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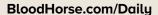
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Multiple grade 1 winner Bellafina worked a bullet Dec. 10 and is on track for a season debut in the Jan. 6 Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park (see page 11 for more)

YOSHIDA FAMILY BETTING BIG ON MIND YOUR BISCUITS

By Bob Ehalt

S unday Silence is best known in his native land of the United States for his epic battles with Easy Goer.

Yet in Japan, for about the last 23 years, the 1989 Horse of the Year has been peerless.

The horse that beat Easy Goer in the Kentucky Derby (G1),
Preakness (G1), and Breeders' Cup
Classic (G1) has been the dominant
figure in Japanese breeding for all
those years. He was the nation's
champion sire for a record 13
seasons, from 1995-2007, and since
2012, his most famous son, 2005
Triple Crown winner Deep Impact,
has reigned as Japan's top sire.



(Top): Mind Your Biscuits repeats in the 2018 Dubai Golden Shaheen (Left): Mind Your Biscuits takes home the 2017 Dubai Golden Shaheen

Yet even the deepest of wells can run dry, which explains why in recent years the Japanese have looked to United States for new bloodlines to support the powerful influence of Sunday Silence that so greatly impacts Japanese racing and breeding.

"We have so many Sunday Silence line mares here that we need new blood," said Teruya Yoshida, owner of Shadai Farm.

That explains why New Yorkbred Mind Your Biscuits, a son of Posse, is slated to begin his first season at stud next year at Yoshida's famed Shadai Farm, which has also been a home to Sunday Silence and Deep Impact.

Chad Summers will accompany his horse of a lifetime on a lengthy flight in January to the other side of the world that will serve as the 5-year-old's first step in his new career as a stallion in Japan. The chestnut runner is currently in quarantine at Darby Dan Farm near Lexington.

"I had to go over with my guy," Summers said. "Maybe we can do a live show together on the flight."

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Summers trained Mind Your Biscuits and owned a share of the \$4.2 million earner along with Daniel and Scott Summers, Michael Kisber, Head of Plains Partners, J Racing, and their newest partner, Shadai Farm

Earlier this year, Shadai Farm acquired a share of Mind Your Biscuits' racing rights and his future services as a stallion in a deal that gave Yoshida the combination of speed and success on a racetrack that he covets in a stallion prospect.

"We have many middle-distance stallions in Japan, most of them by Sunday Silence's sons. We wanted to add an American speed horse," Yoshida said. "We will have a full book for him. He will be very popular in Japan."

Teruya Yoshida is one of three sons of the late Zenya Yoshida, who built a racing and breeding empire in Japan. It was Zenya Yoshida who brought Sunday Silence to the Asian nation and surrounded him with the regally bred mares who passed along his speed and class to so many of their off-spring.

One of Teruya's brothers, Katusami, owns the powerful Northern Farm while another, Haruya, owns Oiwake Farm. Together the brothers have approximately 1,600 broodmares and a large band of stallions that comprise one of the world's finest breeding programs.

"Knowing the history of the Yoshida family, it's a top-class outfit," Summers said. "Mr. (Teruya) Yoshida wants the best for his horses. It's a big, beautiful facility. To me that was a big deal."

Mind Your Biscuits may not possess the kind of pedigree that jumps off the page of a sales catalog. RNA'd twice for just \$47,000, he is a son of Posse, who is now standing in Uruguay, out of the Toccet mare Jazzmane, who never raced. Yet Mind Your Biscuits had what mattered more to Yoshida: a brilliant race record that featured grade/group 1 wins on two continents in a career that included eight wins and 10 seconds from 25 starts.

"We want to see success on the racetrack," Teruya Yoshida said. "That is what we look for first."

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In particular, Yoshida said he was spurred to acquire Mind Your Biscuits by back-to-back wins in the Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News (G1) in 2017 and 2018. In those victories, Mind Your Biscuits did not race on Lasix, one of more than 100 race day medications that are banned in Japan.

"We were especially pleased with him winning in Dubai twice," Yoshida said.

It was the second victory in Dubai that sealed Summers' deal with Shadai. A year earlier, in 2017, Summers first introduced breeders to his multiple grade 1 winner, but could not work out a deal.

"We had hoped to stand him in New York but it didn't come together," Summers said. "Then we had people look at him at Saratoga during the 2017 meet. WinStar and Gainesway came to look at him, and Spendthrift made an offer. Shadai came with a bloodstock agent. They were going to make a big

offer. They were just waiting to watch the Forego (G1) and the Forego was the worst race of his career (6th, beaten eight lengths). So, they never made an offer. We played out the year and we weren't concerned because we wanted to run him as a 5-year-old anyway."

But after Mind Your Biscuits notched an encore victory in the Golden Shaheen by a head, Yoshida offered a deal that Summers and his partners could not refuse—even if they did at first.

"He had two drug-free wins in Dubai and the Japanese are very big on running without drugs," Summers said. "As soon I got back to America, I met bloodstock agent Eugenio Colombo, and he was all excited. He made a big offer on behalf of Shadai and we turned it down. They couldn't believe I turned it down. On the back end, I went back to the U.S. farms and no one could come close to Shadai's offer. We then made a deal where Shadai would get the breeding rights and would also be involved in the racing end of things.

