Price (Year) |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Covfefe (2019) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Monomoy Girl (2018) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$9,500,000 (2020) |
| Abel Tasman (2017) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$5,000,000 (2019) |
| Songbird (2016) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$9,500,000 (2017) |
| Stellar Wind (2015) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$6,000,000 (2017) |
| Untapable (2014) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Beholder (2013) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Questing (2012) | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Royal Delta (2011) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$8,500,000 (2011) |
| Blind Luck (2010) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$2,500,000 (2011) |
| Rachel Alexandra (2009) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Proud Spell (2008) | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Rags to Riches (2007) | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wait a While (2006) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Smuggler (2005) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ashado (2004) | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | \$9,000,000 (2005) |
| Bird Town (2003) | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Farda Amiga (2002) | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Xtra Heat (2001) | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | \$1,700,000 RNA (2002) |
| Surfside (2000) | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Silverbulletday (1999) | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Banshee Breeze (1998) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ajina (1997) | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Yanks Music (1996) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$1,000,000 (1997) |
| Serena's Song (1995) | 13 | 6 | 4 | 1 | |
| Heavenly Prize (1994) | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| Hollywood Wildcat (1993) | 12 | 4 | 2 | 1 | |
| Saratoga Dew (1992) | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | \$850,000 (1995) |
| Dance Smartly (1991) | 10 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| Go for Wand (1990) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Open Mind (1989) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$4,600,000 (1989) |
| Winning Colors (1988) | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$4,100,000 (1989) |
| Sacahuista (1987) | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | \$2,400,000 RNA (1988) |
| Tiffany Lass (1986) | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$2,300,000 (1990) |
| Mom's Command (1985) | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 | \$5,000,000 (1985)* |
| Life's Magic (1984) | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$5,400,000 (1986) |
| Heartlight No. One (1983) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Christmas Past (1982) | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wayward Lass (1981) | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$2,350,000 (1983) |
| Genuine Risk (1980) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Davona Dale (1979) | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tempest Queen (1978) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Our Mims (1977) | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Revidere (1976) | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ruffian (1975) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Chris Evert (1974) | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Desert Vixen (1973) | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Susan's Girl (1972) | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Turkish Trousers (1971) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 354 | 33 | 17 | 7 | |

*\$2.5m half-interest private sale

Adjusted for inflation, that amounts to \$12.7 million today for Life's Magic and \$6.2 million for Wayward Lass, for a combined \$18.9 million. Neither Wayward Lass, who dropped 15 foals, nor Life's Magic, who had 14 foals, produced a black-type winner.

Mom's Command, the champion 3-year-old filly of 1985, represents something of a turning point in the historical transformation from breeding to race to breeding to sell. A rare winner of the Triple Crown for fillies in New York (later named the Triple Tiara), Mom's Command was bred and raced by New Englander Peter Fuller, a breeder who wouldn't have been expected to sell a homebred of the caliber of Mom's Command. However, he was offered a deal in 1985 that allowed him to hold on to half of his prized filly while capitalizing on the values being established for high-class bloodstock at the time.



Mom's Command | Horsephotos

One year before Life's Magic made \$5.4 million in the ring, Richard Santulli, who breeds now as Colts Neck Stable, but at the time was one of the partners in Jayeff "B" Stable (named after its most famous partner, legendary gambler Jules Fink), privately purchased half the breeding rights of Mom's Command from Fuller for \$2.5 million, giving Mom's Command a \$5 million value at the time, or \$12.2 million today.

Santulli is now an accomplished breeder and owner. Among other achievements, he raced champion and Hall of Famer Safely Kept (Horatius), had purchased an interest in 1998 3-year-old champion filly Banshee Breeze, bred Grade I Preakness winner Oxbow (Awesome Again), and sold Meydan City (Kingmambo) as a yearling in 2006 for \$11.7 million.

The deal with Fuller called for Santulli to breed the first two foals from Mom's Command and then for the partners to alternate years. Mom's Command's first foal was an unraced Danzig filly that probably wasn't good enough to send through the ring as a yearling, but her second foal was the Mr. Prospector son Shakeel, who made \$1.8 million at Keeneland

July. He ended up earning \$14,793.

Mom's Command was subsequently bred to stallions such as Alydar, Chief's Crown (twice), Dayjur, and Easy Goer (twice), but never managed to get a black-type winner and looked like she was heading the way of Wayward Lass and Life's Magic after producing 12 foals.

Now well past commercial viability in 2001, Santulli bred the then-19-year-old mare to Sefapiano (Fappiano), a winner of two of four starts with \$37,793 in earnings. Santulli had co-bred Sefapiano with Farid Sefa, who'd subsequently made the horse into a sire sensation in Michigan, of all places. After that success, Sefa decided to roll the dice and send him to Kentucky. Santulli still had a minor interest in the stallion and took a shot with Mom's Command.

The result of that mating in 2002 was the subsequently named Jonesboro, a \$27,000 Keeneland September yearling. Jonesboro went on to win the Gil Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H. and three Grade III races. Altogether he won 14 of 50 starts and earned \$1,550,685 and finally got Mom's Command off the black-type schneid. Amazingly, it took a little-known stallion to accomplish the job that some giants of the game hadn't been able to do.

There's probably a lesson somewhere in there.

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| | GIII Chilukki S. | Churchill |
| | GIII Red Smith S. | Aqueduct |
| Nov. 22 | GIII Native Diver S. | Del Mar |
| | GIII Grey S. | Woodbine |
| | GIII Mazarine S. | Woodbine |
| Nov. 26 | GII Falls City S. | Churchill |
| | GIII Cardinal S. | Churchill |
| | GIII Red Carpet H. | Del Mar |
| Nov. 27 | GI Clark H. | Churchill |
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KENNEDY ROAD S.-GII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, 6f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Souper Stonehenge | Speightstown | Live Oak Plantation | Casse | Wilson | 121 |
| 2 | Ride a Comet | Candy Ride (Arg) | Oxley, John C. & My Meadowview Farm LLC | Casse | Husbands | 121 |
| 3 | Eskiminzin | Cold Harbor | Jecara Farms Corp. | Grant | Holland | 122 |
| 4 | Silent Poet | Silent Name (Jpn) | Stronach Stables | Gonzalez | Stein | 126 |
| 5 | Dixie's Gamble | Gamble's Exchange | Ivan Dalos | Carroll | Contreras | 121 |
| 6 | Roaring Forties | Stormy Atlantic | Borders Racing Stable Ltd. | Vella | Kimura | 121 |
| 7 | Pink Lloyd | Old Forester | Entourage Stable | Tiller | Hernandez | 128 |

Breeders: 1-Live Oak Stud, 2-My Meadowview LLC, 3-Jecara Farms, 4-Adena Springs, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-Stroud Lane Farm, 7-John Carey

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 5:58 p.m. EST

BESSARABIAN S.-GII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|-----------------|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Souper Escape | Medaglia d'Oro | Live Oak Plantation | Trombetta | Wilson | 123 |
| 2 | Boardroom | Commissioner | LNJ Foxwoods | Carroll | Contreras | 120 |
| 3 | Painting | Distorted Humor | Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., Glenn Sikura & Windsor Boys Racing | Carroll | Husbands | 123 |
| 4 | Artie's Princess | We Miss Artie | Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey | Ward | Kimura | 120 |
| 5 | Amalfi Coast | Tapizar | Terra Racing Stable | Attard | Stein | 123 |
| 6 | Jakarta | Bustin Stones | Three Diamonds Farm | Maker | Fukumoto | 121 |
| 7 | Our Secret Agent | Secret Circle | Gary Barber | Casse | Hernandez | 119 |
| 8 | Outburst (GB) | Outstrip (GB) | Marc Detampel, TSF Tbred Racing, LLC & R Hillen | | Kenneally | Moran 121 |

Breeders: 1-Live Oak Stud, 2-Polo Green Stable, Inc., 3-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Hill 'n' Dale Farms, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Terra Farms Ltd., 6-Arrowood Farm, Inc, 7-Paul Tackett Revocable Trust, 8-Rainer Stockli & Manfred Wurtenberger

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:58 p.m. EST

ONTARIO DERBY-GIII, C\$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Field Pass | Lemon Drop Kid | Three Diamonds Farm | Maker | Kimura | 126 |
| 2 | Belichick | Lemon Drop Kid | NK Racing & LNJ Foxwoods | Carroll | Contreras | 122 |
| 3 | Mnemba Island | Conquest Curlinate | Goldie Stables & Discovery Racing | Carey | Wilson | 120 |
| 4 | Lucky Curlin | Curlin | John C. Oxley | Casse | Husbands | 120 |
| 5 | Deviant | Daredevil | Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC | Casse | Lermyte | 120 |
| 6 | Mighty Heart | Dramedy | Lawrence Cordes | Carroll | Hernandez | 124 |
| 7 | Dune of Pilat (Fr) | Medaglia d'Oro | Sun Kingdom | Walsh | Moran | 120 |
| 8 | Malibu Mambo | Point of Entry | Stronach Stables | Attard | Stein | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Mark Brown Grier, 2-Sean Fitzhenry, 3-Frank Mermenstein, 4-John C. Oxley, 5-Robert G. Harvey, 6-Larry Cordes, 7-Ralph Meahjohn, 8-Adena Springs

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:45 p.m. EST**RED SMITH S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | Real Factor | The Factor | M M G Stables, LLC | Lawrence, II | Vargas, Jr. | 122 |
| 2 | Changi | Giant Oak | Jeanne Marie Dolan | Dolan | Peterson | 122 |
| 3 | Postulation | Harlan's Holiday | Runnymore Racing, LLC | Matz | Velazquez | 124 |
| 4 | Sadler's Joy | Kitten's Joy | Woodslane Farm | Albertrani | Rosario | 124 |
| 5 | North Dakota | Medaglia d'Oro | Allen Stable, Inc. | McGaughey III | Lezcano | 124 |
| 6 | Tintoretto (Ger) | Maxios (GB) | John M. B. O'Connor | Albertrani | Alvarado | 122 |
| 7 | Fame to Famous | Tapit | John P. Mc Allen | Mc Allen | Saez | 118 |
| 8 | Ziyad (GB) | Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) | Wertheimer and Frere | Motion | Franco | 124 |
| 9 | Aquaphobia | Giant's Causeway | Paradise Farms Corp., D. Staudacher, Hooties Racing LLC & Skychai Racing, LLC | Maker | Ortiz, Jr. | 126 |
| 10 | Red Knight | Pure Prize | Trinity Farm | Mott | Ortiz | 126 |
| 11 | Doctor Mounty 🐾 | Street Sense | Pratt, Larry and Alden, Dave | McGaughey III | Davis | 124 |

