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Intangaroo (No. 9) wins the 2008 Humana Distaff Stakes as part of a grade 1 win streak for trainer Gary Sherlock (see [page 15](#) for a remembrance of Sherlock, who died Dec. 29)

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A RACING YEAR TO REMEMBER

By Bob Ehalt

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Often when a year comes to an end, there are fond memories about special moments that made those 12 months a time to cherish. Then there's 2019.

Inside the horse racing industry, a multitude of people will be fervently celebrating on New Year's Eve as the minutes click down and 2020 finally arrives.

While there have been some fabulous moments since the calendar turned to 2019, overall it has been a year marked with tragic, bizarre, and unusual events.

At the top of the list is the heartbreaking loss of 30 Thoroughbreds at the winter/spring meet at Santa Anita Park that placed the sport under intense public scrutiny.

Then there is the first Saturday in May, when Gary and Mary West's Maximum Security became the first horse disqualified for interference in the 145-year



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(L-R): Country House, War of Will, Maximum Security, and Code of Honor turn for home in the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs

history of the Kentucky Derby.

Beyond those, it has been an unusual year in terms of the stars that were created. Heading into the Breeders' Cup World Championships, the favorites for Horse of the Year were a distance turf runner, a filly, and a sprinter—a far cry from the last few years when the charisma of a 3-year-old or a Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner set the tone.

In the end, the sport's top prize will likely go to the turf star, Klaravich Stable and William H. Lawrence's Bricks and Mortar. The 5-year-old son of Giant's Causeway put together an unbeaten campaign for trainer Chad Brown that began with a victory

in the inaugural Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational (G1T; worth \$6,708,329) and ended with a dramatic victory by a head in the \$4 million Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T) at Santa Anita.

In the year-end National Thoroughbred Racing Association Top 10 poll, Bricks and Mortar accounted for 42 of the 44 first-place votes.

"This is a breakthrough kind of year for turf horses in terms of the top horses in the sport," said Brown, whose bid for a fourth-straight Eclipse Award as the outstanding trainer includes becoming the first trainer to top \$30 million in North American earnings in a year. "I am just so proud of him. He showed up every time he ran. He's definitely one of the best horses we've ever trained."

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SKIP DICKSTEIN

Bricks and Mortar was a model of consistency in 2019

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A winner of all six 2019 starts, Bricks and Mortar earned \$6,723,650. Bought by Oaks Bluff Partners for \$200,000 from the Stone Farm consignment at the 2015 Keeneland September yearling sale, he overcame a hock injury as a 3-year-old that sidelined him for more than 14 months and nearly ended his career. Destined to become a stallion at Shadai Farm in Japan, he retired with a career record of 11 wins in 13 starts and earnings of \$7,085,650.

"When he came back from the injury, he was a different horse. He didn't want to get beat," said regular rider Irad Ortiz Jr., who matched Brown by becoming the first jockey to eclipse \$30 million in North American earnings in a year. "He knew where the wire was. He overcame everything."

The victory was also a highlight in a big year for Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stable, who won 17 races with earnings of \$8.1 million in a partnership with Lawrence that is dissolving. Klarman had 63 wins and earnings of \$4.8 million under his own banner.

The 4-year-old filly Midnight Bisou came into the Breeders' Cup with the best chance of snatching Horse of the Year honors from Bricks and Mortar. Owned by Bloom Racing Stable, Madaket Stables, and Allen Racing and trained by Steve Asmussen, she was a spotless seven-for-seven in 2019 prior to the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1).

Included in those wins is one of the year's most exciting races, the Personal Ensign Stakes Presented by Lia Infiniti (G1) at Saratoga Race Course, when the daughter of Midnight Lute defeated Elate by a nose. But her hopes of becoming the first female to be named Horse of the Year since 2011 hit a bump in the road when she finished second to Merriebelle Stable's Blue Prize in the Distaff.

"It's heartbreaking for us to miss by that much, and not having the best chance to showcase what she could have done was unfortunate," Bloom said. "But what an incredible campaign. It was a year worthy of a champion."

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Mitole, also trained by Asmussen, needed losses by both Midnight Bisou and Bricks and Mortar to enhance his bid to become the first sprint champion to be named Horse of the Year since Forego in 1974. He didn't get the help he needed, but Mitole did his part by posting a 1 1/4-length victory over Crawford Farms Racing's Shancelot in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1).

The win was the sixth in seven 2019 starts for Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt's son of Eskendereya, who stretched the typical definition of a sprinter by winning the Runhappy Metropolitan Handicap (G1) at a mile over McKinzie, who would finish second in the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1), and two-time Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) winner Thunder Snow.

Mitole's lone loss this year was a third-place finish July 27 in Saratoga's Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (G1).

"He's a one-of-a-kind horse. Probably the best dirt horse I'll ever own," Bill Heiligbrodt said about the 4-year-old who has been retired to stallion duty at Spendthrift Farm. "I've owned thousands of horses, and I've never seen one like him, and I don't think you'll see another like him that fast and that sound."

At Santa Anita, a star was born in the Classic and then headed to the breeding shed at Spendthrift. In

a race marred by an injury that claimed the life of Mongolian Groom, Vino Rosso recorded an impressive 4 1/4-length victory under Ortiz for owners Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable and trainer Todd Pletcher in the \$6 million centerpiece of the World Championships.

"To win the Breeders' Cup Classic by 4 1/4 lengths," Repole said, "he might have turned in the most impressive performance at the Breeders' Cup."

Attendance for both days of the Breeders' Cup during the event's 10th stand at Santa Anita was 119,054, up slightly from 112,667 in 2018 at Churchill Downs, and the total handle was a record \$174,000,574.

Vino Rosso was bred by John D. Gunther, who also bred another renowned foal of 2015, undefeated Triple Crown winner Justify.

"A Triple Crown winner and a Classic winner side-by-side for the first couple of years of their life," Repole said. "It's pretty special."

The New York-based Vino Rosso, who had won the Gold Cup at Santa Anita Stakes (G1) earlier in the year, was also involved in another of the year's controversial disqualifications, ironically enough with the 3-year-old who had been moved up to second in the Kentucky Derby.

In the famed Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park, it came down to a duel in the final furlong between Vino Rosso and the oncoming Code of Honor, who was exiting a victory in the Runhappy Travers

Stakes (G1) for owner William S. Farish and trainer Shug McGaughey. The two rivals came together in the stretch, and, after Vino Rosso hit the wire first by a nose, he was disqualified and placed second.

On the 2-year-old fronts, Exline-Border Racing, David Bernsen, Susanna Wilson, and Dan Hudock's Storm the Court won the TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at 45-1 for trainer Peter Eurton in an effort that might net him an Eclipse Award in a year when no one dominated. Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, Madaket Stables, and Bethlehem Stables' unbeaten British Idiom captured the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) and likely wrapped up an Eclipse Award.



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Vino Rosso wins the Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Park

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While Midnight Bisou was the leading lady on dirt, on turf there were a trio of stars. Peter Brant's Sistercharlie, the reigning female turf champion, won three straight grade 1s in 2019—and six straight overall—but was denied a second consecutive victory in the Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1T) when she finished third. Meanwhile, the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T) was dominated by grade 1-winning females who handled the boys as Dubb, Head of Plains Partners, Robert LaPenta, and Bethlehem Stables' Uni, trained by Brown, defeated Got Stormy.

One of the year's most emotional moments came in August when Karl Watson, Mike Pegram, and Paul Weitman's McKinzie won the Whitney Stakes (G1) at Saratoga some two weeks after the death of the beloved Marylou Whitney, the irreplaceable "Queen of Saratoga," at the age of 93.

The victory left two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer Bob Baffert choked up with emotion, as McKinzie is named after his late friend, Los Alamitos executive Brad McKinzie.

"I've never won a Whitney, and the first thing I told the owners is that I got my Whitney. It's just sad that Marylou wasn't here. That's the only thing missing. She was always so nice to us," Baffert said. "I told John (Hendrickson, Marylou Whitney's husband), I'm just as emotional because I'm thinking about Brad McKinzie. We loved him, and I'm glad this horse is as good as he is."

Among 3-year-old fillies, the race for an Eclipse Award seems destined to come down to a battle between LNJ Foxwoods' Covfefe, the likely champion female sprinter after winning the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) for trainer Brad Cox, and Brant's Alabama Stakes (G1) winner Dunbar Road.

The Triple Crown provided vindication and acclaim for trainer Mark Casse, who won the Preakness Stakes (G1) with Gary Barber's War of Will, the horse at the center of the bumping incident with Maximum Security in the Kentucky Derby, then took the Belmont Stakes (G1) with Tracy Farmer's Sir Winston.

Looking past the disqualification, the Kentucky Derby gave Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott his first victory in the Run for the Roses when Mrs. J.V. Shields, E.J.M. McFadden Jr., and LNJ Foxwoods' Country House was placed first.

Speaking of Triple Crowns, the growing importance of turf racing was reflected in the New York Racing Association's decision to create a Turf Triple for 3-year-old males and fillies. The Turf Trinity featured three \$1 million turf races at the same distances as the dirt Triple Crown, along with three \$750,000 stakes for fillies.

By far, the most surreal moment came July 20 at Monmouth Park on TVG.com Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1) Day. Forecasts for oppressive heat led to NYRA's canceling July 20 racing at Saratoga two days in advance, but the Jersey Shore track went ahead with its card. However, after two races, the white flag went up, and the card was delayed for nearly five hours until the temperatures cooled—a bit.