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"There's a reason why they wanted Mind Your Biscuits. It wasn't a question of them just saying, 'What stallions are available on eBay?' They sought us out and they followed his career. Mr. Yoshida's daughter came to the (Runhappy Metropolitan Handicap [G1] where Mind Your Biscuits was second) and he and his son came to the Breeders' Cup Classic (11th in his final start)."

Unlike Europe, Japan has dirt racing along with turf racing, but a majority of the major stakes offered by the Japan Racing Association (JRA)—such as the Japan Cup (G1) and Arima Kinen (G1)—are contested on turf. Though Mind Your Biscuits never raced on turf, the Shadai Farm owner was willing to gamble that the horse will produce quality runners on both turf and dirt.

"We don't know what can happen," Yoshida said.
"We brought Forty Niner to Japan and he was not a
good turf sire, but Sunday Silence was very good on
turf. So, we have to see what happens, but we believe
he will do well."

Though Summers fended off the temptation to put Mind Your Biscuits in a turf race, he has a strong belief that Mind Your Biscuits would have been an effective grass runner.

"I always thought he was a turf horse. He had a little bit of a high leg action and his pedigree suggested he could turf. The one time I put him on it, it was the infield at Belmont so it wasn't really a fair indication of his ability," Summers said. "We toyed with the concept of putting him on the turf but when you're looking toward your end goal, be it Dubai or the Breeders' Cup, it never fit into our schedule to run him on the turf, though we were thinking about running in the (Ricoh Woodbine Mile Stakes, G1T)."

Summers also scoffed at the notion that only stakes winners on the turf can be "turf sires."

"I think he can be a turf sire. The misconception is that people think if you didn't run on turf you can't be a turf sire, but that's not the case. All the mares in Japan are influenced by Sunday Silence, who is a two-turn router. So that's where the influence of speed comes in. They can breed an American speed horse who is an international track record holder to their mares and they're excited to see what can happen," Summers said. "Everything in breeding is a hypothesis. Everything is a guess, but at least it's an educated guess and I applaud Mr. Yoshida for trying and wanting to see where it goes. In America, too often we live in a box and it's a cookie cutter world. We just follow everybody. Once somebody does something good, everybody does the same thing. One thing about Mr. Yoshida and Shadai Farm is that they are willing to stand on a limb for something they believe in and I think they will be rewarded for it."

Though Yoshida was uncertain of which mares he will send to Mind Your Biscuits, there is no shortage of options, including his prized mares who are known as "Terry's Jewel Box." Yoshida added to his broodmare band at recent American sales, paying \$1.25 million for grade 1 winner Zipessa at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale and \$1.2 million for Fault, a grade 1-winning daughter of Blame, at Fasig-Tipton's The November Sale.

The stud fee for Mind Your Biscuits is a moderate ¥2 million (about \$17,700), which should spark outside interest as well.

"They have some great mares to breed to him," Summers said. "He wouldn't have gotten the same support in America and that will help him make it Japan. He will be bred to the right mares. They are going to study and make the right decisions."

Regardless of whether Mind Your Biscuits' stay in Japan is long or short, or if he proves to be an effective complement to the Sunday Silence line, there is one thing for certain. He definitely has a home waiting for him in the United States.

"He'll come back to us after he's done at Shadai and that was important to us as well. Whether he goes to Old Friends or lives out his life in my backyard, we'll see how everything goes," Summers said. "He's a horse that means the world to me." BH

LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA

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Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'18 Earnings
1	Stay Thirsty, '08, (Bernardini) Lovacres Ranch, CA, \$6,000	145 / 85	2/9	Mind Control \$240,900	\$3,903,231
2	Bluegrass Cat, '03, (Storm Cat) Ballena Vista Farm, CA, \$6,500	158 / 86	0/3	Chris and Dave \$181,530	\$3,512,208
3	Square Eddie, '06, (Smart Strike) Ocean Breeze Ranch, CA, \$25,000	91 / 53	4 / 10	B Squared \$202,213	\$3,072,453
4	Lucky Pulpit, '01, (Pulpit) N/A, Died	175 / 75	3 / 4	Pulpit Rider \$263,613	\$2,800,638
5	l'Il Have Another, '09, (Flower Alley) Ballena Vista Farm, CA, \$6,000	172 / 89	0/0	Another Truth \$228,682	\$2,750,130
6	Unusual Heat, '90, (Nureyev) N/A, Died	90 / 39	1/7	Lynne's Legacy \$160,609	\$2,258,456
7	Tribal Rule, '96, (Storm Cat) N/A, Died	109 / 69	2/3	Brandothebartender \$129,872	\$2,181,061
8	Jersey Town, '06, (Speightstown) Daehling Ranch, CA, \$3,000	67 / 39	2/5	Bee Jersey \$861,400	\$2,171,086
9	Ministers Wild Cat, '00, (Deputy Minister) Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, CA, \$4,000	119 / 68	3 / 4	Fly to Mars \$219,190	\$2,023,755
10	Smiling Tiger, '07, (Hold That Tiger) Harris Farms, CA, \$6,500	56 / 30	5/6	Spiced Perfection \$275,125	\$1,816,204

Listed above are the top 10 leading sires in California by 2018 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 9, 2018. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2014 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2018 Northern Hemisphere only.