Breeders: 1-Lakland Farm, 2-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 5-Joseph Allen, LLC., 6-A. Christiansen-Croy, 7-Tapit Syndicate & Alexander Groves Thoroughbreds, 8-Wertheimer et Frere, 9-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 10-Trinity Farm, LLC, 11-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**NATIVE DIVER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | Combatant 🐾 | Scat Daddy | Hronis Racing LLC | Sadler | Rispoli | 125 |
| 2 | Stellar Sound | Tapit | Don Alberto Stable | McCarthy | Baze | 115 |
| 3 | Royal Ship (Brz) | Midshipman | Fox Hill Farms, Inc. & Siena Farm LLC | Mandella | Smith | 125 |
| 4 | Midcourt 🐾 | Midnight Lute | C R K Stable LLC | Shirreffs | Espinoza | 123 |
| 5 | Extra Hope | Shanghai Bobby | Jay Em Ess Stable | Mandella | Hernandez | 121 |

Breeders: 1-Paget Bloodstock, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Haras Belmont, 4-Dixiana Farms LLC, 5-Samantha Siegel

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST**CHILUKKI S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m**

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|------------------|--------------------------|---|------------|----------------|-----|
| 1 | New Roo | Dominus | Bluegrass Bred Racing and Breeding Farm, LLC | Drury, Jr. | Hernandez, Jr. | 121 |
| 2 | Finite | Munnings | Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Thomas J.Reiman, William Dickson and Deborah A. Easter | Asmussen | Santana, Jr. | 120 |
| 3 | Grand Cru Classe | Bernardini | Speedway Stable LLC | Mott | Gaffalione | 118 |
| 4 | Whoa Nellie 🐾 | Orb Fox Hill Farms, Inc. | | Jones | Rocco, Jr. | 121 |
| 5 | Gold Standard 🐾 | Medaglia d'Oro | Stonestreet Stables LLC and LNJ Foxwoods | Cox | Geroux | 121 |
| 6 | Risky Mandate | Strong Mandate | Ghost Hollow Farm | Amoss | Mena | 121 |
| 7 | Crazy Sexy Munny | Munnings | Scott Herbertson | Morey | Conning | 121 |
| 8 | Unique Factor 🐾 | The Factor | Pantofel Stable, LLC, Wachtel Stable & Peter Deutsch | Miller | Lanerie | 121 |
| 9 | Sanenus (Chi) | Scat Daddy | Matriarca | McCarthy | Bejarano | 121 |

Breeders: 1-Lawrence L. Jones II, 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Daniel J. Burke, 4-Doug & Felicia Branham, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Ghost Hollow Farms, LLC, 7-Aschinger Bloodstock Holdings, LLC, 8-Sebastien G Murat, Martin Keogh, Justin Wojczynski & Gemma Freeman, 9-Haras Matriarca



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|------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|----------|------|---------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Unbridled's Song <i>(1993) by Unbridled Crops: 18</i> | 18 | 43 | 11 | 23 | 3 | 9 | 671 | 266 | 5,285,422 | 22,298,660 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Contrail (JPN)</i> | |
| 2 | Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 13</i> | 17 | 41 | 9 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 755 | 302 | 3,162,000 | 19,630,937 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Mucho Gusto</i> | |
| 3 | Distorted Humor <i>(1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 15</i> | 13 | 33 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 522 | 229 | 3,761,022 | 18,439,855 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i> | |
| 4 | Mr. Greeley <i>(1992) by Gone West Crops: 18</i> | 8 | 23 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 472 | 176 | 6,160,000 | 16,126,655 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Authentic</i> | |
| 5 | A.P. Indy <i>(1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 21</i> | 19 | 33 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 509 | 204 | 1,810,000 | 13,888,746 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Improbable</i> | |
| 6 | Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 9</i> | 13 | 27 | 7 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 376 | 146 | 2,940,771 | 13,655,877 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Gran Alegria (JPN)</i> | |
| 7 | Smart Strike <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 18</i> | 10 | 28 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 550 | 228 | 624,943 | 12,877,836 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Ivar (BRZ)</i> | |
| 8 | Elusive Quality <i>(1993) by Gone West Crops: 15</i> | 10 | 28 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 526 | 200 | 1,335,144 | 11,797,403 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Essential Quality</i> | |
| 9 | Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i> | 16 | 31 | 9 | 23 | 2 | 7 | 443 | 182 | 492,360 | 11,542,273 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Con Te Partiro</i> | |
| 10 | Kingmambo <i>(1990) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 20</i> | 11 | 24 | 7 | 16 | 1 | 6 | 352 | 136 | 1,686,793 | 11,380,333 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Addeybb (IRE)</i> | |
| 11 | More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 13</i> | 10 | 27 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 427 | 192 | 853,003 | 11,211,140 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Cafe Pharoah</i> | |
| 12 | Tiznow <i>(1997) by Cee's Tizzy Crops: 13</i> | 10 | 32 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 431 | 170 | 2,388,300 | 11,201,920 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Tiz the Law</i> | |
| 13 | Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 10</i> | 10 | 21 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 407 | 183 | 729,734 | 10,973,496 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Arklow</i> | |
| 14 | Storm Cat <i>(1983) by Storm Bird Crops: 26</i> | 7 | 22 | 3 | 12 | -- | 3 | 415 | 153 | 942,668 | 10,963,757 |
| | | | | | | | | | | <i>Danon Kingly (JPN)</i> | |
| 15 | Indian Charlie <i>(1995) by In Excess (Ire) Crops: 16</i> | 11 | 23 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 392 | 188 | 556,500 | 9,403,181 |
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*Bernardini (16th by earnings) is also the broodmare sire of three G1/GISWs in 2020

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Churchill Downs, \$82,895, Alw, 11-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.14, ft, 1 length.

SEQUIN (f, 3, Bayern--Hot Roots {SP, \$124,060}, by Indian Charlie), thrice a beaten favorite in her first five career outings, broke through to earn her cap and gown Sept. 10 at Kentucky Downs and was just tagged late when runner-up in a Keeneland off-the-turfer Oct. 23. Backed down to even-money in this rare carded five-furlong dirt sprint, the \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream buy established command early and sped clear through a :22.24 quarter. Set upon by co-favorite Palomita (Into Mischief) entering the final furlong, she held sway in the closing strides to best that rival by a length. The winner's dam is a half-sister to MSW/MGISP 'TDN Rising Star' Mother Mother (Pioneerof the Nile). Her yearling Practical Joke colt sold to Lane's End for \$270,000 at Keeneland September and she produced a Candy Ride (Arg) filly Feb. 26 before being bred to Ghostzapper. Sales History: \$210,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$500,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-1, \$197,280. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Michael B. Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier & Derrick Smith; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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9th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw, 11-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.95, fm, head.

DURESS (c, 4, Violence--Mattieandmorgan, by Smart Strike) was a strong second to next-out Maryland Million Turf Sprint H. romper Fiya (Friesan Fire) at Belmont Sept. 20 and filled the same spot underneath the in-form Maxwell Esquire (Discreet Cat) up the Cross Island Expressway Oct. 16. Tucked away neatly inside from about fourth position for the opening half-mile, the even-money chalk popped off the fence and into the four path in upper stretch, edged in front with less than a furlong to travel and got his head down ahead of longshot Bourbon Currency (Speightstown). Duress is out of a daughter of GISW Lady Shirl (That's A Nice), the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf upsetter Perfect Shirl (Perfect Soul {Ire}) and granddam of GSW & 'TDN Rising Star' Shirl's Speight (Speightstown). Lady Shirl's other noteworthy progeny include MGISW Shakespeare

(Theatrical {Ire}); MGSW Lady Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}), whose 'TDN Rising Star' daughter Lady Speightspeare (Speightstown) won this year's GI Natalma S.; and SW Fantastic Shirl (Fantastic Light), herself the dam of three black-type horses. Mattieandmorgan is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Fancy Twirl (Twirling Candy), a yearling filly by Overanalyze and a weanling colt by Accelerate. She was bred to Collected earlier this year. Sales history: \$45,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$210,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$147,060. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Chalk Racing; B-T Thornton & Q Tatro (KY); T-T Albertrani.

5th-Laurel, \$56,868, Alw, 11-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.93, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

KARAN'S NOTION (g, 3, Great Notion--Susan Karan, by Waquoit) upset the Maryland Million Sprint H. at odds of 16-1 Oct. 24, one of four stakes winners on the day for his sire, and was the even-money pop dropping back into allowance company here. Soon in front for Yomar Ortiz, the homebred galloped them along at an enervating clip, was well clear into the stretch and held sway late to score by 1 3/4 lengths. In the Loop (Super Saver) chased the winner around the track and settled for second. Susan Karan was put back in foal to Great Notion this past season. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-4-2-1, \$160,846. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B/T-Nancy B Heil (MD).

6th-Laurel, \$44,646, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 11-19, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.72, ft, 1 length.

WHISKEY AND RYE (f, 2, Maclean's Music--Ava G, by Afternoon Deelites) popped a strong 75 Beyer Speed Figure for a 4 1/4-length graduation at Pimlico Sept. 24, but was exiting a well-beaten third trying winners for the first time in a local six-furlong allowance Oct. 22. The 32-5 gamble went in the air at the break, giving her rivals a head start, then saved ground into the turn. Checked off heels with about three furlongs to race, Whiskey and Rye got through at the fence at the quarter pole, pinched a break and reported home a length to the good of Kewpie Doll (Street Boss). The winner has a yearling half-sister by Midnight Storm and her dam returned to that son of Pioneerof the Nile this past breeding season. Sales history: \$150,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$53,760. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mens Grille Racing; B-Alex Venneri Racing LLC (KY); T-Hamilton A Smith.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

5th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 11-19, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:48, fm, 3/4 length.

WESTERN ADVANTAGE (c, 2, Competitive Edge--Western Ransom {GSW, \$229,290}, by Red Ransom) was the second shortest price of the four firsters in this test at 12-1 and was void of early speed, cabooing the field around the first turn. Patiently handled through the middle furlongs, the dark bay commenced a steady rail rally on the second bend, split rivals while sustaining a long run into the final furlong and was along in the dying strides to best the debuting Perpetual Change (English Channel) by 3/4 of length. Dustgetsinyoureyes (War Dancer), also making his first start, completed the trifecta. The winner traces back to the Dr. John Chandler family of turf stayers Cetewayo (His Majesty) and Bowman Mill (Kris S.), MGISW Dynaforce (Dynaformer), SW Ntombi (Quiet American) and MGSP De Aar (Gone West). Western Ransom was most recently covered by Destin. Sales history: \$20,000 Wlg '18 FTNMIX; \$65,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$87,000 2yo '20 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-The New Hill Farm LLC (NY); T-George Weaver.

4th-Gulfstream West, \$36,000, Msw, 11-19, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.82, ft, 1/2 length.