At the end of an unusually long and grueling day, a field of six broke from the gate in the Haskell at 8:12 p.m. with darkness setting in and a surprisingly large crowd in the grandstand and clubhouse.

The victory went to Maximum Security by 1 1/4 lengths over Mucho Gusto, but as the horses headed back to the unsaddling area, there was a loud, collective gasp as the inquiry sign lit up and it was announced Maximum Security was at the center of another controversy.

Could Maximum Security be taken down in the Kentucky Derby and then the Haskell?

"My heart skipped a beat the first time I saw (the inquiry)," Gary West said.

Only this time, unlike the more than 20 minutes it took the stewards to disqualify Maximum Security at Churchill Downs, in less time than it would take Mitole to run six furlongs, the inquiry sign came down and the race was made official before anyone could seriously ponder déjà vu.

It would have been must-see television had there been a DQ, yet, even without that drama, in the gloam of a July evening in New Jersey, it was definitely a scene that was a microcosm of a 2019 season following its own unique script. **BH**

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1	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$175,000	379 / 218	23 / 53	6	2	1.94	Covfefe \$1,052,425	\$18,913,815
2	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	274 / 141	18 / 34	11	1	2.34	Vino Rosso \$3,960,625	\$15,380,151
3	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$200,000	282 / 146	26 / 45	13	0	2.24	Tacitus \$1,634,500	\$14,288,189
4	Giant's Causeway, '97, (Storm Cat) N/A, Died	191 / 93	7 / 18	3	1	1.80	Bricks and Mortar \$6,723,650	\$13,217,755
5	Quality Road, '06, (Elusive Quality) Lane's End, KY, \$200,000	221 / 112	10 / 26	6	4	2.12	City of Light \$4,000,000	\$13,193,610
6	Hard Spun, '04, (Danzig) Darley, KY, \$40,000	286 / 149	11 / 26	7	3	1.47	Spun to Run \$1,140,660	\$11,234,487
7	Medaglia d'Oro, '99, (El Prado) Darley, KY, \$200,000	238 / 112	13 / 33	8	2	1.94	Higher Power \$1,284,370	\$11,042,475
8	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm LLC, KY, \$70,000	234 / 127	14 / 30	7	1	1.93	Sharing \$730,300	\$10,994,170
9	Street Sense, '04, (Street Cry) Darley, KY, \$75,000	250 / 136	13 / 24	6	2	1.55	McKinzie \$2,232,560	\$10,792,209
10	Kitten's Joy, '01, (El Prado) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$75,000	388 / 173	11 / 22	7	2	1.76	Henley's Joy \$717,751	\$10,480,940
11	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, \$125,000	297 / 137	11 / 24	6	2	1.64	Bast \$732,200	\$10,365,367
12	Candy Ride (ARG), '99, (Ride the Rails) Lane's End, KY, \$100,000	228 / 120	14 / 25	9	1	2.08	Vekoma \$637,600	\$10,268,764
13	Scat Daddy, '04, (Johannesburg) N/A, Died	247 / 134	20 / 32	8	2	1.84	Mr Melody \$596,200	\$9,390,112
14	The Factor, '08, (War Front) Lane's End, KY, \$17,500	277 / 165	13 / 28	2	1	1.15	Cistron \$384,560	\$9,340,172
15	Ghostzapper, '00, (Awesome Again) Adena Springs Kentucky, KY, \$85,000	223 / 122	12 / 26	6	2	2.08	Guarana \$879,400	\$9,320,363

Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2019 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 30, 2019. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2015 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2019 Northern Hemisphere only.



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ANNA'S BANDIT STEALS SHOW AS WINNINGEST HORSE OF 2019

By Jay Hovdey

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John Robb describes Anna's Bandit as being quiet as a cow around his barn, but when she's tacked up and ready to roll—look out.

"When she goes to the racetrack, it's a different story" is the way her trainer puts it.

The story had nine happy endings in 11 starts in 2019 for Anna's Bandit, who earned \$401,830 for the No Guts No Glory Farm of Gina Rosenthal. Her mare is turning 6 in 2020 on a streak of six straight wins dating back to an allowance score at Laurel Park in August.

"It takes a certain kind of horse to do something like that, and every win builds confidence," Robb said. "She thinks she can beat the world right now."

As a daughter of a Maryland stallion who was foaled in West Virginia, the world of Anna's Bandit ranges back and forth between her home base at Laurel and the opportunities afforded just across the state line. Her biggest score of the year came in the \$157,500 West Virginia Cavada Breeders' Classic Stakes Oct. 12 at Charles Town. One week later she took the \$101,000 Maryland Million Distaff at Laurel. Both were seven-furlong events.

Robb bred Anna's Bandit from a mating of Great Notion, a son of Elusive Quality out of the Dayjur mare Evening Primrose, with his mare Onearmedbandit, a daughter of the Unbridled stallion No Armistice out of the Polish Numbers mare Court Tour.

Great Notion won the 2003 Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park and was second in the subsequent Rebel Stakes (G2). His finest hour might have been his close second to Valid Video later that year in the King's Bishop Stakes (G1) at Saratoga Race Course. The third horse in the photo was Ghostzapper.

"I had the first test crop runner from Great Notion, named Great Love, and I did well with him," Robb said. "The mare I bought out of a sale

and did well with her, too. She had a few problems and had to retire early, but she could really run."

Anna's Bandit began her 2019 campaign on Jan. 10 at Laurel with a five-length cruise in an optional claimer. Two months later she resurfaced to win the Conniver Stakes, also at Laurel, followed by the Original Gold Stakes at Charles Town.

At that point, Robb was inspired to try Anna's Bandit in open company, but she could do no better than fourth in the listed Skipat Stakes at Laurel May 17. Still playing with house money, Robb decided to tap into the mare's earlier turf form in the Jameela Stakes, again at Laurel. The result was another fourth. She has not lost since.

Of all her 2019 wins, Robb was most impressed with number nine in the Politely Stakes at Laurel on Dec. 7.

"They had her boxed in all the way to the sixteenth pole," Robb said. "It looked like there was no way she could win."

But she did, by one length over Majestic Reason, who came right back to win the Willa on the Move Stakes Dec. 28.

Anna's Bandit enters 2020 with a career record of 16 wins in 32 starts and earnings of just over \$700,000. Robb is looking forward to another productive campaign, commencing in late January.

"She loves to train," Robb said. "Every day except Sundays."

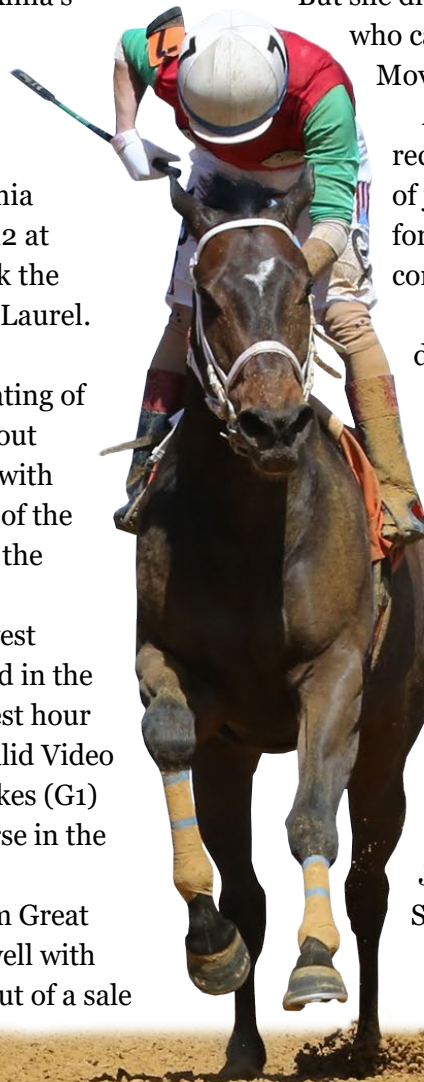
Even New Year's Day?

"Oh yeah," the trainer replied. "She'll be out there."

Nine was the magic number in 2019. Four other North American horses hit that mark, although they earned considerably less than Anna's Bandit.

Heavens Whisper is a gray filly by Sunday Silence's son Hat Trick out of a Smoke Glacken mare. She began the season as a 4-year-old maiden, then proceeded to win nine of 14 starts from January at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots through mid-December at Remington

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Park. Heavens Whisper went from the barn of Louie Roussel to Lee Rossi, Steven Asmussen, and Karl Broberg before she was claimed for \$6,250 at Oaklawn Park by trainer Federico Villafranco, for whom she won six of her nine and most of her \$137,146 2019 bankroll.

This spotlight could have belonged to Phonemyposseagain alone had he not been disqualified from a 10th win last May at Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort. The son of Posse out of a Phone Trick mare was dropped from first to second after hitting the wire a nose to the good of the runner-up in a 4 1/2-furlong optional claimer. Even so, the gelding enters 2020 on a seven-race win streak in 2019 for trainer Kevin Patterson and owner R.L. Cole, Jr. after banking \$103,612.