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Rank	Stallion, YOB, (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Named Foals	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	GSW	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'18 Earnings
1	Cross Traffic, '09, (Unbridled's Song) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$25,000	81	44 / 15	5/8	1	Jaywalk \$1,384,200	\$2,035,782
2	Goldencents, '10, (Into Mischief) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$20,000	108	66 / 26	2/6	0	Mr. Money \$150,400	\$1,314,880
3	Cairo Prince, '11, (Pioneerof the Nile) Airdrie Stud, KY, \$25,000	103	56 / 19	1/2	1	Cairo Cat \$133,750	\$1,144,477
4	Will Take Charge, '10, (Unbridled's Song) Three Chimneys Farm, KY, \$30,000	96	40 / 13	1/6	0	Lightscameraaction \$145,285	\$930,440
5	Central Banker, '10, (Speightstown) McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, NY, \$7,	73 500	27 / 8	2/3	0	Bankit \$249,625	\$821,728
6	Noble Mission (GB), '09, (Galileo) Lane's End, KY, \$15,000	106	51 / 13	0/2	0	Code of Honor \$146,750	\$739,571
7	Fed Biz, '09, (Giant's Causeway) WinStar Farm LLC, KY, \$10,000	92	45 / 10	1/6	0	Zenden \$78,570	\$689,053
8	Verrazano, '10, (More Than Ready) Ashford Stud, KY, \$15,000	120	54 / 10	2/4	0	Stirling Drive \$102,405	\$637,262
9	Mucho Macho Man, '08, (Macho Uno) Adena Springs Kentucky, KY, \$10,000	67	32 / 8	1/3	1	Mucho Gusto \$144,000	\$588,362
10	Uncaptured, '10, (Lion Heart) Ocala Stud, FL, \$6,000	65	21 / 7	3/3	1	Catherinethegreat \$138,939	\$544,171

Listed above are the top 10 leading first-crop sires by 2018 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 9, 2018. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2014 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2018 Northern Hemisphere only.

JOURNEYMAN OFFERS TOP FRESHMAN SIRE GUARANTEE ON KHOZAN

By Eric Mitchell

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Brent and Crystal Fernung are so confident their stallion Khozan has the quality to be Florida's leading freshman sire next year that they are putting the breeding fees from 25 matings on the line.

"In my opinion, Khozan far and away represents the best combination of talent and pedigree of any stallion in Florida, and we're thrilled with the quality of Khozan's first yearlings," said syndicate manager Brent Fernung in a Dec. 10 statement. "Consequently, we are willing to put our money where our mouth is. The first 25 contracts issued to Khozan for the 2019 breeding season come with this guarantee: If Khozan is not Florida's leading first-crop sire in 2019, you don't have to pay the stud fee for your 2020 foal."

Khozan, who stands for \$4,000 at the Fernungs' Journeyman Stud near Ocala, Fla., is a Distorted Humor half brother to three-time champion Royal Delta, as well as grade 1 winner Crown Queen and



Khozan at Journeyman Stud

recent grade 1-placed, grade 2 winner Delta Prince. The latter won this year's King Edward Stakes (G2T) at Woodbine and was second in the Fourstardave Handicap (G1T) at Saratoga Race Course.

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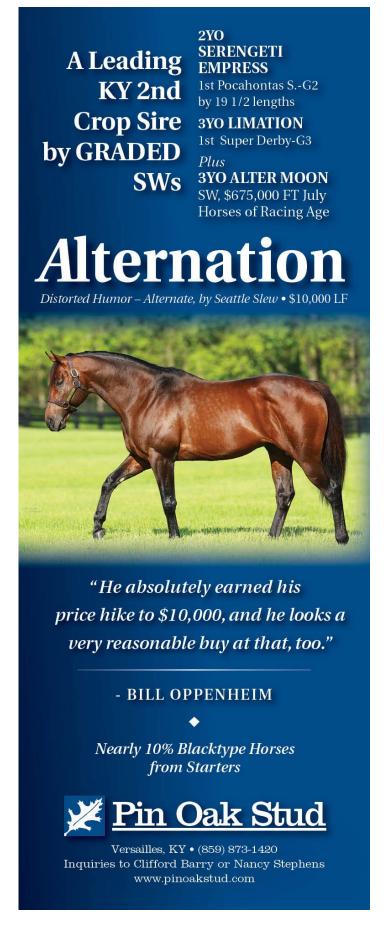
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Khozan romps by 12 3/4 lengths under Javier Castellano in a 2015 allowance race at Gulfstream Park

Bred by Adena Springs and raced by Al Shaqab Racing, Khozan started twice at Gulfstream Park at 3 in 2015. He broke his maiden at first asking and followed up with a 12 3/4-length length victory in an allowance race a month later. An injury while training for the Besilu Stables Florida Derby (G1) caused him to be retired early to stud.