TOP GUN TOMMY (c, 2, Mineshaft--Hillbilly Kitten, by Kitten's Joy), an even fifth sprinting on debut at Monmouth Park Oct. 14, was a 33-10 shot stretching out to a distance of ground for the first time. Not the best away and brushed from either side at the break, the homebred tracked wide on the course, went up to challenge deep at the midpoint of the turn, took command and was saved by the wire as favored Another Duke (Bodemeister) took a dive at him late. The margin of victory was a half-length. Top Gun Tommy has a yearling half-brother by Flashback and a weanling half-brother by Munnings. Hillbilly Kitten went back to the latter for 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,100. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY); T-Kelly J Breen.

5th-Gulfstream West, \$36,000, (S), Msw, 11-19, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.69, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

JIRAFALLES (c, 2, Social Inclusion--Gran Pashita, by Horse Chestnut {SAF}), sent away at 11-1 to become the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile), was bumped at the break and lagged well behind early before making forward progress on the turn. Able to sustain his momentum wide into the stretch, he was steered back towards the inside and finished full of run to graduate by 4 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam, a half-sister to Pashito the Che (Flatter), produced a Connect colt in 2019, a colt by Bucchero this year and was bred back to Audible. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-OGMA Investments LLC & Off The Hook LLC; B-Off The Hook Partners LLC (FL); T-Gustavo Delgado.

**IN THE UAE:**

Super Chianti, f, 2, Super Saver--Tuscan Chianti, by Roman Ruler. Meydan, 11-19, Maiden, 1200m, 1:15.68. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **VIDEO**

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this holiday weekend running at Tokyo and Hanshin Racecourses. Sunday's action at the latter venue features the G1 Mile Championship, which has drawn this year's G1 Yasuda Kinen (1600mT) and G1 Sprinters' S. (1200mT) heroine Gran Alegria (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a daughter of dual US Grade I winner Tapitsfly (Tapit):

Saturday, November 21, 2020**5th-TOK, ¥13,400,000 (\$129k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1600mT**

ALIENOR (JPN) (f, 2, Nyquist--Land Over Sea, by Bellamy Road) is the first foal from her dam, third in the 2015 GI Del Mar Debutante and victorious in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks ahead of a runner-up effort to Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss) in the GI Kentucky Oaks in 2016. A half-sister to MGSW & GISP War Story (Northern Afleet), Land Over Sea was acquired by Shadai Farm for \$1.3 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2017. Land Over Sea is also the dam of a yearling Deep Impact (Jpn) filly and a weanling filly by Daiwa Major (Jpn). Alienor is the first Japanese runner for her leading US freshman sire. *B-Shadai Farm*



Alienor, the first foal from GSW/MGISP Land Over Sea (pictured), debuts Saturday at Tokyo | Fasig-Tipton photo

9th-HSN, ¥19,110,000 (\$184k), Allowance, 2yo, 1800m

RUSSIAN SAMOVAR (f, 2, American Pharoah--Megalicious, by Songandaprayer) validated debut odds of 7-10 over this distance at Kyoto Oct. 24, overcoming a three-wide, no-cover trip to prevail by a neck (video, gate 8). A half-sister to MSP My Sweet Stella (Eskendereya) and out of a winning half-sister to MSW & GSP Abbondanza (Alphabet Soup), Russian Samovar was a \$70K Keeneland November weanling, \$165K KEESEP yearling and matured into a \$650K OBS March breezer. Fellow US-bred Vanishing Point (Tapit), a full-brother to champion Unique Bella and a debut winner on grass earlier this year, tries dirt for the first time in this heat. *B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY)*

Sunday, November 22, 2020**6th-HSN, ¥13,400,000 (\$129k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m**

NEFERTARI (JPN) (f, 2, American Pharoah--What a Spot, by Arch) was acquired for \$225K in utero at KEENOV in 2017 and is out of a winning half-sister to MGISW Coil (Point Given), the late GISW Chiroprator (Kitten's Joy), MGSP Decorating (Galileo {Ire}) and MSP Ellyb (Pioneerof the Nile). Nefertari, whose third dam Avasand (Avatar) was responsible for champion Possibly Perfect (Northern Baby), has a yearling half-brother by Sinister Minister named Geraldo Barows (Jpn) and a weanling half-sister by Heart's Cry (Jpn). *B-Hattori Bokujo*

Monday, November 23, 2020**6th-TOK, ¥13,400,000 (\$129k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400mT**

PERSEUS TESORO (c, 2, Speightstown--January Jones {Brz}, by Shirocco {Ger}) races as a homebred for this breeder, who has campaigned three of Speightstown's 31 Japanese winners, including MSW & G1SP Rieno Tesoro. The colt's Brazilian Group 1-winning dam produced a Kentucky-bred full-sister to Perseus Tesoro in 2019 and was covered once again by the WinStar sire prior to being exported to Japan. January Jones foaled another Speightstown filly this season. *B-Mr & Mrs Kenji Ryotokuji (KY)*

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FTFMAR graduate Sequin (Bayern) wins for the first time on dirt Thursday at Churchill.

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20***2020 Stud Fees Listed***Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

67 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, TANGO KILO, 12-1
 \$115,000 KEE SEP yrl

Ironicus (Distorted Humor), Claiborne Farm, \$5,000

33 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Penn National, Msw 6f, HANFORD, 15-1

Juba (Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$1,500

24 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, JUBA'S HOUSE, 6-1
 2-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, TEST ME I DARE U, 5-1

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, \$4,000

73 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, LA RUFINA, 12-1

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500

111 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Woodbine, Msw 1 1/16m, BELENTIME, 20-1
 CAN\$30,000 RNA CAN NOV wnl; \$29,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Reload (Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables, \$3,000

50 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Woodbine, \$100K Frost King S., 6 1/2f, ALL CANADIAN, 3-1
 CAN\$35,000 CAN SEP yrl
 8-Woodbine, \$100K Frost King S., 6 1/2f, CANDY OVERLOAD, 8-1
 8-Woodbine, \$100K Frost King S., 6 1/2f, RED RIVER REBEL, 20-1

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000

94 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, RUN FAST, 3-1

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

122 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream West, Msw 5fT, CLASSIC SECRET, 6-1
 \$45,000 FTK OCT yrl
 2-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, DOOR BUSTER, 4-1
 \$25,000 EAS OCT yrl

Texas Bling (Too Much Bling), HFT Racing, \$2,500

11 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, TEXAS PRADO, 5-2

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

101 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Woodbine, Msw 1 1/16m, UPSTART GENTLEMAN, 8-1
 \$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$170,000 OBS
 MAR 2yo

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$7,500

73 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, ATHENA DANCER, 4-1
 \$21,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, LOVE'S MISERY, 12-1
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, TRADEWAR, 12-1
 \$17,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, NOV. 20*2020 Stud Fees Listed***Admiral Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), Moutonshoek Stud

22 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Penn National, Msw 6f, UHAVETOBEKITTENME, 12-1

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Lane's End Farm, private

159 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Del Mar, Msw 5fT, MY MAN BAGS, 5-2
 \$15,000 FTC AYR yrl

Frac Daddy (Scat Daddy), Park Stud, \$5,000

56 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Woodbine, \$100K Frost King S., 6 1/2f, BLIND TRUST, 10-1
 \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$10,000

130 foals of racing age/57 winners/6 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream West, Msw 5fT, BRIGHT AND SHINY, 30-1
 \$13,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Majestic City (City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$3,500

63 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, DUTCHESS OF N Y, 20-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

TO MUCH COFFEE S., \$100,000, Indiana Grand, 11-18, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.59, ft.

1--**STRONG TIDE, 121, c, 3, English Channel--Dreamin Big (MSW, \$602,350), by Pure Prize.** O-Penny S Lauer; B-Michael E & Penny S Lauer (IN); T-Michael E.Lauer; J-Marcelino Pedroza. \$56,400. Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-0, \$247,558. *1/2 to Flurry (Old Fashioned), MSW, \$231,099.

2--**Uphold, 124, g, 5, Lentenor--On the Point, by Point Given.** O-Clabar Mor Stables LLC & Haran Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Colette Marie VanMatre (IN); T-John Haran. \$18,800.

3--**Max Express, 118, g, 4, Unbridled Express--Mor Trust, by Trust N Luck.** O-Penny S Lauer, Timothy J Clary & Falcon Racing Stable; B-Michael E & Penny S Lauer (IN); T-M Lauer. \$10,340. Margins: 2, 2 1/4, HF. Odds: 7.30, 9.80, 41.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 11-19, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.81, ft, 3/4 length.

LIL COMMISSIONER (g, 5, Field Commission--Petite Riviere, by Sligo Bay {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 27-8-1-4, \$247,266. O-Sanford J Goldfarb & Alan Kahn; B-Edward & Krista Seltzer (FL); T-Rob Atras.

8th-Laurel, \$50,985, Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 11-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.93, ft, 1 length.

NOMO RON (g, 5, Paynter--Kayla's Marquee, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 27-7-7-2, \$195,177. O-James C. Wolf; B-Zayat Stables, LLC (KY); T-Anthony Farrior.

6th-Gulfstream West, \$38,000, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 11-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.18, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

HERA (m, 5, Kantharos--Wild Meggie Meg, by Wild Zone) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-0, \$129,195. O-Daniel Feit; B-Sherry R Mansfield & Kenneth H Davis (FL); T-Carlos A David.

6th-Indiana Grand, \$33,800, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 11-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.98, ft, 1 length.

WEST BANK BABY (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Rever de Vous {SP}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$83,845. O-Joel Politi; B-Fred W Hertrich III & John D Fielding (KY); T-Thomas M Amoss. *\$105,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$175,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$80,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT.



6th-Penn National, \$29,120, 11-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.47, ft, head.

CHOCOLATE SPEIGHTS (f, 4, Speightstown--More Chocolate {GSW & MGISP, \$373,892}, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-2, \$50,661. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY); T-Todd M Beattie. *\$475,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Storming Lion, c, 2, Kantharos--Mostbeautifulstorm, by Storm Boot. Churchill Downs, 11-19, (C), 7f, 1:23.90. B-Dr J David Richardson (KY). *\$42,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP.



Full Dinner Jacket, g, 2, Tapizar--Girlfrienontheside (SW & GSP, \$128,490), by Indian Charlie. Laurel, 11-19, (WC), 1 1/16m, 1:46.30. B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD).



Cara's Dreamer, f, 2, The Factor--Dreaming of Cara (MSP, \$265,150), by North Light (Ire). Aqueduct, 11-19, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.61. B-Richard Greeley (NY).



Orencia, f, 3, Blame--Curry Cat, by Tale of the Cat. Churchill Downs, 11-19, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:16.63. B-Mike & Pat Freeny (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to My Savannah Belle (Afleet Alex), SP, \$153,060. ***Won by six lengths.

Souper Watson, g, 3, Ghostzapper--Unbridled Humor (GSW, \$278,620), by Distorted Humor. Gulfstream West, 11-19, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.09. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). *1/2 to Wild Medagliad'oro (Medaglia d'Oro), SP, \$160,963.