Timely Prize, a gelded son of Pure Prize out of a mare by Slew City Slew, did not get rolling into his 7-year-old campaign until July. He knocked out six wins at Century Mile and Century Downs in Calgary. Then, when the weather turned, he took his game south to Turf Paradise and wrapped up the year winning three straight. He earned \$49,060 the hard way.

Finally, give a nine-win nod to Frosty Star, a daughter of Prospective out of a Trippi mare who made her mark last year by winning nine of 10 starts at Hipodromo Camarero in Puerto Rico in her first season of competition. No one is suggesting that Frosty Star is the second coming of island legends Bold Forbes or Mister Frisky. But the fact that there is a place for the filly to strut her stuff at all is nothing short of miraculous. Camarero suffered terrible damage during Hurricane Maria in September of 2017, and the racehorse population was gutted. What there is of the Puerto Rican racing industry is still in slow recovery.

Frosty Star, a front-running sprinter, was bred in Florida and sold for \$4,000 at the 2018 Ocala Breeders' Sales June Sale of 2-Year-Olds & Horses of Racing Age Sale. That token amount has turned into \$65,680 in earnings for her owner and trainer, Gaston Capote. **BH**

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STANDOUT: Anna's Bandit excelled in 2019, winning nine races—seven of them stakes—and earning \$401,830 for her connections



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAINER SHERLOCK DIES AT AGE 73

By BloodHorse Staff

Trainer Gary Sherlock, who saddled Intangaroo to three grade 1 wins in 2008, died Dec. 29 at an Arcadia, Calif., care facility.

Santa Anita Park media reported Sherlock's passing, noting he would have turned 74 Jan. 1.

A successful Quarter Horse trainer in the 1970s, Sherlock turned his focus to Thoroughbreds and enjoyed his greatest success in 2008 with the 4-year-old filly Intangaroo, owned by Tom Grether Farms. The three grade 1 wins for Intangaroo came at three different tracks as the daughter of Orientate won the Santa Monica Handicap in February at Santa Anita, the Humana Distaff Stakes in May at Churchill Downs, and the Ballerina Stakes in August at Saratoga Race Course.

Sherlock and Grether bought a number of yearlings and after the initial grade 1 win by Intangaroo, a \$37,000 purchase at the 2005 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, Sherlock recalled a talented runner that would elude him.

"I buy the best I can with the money I have," Sherlock told BloodHorse after Intangaroo's Santa Monica win. "One of the fillies I really liked that I didn't buy was the filly of John Shirreffs, Zenyatta."

At that point Zenyatta had just a grade 2 win on her résumé but Sherlock had a sense of the success that would follow for the filly who edged Intangaroo for champion older female in 2008—the first of three wins in that category for the eventual Horse of the Year who was purchased for \$60,000 at that same Keeneland sale.

Sherlock was born at 1:12 a.m. Jan. 1, 1946 in San Francisco, and was thus celebrated as the first baby born in the city that year. Raised in Pleasanton, Calif., as the son of a jockey, William, and racing official, Mary, Sherlock was destined for a life on the

racetrack. In addition to training, he also enjoyed success as an insurance agent, specializing in racetrack workers' compensation policies for trainers and also as a bloodstock agent.

A top trainer for many years with Quarter Horses at Los Alamitos, Sherlock routinely finished in the

top five slots in the standings in the 1970s along with the likes of D. Wayne Lukas and Blane Schvaneveldt. Sherlock won high profile races such as the 1977 Los Alamitos Derby with Azure Three and the 1980 Doc Severinsen Handicap with American Jet. Prior to switching to Thoroughbreds full time, he won 353 Quarter Horse races from 1966 to 1980.

After Intangaroo's success, Sherlock went on to win the Santa Monica a second time, in 2016 with California-bred Lost Bus, who scored at odds of 64-1. Owned and bred by Sherlock's primary client, Terry Lovingier, Lost Bus, a 4-year-old daughter of Bring the Heat,

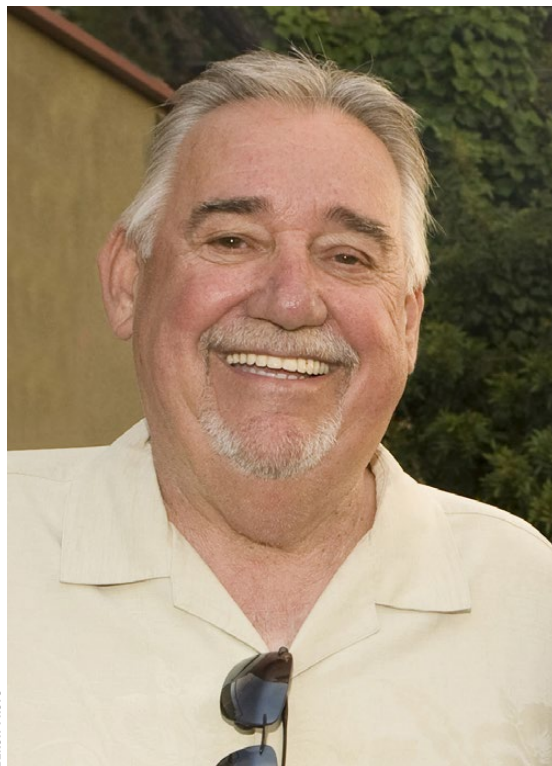
paid \$131.20 with Fernando Perez aboard.

Also that year, Sherlock experienced a Triple Crown race for the first time as his speedy Uncle Lino, who was third in the grade 1 Santa Anita Derby and a subsequent winner of the California Chrome Stakes at Los Alamitos, set the early pace before fading to seventh in the Preakness Stakes (G1).

Sherlock's most recent "big horse" was Lovingier's California-bred Show It N Moe It, a soon-to-be 5-year-old mare by Grace Upon Grace who to date has earned \$515,541 from an overall mark of 27-6-6-6. A two-time stakes winner, Show It N Moe It's most recent start came Nov. 17 at Del Mar—a second place finish in the Betty Grable Stakes.

Sherlock was also a savvy handicapper who loved playing the races. He is survived by his wife Sharon and sons Brian and Michael (Mikey), as well as grandsons Tanner and Luke.

At Sherlock's request, there will be no memorial services. **BH**



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Gary Sherlock

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BRITISH IDIOM BREEZES WITH EYE TOWARD FEBRUARY RETURN

By Meredith Daugherty

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Undefeated British Idiom, expected to be named Eclipse Award champion 2-year-old filly, returned to the work tab Dec. 29 for the first time since her neck victory in the Nov. 2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Santa Anita Park.

Trained by Brad Cox, the daughter of Flashback breezed three furlongs on the dirt at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, completing the move in :37 3/5.

"She's doing great," said bloodstock agent Liz Crow, who was instrumental in purchasing the filly for a mere \$40,000 from the Warrendale Sales' consignment to last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale. "We gave her a little time off post-Breeders' Cup, but she never left Brad's care. She tack-walked for a little bit and then got back to galloping. That was obviously her first breeze back."

Owned in partnership by Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, Madaket Stables, and Bethlehem Stables, British Idiom broke her maiden Aug. 15 at Saratoga Race Course by 3 1/2 lengths before stepping up in a big way next out to win the Darley Alcibiades Stakes (G1) at Keeneland. The victory earned the filly an automatic berth in the Juvenile Fillies where she

managed to sustain her winning streak in a thrilling stretch duel with Donna Veloce.

"The plan right now is probably the Rachel Alexandra Stakes (G2) in February," said Crow, who, along with Cox, was part of the team behind 2018 champion 3-year-old filly Monomoy Girl. "That's not necessarily set in stone but that's probably the race that we will target for her. The plan leaving the Breeders' Cup was the Rachel Alexandra—that's what we did with Monomoy Girl. The long stretch at Fair Grounds I think she should probably like. I think the distance will be her friend. She seems to be able to go all day and I look forward to continue seeing her run two turns."

As for Monomoy Girl, who was absent from racing in 2019 after a bout of colic along with subsequent issues, Crow said the soon to be 5-year-old daughter of Tapizar is feeling healthy and light on her feet and hopes are high that 2020 will see her triumphant return.

"Monomoy Girl is at Paul Sharp's farm," Crow said. "She's galloping and very forward in her training. We're just trying to keep her feet on the ground right now. She's supposed to leave Jan. 15 to go back to Brad. Honestly, she could go now. She's been ready to go but we figured that would be exactly 60 days of training on the farm and that would be the best thing to do before she went back to Brad."

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British Idiom has returned to breezing in preparation for her 2020 debut

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BRITISH IDIOM BREEZES WITH EYE TOWARD FEBRUARY RETURN

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"She didn't get a lot of time off from pulling a hamstring so it's not like she lost much fitness. We're not going to push her or set a schedule of races that we're pointing toward or anything, we just want to get her back and hopefully we can do that. In 2020, if all we can do is get her back to the races, then I will be very happy."

Keeping it all in the family, Monomoy Girl's Palace Malice half brother, Mr. Monomoy—also trained by Cox—will look to step up in company next out in hopes that he can earn his way into the spring classics. Owned by Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb, and Doheny Racing Stable, Mr. Monomoy scored his maiden win Nov. 16 on second asking at Churchill Downs and followed that effort with a game second in a Dec. 21 allowance-optional claiming race at Fair Grounds where he was defeated by a head.