Other stallions standing at Journeyman are Fury Kapcori (\$3,000), Winslow Homer (\$2,500), and Exclusive Quality (\$1,500). BH



BELLAFINA CUTS PATH TO SANTA YNEZ STAKES

By Frank Angst

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In bringing Bellafina back from a brief rest, her connections tentatively considered the Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) in January for the accomplished juvenile filly.

On Dec. 10, Kaleem Shah's Bellafina delivered a strong, half-mile workout at Santa Anita Park, and the two-time grade 1 winner convinced trainer Simon Callaghan she's on schedule for that seven-furlong tilt for 3-year-old fillies Jan. 6 at Santa Anita.

"She did it really easily. We weren't necessarily looking to go quite as quick as she did, but she did it super easily and was just feeling good," Callaghan said of Monday's four-furlong move in :47 flat, which earned the bullet among 87 works at the distance. "It definitely was a very good work."

The effort marked Bellafina's third half-mile move at Santa Anita since finishing fourth as the favorite in the Nov. 2 Tito's Handmade Vodka Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Churchill Downs. Before Monday's bullet move, the daughter of Quality Road completed the distance in :50 flat Nov. 24 and :49 2/5 Dec. 2.

"She's doing really well," Callaghan said. "We gave her sort of a down period after the Breeders' Cup for a couple of weeks. She's been mentally very good. We brought her back galloping and based on this morning's work I think it's likely we'll bring her back in the Santa Ynez Stakes."

After finishing second in a July 4 maiden race at Los Alamitos Race Course in her debut, Bellafina rolled to a 4 1/4-length score in the six-furlong Sorrento Stakes (G2) Aug. 5 at Del Mar. She then put together back-to-back grade 1 victories by a combined 10 3/4 lengths, taking the seven-furlong Del Mar Debutante Sept. 1 before successfully stretching to two turns in the Sept. 29 Chandelier Stakes at Santa Anita.



Kaleem Shah's Bellafina before running fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs

In the Juvenile Fillies, Bellafina drew the outside post of 10 going 1 1/16 miles at Churchill. She then hopped at the start and was bumped before tracking leader Jaywalk early, racing third in the five path of the first turn, and moving into second six furlongs in. But she couldn't find enough to get by the front-running winner, and wound up fourth.

"Winning two grade 1 races was great; she's obviously a top-class filly," Callaghan said of Bellafina's season in 2018. "Breeders' Cup was disappointing—we had high hopes going in, naturally. For some reason or another, I don't think it was her 'A' race, but that's the way it goes."

Callaghan is looking forward to 2019 with the filly Shah landed for \$800,000 this year from Wavertree Stables' consignment to The Gulfstream Sale.

"We gave her some time to catch her breath and she's coming back really strong now. We're looking forward to a good 3-year-old campaign with her," Callaghan said. "Typically the Quality Road's get better with age. She's a big filly with a lot of scope. I would have to think she's the type of filly that would train on and improve." BH





SOLID TRADE CONTINUES ON DAY 3 OF ARQANA SALE

By James Thomas/Racing Post

Trade proved solid on day three of the Arqana Breeding Stock Sale Dec. 10, as the year-on-year figures showed positive returns to those recorded 12 months ago.

By the time the final breeding prospect had passed through the Deauville sales ring, 211 of 267 offered lots had sold for a clearance rate of 79%.

The aggregate finished on €2,075,500 (US\$2,362,340)—up 9%, the average was up 3% to €9,836 (\$11,191), while the median rose from €6,000 to €6,500 (\$7,395).

Elisabeth Ribard purchased the session-topper (Lot 660)—the Haras du Logis Saint Germain-consigned Lykea (IRE)—for €55,000 (\$62,629). Ribard, who acquired five lots for a total outlay of €105,000 during Monday's session, said no decision

had been made as to plans for the listed-placed daughter of Oasis Dream, who was offered in foal to Charm Spirit.

Earlier in the session the second-top lot went the way of John Kilpatrick, who parted with €53,000 for Seeharn, a listed-winning daughter of Pivotal offered in foal to Al Wukair as Lot 534 by Haras de Castillon.

"The mare will join my stud in Normandy," said Kilpatrick, who operates out of Le Clos Morel near Bayeux. "She will foal down there so her foal will be qualified for French premiums, and then we'll take the offspring to be sold either next year or as a yearling."

The 10-year-old Seeharn, out of a half sister to Golden Jubilee Stakes (G1) winner Malhub, has produced one winner, the Dubawi mare Dhyab, since retiring from racing. Her previous visit to the sales ring saw her fetch 950,000gns (\$1,521,045) from Mandore International at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale in 2012.

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Mares parade past buyers at the Argana Breeding Stock Sale



SOLID TRADE CONTINUES ON DAY 3 OF ARQANA SALE

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"Al Wukair has been very popular for his first year at stud. I like that she's a daughter of Pivotal," added Kilpatrick, who keeps a broodmare band of around 20.