Zen Pi, g, 3, Great Notion--Polish Choice, by Polish Numbers. Laurel, 11-19, (WC), 6f, 1:11.95. B-William Meister & Julie Arbogast (MD).



Ocelia, f, 3, Misremembered--Tavara, by Officer. Indiana Grand, 11-19, (S), 1m 70y, 1:47.64. B-Darrell Rex Shorter Farms (IN).

Divided Sky (Ire), f, 3, Society Rock (Ire)--Naqrah (Ire), by Haatef. Aqueduct, 11-19, (C), 6fT, 1:11.73. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). *€48,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP. **1/2 to Lady Prancealot (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}), GISW-US, \$740,841.



Paynterbynumbers, f, 4, Paynter--Ruth and Neva (MSP), by Cherokee Run. Laurel, 11-19, 1 1/16m, 1:44.28. B-Susan King & WinStar Farm LLC (KY). *\$95,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$200,000 2yo '18 BARAPR.





ALL TDN WINNERS
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- BAYERN**, Sequin, f, 3, o/o Hot Roots, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 11-19, Churchill Downs
- BLAME**, Orenca, f, 3, o/o Curry Cat, by Tale of the Cat. MCL, 11-19, Churchill Downs
- CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, West Bank Baby, f, 3, o/o Rever de Vous, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 11-19, Indiana Grand
- COMPETITIVE EDGE**, Western Advantage, c, 2, o/o Western Ransom, by Red Ransom. MSW, 11-19, Aqueduct
- ENGLISH CHANNEL**, Strong Tide, c, 3, o/o Dreamin Big, by Pure Prize. To Much Coffee S., 11-18, Indiana Grand
- FIELD COMMISSION**, Lil Commissioner, g, 5, o/o Petite Riviere, by Sligo Bay (Ire). AOC, 11-19, Aqueduct
- GHOSTZAPPER**, Souper Watson, g, 3, o/o Unbridled Humor, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 11-19, Gulfstream West
- GREAT NOTION**, Karan's Notion, g, 3, o/o Susan Karan, by Waquoit. ALW, 11-19, Laurel
- GREAT NOTION**, Zen Pi, g, 3, o/o Polish Choice, by Polish Numbers. WMC, 11-19, Laurel
- KANTHAROS**, Hera, m, 5, o/o Wild Meggie Meg, by Wild Zone. AOC, 11-19, Gulfstream West
- KANTHAROS**, Storming Lion, c, 2, o/o Mostbeautifulstorm, by Storm Boot. MCL, 11-19, Churchill Downs
- MACLEAN'S MUSIC**, Whiskey and Rye, f, 2, o/o Ava G, by Afternoon Deelites. AOC, 11-19, Laurel



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- MISREMEMBERED**, Ocelia, f, 3, o/o Tavara, by Officer. MSW, 11-19, Indiana Grand
- PAYNTER**, Nomo Ron, g, 5, o/o Kayla's Marquee, by Lion Heart. AOC, 11-19, Laurel
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SEEKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY

The nominating committee of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act is seeking input on members of the board of directors of the HISA Authority as well as members of its two standing committees: Anti-Doping and Medication Control, and Racetrack Safety.

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CROSSFIREHURRICANE TO TRAIN ON IN AMERICA



Crossfirehurricane winning the Gallinule | racingfotos.com

By Kelsey Riley

Scott Heider's G3 Gallinule S. winner **Crossfirehurricane** (Kitten's Joy) will travel to America this weekend, where he will be trained as a 4-year-old in 2021 by Mike McCarthy in California.

Bred by Heider in partnership with Craig Bernick's Glen Hill Farm, Crossfirehurricane was shipped to Ireland to join trainer Joseph O'Brien. He broke his maiden in his lone start at two and won a conditions race and the Listed Patton S. in February going seven furlongs and a mile both at Dundalk before stepping up to 2000 metres to win the Gallinule by 1 1/4 lengths.

Crossfirehurricane was a non-factor 10th in a rain-blighted G1 Irish Derby on June 27, and after a wet European summer threw off some of this other intended targets, he beat one horse home in the G3 Diamond S. at Dundalk on Sept. 25, a race from which he emerged with a cough after receiving plenty of kickback at the back of the pack. Heider said Crossfirehurricane will spend 30 days letting down at Margaux Farm in Kentucky before joining McCarthy. "He's doing great," Heider said of the chestnut colt. "I wouldn't say we had it in mind to bring him back here at age four, but he didn't really getting the opportunities to run the second half of the season and he's good and he's fresh, so it just made a lot of sense to bring him back and Joseph fully endorsed the idea of bringing him here." **Cont. p2**

BRITISH RACING TO RECEIVE £40M IN AID

British Racing will receive up to £40-million in government loans as part of a £300-million Sport Winter Survival Package for sports hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eleven sports have been designated for the aid, with racing-- which has taken place without spectators since its resumption after the nation's first lockdown in June 1--second only in terms of the amount it will receive to rugby union, which gets £135-million.

Nick Rust, chief executive of the BHA, said, "The support for racing recognises the sport's position as the second biggest spectator sport in the UK and the financial peril faced by the tens of thousands who depend upon racing for their livelihoods. We are grateful to [the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport] and its ministers and officials who have come together with their colleagues at the Treasury to secure this assistance for horseracing. We also thank the many MPs who have supported the need to help the racing businesses in their constituencies. Once again, this demonstrates that when racing speaks to government with one voice, we are so much more effective." **Cont. p4**



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'BLACK EYE' OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION

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Crossfirehurricane To Train On In America cont. from p1

Heider has been slowly but surely building up blueblooded racing stables in America and Europe in recent years, his flagbearers in the U.S. including Grade I-winning fillies Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) and Speech (Mr. Speaker) and this year's GII Adirondack S. winner Thoughtfully (Tapit), in addition to Crossfirehurricane and the G2 Park Hill S. winner Pista (American Pharoah) in Ireland.

Of Crossfirehurricane, Heider said, "He's our first homebred group winner in Europe, in Ireland specifically, so he's very special to us. We ran him in the Irish Derby after he'd won a few races in a row, including a group stake. There was a monsoon that hit The Curragh minutes before the Irish Derby and it was tough from some of the camera angles to even see the horses.



Scott Heider | *Patty Wolfe*

He did not like it at all on that yielding turf course and came out of it pretty body sore. Joseph took very good care of him, we let him get over being body sore and we knew those weren't the conditions we wanted to run him in again.

"The second half of the season over there there's been a lot of moisture, and every time we were pointing at something the turf had a lot of give to it. We finally found a race late this summer in France [the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano] and actually flew him to France and had him there. France was getting soaked and the track was listed as heavy. The morning of the race Joseph said he would prefer to not run. We let Joseph make the calls so we scratched and flew him home."

Heider said that despite the weather throwing his colt plenty of curveballs this summer, he has still

enjoyed the ride immensely.

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Following his 8-length maiden success at the Curragh on Irish Guineas weekend, **ARIZONA** won Royal Ascot's premier juvenile race defeating **Threat**, **Guildsman**, **Golden Horde**, **Royal Lytham** etc. He was also a close second to **Pinatubo** in the **Dewhurst**.

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“If you’d asked me in the second half of the racing season over in Europe with the soft ground, ‘was it frustrating to not be able to run him?’ Honestly, very little,” he said. “When he started his campaign, when he broke his maiden at two and then came back and won the stake and then won the Group 3 at The Curragh; I’m still enjoying those moments. I’m hopeful we can keep him happy and healthy because I really do think he can be a top turf horse [in the U.S.] and that’s a big reason we brought him back. He’s just getting good and the vast majority of the Kitten’s Joys excel the older they get. They’re hickory tough and this guy is a competitor.”

Joseph O’Brien may be losing one Kitten’s Joy from his lineup, but Heider preemptively softened the blow with Rosso Corsa, a yearling filly purchased for \$800,000 at Keeneland September this year also by the champion sire of Roaring Lion, Kameko and Hawkbill.

“We’re packing our Kitten’s Joy pipeline,” Heider said. “We have a 2-year-old filly with Joseph, and we just bought another Kitten’s Joy yearling filly in September and she’s already over there with Joseph. We’re going to continue the Kitten’s Joy pipeline to Joseph; it’s not going to slow down. We all know now these Kitten’s Joys can compete anywhere in the world, and it’s been fantastic these last few seasons to watch them perform at the highest level in Europe, but we’ve known for 10 years plus here in the States that they perform at the highest level over here.”

O’Brien also has Heider’s Pista to look forward to in 2021. The 3-year-old filly, who won three straight races this summer including the Park Hill S. before finishing second in the G1 Prix de Royallieu, is currently enjoying some down time ahead of a 4-year-old campaign.

“Pista came out of the Group 1 on Arc weekend in great shape,” Heider said. “The Park Hill was the goal, and coming out of that the Group 1 on Arc weekend was the ultimate goal, and she ran a nice race to be second. But the plan all along after that was to pull the shoes and let her cool her jets and just baby her for a while. She’s with Joseph and she’s just been getting babied and getting an awful lot of carrots.

“She will go back into training at the end of December and Joseph has a plan for her as a 4-year-old that, frankly, I’m on the fence about whether I lay in bed at night and dream about it or just get nervous. He’s got some lofty ambitions.”

With the filly having progressed with each run thus far, there is every reason to keep dreaming with Pista.

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“She’s far from a finished product,” Heider said. “She’ll still pop those ears up and look around a little bit, and she wins with something in reserve. I’m so excited about the races Joseph has picked out for her and I’m hopeful we’ll be able to travel a bit next summer to go over and see her. She’s the definition of why we’re in the game and why we do what we do. She’s at that level that you’re so incredibly thankful to be part of. Based on the family she comes from, when her racing days are over she’ll go right into the broodmare band and we’ll be very good stewards of her and the family.”

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EUROPEAN NEWS

British Racing To Receive £40M in Aid cont. from p1

Rust continued, "I would also like to thank the members of the BHA team who put our submission together and presented it to government and officials. They work tirelessly to protect the interests of racing. Whilst advancing the case for financial support, they have also helped to ensure the sport continues behind closed doors, with owners present, and supported the efforts to get spectators back. I am very proud of all they are achieving."

Sports minister Nigel Huddleston said: “Over the past few weeks we have worked tirelessly with sport governing bodies and clubs across the country to fully assess what support is needed, as a result of the decision to postpone the return of fans. We know the vast majority of sports--many of which operate on tight financial margins--have been making serious cost reductions, such as locking down grounds, taking up the furlough scheme for many staff and halting excess payments.

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Huddleston continued, “Whilst the Government’s overall economic package has provided a significant buffer, it is absolutely right that we now intervene to protect entire sports, and the communities they support, as we navigate this pandemic.”