"Mr. Monomoy came out of his race good. We will probably look at a stakes next and try him in a little



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Mr. Monomoy breaks his maiden Nov. 16 at Churchill Downs

deeper company and see how he does," Crow said. "I don't think he had any excuses in that last race. He just got beat and that happens. I think he had a good trip but we will see if he's a graded stakes level horse when we try him in some of these early (Kentucky) Derby (Presented by Woodford Reserve, G1) prep races probably down at Fair Grounds too. There is no reason to ship him out of there." **BH**

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BLITZKRIEG RETURNS TO SPRINTING IN JOE HERNANDEZ STAKES

By Frank Angst

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After earning a grade 3 win at one mile on the turf in 2019 ahead of a failed try on dirt at the top level, Blitzkrieg will return to turf sprinting when he makes his 5-year-old debut in the \$200,000 Joe Hernandez Stakes (G2T) Jan. 1 at Santa Anita Park.

In 2019, R3 Racing and Calara Farms' Blitzkrieg put together a three-race win streak in turf sprints at Santa Anita. In April trainer Doug O'Neill shipped the son of War Front north to Golden Gate Fields for his graded stakes debut and he responded with a clear victory in the San Francisco Mile Stakes (G3T).

O'Neill then took a shot with Blitzkrieg in the May 27 Gold Cup at Santa Anita Stakes (G1) but either the surface switch or class level didn't fit. Blitzkrieg weakened after an early inside duel with grade 1 winner Gift Box and finished seventh, beaten more than 22 lengths by eventual Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Vino Rosso.

Blitzkrieg won't face any horses as accomplished as Gift Box or Vino Rosso when he returns Wednesday in the Hernandez, but the familiar Santa Anita ground will present a new challenge. Blitzkrieg's three-race win streak sprinting on the Santa Anita turf in 2019 came at about 6 1/2 furlongs on the hillside course, while the 2020 running of the Hernandez has been moved from that distance to 5 1/2 furlongs on the main turf.

O'Neill will also send out Legends of War, who like Blitzkrieg enters off an off-the-board finish in grade 1 competition. The son of Scat Daddy finished last of 12 in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) at five furlongs on the Santa Anita turf, but appears to fit here. Two starts ago, he won the Nevada State Bank Franklin-Simpson Stakes (G3T) at Kentucky Downs and placed in the 2019 Desert Code Stakes at five furlongs on the Santa Anita lawn.

While the two O'Neill-trained horses have enjoyed success in turf sprints, miler True Valour shortens up a bit after a 2019 season that saw the son of Kodiak claim hard-fought victories in the Thunder Road Stakes (G3T) and City of Hope Mile Stakes (G2T), both on the grass at Santa Anita. Owned and trained by Simon Callaghan, True Valour closed out 2019 with a 10th-place finish in the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T).

Always dangerous in turf sprints, trainer Peter Miller has entered Texas Wedge, who has finished first or second in three straight allowance-level races in Kentucky; and Captain Scotty, who led into the stretch before fading to third in an allowance-level race on the Churchill main track Nov. 29. Captain Scotty has never raced on turf.

After running at Golden Gate in his past four races, longshot Oiseau de Guerre returns to Santa Anita for the Joe Hernandez. Trainer Michael McCarthy believes drawing post 5 will help the late-running son of War Front.

"He gets off the rail (from his last two races) and it looks like there's a lot of pace," McCarthy said. "He should be rolling late." **BH**



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Blitzkrieg wins the San Francisco Mile at Golden Gate Fields

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RACES TO WATCH

SMIRK TAKES SECOND SWING AT MAIDEN SCORE

By BloodHorse Staff

Smirk, the Blame half brother to multiple grade 1 winner Elate, will make a second bid at his maiden score in the first race Jan. 1 at Gulfstream Park, a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight on the turf.

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott brings Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider's homebred back to the same distance and surface over which he was initially intended to make his debut when entered in a Nov. 30 test on a rainy day at Churchill Downs. That race was moved to a sloppy (sealed) main track, and Smirk ran sixth of 10 after getting off to a slow start and improving his position toward the end.

Smirk is offered at 4-1 on the morning line for Wednesday's \$50,000 affair, which is led by 9-5 favorite Gunman, a homebred son of War Front for Bass Racing trained by Todd Pletcher. The two break side-by-side; Gunman departs post 3 with John Velazquez aboard while Smirk leaves post 4 with Edgard Zayas in the irons.

Elate, the winner of \$2,628,775 in earnings and six graded stakes—two of them grade 1 events—is by far the most accomplished runner produced by the stakes-winning Distorted Humor mare Cheery. The mare has produced just three foals despite retiring to the breeding shed in 2013. Elate, foaled in 2014, was her

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Gulfstream Park, Wednesday, January 1, Race 1
8.5f (turf), \$50,000, 3yo, 12:35 PM (local)

PP	Horse	Sire	Dam
1	Paintsville	Medaglia d'Oro	Reaching (IRE)
2	Alejandro's Team	Kitten's Joy	Lead Me On
3	Gunman	War Front	Courtesan
4	Smirk	Blame	Cheery
5	Fake Muse	Tapizar	French Park
6	Magic Street	Magician (IRE)	Off the Street
7	Bad Beat Brian	Jack Milton	Ultimate Class
8	Walk Up Music	Point of Entry	See Me Dance
9	Allgorilla	Algorithms	Detach
10	Maverick Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Showgirl Form



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Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott will send out Smirk Jan. 1 in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight on the turf at Gulfstream Park

first, while Haunt, a winning son of Ghostzapper, was produced in 2016. Smirk, foaled in 2017, was her most recent to date, as she aborted in 2018-19. She was bred back to Medaglia d'Oro for 2020.

Cheery is a daughter of the high-class A.P. Indy mare Yell, herself a half sister to grade 1 winner Eastern Echo; grade 2 winner Roar; and to Blare of Trumpets, who took the Toboggan Handicap (G3). This is also the family of the Mr. Prospector mare Praise, who produced the A. P. Indy sires Flatter and Congrats.

Smirk, his dam, and his granddam were all bred by Claiborne and Dilschneider, who purchased Smirk's fourth dam, Wild Applause, from the Rokeby Stables of Paul Mellon for \$1.025 million at the 1992 Keeneland November sale.

Also entered in Wednesday's race are Allgorilla, an Algorithms half to grade 2 winner Apart, and Fake Muse, a Tapizar half to grade 3 winner Genre. **BH**

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VOTING BEGINS FOR 2019 NTRA MOMENT OF THE YEAR

By BloodHorse Staff

Fourteen of the most memorable, significant, and reflective events from the last 12 months of Thoroughbred racing are up for the 2019 NTRA Moment of the Year, a distinction determined by fan voting and recognized at The Eclipse Awards. Voting is open on the National Thoroughbred Racing Association website, NTRA.com, and via Twitter, where every retweet or use of the official hashtag for the moments as presented on the NTRA account will be counted as one vote.

To vote on the NTRA website, go to <https://www.ntra.com/eclipse-awards/2019-moment-of-the-year/>.

Fans are permitted to vote for multiple moments but there is a limit of one vote per moment for each Twitter account. Subsequent votes from an account will be disqualified. Votes must be submitted by Jan. 17 at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

The NTRA Moment of the Year will be revealed during the 49th Annual Eclipse Awards Jan. 23 at

Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Fla.

The eligible 2019 moments illustrate the wide range of human emotions and achievements, as well as outstanding displays of athleticism. Events fans can choose from are listed chronologically as follows, along with the designated hashtag that can be used to vote:

#ThunderSnowDWC—Godolphin's homebred Thunder Snow made history when he edged Gronkowski at the wire to become the first two-time winner of the Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1). A group 1 winner at ages 2, 3, 4, and 5, the son of Helmet went on to finish third in the June 8 Runhappy Metropolitan Handicap (G1) before he was retired in November with more than \$16.5 million in earnings. (Race date: March 30)

#MaximumSecurityDQ—The 145th Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) will live in infamy as Maximum Security crossed the wire first but was disqualified due to interference, with Country House elevated to victory. Maximum Security became the first horse disqualified from a Kentucky Derby triumph due to an in-race foul. Despite the disqualification, Gary and Mary West's Maximum Security stamped himself the leading candidate for divisional honors with subsequent victories in the TVG.com Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1) and Cigar Mile Handicap (G1). (Race date: May 4)

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The 145th running of the Kentucky Derby with elevated winner Country House (pictured) is among 14 choices for the 2019 NTRA Moment of the Year

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#BodexpressRun—After unseating jockey John Velazquez at the start of the Preakness Stakes (G1), Bodexpress galloped alongside the field around the Pimlico Racecourse oval before he was caught by outrider Kaymarie Kreidel. That 'born free' moment turned Bodexpress into a social media sensation and he later proved he could do some real running by winning two of his next three starts. (Race date: May 18)

