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# SALES UPDATE

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED

## SUPPLEMENTED REMEDY TOPS WINTER MIXED SALE AT \$570,000

By Christine Oser

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The Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale picked up the pace throughout the Feb. 11 second and final session, with the Creative Cause mare Remedy bringing \$570,000 in the supplemental catalog to top the sale.

Remedy hails from the prolific family of broodmare of the year Leslie's Lady and was sent home to Twin Creeks Farm, who bought out partners Medallion Racing and Parkland Thoroughbreds.

"We owned half of her. We just bought the partners out," said Twin Creeks team manager Randy Gullat. "She's been a favorite filly of ours in our stable and just thought the world of her pedigree. We're planning on breeding her to Constitution and think she's going to be an incredible mare. I just did not want to see her go."

The 5-year-old Remedy (Hip 619) was one of 14 supplemental entries consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency to the two-day auction and was entered as a broodmare prospect. Medallion Racing is Taylor Made's racing partnership.

"I think that the sale definitely heated up towards

the end. You kind of had a cluster of quality coming. When people see other horses selling well it gives them confidence in the market, and I think that's part of what you get here in November (at Fasig-Tipton's 'Night of Stars' premier breeding stock sale)," said Taylor Made's Mark Taylor. "Horse after horse is bringing a lot of money, and if you see a lot of horses selling really well, it just psychologically says, 'Hey, the market's pretty good.' If you have to watch 25 horses sell for under \$50,000 before your six-figure horse comes up, you start thinking, 'Man, what is going on? Am I overpaying?' I think it's good having those horses at the end, kind of a rising tide lifts all ships."

Fasig-Tipton reported 368 horses from 490 offered sold throughout Monday and Tuesday for gross receipts of \$9,777,100, up from 2019's figure of \$9,659,400 from 327 sold. This year's average of \$26,568 was down 12.6% from \$29,539, and the median dipped 43.3% to \$8,500 from \$15,000. The RNA rate for the 2020 sale was 24.9%, an increase from the 20.4% buyback rate a year ago.

"We got some really nice horses that came in late. A horse like Remedy was a standout. She would have been a lovely mare in November, she was a lovely mare in February—she's going to be a lovely mare wherever she is," said Boyd Browning Jr., president and CEO of Fasig-Tipton. "Several of the other horses that came in late were a matter of other circumstances, and you just had to have the flexibility to provide a legitimate marketplace for sellers and buyers alike. I think sellers have confidence that you can bring a quality horse here in February and be not only fairly treated but rewarded for a really good one."

Remedy was bred in Kentucky by Brereton C. Jones and B. Ned Jones. She is out of the Orientate mare Daisy Mason and is a half sister to the stakes-winning, graded stakes-placed Harry's Holiday. Her second dam is Leslie's Lady, dam of champion Beholder, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T) winner and young stallion Mendelssohn, and 2019 leading general sire Into Mischief.



Remedy in the ring at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale

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FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED

## SUPPLEMENTED REMEDY TOPS WINTER MIXED SALE AT \$570,000

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Twin Creeks first purchased Remedy for \$200,000 from Airdrie Stud's consignment to the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. She was trained by Brad Cox and earned \$217,344 from a 3-4-0 record in 13 starts, finishing second in the Comely Stakes (G3) and Remington Park Oaks (G3).

"We've liked her since we bought her. We bought her as a yearling. She was just something I did not want to lose," Gullatt said. "The pedigree speaks for itself. I think having Constitution—we have a lot of shares in him—as something big-time to breed to something like that, I think she could produce any kind of horse. She was just something we could not lose."

"Remedy was really popular the whole time we were showing her," Taylor said. "Obviously she has the female family, she had the race record, and then she kind of had that intangible. She's very classy. So much brains about her. She'd come out there and just present herself great every time, and we had a lot of big people in there. I still think had she been here in November she would have brought more, because a lot of the principles had agents here, but the principles themselves weren't here."

Taylor Made also consigned top mares in Exuberance (Hip 596), who sold to Tolo Thoroughbreds and Mike Abraham for \$245,000; and Kayce Lu (Hip 651), who went to Town & Country Farm and George Saufley for \$170,000.