One buyer with firm plans in place was Larissa Kneip of Haras de Saint Arnoult, as she went to €52,000 (\$59,213) for Brigh (Lot 773) through Chris Richner Bloodstock. Kneip explained she was hoping for a quick pedigree upgrade for the 8-year-old daughter of Galileo.

"Her Dutch Art 2-year-old (Benazir) won by four lengths since the catalog was printed," she said. "She's entered in a listed race in Deauville on Saturday and I know her trainer (François Rohaut) is very confident. If she runs well this mare will be a black-type producer by Galileo, so she could look cheap."

Brigh won twice for David Simcock in the colours of Al Asayl Bloodstock, and was sold in foal to the owner's stallion Balios, who is being switched to Pegaz Stud in Poland, having spent one season on duty at Haras du Hoguenet.

She is out of La Vida Loca, a Caerleon half sister to group 2 winner Crimson Tide, while further back this is the family of Shahrastani.

"She's a young mare and I don't need to explain why everyone needs to have a Galileo in their broodmare band," said Kneip. "She's from a good family, her dam was black type, and she won two herself, including a good maiden race in Britain."

The next name on Brigh's dance card will be Dschingis Secret, as Kniep explained that the mare had been purchased on behalf of the group 1 winner's owner.

"She's been bought for Horst Pudwill and his associates, I've got seven for them today," she said.
"They're really supporting their stallion as they have another 13 mares at home and they're all going to Dschingis Secret."

Another of the session's leading lights was the 3-yearold Footstepsinthesand filly Epouville (Lot 634) who was knocked down to Michel Zerolo of Oceanic Bloodstock, standing with Jeremy Para, for €45,000 (\$51,242).

The filly will now head into training with Fabrice Vermeulen, who has enjoyed a breakthrough year with Lily's Candle, the Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac-Criterium des Pouliches (G1) winner who topped Saturday's session of the Breeding Stock Sale at €1.1 million (\$1,252,570) when bought by Katsumi Yoshida.

"The aim will be to get some black type for her," said Zerolo. "If you go back she had an entry in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (G1) so she has talent. She's lost her way a little bit but hopefully she will recapture her form."

Epouville, who was offered through Haras d'Ombreville, boasts a eye-catching pedigree, as she is out of Vidiyna, a Danehill Dancer half sister to three-time group 1 winner Vazirabad.

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GLORIOUS FOREVER ANOTHER HONG KONG WINNER FOR DONALD

By James Thomas/Racing Post

The sibling rivalry between Glorious Forever and Time Warp has brought an intriguing subplot to the Hong Kong racing scene.

It was Glorious Forever's turn in the spotlight Dec. 9, as the 4-year-old wrested the Longines Hong Kong Cup (G1) crown from his older brother with a determined front-running performance.

Having been bred in Newmarket by
Kirsten Rausing, pedigree is not the only
thing the pair have in common, as the
sons of Archipenko were both unearthed by
Alastair Donald of SackvilleDonald prior to moving to Hong Kong.



Bloodstock agent Alastair Donald has sourced the winners of 35 group 1 races in Hong Kong



Glorious Forever after winning the Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin

Despite Time Warp being the older of the pair, Donald actually secured Glorious Forever first. However, Time Warp's early talent had a significant hand in Donald's decision to part with 110,000 guineas (US\$177,258) for the younger brother at Book 2 of the 2015 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

"I'd been watching Time Warp as a 2-year-old and I'd actually been to see him at Sir Mark Prescott's," Donald said of his initial involvement. "He was a very impressive physical as a 2-year-old and I remember thinking he was going to make into a very good 3-year-old.

"Then the full-brother (Glorious Forever) appeared at the yearling sales. I'd been so impressed by Time Warp and his brother was the spitting image, so we bought him when we got the chance. He was a nice prospect but he was very big and weak and just took time to come to hand."

Glorious Forever's customary pace-forcing tactics were first seen to good effect when he broke his maiden at Windsor on his second start for Ed Walker in the colors of Kangyu International Racing.

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GLORIOUS FOREVER ANOTHER HONG KONG WINNER FOR DONALD

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By that point Donald had already purchased Time Warp privately in the aftermath of his Saint-Cloud listed win, after which he transferred to the stable of Tony Cruz, for whom he has won two group 1 events and a group 3.

Glorious Forever added to his own tally at 3, at which point his owner decided to sell.

"After he'd won at Sandown the owner chose to sell him to one of his friends in Hong Kong," explained Donald. "That was always the plan as he buys yearlings with the view to selling them to Hong Kong at the right time."

Glorious Forever has remained on a steep upward curve since switching to Hong Kong, with his win on Sunday his fourth at Sha Tin Racecourse and a clear career-best.

The move has also seen him face off against his

brother three times, with the score standing at one apiece, the pair having finished sixth and ninth respectively on their second meeting.

"It's fascinating that they've both ended up in Hong Kong, they've both won the same race and they've both broken the Hong Kong track record," Donald said of the pair's respective career

trajectories. "Time Warp had the Hong Kong 2,000 meter record—he was the first horse ever to run under two minutes—then a couple of months later his little brother beat it.

"It's a thrill to win another group 1, especially as it's such a great story," said Donald, who has sourced the winners of 35 group 1 races in Hong Kong.