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden added, “Sports clubs are the beating hearts of their communities and this £300m boost will help them survive this difficult winter period. We promised to stand by sports when we had to postpone fans returning. We are doing just that by delivering another £300m on top of existing business support schemes.

“Britain is a sports powerhouse and this Government will do everything we can to help our precious sports and clubs make it through COVID.”

The final amounts each sports sector receives may still differ, with final decisions set to be made by an independent decision-making board and supported by Sport England.

Sport England chief executive Tim Hollingsworth said, “These are unprecedented times for our sector and those sports and leagues that rely so heavily on spectators for their income that have been especially impacted by the pandemic. The role they play in their local communities is vital and this package of support from Government will be hugely welcomed.

“Alongside our wider support for grassroots and community sport, Sport England is working very closely with Government colleagues on the design of this fund and we look forward to playing a key role in its successful and swift delivery.”

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July S. winner Royal Lytham will be offered at the December Sale | Tattersalls

ROYAL LYTHAM ADDED TO TATTERSALLS

Last year’s G2 July S. winner and G1 Phoenix S. third **Royal Lytham (Ire)** (Gleneagles {Ire}) has been added as a wildcard to the Tattersalls December Mares Sale and will be offered as a horse out of training as **lot 1508A**. The 3-year-old son of the French stakes-winning Gotlandia (Fr) (Anabaa) was unplaced in three runs this year for Aidan O’Brien. Three other wildcards added to the sale on Thursday include the winning 4-year-old filly **Ela Katrina (GB)** (Kendargent {Fr}) (**lot 1752A**), a daughter of the G3 Lancashire Oaks winner and multiple Group 1-placed **Ela Athena (GB)** (Ezzoud {Ire}) and a half sister to the top stayer Pallasator (GB) (Motivator {GB}). Jamie Railton offers two wildcards: the winning **Facilitate (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}) (**lot 1613A**), from the family of G1 King’s Stand S. winner Prohibit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and in foal to Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and **Littledidyouknow (Ire)** (Due Diligence) (**lot 1858A**), a winning half-sister to GII Yellow Ribbon H. winner Bodhicitta (GB) (Showcasing {GB}).

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MAGICAL TO THE HONG KONG CUP

Multiple Group 1 winner **Magical ((Ire))** (Galileo {Ire})--Halfway to Heaven {Ire}), by Pivotal {GB}), runner-up behind Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal) in the Nov. 7 GI Breeders’ Cup Mile at Keeneland, has remained in training and is expected to make her next start in the G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin on Dec. 13.

Earlier this season, the 5-year-old mare won the G1 Irish Champion S., G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and the G1 Pretty Polly S.

“She ran very well in America, we were very happy with her at the Breeders’ Cup,” said trainer Aidan O’Brien. “At the moment the plan is to take her to Hong Kong. She’s still in full work at the moment and that’s what we are looking at the minute.”

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Magical prior to the Breeders’ Cup | Coady

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS AT ARQANA



No News | Arqana

Arqana concluded its trade this week with a single session of National Hunt breeding stock, which had been moved from the December Sale to allow for shorter sessions while Covid-related restrictions remain in place.

The 10-year-old mare **No News (Fr)** (Gentlewave {Ger}), sold as part of the dispersal of stock from Haras de la Croix Sonnet, was the leading light of the sale, selling for €125,000 to Haras des Sablonnets. From the celebrated dual-purpose family which includes the highly sought-after jumps stallion No Risk At All (Fr), the mare (lot 918) was sold in foal to Goliath Du Berlais (Fr), a son of Saints Des Saints (Fr) who joined his father on the roster of Haras d'Etream's National Hunt wing Haras de la Tuilerie this year.

This year's foal out of No News, from the first crop of Cloth Of Stars (Ire), was one of the bestsellers among the weanlings at the sale. She fetched €60,000 as lot 923 and the only foal to sell for more than this was also from the first crop of the Haras du Logis stallion. Sold as lot 910, the Cloth Of Stars half-brother to recent Grade I-winning hurdler Theleme (Fr) (Sidestep {Aus}) fetched €75,000 and was knocked down to Saubouas Bloodstock. They were the only two lots by G1 Prix Ganay winner Cloth Of Stars in the sale; another six will be offered at Arqana's December Sale.

Also popular among the mares was the classy **Baie Des Iles (Fr)** (Barastraight {Ire}), a seven-time winner in France and Ireland who was sold for €97,000 to Sebastian Desmontils of Chauvigny Global Equine from Haras du Hoguenet. The 9-year-old grey mare (lot 902) is in foal for the first time to leading French dual-purpose stallion Doctor Dino (Fr).

Princesse Kap (Fr) (Kapparde {Fr}) also commanded a sales tag of €97,000 when sold to Tim Richardson's Equine Advisory Agency from Haras de l'Etoile du Berger. Like Baie Des Iles, Princesse Kap won the G2 Prix des Drags during her racing days along with another two Grade 3 contests among her nine victories. She was sold in foal to Haras de Montaigu resident No Risk At All, the sire of 2020 Champion Hurdle winner Epatante (Fr).

The sale concluded five days of trade at Arqana since Saturday, all of which have been conducted outdoors while France remains in lockdown. Of the 144 horses offered on Thursday, 104 sold (72%) for an aggregate of €2,310,000. The average price was €22,212.

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OVERBURY STUD TRIMS FEES FOR 2021

Overbury Stud has announced reduced stud fees for three of its five stallions for 2021.

Ardad (Ire), who will have his first runners next season, will stand at £4,000 having stood his first three seasons at £6,500. **Cityscape (GB)** will also stand at £4,000, while Irish Derby winner **Jack Hobbs**, another with first 2-year-olds in 2021, has also had his fee reduced by £1,000 and will stand at £3,000.

The fee for **Schiaparelli (Ger)** will return to £2,000 after he stood last year at £1,500, while **Frontiersman (GB)**, whose first foals were born this year, will remain at £1,000. A regally-bred son of Dubawi (Ire) and Ouija Board (GB), Frontiersman covered more than 60 mares in his first season and just over 100 this year.

Commenting on the fee adjustments, Overbury Stud's Simon Sweeting said, "Our stallions have actually enjoyed many successes in 2021, and we certainly wouldn't be reducing their fees if it weren't for the pandemic."



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| • Clearance Rate | 72.2% |
| • High Price | €125,000 |
| • Gross | €2,310,000 |
| • Average (% change) | €22,212 |
| • Median (% change) | €16,000 |



Frankie Dettori with Ardad | Sarah Farnsworth

Sweetings continued, "But just about every business is having to be cautious about the future, and we hope breeders will find our fees as good value as ever."

He continued, "Take Cityscape, for instance: his best horse so far is rated 124 by Timeform--there are plenty of stallions at far higher fees who can't boast that. And we can hardly wait to see the first Ardads get to the racecourse next spring. His yearlings went down very well with proper judges, and it's exciting to see so many trainers who are famed for their Royal Ascot 2-year-olds stocking up on them."

Sweeting, who retired Overbury Stud's 11-time leading British National Hunt sire Kayf Tara (GB) earlier this year, added, "Jack Hobbs is, we hope, his ready-made replacement. He's been patronised by top breeders and his stock certainly look the part. As for Schiaparelli, well, his offspring are doing so well and they share the same head-down attitude to racing that he had, and it's particularly fortunate they seem to excel at Cheltenham. His Stayers' Hurdle runner-up, Ronald Pump, and Indefatigable, who won the Martin Pipe off top-weight, are two of his flag-bearers, and are horses any jumps breeder would be thrilled to have produced."

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INS LAUNCHES 2021 MARE SYNDICATE

The Irish National Stud has launched its latest Mare Syndicate, allowing investors to breed, own and sell premium bloodstock through the purchase of four mares at capped costs. INS Mare Syndicate shareholders have sold foals and yearlings for €330,000 and €120,000 within the last 12 months, and have foals by the likes of Night Of Thunder (Ire), Exceed and Excel (Aus), Expert Eye (GB), Zoustar (Aus) and Starspangledbanner (Aus) headed to the sales in the coming weeks.

The Irish National Stud's Patrick Diamond said, "we have received a great reaction to our Mare Syndicate venture since our 2018 launch and are looking to build on our early success. Given the current climate we feel reducing the risk of bloodstock ownership through a portfolio of four mares has never made more sense. We look forward to purchasing some exciting young mares and finding some value over the coming weeks."

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ISFAHAN TO STAND AT €4,500

Dr Stefan Oschmann, owner of **Isfahan (Ger)**, Germany's champion first-season sire of 2020, has announced that the son of Lord Of England (Ger) will stand for €4,500 next year.

The winner of the G1 Deutsches Derby in 2016 for Oschmann's Darius Racing when trained by Andreas Wohler, Isfahan stands at Gestut Ohlerweiherhof. From his 10 first-crop runners he was represented by five winners, including Isfahani (Ger), who landed the G3 Premio Guido Berardelli in Rome on her debut for Henk Grewe.

Dr Oschmann remarked, "It was a very good first season for Isfahan. In addition to being champion first-season sire, he was also leading sire of 2-year-olds by domestic and international winnings of all stallions in Germany."

He added, "Isfahan was a Derby winner and the focus of his offspring is actually on the Classic campaign for 3-year-olds, so it is very encouraging that he got off to a good start with his 2-year-olds. His sire Lord of England is a stalwart among German stallions and his grandsire Dashing Blade was a multiple champion sire in Germany. Now Isfahan has also won a championship."

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TfRI SITE LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE RACING

Together for Racing International (TfRI)--a global alliance to promote and progress education, community engagement, and career opportunities in the Thoroughbred industry--has launched.

TfRI is a product of a 2019 education forum--hosted by Godolphin in Newmarket--uniting Thoroughbred breeding, racing, and education professionals from six countries who addressed challenges to inclusion, attracting newcomers, supporting education, and workforce enrichment.

"There is such a vast array of positive initiatives happening in the horse racing industry around the world," said Annis Montplaisir, TfRI Project Manager. "But awareness is key, and unless we publicize the amazing impact so many programs are having, they risk going unnoticed. A resource like TfRI has the ability to connect industry newcomers with learning experiences; inspire educators to try new curriculums; and encourage communities to look at how their local racetracks and breeding farms are giving back."

Chaired by Chris Grant, TfRI is designed to provide resources and inspirational content to inform students, educators, parents, and industry members about available opportunities for learning and involvement. It also serves as a networking medium for countries to collaborate and support the progression of emerging programs.

TfRI global steering committee members represent the following educational and workforce organizations: AFASEC (Fr); France-Galop (Fr); Godolphin (Globally); Horse Racing Ireland (Ire); Irish National Stud (Ire); Kentucky Equine Talent Pipeline Project (U.S.); North American Racing Academy (U.S.); Racing Together (GB); The Racing Foundation (GB); and Thoroughbred Industry Careers (Aus).