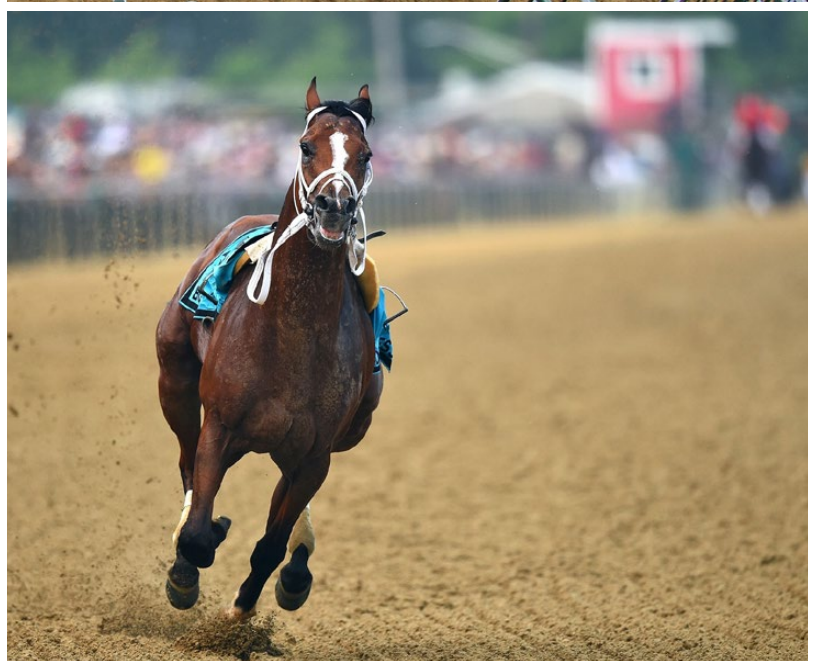
#MitoleMet—With six grade/group 1 winners in its field, the 2019 Metropolitan Handicap (G1) was arguably the most loaded race on the Belmont Stakes Day card and it lived up to the hype when Mitole prevailed by three quarters of a length over McKinzie. The Met Mile was one of four grade 1 wins on the year for Mitole, who capped his career with a victory in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). (Race date: June 8)

#GoodbyeMarylou—Thoroughbred racing lost a member of its royal family when Marylou Whitney, the "Queen of Saratoga," died at the age of 93. In addition to being one of the most successful owners in Thoroughbred racing, Whitney was known for her philanthropic contributions and immeasurable passion for the sport—particularly for the city of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She was presented with an Eclipse Award of Merit in 2010 for her contributions to racing and was elected to The Jockey Club in 2011. (Date: July 19)

#CovfefeTest—In a duel that invoked memories of the 2002 battle between You and Carson Hollow, eventual Breeders' Cup winner Covfefe matched strides with Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) heroine Serengeti Empress to the wire before getting up by a half a length to win the Longines Test Stakes (G1) at Saratoga Race Course. That victory marked the first grade 1 win for Covfefe and was one of five victories on the year for the filly, who likely cemented divisional honors with a win in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1). (Race date: August 3)



CHAD B. HARRISON



RICK SAMUELS

Bodexpress runs free during the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course

#ChadSweep—In one of the most impressive displays of strength from his powerhouse stable, three-time Eclipse Award winning trainer Chad Brown saddled the winners of all four graded stakes—including three grade 1 races—on the Arlington Million card. Brown scored with champion Sistercharlie in the grade 1 Beverly D. Stakes (G1T) and Valid Point in the Secretariat Stakes (G1T) before taking the signature event, the Arlington Million XXXVII Stakes (G1T), with Bricks and Mortar—the favorite for 2019 Horse of the Year honors. Brown also won the day's finale, the grade 3 Pucker Up Stakes, with Café Americano. (Race date: Aug. 10)

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#FourStarStormy—Owner Gary Barber's decision to wheel his filly Got Stormy back in the Fourstardave Handicap (G1T) seven days after she captured the De La Rose Stakes at Saratoga paid dividends as she bested eventual TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T) winner Uni to become the first filly to capture the race, doing so in course-record fashion. Trained by Mark Casse, Got Stormy went on to finish second in both the Ricoh Woodbine Mile (G1T) and Breeders' Cup Mile before closing out her campaign with a victory in the Matriarch Stakes (G1T) at Del Mar. (Race date: Aug. 10)

#BisouBest—The third and final meeting of the season between grade 1 winners Midnight Bisou and Elate proved among the most stirring races of the year with Midnight Bisou running down her rival in the final strides to win by a nose in the Personal Ensign Stakes Presented by Lia Infiniti (G1) at Saratoga. Midnight Bisou previously defeated Elate in the Azeri Stakes (G2) and Apple Blossom Handicap (G1) and brought a seven-race win streak into the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1), where she ran second. (Race date: Aug. 24)

#OmahaBeachSprint—In his first start since winning the Arkansas Derby (G1) in April, Omaha Beach showcased his versatility when he caught Shancelot in deep stretch to win the Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes (G1). Trained by Richard Mandella, Omaha Beach was the morning-line favorite for the Kentucky Derby before he missed the race due to a throat ailment. Omaha Beach closed out his 2019 campaign with a victory in the Dec. 28 Runhappy Malibu Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita Park. (Race date: Oct. 5)

#BelvoirBayBC—Less than two years after having to run for her life during the Lilac Fire that decimated San Luis Rey Training Center, Belvoir Bay again demonstrated her heart when she toppled male rivals to win the Breeders'

Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) in course-record time. The 6-year-old mare went missing for days after the fire hit in December 2017 and spent time receiving hyperbaric oxygen treatments to recover from her injuries. She was a force in her own right in 2019, winning three starts and finishing a close second to Blue Point in the Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored By Azizi Developments (G1) in Dubai in March. (Race date: Nov. 2)

#BricksBC—After having his career nearly derailed in 2017, Bricks and Mortar stamped himself the favorite for 2019 Horse of the Year honors when he capped an unbeaten campaign with a victory in the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1T). The son of Giant's Causeway was sidelined for more than a year after undergoing surgery for a severe stringhalt condition in 2017 but has not lost since returning to the races in December 2018. His victory in the Breeders' Cup was his sixth victory of 2019, five of which came in grade 1 races. (Race date: Nov. 2)

#VinoRossoBC—Vino Rosso provided trainer Todd Pletcher one of the few accomplishments missing from the seven-time Eclipse Award winner's resume when he captured the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) to give his conditioner his first victory in the prestigious test. Vino Rosso previously won the Gold Cup at Santa Anita Stakes (G1) in May and looked every bit at home over the oval again in the Breeders' Cup as he rolled to a 4 1/4-length triumph. (Race date: Nov. 2)

#IradBC—Irad Ortiz Jr. showed again why he is one of the best riders in the game when he booted home four winners during the two-day Breeders' Cup World

Championships. Ortiz's victories began in the first championship race on Four Wheel Drive in the Nov. 1 Juvenile Turf Sprint (G2T). He also won on Spun to Run in the Big Ass Fans Dirt Mile (G1), Bricks and Mortar in the Turf and capped it off in the finale with a score on Vino Rosso in the Classic. (Race dates: Nov. 1-2).

Justify's sweep of the Classics to become just the 13th Triple Crown winner

was last year's NTRA Moment of the Year. **BH**



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Midnight Bisou (outside) wins the Personal Ensign at Saratoga

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RACES CANCELLED AS AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES RAGE ON

By Tom Ward/Racing Post

Australia's bushfire crisis continues to impact the country's racing industry after two meetings in New South Wales were called off Dec. 31 due to their proximity to the blaze.

Racing was cancelled at Nowra racecourse on the NSW south coast after forecast hot temperatures raised the likelihood of hazardous smoke affecting the meeting.

In addition, the Australian government placed warnings against travelling to the area owing to the dangerous conditions.

A further fixture was lost at Gosford on the NSW central coast with officials citing the oppressive heat of nearly 40 degrees celsius as not in the interest of equine and human welfare.

Three meetings have now succumbed to the devastating conditions after a card was cancelled at Port Macquarie in November.

The fires, which have now accounted for at least nine deaths and the destruction of more than 700 houses, have also plunged a planned New Year's Day meeting at Samphire Coast into serious doubt, with some roads to the track closed.

Racing this Saturday at Wangaratta has also been affected after Racing Victoria, in consultation with its veterinary department, the Bureau of Meteorology and the trainers' and jockeys' associations, pushed the meeting back two days to Monday due to forecast extreme heat.

Greg Carpenter, executive general manager of racing at Racing Victoria, said: "We

will continue to monitor conditions across the state during this period of extreme weather and work with industry stakeholders to make the best decisions for all participants and our equine athletes."

The sport has played its part in assisting the many thousands of stricken families who have found themselves evacuated from their homes due to the fires.

Bairnsdale racecourse in eastern Victoria has been opened as an evacuation center, with around 70 people already using the facility for refuge.

Bairnsdale Racing Club chairman Greg Beadel said: "We opened up the jockey rooms so people could have a shower, and a lot of them slept on inflatable mattresses in the dining room.

"Others camped on the lawn with their dogs or slept in their cars. We anticipate that we'll get quite a few more because unfortunately there are reports coming in that quite a few houses have been lost.

"The local sale yards are full so if need be people can bring horses and other stock as well."

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SIX BIG EUROPEAN BLOODSTOCK SURPRISES OF 2019

By Martin Stevens/Racing Post

Martin Stevens recaps some of the most remarkable stories of the past year in this bloodstock review.

1. Crystal Ocean Stallion Deal Sparks Debate

Few developments generated as much debate as the purchase of Crystal Ocean—the joint-leading performer globally in 2019 according to October's interim edition of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, along with Enable and Waldgeist—to become a jumps stallion under the Coolmore banner at The Beeches Stud.

The departure of another top-rated middle-distance performer in Poet's Word from the Nunnery Stud roster after only one season to take up dual-purpose duty at Boardsmill Stud had already highlighted how hard it is for runners with even an ounce of stamina to gain respect from flat breeders.