"It's nice that one was bought as a horse in training and the other was bought as a yearling, that's quite satisfying. My client who sold Glorious Forever to his friend had slightly mixed feelings over the result though!"

When asked what he looks for in a potential purchase for Hong Kong, Donald said: "They need to have a bit of size as you need a robust, solid horse. Time Warp and Glorious Forever are both 16.2 (hands) and 500 kilos plus—they've both thrived in Hong Kong. It's important they enjoy fast ground too as you don't get much soft over there."

Given the riches on offer—Sunday's Hong Kong Cup was worth £1,509,933 to the winner—Donald said there has been an upsurge in interest in securing

> horses for the Hong Kong market in recent years.

"There's been fierce competition over the last five or six years for the right horse," he said. "Especially as there aren't that many horses who tick all the boxes for Hong Kong."

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GENNADY TOPS TATTERSALLS ASCOT DECEMBER SALE

By Mark Scully/Racing Post

The curtain came down on the 2018 sales season Dec. 10 at the Tattersalls Ascot December Sale as Tom Malone went to £37,000 (US\$32,323) to secure the session-topping Gennady.

A 4-year-old by Arakan (Lot 149), Gennady was offered by Steven Crawford having finished fourth in an Ayr bumper on debut in October, and topped a sale that was taking place for the first time since 2016, with last year's auction have been cancelled due to inclement weather.

Gennady, who was purchased by the Crawfords for €15,000 (\$17,069) at the 2017 Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale, was one of 91 lots sold during an auction that also featured flat horses in training, point-to-pointers, yearlings, and breeding stock.

While the top price was lower than the 2016 auction, when Canyon City brought £85,000 (\$108,180) from Neil King, nine more horses reached a five-figure price than two years ago. Overall spend totaled £532,150

(\$677,052) compared to £391,250 (\$497,786) in 2016.

Monday average came in at £5,848 (\$7,440), while the median price was £3,200 (\$4,071), increases on 2016 of 21% and 28% respectively.

The other lot to break the £30,000 barrier on Monday was Shamardal's son Kings Highway, a winner at three offered by Godolphin as Lot 91, who went the way of Ivan Furtado for £32,000 (\$40,714).

At the conclusion of selling, Tattersalls Ascot's director of horses in training sales, Richard Pugh, said: "Monday's sale saw demand for horses boasting form and it was pleasing to sell a top lot of £37,000 along with 19 horses making £10,000 or more, ten more than the sales' most recent edition.

"There was a diverse range of buyers with the top 20 lots all going to 20 individual purchasers. Concluding the sales season here today at Ascot has resulted in an encouraging set of returns and we look forward to getting 2019 off on a positive start with the Ascot March Sale on March 21, 2019."



Gennady at the Tattersalls Ascot December Sale

TRACK RENOVATION RUNNING ON SCHEDULE AT INDIANA GRAND

By BloodHorse Staff

\$700,000 renovation project on the one-mile dirt racetrack at Indiana Grand Racing and Casino is running on schedule and is expected to be completed in March 2019 when the barn area opens for training, the track announced Dec. 10.

Several consultants have been brought in during the renovation, which began Nov. 7 at the conclusion of the 16th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing at the Indiana track. Those include Gerry Porcelli, track man for the New York Racing Association for more than 40 years. Porcelli, who worked under famed Joe King, oversaw the maintenance of 14 individual racing surfaces during his tenure in New York. Along with Butch Lehr, who served as track man for Churchill Downs for more than 45 years, he is working closely with Indiana Grand's track superintendent Roy Smith on the project that will span more than four months.

"We are right on schedule," said Smith. "We've been busy taking all the existing cushion off down to base and have been working with GRW from Lexington,

who have done a lot of design work on racetracks across the country. We are receiving all new drawings and have shot elevations for the existing surface on both tracks.

Once that is completed, then we will begin laying a new limestone cap over the existing base, which will take place before Christmas."

Smith noted that once the three to four inches of the limestone "cap" has been placed over the base, they will let it set through the winter. New cushion, which will consist of six to eight inches of new material, will then be put into place. "In a project like this, everything is weather-related," said Smith. "The stage we are at now with the renovation, the cold weather actually helps us. We will lay the new cushion down the last of February or the first of March when we get a window of decent weather."

The track renovation was identified as a priority of capital investments by Caesars Entertainment, who assumed ownership in July 2018. In addition to the track renovation, Caesars is also replacing the existing exterior stair wells on the grandstand, which will be completed before racing resumes in 2019. The 17th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing opens April 16, with the 120-day meet extending to Nov. 6.

"We are very appreciative of Caesars willingness to step up and tackle both of these capital projects during our off-season of racing," said Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing. "It really shows the company's commitment to ensuring safety is at the forefront of their business, and improving the track at this level is a major plus for our entire racing community." BH



Repairing the base of the track at Indiana Grand



VOTERS SELECT THEIR RUNNERS FOR 2018 ARIMA KINEN

By Naohiro Goda

The result of a vote open to racing fans to select the runners of this year's Arima Kinen (G1), the year-end championship turf race Dec. 23 at Nakayama Racecourse, was announced Dec. 6 by the Japan Racing Association (JRA).