"As our industry, our communities and our economy recover from the challenges of 2020, it's fantastic to be able to draw on the whole world of inspiration and learning that can be accessed through TfRI," said Cathal Beale, CEO of the Irish National Stud. "We're proud to be part of this ground-breaking collaborative effort. We look forward to even more great programmes and initiatives being shared, and to more countries coming on board."

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NEW RACING2LEARN MODULE UNVEILED ON SAFER GAMBLING

Racing to School, in conjunction with the British Horseracing Authority, has unveiled a new Racing2Learn **module** which focuses on promoting safe and responsible gambling. The resource also addresses young people's relationship with gambling and its links with gaming.

The free on-line course, which takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, aims to equip learners with knowledge and understanding of the BHA's rules on gambling for licensed individuals, in addition to an overview of problem gambling and its associated harms. Participants are also provided with a list of resources available to those affected in this way, and a range of organisations that offer support.

According to John Blake, Chief Executive of Racing to School, "The idea was for the course to act as a reminder around the guidelines that serve the integrity of the sport, but to go beyond that by provoking some thinking around gambling's impact in wider society..We were never going to skirt around the potential harms while pointing to the strong support and advice network that is close to hand. This module is a vital first step of our work in this area, and we plan to expand our education programmes to feature the intrinsic and positive relationship between gambling and racing."

Launched by the BHA earlier this year, Racing2Learn is a free, online e-learning platform for anyone involved with the racing and Thoroughbred breeding industries.

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FROM THE EXPERTS

by Gary King

On the back of the eagerly anticipated stallion fee announcements in Europe, Gary King chatted with a number of leading industry figures to talk about value. First up is Dermot Cantillon of Tinnakill House.

GK: Who have you identified as a first year stallion at an appealing opening fee?

DC: It has to be **Far Above (Ire)** (Farhh {GB}) at €6,000. He has many qualities that are synonymous with a stallion destined for greatness. Undefeated over five and six furlongs out of a top broodmare stallion in Shamardal from the Pivotal (GB) sire line. He has a physique that is the envy of all his peers, and presently, I'm hoping that my son Jack will give me a breeding right for Christmas.

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GK: I'm sure Jack will oblige. What about a proven stallion? Who would you consider well priced?

DC: **Dandy Man (Ire)** (Mozart {Ire}). This is a stallion that had an exceptional 2020 with his 2-year-old fillies. His colts have always been in demand at the yearling sales, trainers know he can get a good one and they're in high demand especially for Hong Kong. His 2021 fee is €15,000, which even in these Covid times, represents good value for breeders.

GK: Who would you consider to be an under the radar stallion?

DC: **Raven's Pass** (Elusive Quality) gets 9% stakes horses to runners. A better statistic than more fashionable horses that stand for 10 times his advertised fee. I have a theory that many older stallions develop enemies over time, as all the trainers have disappointing ones, and Raven's Pass suffers from this. No doubt he can get you a good horse and especially for owner breeders he represents outstanding value at €7,500.

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43 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
17:15-NEWCASTLE, 8f, HEAR ME ROAR (Ire)
26,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
17:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, TINY DANSER (GB)

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
17:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, PRINCE OF SOL (Ire)
£3,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019;
€1,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019; 4,762gns Tattersalls
Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2020

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
17:15-NEWCASTLE, 8f, POCKLEY (GB)
£82,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; £35,000
Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze Up Sale (Doncaster)

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm
122 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners
17:15-NEWCASTLE, 8f, SMART QIBILI
\$57,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale
2018; \$45,000 RNA Keeneland Association September Yearling
Sale 2019; 30,000gns RNA Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale
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FRANCE

Ajaya (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Ire
31 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LE MANS, 1400m, FOREVER CLEMENTINE (Fr)
€9,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/11 winners/4 black-type winners
1-LE MANS, 1400m, GOT LUCK (Fr)

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
69 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LE MANS, 1400m, PRETTY PLAYER (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms
99 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-PAU, 2000m, CHESHIRE ACADEMY (Fr)
€77,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Ito (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), Gestut Erftmuhle
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-PAU, 2000m, JET ITO (Fr)

Morandi (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras du Mont
Goubert
60 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LE MANS, 1400m, MILTON (Fr)

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

122 foals of racing age/10 winners/5 black-type winners

5-PAU, 2000m, EL GAMIN (Ire)

€7,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;

€1,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019; €3,000

Arqana Summer Mixed Sale 2020

Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Haras d'Etreham

44 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

7-PAU, 2000m, MOUNTAINS BLUES (Fr)

€40,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot

118 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners

1-MAR.BORELY, 1800m, SHAA NOIR (FR)

€60,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018;

€9,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019; €15,000 RNA

Osarus 2yo Breeze-Up Sale, La Teste 2020

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

127 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

1-LE MANS, 1400m, BOUVINES (Ire)

£3,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND**The Last Lion (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), Kildangan Stud

43 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DUNDALK, 8f, LUSAKA (Ire)

52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

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

77 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners

1-DUNDALK, 8f, SOCIAL DISTANCE (Ire)

€1,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2020

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

127 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DUNDALK, 8f, CATENA ZAPATA (Ire)

€7,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €27,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Shamardal's son Dariyan has nine winners | *The Aga Khan Studs*

BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:**3rd-Newcastle, £7,900, Mdn, 11-19, 2yo, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:10.92, st/sl.**

TEONA (IRE) (f, 2, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Ambivalent {Ire} {G1SW-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-UAE, GSP-Tur, \$1,014,955}, by Authorized {Ire}), who posted a one-length second tackling one mile here in her Oct. 30 debut last time, was under restraint in rear from the outset of this second go. Bounding forward in the straight, the 1-3 lock cruised to the front on the bridle with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and powered clear under mild rousing in the closing stages to prevail by an impressive nine lengths from Kondo Isami (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}). She is the third of five foals and second scorer produced by G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Ambivalent (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) and the March-foaled bay is a half-sister to last term's G2 Prix Hocquart winner Al Hilalee (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a yearling colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and a weanling filly by Dubawi (Ire). Descendants of her stakes-placed second dam Darrery (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) include G1 Prix de l'Abbaye victor Total Gallery (Ire) (Namid {GB}). Sales history: 280,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,100.

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O-Ali Saeed; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

5th-Newcastle, £4,300, Nov, 11-19, 2yo, f, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.44, st/sl.

MAJESTIC TEJAAN (IRE) (f, 2, Zoffany {Ire}--Maybe So {GB}, by So You Think {NZ}), who was scratched after kicking her own rider before an intended debut at Chelmsford City last week, found cover off the pace in eighth after breaking from the far-side stall here. Nudged along at the quarter-mile marker, the 4-1 chance quickened smartly to challenge entering the final furlong and ran on powerfully under whipless cajoling to assert by 3 1/4 lengths from Dabistar (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}). Half-sister to a weanling colt by Kessaar (Ire), she is the first foal produced by the unraced Maybe So (GB) (So You Think {NZ}), herself out of an unraced half-sister to G1 Melbourne Cup hero Rekindling (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), G1 Irish Derby runner-up Golden Sword (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud second Sydney Opera House (GB) (Australia {GB}). Sales history: €6,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP; 15,000gns 2yo '20 TATGBR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,691. **Video, sponsored by**

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1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah; B-John Connaughton (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

Results Cont.

6th-Newcastle, £6,300, Nov, 11-19, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:26.59, st/sl.

LEGION OF HONOUR (GB) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Miss Vendome {Ire}, by Medicean {GB}), who ran second over this distance in his June 24 debut at Haydock last time, stalked the pace in third after the initial exchanges here. Easing into an open lane underneath the stands' side fence soon after passing the three-furlong marker, the 4-6 favourite was coaxed to the front approaching the eighth pole and lengthened clear under minimal urging to easily dismiss Captain Cooper (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) by 2 1/4 lengths. Half-brother to a yearling filly by Havana Gold (Ire), he is the second of three foals and first scorer out of a half-sister to Listed King Charles II S. runner-up Toofi (Fr) (Henrythenavigator) and Listed Prix Maurice Zilber third Silver Meadow (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). His second dam Silver Bark (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) is a winning full-sister to GI American Oaks Invitational and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine Ticker Tape (GB). Sales history: £280,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,949. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Teme Valley 2; B-Team Hogdala AB (GB); T-Roger Varian.

1st-Chelmsford City, £5,800, Nov, 11-19, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.48, st.

MARAAKIZ (IRE) (c, 2, Muhaarar {GB}--Entisaar {Aus} {Ch. 2yo Filly-SAf & G1SW-SAf}, by More Than Ready) was hustled up from the gates to occupy a forward slot in fourth after the initial strides of this debut. Stoked up rounding the home turn, the 10-3 second choice made continued headway to launch his challenge approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly thereafter to score by an ultimately snug 1 1/4 lengths from Vanitas (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). Half-brother to a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire), the February-foaled bay is the first foal produced by G1SW South African champion Entisaar (Aus) (More Than Ready), herself the leading performer out of G3 Newmarket H. runner-up Purrpurlena (Aus) (Catbird {Aus}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,978.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

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FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX CERES-Listed, €38,000, Fontainebleau, 11-19, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.08, vsf.

1--**HONEY CAKE (IRE)**, 128, f, 3, by Siyouni (Fr)

1st Dam: **Pink Anemone (GB)**, by Dansili (GB)

2nd Dam: **Crystal Reef (GB)**, by King's Best

3rd Dam: **Coraline (GB)**, by Sadler's Wells

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€95,000 Ylg '18 AROCT; €110,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY). O-Khalid Rashid Al Mohannadi; B-William McAlpin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Augustin Madamet. €19,000. 8-4-0-0, €58,200.

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2--**Private Romance (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Private Eye (Fr), by American Post (GB). O/B-Mme Hilary Erculiani (FR); T-Nicolas Clement. €7,600.

3--**Femina (Ire)**, 128, f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Legerete, by Rahy. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €5,700. Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 1. Odds: 17.90, 26.00, 11.00.

Also Ran: Marly (Fr), Desobeissance (Ire), Queen Kahlua (GB), Ellerslie Lace (Fr), Maavah (Fr), Light Blush (Ire), La La Land (Ger), Dilawara (Fr), Kraquante (GB), Eternity (Ger), Scripturale (Fr), Sun Bear (GB), Pettinger (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Honey Cake, successful in high-summer conditions heats at ParisLongchamp and Le Lion d'Angers, ran 10th in the former venue's Sept. 13 G3 Prix du Pin last time and stepped forward to claim a career high in this fourth black-type start. Swiftly into stride and holding sway from the outset, she was rowed along when threatened passing the quarter-mile marker and surged further clear before comfortably holding the vain efforts of Private Romance, Femina and Marly to lead home a superfecta for her Haras de Bonneval-based sire (by Pivotal {GB}).