But the Crystal Ocean news would have been particularly hard to fathom for those blissfully unaware of the caprices of stallion fashion as he is a Sea The Stars half brother to high-class pair Crystal Capella and Hillstar, and had scored his group 1 over 10 furlongs in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, in which he had Magical and Waldgeist behind. He also ran admirably when second in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes (G1) and Juddmonte International (G1) this year.

Crystal Ocean's immediate designation as a National Hunt stallion was indeed a damning indictment of British and Irish breeders' disregard for middle-distance talent; all the more so as it is believed Coolmore's chief rivals to secure his services were in Germany.

But then there is nothing to stop flat breeders without a commercial imperative using him at The



Sir Michael Stoute is all smiles with Crystal Ocean after his Prince of Wales's Stakes score at Royal Ascot

Beeches Stud, and it will be interesting to see if the outrage about the deal heard in sales house bars and seen on social media translates into lots of flat mares being sent to him at a bargain price of €8,000 in 2020.

2. What Price a Newbury Novice Hurdle Runner-Up?

We have known for some time that there is fevered demand for the most promising jumps horses; just look at the blockbuster prices paid at boutique race-day auctions for winning point-to-pointers for evidence.

One of those top-priced horses from the pointing sphere was Interconnected, who sold to Mike Grech and Stuart Parkin for £220,000 (US\$307,142) at the Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale of 2018 after winning at Larkhill by 20 lengths for Sophie Lacey.

But what happened when the 5-year-old Network gelding, who subsequently finished a close second in a Newbury novice hurdle for Nicky Henderson, went through the ring at Doncaster in May as part of the joint-owners' dispersal of their string was not just surprising but downright extraordinary.

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Interconnected became part of a frenzied bidding duel between high-rolling owner Darren Yates, standing with trainer Philip Kirby, and the sales house's Nick Nugent taking instructions on the phone. Yates had the final say, but had to go to £620,000 (\$787,772)—a record for a Doncaster sale as well as for a National Hunt horse anywhere at auction—to do so.

The high drama did not remain in the ring, as only a few months later Yates moved most of his horses from Kirby, including Interconnected, claiming his own superstitions as the reason, while the record breaker himself, now in training with Dan Skelton, was ruled out of running this season due to a minor injury.

3. The Hare-Brained Scheme That Could Just Come Off

David and Kathleen Holmes received plenty of warm wishes when in 2017 they decided to leave one of the last colt foals born to their late rags-to-riches sire Midnight Legend entire in the hope he would win a black-type race on the flat or over jumps and earn a position at stud to continue the line. But there were a lot more cynical mutterings and condescending smiles.

The couple are not naïve newcomers to the industry, though, and they were well aware that the foal—auspiciously named *Midnights Legacy*—had a page that entitled him to own his fair share of talent and even stallion potential. He is out of the Bloomsbury Stud-bred Generous mare Giving, who had group 1 fillies *Heaven Sent* and *Rajeem* behind when she won a Warwick maiden and is a half sister to stakes scorers *Burn the Breeze* and *Lethal's Lady* as well as *Miracle*, the dam of champion hurdle hero *Katchit*.

The well-bred *Midnights Legacy* turned 2 in 2019 and looked the part in pre-training with Jamie Goss before he was handed over to Alan King, for whom he won a Bath novice stakes by two and three quarters of a length in October on just his second start.

The doubters were well and truly silenced, and there is now considerable excitement for his 3-year-old season, when he is expected to pursue bigger pots on the flat before going down the juvenile hurdling route.

The omens for the colt's future in juvenile hurdles are favorable, as his year-older sister *Midnights' Gift* and two years-older half sister *Giving Glances* have both won black-type events in that discipline in the past 12 months.

4. Unexpected Move East for In-Demand Derby Winner

We are accustomed to emerging racing nations buying up stallions who had not quite made the grade in Britain and Ireland, but one variation on such a deal in 2019 sent eyebrows soaring: the Turkish Jockey Club's purchase of Vodafone Epsom Derby (G1) winner *Authorized*.

The transaction was surprising on a number of levels. First, *Authorized* was a brilliant Derby winner who also defeated multiple group 1 winners *Dylan Thomas*, *Notnowcato*, and *Duke of Marmalade* to win the Juddmonte International. He must rank as one of the highest rated horses to have ever stood in Turkey.



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Authorized wins the 2007 Juddmonte International at York

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Second, Authorized was far from a failure as a stallion. On the flat he had delivered the redoubtable Australian superstar Hartnell and group 1-winning fillies Ambivalent and Seal of Approval, while over jumps he had been represented by dual Grand National hero Tiger Roll and Stayers' Hurdle scorer Nichols Canyon.

It was widely known that Darley had turned down many offers from jumps studs in Britain and Ireland to stand Authorized, and so he had remained at Haras du Logis in Normandy since 2014. The decision to instead sell him at age 15 looked strange to say the least.

That said, perhaps we should not have found Turkey's pursuit of top-class stallion talent a total shock. The country has lots of cash to splash generated by a local betting tax, and indeed they also bought Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Super Saver and Bodemeister, sire of Always Dreaming, who also triumphed in the Churchill Downs Classic, in 2019. Authorized would have been firmly in their sights after his offspring Toruk Macto and Bici Bici had won big races there.

5. Value Sire Seals Treble on Racing's Biggest Stage

Bated Breath, available at Banstead Manor Stud at a fee of £12,500 in 2020, has long been noted as a useful value for money sire but he made a big breakthrough this year as he matched the feat of the far more expensive half brothers Galileo and Sea The Stars by supplying three individual winners at Royal Ascot.

Biometric got the ball rolling when mowing down Turgenev to take the Britannia Handicap, and one day later Daahyeh put in an impressive display when winning the Albany Stakes (G3). Space Traveller sealed the three-timer a day after by defeating his 17 rivals in the Jersey Stakes (G3).

Daahyeh went on to win the Shadwell Rockfel Stakes (G2) and finish second in the Bet365 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes (G2), Moyglare Stud Stakes (G1), and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1T),

while Space Traveller scored in the Clipper Logistics Boomerang Solonaway Stakes (G2) and was not disgraced in eighth in the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T). Both look capable of giving Bated Breath an elusive first group/grade 1 winner in 2020.

Bated Breath is one of four active stallions stationed at Banstead Manor who have progeny of racing age; in further proof of the brilliance of Juddmonte bloodlines, all were represented by winners at the royal meeting this year. Frankel posted handicap scorers Baghdad and The Grand Visir, Kingman delivered the first two home in the Hampton Court Stakes (G3), Sangarius and Fox Chairman, and Oasis Dream got on the board with Royal Hunt Cup victor Afaak.

6. Qatar Racing Great Gone Far Too Soon

There are nice surprises and there are nasty surprises, and sadly 2019 often seemed to deal us more of the latter—from revelations about malpractice in the buying and selling of racehorses to allegations about big-spending owners' backgrounds, and then a final kick in the teeth to see out the year with the news that four stallions, including Triple Crown hero Justify's half brother The Lieutenant, had been slaughtered in a grisly attack on a stud in Peru.

But perhaps none were more shocking than Roaring Lion's demise due to colic after arriving at Cambridge Stud in New Zealand for his first round of shuttling duty in August.

Qatar Racing's color bearer had won legions of fans not just for his champion 3-year-old season in Europe in 2018, but for his strikingly handsome looks and the abundant charisma he displayed when shown off to breeders at his northern hemisphere home at Tweenhills.

One of the happier turns of events in 2019 was the emergence of another exciting Qatar Racing-owned son of Kitten's Joy in Kameko, an impressive winner of the Vertem Futurity (G1) in November, while the coming weeks should provide further compensation to this tragic tale as the sole crop of Roaring Lion foals start arriving on studs.

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PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

WITH ALAN PORTER

LADY PRANCEALOT A FEATHER IN THE CAP FOR SIR PRANCEALOT

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In 1941 the English-bred Beau Pere arrived at Louis B. Meyer's Elbee Farms in Perris Valley, Ca., having previously stood in England, New Zealand, and Australia. A champion sire in Australia, Beau Pere continued to be extremely successful in North America to the degree that he was transferred to Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Ky., for the 1947 breeding season (although he died of peritonitis before he covered a mare).

This year, Beau Pere's peregrinations are going to be rather duplicated by Sir Prancealot, who is due to arrive from Australia (where had been shuttling from Ireland) to stand at Rancho San Miguel in San Miguel, Ca., at a fee of \$15,000 stands and nurses. While Sir Prancealot can't boast of already being a multiple champion sire, he does have the edge on Beau Pere in one respect, as Sir Prancealot's runners have already made a serious mark in California.