A total of 1,520,485 votes were cast by enthusiastic supporters of horse racing. Upon review, Rey de Oro sat firmly at the top of the chart with 110,293 votes. The 4-year-old colt by King Kamehameha, winner of the 2017 Japanese Derby (G1), collected his second grade 1 win at Tokyo Racecourse Oct. 28 when he dominated the Tenno Sho (Autumn, G1).

Although the second highest number of votes—105,561—were cast for Almond Eye, recordsetting victress of the Nov. 25 Japan Cup (G1), the connections of the 3-year-old filly have decided their filly will not run in the Arima Kinen and will instead be rested before beginning her 2019 campaign.

Perhaps the most unique name to appear on the voters' leaderboard is Oju Chosan, a 7-year-old horse

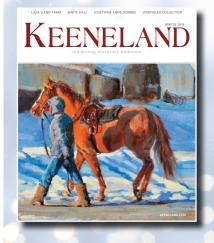


Grade 1 winner Rey de Oro is the top fan choice for the Arima Kinen

by Stay Gold, who earned 100,382 votes. The popular Japanese steeplechase champion, who completed a hat trick of the April 14 Nakayama Grand Jump (G1), has since run on the flat twice and won both efforts. Naoyoshi Nagayama, who owns Oju Chosan and would like to see his horse step up in the Arima Kinen, encouraged racing fans to vote. BH

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MAIDEN WATCH

PHILOSOPHY, SEISMIC JOLT TOP WEEKEND MAIDEN WINNERS

By Mary LaRue



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his column highlights the performances of maid-have dams who are grade/group winners, who sold for more than \$500,000 at public auction, and have made no more than five starts. BloodHorse research shows maiden winners in particular who meet these criteria are more likely to go on to be graded stakes winners.

Fair Grounds

The week of Dec. 5-9 produced three maiden winners of note, with Stonestreet Stables' son of Speightstown, Philosophy, highlighting the Dec. 6 action at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots.

In his second start, the Mark Casse-trained Philosophy sprang out of the gate and had no challengers when he pulled away to a 5 3/4-length score.

A \$285,000 RNA when he was consigned to the Keeneland September Yearling Sale by Denali Stud, Philosophy is racing for breeder Stonestreet Stables. In his first start Oct. 27 at Keeneland, the 2-year-old colt rated sixth early and finished third.

In Thursday's \$38,000 maiden special weight going 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf, Philosophy and jockey Shaun Bridgmohan changed tactics. The pair took the field through fractions of :22.36 and :46.72 for the half-mile and opened up in the stretch to finish in a final time of 1:04.47. Others in the field of 13 juveniles only got within a length of the winner early on.

The colt out of stakes-placed Scarlet Tango (by French Deputy) is a half brother to 2008 NetJets King's Bishop Stakes (G1) winner Visionaire and 2016 Santa Margarita Stakes (G1) winner Tara's Tango as well as grade 3 winners Scarlet Strike and Madison's Luna.

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Philosophy breaks his maiden by 5 3/4 lengths at Fair Grounds Race Course



MAIDEN WATCH

PHILOSOPHY, SEISMIC JOLT TOP WEEKEND MAIDEN WINNERS

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Gulfstream Park

Seismic Jolt, an \$800,000 purchase by Stonestreet Stables and e Five Racing Thoroughbreds from the Ocala Stud consignment to the Ocala Breeders' Sales April 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, put everything together Dec. 7 to win his third start after competing on the turf in his first two races.

In a \$45,000 Gulfstream Park maiden race going six furlongs, the Kantharos colt set a pressured pace and was ridden out to a five-length score in the stretch.

Trained by David Fawkes, Seismic Jolt finished fourth in his debut Aug. 13 at Saratoga Race Course behind eventual Summer Stakes (G1T) winner Fog of War and Dixiana Bourbon Stakes (G3T) winner Current. Seismic Jolt then finished second Oct. 28 at Gulfstream Park West.

Bred by Ocala Stud in Florida, Seismic Jolt is out of the Concorde's Tune mare Valid Concorde, who now has five winners from five foals to race.

Tampa Bay Downs

Surprise Again took a \$22,500 maiden special weight



Seismic Jolt breaks his maiden at Gulfstream Park

race at Tampa Bay Downs Dec. 8, going a mile on the turf.

A juvenile daughter of Noble Mission, Surprise Again is a half sister to 2017 LeComte Stakes (G3) winner Guest Suite. The siblings are out of the Ghostzapper mare Guest House. Surprise Again, bred by Hartmuth H. Malluche and Silesia Farm, is the fourth foal from the mare, who has one other winner.

Trained by Christophe Clement for Stella Thayer, Surprise Again won by three-quarters of a length on firm turf Saturday. The filly finished fourth in her Aug. 30 debut at Delaware Park and seventh Oct. 7 at Laurel Park. BH





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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Los Alamitos Race Course, Race 8, AOC

12/9, \$45,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:08.54, track fast.
1–Coil Me Home, 120, b c, 3, Coil–Goodtobehome, by Came Home, \$27,000, O–GGG Stables, B–GGG Stables (CA), T–Richard Baltas, J–Flavien Prat

Margin: 3, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 2, ALW

12/10, \$29,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:10.30, track fast.