Honey Cake, kin to a yearling filly by Almanzor (Fr), is the third of four foals and lone winner produced by a half-sister to G2 Prix Chaudenay victor Doha Dream (Fr) (Shamardal). Her second dam Crystal Reef (GB) (King's Best) is a half-sister to five black-type performers headed by G1 Prix du Cadran-winning sire Reefscape (GB) (Linamix {Fr}) and MGSW sires Coastal Path (GB) (Halling) and Martaline (GB) (Linamix {Fr}). **Cont. p13**



Honey Cake (Ire) leads home a superfecta for her sire Siyouni (Fr) in Thursday's Listed Prix Ceres at Fontainebleau. | Scoop Dyga

Descendants of her stakes-winning fourth dam Bahamian (Ire) (Mill Reef) include G1 Irish Oaks heroine Wemyss Bight (GB) (Dancing Brave), MG1SW sire Beat Hollow (GB) (Sadler's Wells), MG1SW sire Oasis Dream (GB) (Green Desert) and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-winning producer Zenda (GB) (Zamindar).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Belle Evasion (Fr), f, 2, **Evasive (GB)**--Barouda (Fr) (GSW-Fr), by My Risk (Fr). Fontainebleau, 11-19, 1:30.21. B-P Lamy (Fr).

Crohanne (GB), f, 2, **Havana Gold (Ire)**--Adalene (GB), by Makfi (GB). Lyon La Soie, 11-19, 9f (AWT), 1:59.13. B-The Adalene Partnership (GB). *£5,500 Ylg '19 TASAYG.

Chateau d'If (Fr), g, 2, **Intello (Ger)**--Moonlight Cass (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Fontainebleau, 11-19, 1:30.22. B-SCEA Chateau Montlandrie (Fr). *€17,000 Ylg '19 AROCT. **1/2 to Indy Cass (Fr) (Elusive City), SP-Fr, \$128,008.

Pomahaka (Fr), c, 2, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Perfidie (Ire), by Monsun (Ger). Lyon La Soie, 11-19, 9f (AWT), 1:53.46. B-Haras d'Etream & Gestut Zur Kuste AG (Fr). *€52,000 Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €85,000 Ylg '19 AROCT. **1/2 to Don Bosco (Fr) (Barathea {Ire}), MGSW-Fr, \$712,906; Vodkato (Fr) (Russian Blue {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$315,049; and Orcus (Fr) (Russian Blue {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$182,421.



IN QATAR:

Soldierpoy (GB), g, 2, **Sepoy (Aus)**--Lamps of Heaven (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Al Rayyan, 11-19, Plate Race, 1400mT, 1:24.67. B-Chasemore Farm. *£7,000 Ylg '19 TAASEP; 67,000gns HRA '20 TATAUG. **VIDEO**

Perfect Empire (GB), c, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Pink Tequila (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). Al Rayyan, 11-19, Thoroughbred Guineas (NBT), 1600mT, 1:33.78. B-Newsells Park Stud. *17,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

IN DUBAI:

Antonio Vivaldi (Ire), g, 4, **Zebedee (GB)**--Varenka (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Fasliyev. Meydan, 11-19, Maiden, 1400m, 1:25.89. B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd. *330,000gns yrl '17 TATOCT; AED30,000 HRA '19 ERASEP.

Casey Jones (Ire), g, 5, **Casamento (Ire)**--Balamiyda (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). Meydan, 11-19, Conditions, 1600m, 1:37.35. B-Miss Nicola Ann Adams. *€11,000 wnlg '15 GOFNOV; €85,000 yrl '16 TATSEP; AED280,000 HRA '18 ERASEP.

Welsh Lord (GB), g, 5, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Welsh Angel (GB), by Dubai Destination. Meydan, 11-19, Handicap, 2000m, 2:07.61. B-Usk Valley Stud. *170,000gns wnlg '15 TATNOV; 250,000gns yrl '16 TATOCT; AED50,000 HRA '19 ERASEP. **1/2 to Scarlet Dragon (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), MGSP-Eng, \$411,353.

Mayaadeen (Ire), g, 5, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Rose De France (Ire), by Diktat (GB). Meydan, 11-19, Handicap, 1400m, 1:25.71. B-Irish National Stud. *€750,000 yrl '16 GOFSEP. **Full to Cable Bay (Ire), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$506,993, Indigo Balance (Ire), SW-Ire; 1/2 to Mister Sea Wolf (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Aus, SP-Ire, \$1,119,626.

Lavaspin (GB), g, 6, **Hard Spun**--Belenkaya, by Giant's Causeway. Meydan, 11-19, Handicap, 1200m, 1:11.82. B-Darley. *AED180,000 HRA '17 ERAAPR.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GLOBAL CAST DESCENDS ON BAHRAIN



Deirdre and Hollie Doyle in Bahrain | racingfotos.com

The second running of the £500,000 Bahrain International Trophy on Friday has drawn a competitive international lineup, with little separating the leading fancies in the betting. Each of the 14 runners, including five Group 1 winners, has of course been meticulously primed for a run at this sizable pot, but that statement perhaps applies to **Global Giant (GB)** (Shamardal) more than any other. The international favourite has had this race as his primary target since being bought privately from Ed Dunlop's yard last year by Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, one of the key organizers of the race. The 5-year-old entire has won two of his four starts since being transferred to John Gosden, including Newbury's Listed Steventon S. over this trip on July 19. **Cont. p14**

Though he was not disgraced when third in the G3 Rose of Lancaster S. on Aug. 8 under Frankie Dettori, assistant trainer Thady Gosden said the horse encountered unsuitably soft ground on that occasion.

“Ideally we’d have had a prep race before this but the ground went at the end of the season so we thought the best thing to do was to leave him and bring him here fresh,” Gosden said. “His work here has been good. The turf track here is world class and he’s enjoyed the faster ground. We are drawn five which we are happy about. They say the inside of the track is where you want to be. It would be wonderful to win the race for His Highness Shaikh Isa; this race was his brainchild so it would mean a lot to him.”

Speaking of global giants, the Japanese expatriat turned Newmarket resident **Deirdre (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) makes the final start of a career that has seen her win the G1 Shuka Sho and G1 Nassau S. The 6-year-old has not visited the winner’s enclosure since the Nassau last August and was most recently eighth in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe, but assistant trainer Yoshi Hasida said he thinks conditions at Sakhir will suit her. She gets a five-pound weight break from her male rivals.

“Her condition going into the Arc was perfect, but the heavy ground went against her,” Hashida said. “The French horses coped with it better. Her two Group 1 wins came on right-handed tracks at Kyoto and Goodwood. The long straight at Sakhir will suit her. The track looks very fair and we like the firm ground that we will get. We are very excited to take part in the race.”

Aidan O’Brien’s 2019 G1 Irish Derby winner **Sovereign (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) reappears off a fifth-place finish in the G2 Long Distance Cup on British Champions Day on Oct. 17 over heavy ground. He reverts to 2000 metres for the first time since last spring and looks for his first win since the Irish Derby.

“I don’t think he ran too bad at Ascot, he just got tired late on,” said O’Brien. “He seems in good form since and he should like the ground.”

“This is 10 furlongs, so we’ll find out a lot; he’s in good order. He’s going there quite a fresh horse and he’s lightly raced. It looks a very good track and everyone is very positive about it.”

The Oct. 10 G3 Darley S. one-two **Lady Wannabe (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) and **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) re-oppose here. The former put in a career-best effort last out to overhaul the Dubai Group 1 winner Dream Castle, who was returning off a two-month break having won a mile conditions race at Thirsk on Aug. 9 but gets a less favourable draw in 13.

Others of interest include last year’s G1 Queen Anne S. winner **Lord Glitters (Fr)** (Whipper), who has put in some respectable efforts this term despite being plagued by soft ground on a number of occasions; and the locally trained **Port Lions (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), who rides a seven-race win streak and upset Deirdre in the Mohamed Yousuf Naghi Motors Cup in Saudi Arabia in February but hasn’t run since.

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Friday, Sakhir, Bahrain, post time: 4:00 p.m.

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL TROPHY, £500,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT

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|----|----|------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 10 | Bangkok (Ire) | Australia (GB) | de Sousa | Balding |
| 2 | 3 | Certain Lad (GB) | Clodovil (GB) | Curtis | Channon |
| 3 | 14 | Coolagh Forest (Ire) | Elzaam (Aus) | J Egan | Ebrahim |
| 4 | 4 | Desert Encounter (Ire) | Halling | Atzeni | Simcock |
| 5 | 13 | Dream Castle (GB) | Frankel (GB) | Murphy | bin Suroor |
| 6 | 5 | Global Giant (GB) | Shamardal | Dettori | Gosden |
| 7 | 11 | Lord Glitters (Fr) | Whipper | Tudhope | O’Meara |
| 8 | 12 | Loxley (Ire) | New Approach (Ire) | Buick | Appleby |
| 9 | 1 | Port Lions (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | De Vries | Nass |
| 10 | 2 | Simsir (Ire) | Zoffany | Newman | Nass |
| 11 | 8 | Sovereign (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Moore | O’Brien |
| 12 | 9 | What A Welcome (GB) | Nathaniel (Ire) | D Egan | Al Haddad |
| 13 | 7 | Deirdre (Jpn) | Harbinger (GB) | H Doyle | Hashida |
| 14 | 6 | Lady Wannabe (Ire) | Camelot (GB) | Spencer | Stack |

All carry 128 pounds, bar Deirdre & Lady Wannabe, 123.

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SAVABEEL COLTS TOPS STRONG KARAKA SALE



Lot 298, a colt by Savabeel, tops the NZB Ready to Run Sale
NZBloodstock

by Paul Vettise

Te Akau's David Ellis struck late during the closing session of New Zealand Bloodstock's spectacularly successful Ready to Run Sale to bag the auction-topper when he paid a record NZ\$700,000 for Lot 298, a son of Savabeel from Riversley Park's draft.

At A Glance:

- Te Akau's David Ellis, the top buyer with nine purchases for NZ\$1,520,000, landed top lot, going to a Sale record NZ\$700,000 for a Savabeel colt offered by Riversley Park and the highest price paid at a Ready to Run Sale.
- Cambridge trainer John Bell beats opposition to land an Exceed And Excel colt from Lyndhurst Farm for NZ\$525,000.
- A total of 185 lots sold over the two days for NZ\$17,639,500 at an average of NZ\$95,349, a median of NZ\$60,000 at a clearance rate of 77 per cent.
- Twelve months ago, 257 horses sold for NZ\$23,585,500 at an average of NZ\$91,772, a median of NZ\$60,000 and a clearance rate of 74 per cent.

- Sam Beatson's Riversley Park was the leading vendor for the fourth year in succession after selling 23 horses for NZ\$4,152,500 at an average of NZ\$180,543.
- Savabeel was the leading sire with five lots sold for NZ\$1,352,000 at an average of NZ\$270,400.