SIR PRANCEALOT, b, 2010	Tamayuz, 2005	Nayef, 1998	Gulch
		Al Ishq, 1997	Height of Fashion
LADY PRANCEALOT(Ire) b, f February 9, 2016	Mona Em, 1997	Catrail, 1990	Nureyev
		Moy Water, 1992	Allez Les Trois
NAQRAH, b, 2012	Haatef, 2004	Danzig, 1977	Storm Cat
		Sayedat Alhadh, 1994	Tough as Nails
	Filfilah, 1995	Cadeaux Genereux, 1985	Tirol
		El Rabab, 1989	Croglin Water

In fact, Sir Prancealot—especially for a stallion who only stood at a modest fee—has a remarkable record in North America. He's been represented by just 14 starters, six of whom have earned black-type and four of which won stakes. His progeny are headed by graded winners Madam Dancealot, successful in the San Clemente Handicap (G2T) and Santa Ana Stakes (G2T) and four-times grade 1 placed; Beau Recall, who captured the Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes (G2T), Yellow Ribbon Handicap (G2T) and

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Lady Prancealot wins the American Oaks at Santa Anita Park



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Royal Heroine Stakes (G2T), and three times a runner-up at grade 1 level, and Lady Prancealot, who added a Dec. 28 victory in the American Oaks (G1T) to earlier tallies in the Pin Oak Valley View Stakes (G3T), and Honeymoon Stakes (G3T).

Sir Prancealot's trio of graded stakes winners have all proved effective over at least 8 1/2 furlongs, and have performed best at 3 or older, which is very different from the traits that distinguished Sir Prancelot as a racehorse. He started only six times, all at 2, and won three races including the Betfair Funds The PJA Doctor National Stakes and the Polypipe Flying Childers Stakes (G2), as well as finished second in the Prix Robert Papin (G2). He broke his maiden at 5 1/2 furlongs, but both his black-type wins came over five, and he appeared to find six furlongs a stretch when fourth in the Coventry Stakes and Darley Prix Morny (G1) on his other two outings.

Sir Prancealot represents what appears to be a significant shift in aptitude through successive generation of his male line. His grandsire, Nayef, was by the versatile Mr. Prospector horse Gulch (by Mr. Prospector), champion sprinter in North America in 1988. Gulch also placed in the Belmont Stakes (G1), and probably best remembered now as sire of Thunder Gulch, hero of the Kentucky Derby (G1), Belmont Stakes (G1), and Travers Stakes (G1) in 1995. Nayef was out of the great producer, Height of Fashion—bred by Her Majesty The Queen, but owned by Shadwell Stud when Nayef was born—and was a top-class performer from 10-12 furlongs, numbering the Champion Stakes (G1), Dubai Sheema Classic (G1), Juddmonte International Stakes (G1) and Prince of Wales's Stakes (G1) among his successes.

Sir Prancealot's sire, Tamayuz, out of a Nureyev mare quite closely related to the great sire, Galileo, was a miler who took five of seven starts, including the Abu

Dhabi Sorouh Prix Jean Prat (G1) and Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard-Jacques le Marois (G1). In addition to Sir Prancealot, his best runners include the group 1-winning sprinter G Force, Blond Me, who took the E. P. Taylor Stakes (G1T), and this year's Al Shaqab Lockinge Stakes (G1) scorer Mustashry.

Retired to stud as a 3-year-old, Sir Prancealot sired five stakes winners in his first crop, Beau Recall and Madam Dancealot, being joined as group/graded winners from that group by the gelding Sir Dancealot, a five-time group winner in England, who has been best at seven furlongs. There was nothing of note among the 43 foals in Sir Prancelot's second crop, but his third crop contained not only Lady Prancealot, but also Ginger Nut, winner of the Weatherbys Super Sprint in England, and the Limestone Turf Sprint Stakes on this side of the Atlantic.

Lady Prancelot's dam, Naqrah, never ran. She is half sister to Baqah, who took the Prix de Sandringham (G2), and produced an earlier U.S. grade 1 winner in Almanaar (by Dubawi), winner of the Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap (G1T) and Monmouth Stakes (G2T), having earlier taken the Prix Paul de Moussac (G3) and Prix Daphnis (G3) in France. Naqrah's dam, Filfilah, is a half sister to another North American notable in Muntej, who took the Sky Classic Handicap (G2T) at Woodbine, and was also grade 1 placed in Canada.

The third dam of Lady Prancelot, El Rabab, raced in England, where she was a winner at 2 but owned a North American pedigree, as she was by Roberto out of Brave Raj, the champion 2-year-old filly in North America for 1986 and heroine of that year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1). In addition to El Rabab, Brave Raj, also produced stakes winners Bravo Bull and Russian Tango, and appears as granddam of graded scorers Eurosilver and Fast Bullet. Despite her success as a runner and broodmare, Brave Raj had a rather obscure pedigree. Neither her sire, Rajab—who sired only one additional graded winner—and her broodmare sire Bravo were stakes winners. **BH**

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RACE RESULTS

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BLACK TYPE STAKES

Prairie Bayou S.

Turfway Park, 12/31, \$75,000, 3yo/up, 8.5f (all-weather), 1:45.49, track fast.

1—**Peekacho**, 120, dk b/br g, 4.....\$44,175
Hold Me Back—Pioneering Cat, by Pioneering

O—Andrew C. Ritter, B—Ledglands LLC & Andrew C. Ritter (KY), T—Brian Michael, J—John McKee

2—**Royal Mesa**, 121, b c, 3.....\$14,250
Sky Mesa—Flashy Campaign, by Political Force

O—Jerry Namy, B—Jerry Namy (KY), T—Philip A. Sims, J—Malcolm Franklin

3—**Guest Suite**, 120, b g, 5.....\$7,125
Quality Road—Guest House, by Ghostzapper

O—Contreras Stable Inc. and Victory Stables, LLC, B—W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY), T—Cipriano Contreras, J—Fernando De La Cruz

Margins: neck, 4, 1¼. **Others:** Louder Than Bombs (\$3,562), Memory Bank (\$1,425), Patriot Drive (\$750), Chief Oakie Dokie (\$500), Driven to Compete (\$500), Big Dollar Bill (\$750), Hard to Be Good (\$750). **Scratched:** Dabo, Flowerpecker, Blueridge Traveler, Antrim's Giant. [View Equibase Chart](#)

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 6, ALW

12/31, \$64,000, 3yo/up, 7f (dirt), 1:23.88, track sloppy.

1—**Silver Seeker**, 115, gr/ro g, 3, **Central Banker**—Silver Wave, by Star Dabber, \$35,200, O—Erin Lacroix, B—Patrick Davis (NY), T—Gene LaCroix, J—Declan Carroll

Sale History: 2017 FTKOCT, (\$7,500 RNA).



Margin: 2¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Aqueduct, Race 7, ALW

12/31, \$70,000, 3yo/up, 9f (dirt), 1:51.76, track sloppy.

1—**Patagonia**, 119, b c, 3, **Strong Mandate**—Lantern, by Mineshaft, \$38,500, O—Evans, Lauren and Evans, Ralph M., B—Hartmut H. Malluche & Silesia Farm (KY), T—Jonathan Thomas, J—Eric Cancel

Sale History: 2019 KEENOV, \$150,000, 2018 OBSMAR, \$450,000, 2017 KEESEP, (\$210,000 RNA), 2017 KEEJAN, \$95,000.

Margin: neck, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Sunland Park, Race 1, AOC

12/31, \$29,800, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:38.88, track fast.

1—**Performance Review**, 123, dk b/br m, 6, **Esken-dereya**—Right to Rule, by Five Star Day, \$18,178, O—Judge Lanier Racing, B—Fletcher Gray & Carolyn Gray (KY), T—Miguel L. Hernandez, J—Luis Contreras

Sale History: 2017 KEENOV, \$10,000, 2015 OBSAPR, \$150,000.

Margin: 3¼, 4 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Sunland Park, Race 5, ALW

12/31, \$25,600, 2yo, 6f (dirt), 1:09.85, track fast.

1—**Competitive Idea**, 120, dk b/br g, 2, **Competitive Edge**—That's the Idea, by Diabolical, \$15,360, O—Robison, J. Kirk and Judy, B—J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (KY), T—Todd W. Fincher, J—Ry Eikleberry

Margin: 2¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Turfway Park, Race 6, AOC

12/31, \$48,000, 2yo, 8f (all-weather), 1:40.32, track fast.

1—**Artemus Eagle**, 118, b c, 2, **Wicked Strong**—Beth Ann's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy, \$29,180, O—Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K., B—Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY), T—Michael J. Maker, J—Martin Garcia

Margin: 1, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Turfway Park, Race 7, ALW

12/31, \$48,500, 3yo/up, 8f (all-weather), 1:38.55, track fast.

1—**Westerland** (GB), 121, b g, 4, **Frankel** (GB)—Arabesque (GB), by Zafonic, \$11,400, O—Three Diamonds Farm, B—JUDDMONTE FARMS LTD (GB), T—Michael J. Maker, J—Gerardo Corrales

Sale History: 2019 KEEJAN, \$100,000.

Margin: 1½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Aqueduct, Race 1, MCL

12/31, \$46,000, 2yo, f, 8f (dirt), 1:41.45, track sloppy.

1—**Vibrancy**, 120, ch f, 2, **Verrazano**—Crescenda, by Bowman's Band, \$25,300, O—Bruce Walker, B—Robert Bruce Walker (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Jose Lezcagno

Margin: ¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Aqueduct, Race 3, MSW

12/31, \$68,000, 2yo, 9f (dirt), 1:54.58, track sloppy.

1—**Portos**, 119, gr/ro c, 2, **Tapit**—Fierce Boots, by Tiznow, \$37,400, O—Wertheimer and Frere, B—Wertheimer Et Frere (KY), T—Todd A. Pletcher, J—Jose Lezcagno

Margin: 10¾, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Aqueduct, Race 8, MCL

12/31, \$33,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:13.04, track sloppy.