1–Lake Ponchatrain, 122, dk b/br m, 6, Afleet Express–Harmony Lake, by Lucky Lionel, \$17,400, 0–Ernest M. Haynes, B–John E. & Barbara R. Smicklas Living Trusts (OK), T–Ernest M. Haynes, J–Luis A. Batista

Sale History: 2012 KEENOV, \$1,000.

Margin: neck, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 5, ALW

12/10, \$23,500, 2yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.01, track fast. 1–Lucky Girasol, 120, b f, 2, Lookin At Lucky–Warrior Girl, by War Chant, \$14,100, 0–CG Racing LLC and Estrada, Jesus, B–Mr. & Mrs. William L. Pape (KY), T–Cirilo Gorostieta, J–Agustin Gomez

Sale History: 2017 KEESEP, \$3,500, 2017 KEEJAN, (\$32,000 RNA).

Margin: neck, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

12/10, \$41,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:20.92, track fast.

1–Saint Main Event, 121, b f, 4, Redeemed–Lucky Notion, by Great Notion, \$24,600, O–Daniel McConnell, B–Daniel W Mc Connell Sr. (PA), T–John C. Servis, J–Frankie Pennington

Margin: 4, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Remington Park, Race 2, ALW

12/10, \$46,283, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:39.07, track fast.

1-Moonlight Train, 123, b f, 4, Wilburn-The Ice Train, by Eurosilver, \$26,721, O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk), B-Cowboy Stables,LLC (OK), T-Karl Broberg, J-Ramon A. Vazquez

Sale History: 2015 HERDEC, (\$700 RNA).

Margin: 91/4, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 5, ALW

12/10, \$35,500, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.20, track fast.
1–Almost a Storm, 121, b g, 3, Attila's Storm–Almost a Ten, by Cee's Tizzy, \$21,300, O–Robertson, Sr., Bill and Robertson, Jr., Bill, B–BCC Partners (NM), T–Jackie E. Riddle, J–Casey R. Chavez

Margin: 1½, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 8, ALW

12/10, \$35,500, 2yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:11.11, track fast. 1—Deleterious, 120, dk b/br f, 2, Delhomme—Ms. Caution, by Mr. Greeley, \$21,300, 0—Allen, Norman W. and Bryant, Scott, B—Allen Farm, Inc. (NM), T—Todd W. Fincher, J—Shane Laviolette

Sale History: 2017 RUIAUG, \$9,500.

Margin: 31/4, 10 starters. View Equibase Chart

MAIDEN RESULTS

Golden Gate Fields, Race 10, MSW

12/9, \$26,000, 2yo, 8.5f (all-weather), 1:45.44, track fast.

1–Data Hawk, 120, dk b/br g, 2, Data Link–Southern Solstice, by Southern Halo, \$15,600, O–Lester Ellenz, B–Richard Kessler (KY), T–Tim McCanna, J–Ricardo Gonzalez

Sale History: 2017 WASSEP, \$39.000.



Margin: 21/2, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

Golden Gate Fields, Race 12, MSW

12/9, \$26,000, 3yo/up, 6f (all-weather), 1:09.77, track fast.

1–Tomahawk Tuesday, 123, gr/ro g, 3, Thorn Song—Super Tuesday, by Political Ambition, \$20,280, 0–G C C I, B–Harris Farms (CA), T–Clifford DeLima, J–Alejandro Gomez

Sale History: 2016 NCAAUG, \$19,000.

Margin: 1, 11 starters. View Equibase Chart

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 4, MSW

12/10, \$22,100, 2yo, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.63, track fast. 1–Zulu Legend, 122, dk b/br g, 2, Zulu Magic–Arremlee, by Dynaformer, \$12,818, 0–Marion F. Gorham, B–Davidson's Tracks-N-Time, LLC (MI), T–Robert M. Gorham, J–Christian P. Pilares

Margin: 71/4, 12 starters. View Equibase Chart

Remington Park, Race 4, MSW

12/10, \$33,000, 3/4/5yo, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:13.27, track fast.

1–Can'ttouchmenow, 120, dk b/br f, 3, Discreet Cat–Deb's Golden Touch, by Touch Gold, \$19,698, O–David Cobb, B–Walter M. Jones (OK), T–Miguel Angel Silva, J–Israel O. Rodriguez

Margin: 11/2, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

Zia Park, Race 4, MSW

12/10, \$28,000, 2yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.16, track fast. 1–Aim Happy, 120, b f, 2, Astrology–Beau Happy, by Beau Genius, \$16,800, O–Mark Dyer, B–Ken Page (KY), T–Bart G. Hone, J–Elvin Gonzalez

Sale History: 2018 BARMAR, \$10,000, 2017 OBSOCT, \$30,000, 2016 KEENOV, \$9,500.

Margin: 4, 9 starters. View Equibase Chart