Spectacular Sale

The outstanding success of NZB's Ready to Run Sale, held in a year like no other due to COVID-19, stunned industry participants and the auction company with results exceeding wildest expectations.

A total of 185 lots sold over the two days for NZ\$17,639,500 at an average of NZ\$95,349, a median of NZ\$60,000 and at a clearance rate of 77 per cent.

"It's pretty hard to explain really to be honest. We put a lot of pressure on ourselves and it feels a bit surreal looking at the results," NZB Bloodstock Sales Manager Danny Rolston said.

"It's a great result for the Ready to Run Sale and a good shot in the arm for the New Zealand industry and bodes well heading into Karaka 2021.

"Ten days ago we knew we couldn't have done any more as far as our preparation went and the development of the technology.

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Top buyer David Ellis with Jamie Richards | TDNAusNZ

“As each day went by and the registrations for the online platform came in we became more confident, but without getting over confident. A clearance rate of 77 per cent is significant for a 2-year-old sale in any given year, let alone this one.”

NZB Managing Director Andrew Seabrook was also thrilled with the final outcome.

“It’s been an amazing success, at the start we were cautiously optimistic but this has exceeded our wildest dreams,” he said.

“Our online bidding platform was so user friendly and it has worked incredibly well, and is responsible for more than 31 per cent of the total turnover.

“To be honest, we didn’t know how it was going to go, but to sell 60 lots for NZ\$100,000 or more in this current climate is nothing short of phenomenal.”

Success in Absentia

For David Ellis it wasn’t quite business as usual toward the end of Day 2 at Karaka as he had to leave early, but still made certain he bagged the son of Savabeel he had marked as the top colt on show at the Sale for NZ\$700,000.

“I had to be at the Annual General Meeting of the Waikato Racing Club. My wife has been Chairman for seven years and they asked me to attend because they were giving her a Life Membership,” he said. “Karyn and I have both been Chairman of the Club and are both now Life Members and the Board asked me to attend. I left the bidding on the last two horses we bought in the capable hands of Jamie Richards.”

Ellis had also listened to reports from leading jockey Danielle Johnson ahead of the Sale.

“Danielle had been riding the colt leading into the breeze-up and she said she had been riding in the breeze-ups for 14 or 15 years and he was the best colt that she had ever breezed up,” he said.

“She does a lot of riding for the stable and is a very, very good judge. We think he is the best type of Savabeel, he’s not too

heavy and is beautifully balanced with a lovely attitude and a very correct colt.

“Max and Joe (Smithies, Monovale Farm) have bred a lot of very good horses and this is their best family. We wanted the colt at any cost and already 50 per cent of him has been sold and it’s a thrill for a guy like Jamie to have him in the stable.”

Ellis also spoke in glowing terms of New Zealand Bloodstock’s efforts to make the Sale such a hit.

“I am just in awe of New Zealand Bloodstock and no short-cuts were taken and everything was in beautiful condition and the organisation was an absolute credit to the company,” he said.

“In a pandemic it was quite incredible and it’s a Sale I’ll never forget, it’s just been so successful.

“It’s been quite remarkable this week to see what a top company can do. There have been some fantastic prices and there’s been a really good feel about the place.”

Bred by the Smithies family’s Monovale Holdings, the Savabeel youngster is the first foal of the unraced O’Reilly (NZ) mare Miss Opulence (NZ).

She is a half-sister to the six-time Group 1 winner Sir Slick (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}) and to the dual top-flight winner and sire Puccini. It’s also the family of the dual Group 2 winner Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park).

“It’s been a great Sale and very positive. We knew he was a lovely colt and would bring some money, but probably not NZ\$700,000 so it’s fantastic,” Beatson said.

Darci Brahma’s Best

Meanwhile, Ellis believes the apple hasn’t fallen far from the tree with Lot 219, a son of Darci Brahma (NZ) he went to NZ\$350,000 to secure from Lilywhites Lodge’s consignment.

“A few years ago I bought Darci Brahma here and he was the Champion 2, 3 and 4-year-old and a fantastic success at stud,” he said.

“I have been waiting to buy what I thought was a really top Darci Brahma yearling and I had to go to the Ready to Run Sale.



"I was here three days ago and I said to Jamie that's the best Darci Brahma I have ever seen and I look at every Darci Brahma at any sale in Australasia. He is an absolute stand-out so I pinned my ears back and got him."

The colt is out of Granadilla (NZ) (Encosta De Lago) and she is a half-sister to the G3 Eulogy S. winner Lilikoi (NZ) (Charm Spirit {Ire}).

There is an international element to the family with the third dam Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}) the Group 1 winner of the Curragh Phoenix S.

Massive Result

For Lilywhites Lodge Principal and former successful jumps jockey Derek Nolan the Sale represented the highlight of his brief selling career.

"It's a great result and he was a lovely colt who kept developing and was very popular. We thought he may get close to NZ\$200,000 so it's super," he said.

"This is only my second Ready to Run draft and by far my best result, I'm very lucky."

Nolan's Shocking colt also sold well on Wednesday and as Lot 82 was knocked down to agent Phill Cataldo for NZ\$150,000 on behalf of Victorian interests.

The 2-year-old's second dam Emerald (NZ) (Grosvenor {NZ}) was a G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner and another relative Philippa Rush (NZ) (Prince Echo {USA}) also won the Riccarton Classic.

Early Excitement

It didn't take long for the fireworks to go off on Day 2 when Cambridge trainer John Bell paid NZ\$525,000 for Lot 169, a handsome son of Exceed And Excel from Lyndhurst Farm's draft.

The colt is from a rich Group 1 family and a healthy return on the \$100,000 the Cambridge operation of Mark and Shelley Treweek paid for him at the Inglis Sydney Weanling Sale where he was consigned by Fernrigg Farm.

Bell purchased the Exceed And Excel youngster for a long-standing Hong Kong client, who wished to remain anonymous, and joked he had been pushed to the limit by the cajoling skills behind the rostrum.

"If it had of been any other auctioneer than Steve Davis I would have got him for NZ\$75,000 to NZ\$100,000 cheaper-- he's a hell of an auctioneer," he said.

"I've bought him for a Hong Kong permit-holder and a very good client for many years and we'll leave it at that. We'll trial him here and see what he's got and he'll go up to Hong Kong in about six months."

Bidding opened at NZ\$150,000 and Bell said he went NZ\$25,000 over budget to seal the deal.

"He's a cross between Julius and Mosse with great height and athleticism. There are so many X-factors about him in every way and he's got a great temperament. He's my kind of horse."

Mosse (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) won five races for Bell including the G3 Concorde H. and Julius (NZ) (Swiss Ace) has won nine races

with victory in the G1 Railway S. his career-best performance.

On the opening day, Bell also bought a Per Incanto (USA) colt, Lot 66, from the family of the G1 New Zealand Oaks winner Vapour Trail (NZ) (Jetball) for \$160,000 from Riversley Lodge's draft and Kilgravin Lodge's Lot 102, a son of Capitalist whose second dam is the former Champion Stayer Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm {USA}).

Under their Lyndhurst Farm banner, Mark and Shelley Treweek have been successful Ready to Run Sale vendors for



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many years and have sold seven subsequent Group 1 winners through past Karaka drafts.

They presented a small but select draft this time around and knew the Exceed And Excel colt was their flagship representative.

"We did have a Brazen Beau colt that had to be withdrawn after an issue with x-rays and there had been a lot of interest in him, but this horse had been our pick of the Sale for a fair while," Mark Treweek said.

"It's a fantastic result and he is a lovely horse and we've had a lot of time for him from the time we broke him in.

"We didn't expect to get that much for him, but Exceed is a great sire in Hong Kong and Australia and when you get a nice one that can gallop you're on to a good thing. We had the right horse for the Sale.

"We've done well with the Exceeds and sold Mr Stunning, who was a champion in Hong Kong."

The Exceed And Excel colt is out of Chateau D'Yquem (NZ) (Pins) and she is a half-sister to the dual Group 1 winner Gee I Jane (NZ) (Jahafil {GB}) and the G3 Fayette Park S. winner Miss Jessie Jay (NZ) (Spectacularphantom {USA}).

She is the dam of the two-time Group 1 winner Katie Lee (NZ) (Pins), whose half-sister Banchee (NZ) (Oratorio {Ire}) was successful in the G1 Diamond S.

Treweek said with COVID-19 ruling out any significant number of offshore visitors, there was an unusual feeling at the complex.

“We have been very quiet with the parades, but there have been some serious lookers although not as many obviously as previous years.

“It’s been a strong Sale and New Zealand Bloodstock has done extremely well.”

Quality Tavistock Colt

The third-highest price of the day was NZ\$450,000 for a Tavistock (NZ) colt, Lot 305, from Curraghmore’s consignment and signed for by agent Bruce Perry.

“I thought he was a lovely horse, he was very well balanced and had a lot of presence about him,” Perry said.

“He just looked a ripper. For me, he was the pick of the colts in the Sale and he has been bought as a middle distance Derby horse.”

A half-brother to the winner The Golden Bear (Pierro), the Tavistock 2-year-old is out of Mourasana (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) who was a winner and black type-placed in France. She is a half-sister to the dam of the G1 Sydney Cup winner Mourayan (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}).

“He obviously caught a lot of attention at the breeze-ups and we know Tavistock can get a top horse. He’s a supreme sire of middle distance and Classic horses and this colt has a very good pedigree,” Curraghmore’s Gordon Cunningham said.

“I’d say he’s a Classic horse, no question and this is what we produce in New Zealand.”

One of a Kind

A unique offering from Ohukia Lodge was Lot 230 and as the only representative of Siyouni (Fr) in the Sale he was the subject of major interest and was eventually knocked down for NZ\$350,000 to Hong Kong interests.

“That was a good result, very happy with that and he has showed us a fair bit and showed he can gallop,” Jamie Beatson said. “He came out of Magics and was targeted for this Sale.”

Purchased by Jamie Bayliss out of Sledmere Stud’s draft at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for \$220,000, the colt is the first foal of Hidden Gem (GB) (Shamardal {USA}) and she boasts a strong international pedigree.



Lot 230, a colt by Siyouni (Fr) | NZBloodstock

The page features Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Group 1 winner of the English and Irish Derbies, and the G1 Ascot British Champions’ Fillies’ & Mares’ S. winner Seal Of Approval (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}).

The only 2-year-old by Bobby’s Kitten (USA), Lot 247, was also popular and the JC Thoroughbreds-offered gelding was sold for NZ\$320,000 to bloodstock agent John White.

That was a top return on the \$55,000 paid for him at the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale from the draft of Glastonbury Farms.

He is out of the Not A Single Doubt mare Just A Girl and she was recently represented by her first winner when Nantucket (Rubick) was successful at Bendigo.

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