1—**Rightdowntlemen**, 122, ch g, 3, **Big Brown**—Too Tough to Smile, by Good and Tough, \$18,150, O—The Luchncup Syndicate, B—Michael Schrader (NY), T—Bruce R. Brown, J—Eric Cancel

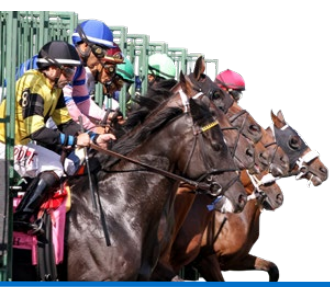
Margin: 1¾, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Turfway Park, Race 4, MSW

12/31, \$46,000, 2yo, 6.5f (all-weather), 1:19.39, track fast.

1—**High Holy**, 122, dk b/br c, 2, **Great Notion**—Altagracia, by Flatter, \$10,800, O—Silverton Hill LLC, B—Silverton Hill, LLC (KY), T—Darrin Miller, J—Joseph Rocco, Jr.

Margin: 3, 12 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



TODAY'S ENTRIES

JOE HERNANDEZ S. (G2T)

Santa Anita Park, Wednesday, January 1, Race 8
5.5f (turf), \$200,000, 4yo/up, 3:00 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Tribalist	Tribal Rule	8/g	Ruben Fuentes	120	10/1	Abrams, Dutko or Paran
2	2	Double Touch (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	5/g	Victor Espinoza	120	8/1	Hronis Racing, LLC
3	3	Grinning Tiger	Smiling Tiger	4/g	Jose Valdivia, Jr.	120	15/1	Tyree J. Wolessensky
4	4	Texas Wedge	Colonel John	4/g	Flavien Prat	120	6/1	Rafter JR Ranch LLC, STD Racing Stable or Miller, Et Al
5	5	Oiseau de Guerre	War Front	5/g	Geovanni Franco	120	12/1	Bligh or Head of Plains Partners LLC
6	6	True Valour (IRE)	Kodiac (GB)	5/h	Drayden Van Dyke	124	7/2	Simon Callaghan
7	7	Captain Scotty	Quality Road	5/g	Joel Rosario	120	5/1	Barber or Wachtel Stable
8	8	Legends of War	Scat Daddy	3/c	Abel Cedillo	122	6/1	C T R Stables LLC, Qatar Racing Limited or Keh
9	9	Blitzkrieg	War Front	4/g	Rafael Bejarano	122	3/1	R3 Racing LLC or Calara Farms
10	10	Carnivorous	Square Eddie	3/c	Mario Gutierrez	120	20/1	Thomsen Racing, LLC
11	11	Bay Muzik	Maclean's Music	5/g	Tyler Baze	120	12/1	Scott Herbertson

Breeders: 1–Dutko & Abrams; 2–Honeypuddle Stud; 3–Patrick Cosgrove; 4–Nancy Shuford; 5–Jay W. Bligh; 6–Mr P. O'Rourke; 7–John R. Mulholland & Martha Jane Mulholland; 8–DP Racing, LLC; 9–Ramona S. Bass, LLC; 10–Reddam Racing, LLC; 11–Barak Farm.

Trainers: 1–Blake R. Heap; 2–John W. Sadler; 3–Anthony K. Saavedra; 4–Peter Miller; 5–Michael W. McCarthy; 6–Simon Callaghan; 7–Peter Miller; 8–Doug F. O'Neill; 9–Doug F. O'Neill; 10–Steve Knapp; 11–Ari Herbertson.

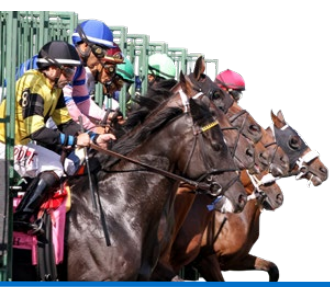
GULFSTREAM PARK, \$50,000 MSW, 8.5F (TURF)

Gulfstream Park, Wednesday, January 1, Race 1
8.5f (turf), \$50,000, 3yo, 12:35 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Paintsville	Medaglia d'Oro	2/c	Julien R. Leparoux	120	15/1	Michael and Reiko Baum
2	2	Alejandro's Team	Kitten's Joy	2/c	Santiago Gonzalez	120	30/1	Grupo 7C Racing Stable
3	3	Gunman	War Front	2/g	John R. Velazquez	120	9/5	Bass Racing, LLC
4	4	Smirk	Blame	2/c	Edgard J. Zayas	120	4/1	Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider
5	5	Fake Muse	Tapizar	2/c	Rajiv Maragh	120	10/1	Imaginary Stables, Mike Lauffer and Greg McDonald
6	6	Magic Street	Magician (IRE)	2/c	Luis Saez	120	6/1	Andrew Farm
7	7	Bad Beat Brian	Jack Milton	2/c	Joe Bravo	120	15/1	Big Dom Racing Stable
8	8	Walk Up Music	Point of Entry	2/c	Paco Lopez	120	8/1	Mark B. Grier
9	9	Algorilla	Algorithms	2/c	Silvia Zapico	120	20/1	Thoroughbred Champions Training Center LLC
10	10	Maverick Kitten	Kitten's Joy	2/c	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	120	5/1	Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey

Breeders: 1–Reiko Baum & Michael Baum; 2–Porta Pia Stable LLC; 3–Ramona S. Bass, LLC; 4–Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider; 5–Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.; 6–Richard Brodie; 7–Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean & Phil Hager; 8–Katerich Farms; 9–Adele B. Dilschneider; 10–Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey.

Trainers: 1–George R. Arnold, II; 2–Jose Garoffalo; 3–Todd A. Pletcher; 4–William I. Mott; 5–Elizabeth L. Dobles; 6–Eddie Kenneally; 7–Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 8–Arnaud Delacour; 9–Jaime Mejia; 10–Michael J. Maker.



TODAY'S ENTRIES

JEROME S.

Aqueduct, Wednesday, January 1, Race 7
8f (dirt), \$150,000, 3yo, 3:55 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Prince of Pharoahs	American Pharoah	2/c	Kendrick Carmouche	118	8/1	Bilinski, Darlene and Patten, Harry
2	2	Inside Risk	Street Sense	2/g	Reylu Gutierrez	118	30/1	Braverman, Paul, Murray, Robert, Lyden, Michael P. and Carroll, James E.
3	3	Independence Hall	Constitution	2/c	Jose L. Ortiz	123	1/5	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC, Verratti, Kathleen and Verratti, Robert N.
4	4	Dubai Bobby	Shanghai Bobby	2/g	Luis A. Rodriguez Castro	118	30/1	Summers, Chad, Touch Gold Racing, Summers, M. Scott and Summers, Daniel
5	5	Polar Bear Pete	Broken Vow	2/c	Dylan Davis	118	30/1	Chen, Danny, J.
6	6	Celtic Striker	Congrats	2/c	Manuel Franco	118	12/1	Imperial Racing, LLC
7	7	Bourbon Bay	Bayern	2/c	Jose Lezcano	118	5/1	Bourbon Lane Stable (J. Hill, M. McMahon), Seidman Stables LLC and Lake Lonely Racing

Breeders: 1—Dr. Jerry Bilinski & Harry Patten; 2—Repole Stable Inc; 3—Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC; 4—Hunter Valley Farm, Keith Lazarz & John Egofske; 5—Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey; 6—Stoneview Farm, Inc. & Craig D. Upham; 7—Oak Bluff Stables, LLC & Christophe Clement.

Trainers: 1—Linda Rice; 2—Thomas Morley; 3—Michael J. Trombetta; 4—Chad Summers; 5—Edward R. Barker; 6—Raymond Handal; 7—Mark A. Hennig.

UPCOMING ENTRIES

LA VERDAD S.

Aqueduct, Saturday, January 4, Race 8
7f (dirt), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:55 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Fight On Lucy	Musket Man	3/f	Reylu Gutierrez	118	-	Bongard, Ellen R., Skodinski, Carla H., Petrino, Ellen H., Condon, Kathleen and Bongard, Barbara R.
2		Pauseforthecause	Giant's Causeway	4/f	Manuel Franco	123	-	Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.
3		Kept True	Yes It's True	3/f	Dylan Davis	118	-	Treadway Racing Stable
4		Indy's Lady	Take Charge Indy	4/f	Jorge A. Vargas, Jr.	118	-	Double O Racing Stable LLC
5		Cash Offer	Shackleford	3/f	Jose Lezcano	118	-	Reddam Racing LLC
6		Aunt Babe	Desert Party	4/f	Julio Correa	120	-	Ferrari, Louis, P.
7		Bluegrass Jamboree	Bluegrass Cat	5/m	Eric Cancel	118	-	Sugar Maple Farm and Baker, Charlton

Breeders: 1—Rojan Farms; 2—Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman; 3—Jeffrey Treadway; 4—Alan R. Cook; 5—Taylor Brothers Properties, LLC & To Kalon, Inc; 6—Louis P Ferrari; 7—Sugar Maple Farm.

Trainers: 1—Patrick J. Kelly; 2—Kiaran P. McLaughlin; 3—Leah Gyarmati; 4—Jeremiah C. Englehart; 5—Mark A. Hennig; 6—James W. Ferraro; 7—Charlton Baker.