Exuberance, by Archarcharch—Wild Forest Cat, by D'Wildcat, is a multiple graded stakes-placed mare and a full sister to graded stakes winner Toews On Ice. She was consigned as a racing or broodmare prospect. Kayce Lu is a daughter of Lonhro out of the Tiznow mare Kayce Ace, a full sister to multiple grade 1 winner and sire Colonel John. Kayce Lu is a half sister graded stakes winner and Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) hopeful Comical. Both mares were part of the supplemental catalog.

Taylor Made also sent the second highest-priced short yearling through the sales ring. Supplemented as Hip 645,

### 2020 Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale Top Hips—Day 2

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Hip	Sex, Sire—Dam	Sale Price
619	<b>Remedy m, Creative Cause—Daisy Mason</b> Buyer: Twin Creeks Farm Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency	\$570,000
630	<b>Flashly m, Denman (AUS)—Sheave</b> <b>Covering Sire: American Pharoah</b> Buyer: Sallusto & Albina, agent Consignor: St George Sales	\$310,000
526	<b>f, Street Sense—Froyo Star</b> Buyer: First Finds Consignor: Bluewater Sales	\$265,000
460	<b>Chelsea Market f, Verrazano—Josette (IRE)</b> <b>Covering Sire: Pioneer of the Nile</b> Buyer: Stonereath Stud Consignor: Bill Murphy	\$250,000
596	<b>Exuberance m, Archarcharch—Wild Forest Cat</b> Buyer: Tolo Thoroughbreds / Mike Abraham Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency	\$245,000
546	<b>Toy Moon f, Malibu Moon—Pretty at the table</b> <b>Covering Sire: Good Magic</b> Buyer: Fleetwood Bloodstock Consignor: Paramount Sales	\$210,000
650	<b>C'Est La Vie f, Medaglia d'Oro—Boston Lady</b> Buyer: Mahoney Eden Manor Consignor: James M. Herbener Jr., agent for Fox Hill Farm	\$185,000
645	<b>f, Uncle Mo—Brooklynsway</b> Buyer: Walmac Farms / Gary Broad Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency	\$180,000
651	<b>Kayce Lu m, Lonhro (AUS)—Kayce Ace</b> <b>Covering Sire: Constitution</b> Buyer: Town & Country Farm / George Saufley Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency	\$170,000
390	<b>Appeal to the Win m, Successful Appeal—Grand Breeze</b> <b>Covering Sire: Flatter</b> Buyer: Douglas S. Arnold, agent Consignor: Claiborne Farm	\$150,000
556	<b>Taylor's Spirit f, Algorithms—Spirit Rising</b> Buyer: James Keogh, agent for Charles Muth Consignor: Select Sales	\$150,000

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# SALES UPDATE

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED

## SUPPLEMENTED REMEDY TOPS WINTER MIXED SALE AT \$570,000

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the Uncle Mo filly out of multiple stakes-winning Giant Gizmo mare Brooklynsway was bought for \$180,000 by Walmac Farms and Gary Broad.

"She looked like a filly that was big, scopey, and was going to do nothing but get better with time," Taylor said. "She ended up having I think six scopes on her, so there was a lot of interest. Several of the pinhooker guys came by shaking their heads saying, 'Man, I went higher than I thought I was going to have to, and I still didn't get her.' That was a nice sale."

The short yearling that brought the highest price from its age group was Hip 526, a Street Sense filly out of the Rockport Harbor mare Froyo Star that sold for \$265,000 from the Bluewater Sales consignment. Martin Keogh signed the ticked for Tami Bobo's First Finds. The yearling was the third highest-price of the entire sale.

There was a notable RNA in Evocative (Hip 610), who did not sell when hammered at \$575,000. Consigned by Bedouin Bloodstock as a broodmare prospect, the 3-year-old Pioneer of the Nile filly is a half sister to Justwhistledixie, the dam of grade 1 winner and sire New Year's Day, multiple grade 2 winner and sire Mohaymen, grade 3 winner Kingly, and recent Lecomte Stakes (G3) winner Enforceable.



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(L-R): Fasig-Tipton's Reed Ringler and Randy Gullat of Twin Creeks Farm

"It's a continuation of the world that we live in. The quality horses walk in here and they're bidding all over the house for the perceived quality horses, and there's six, seven, eight bidders on lots of horses," Browning said. "There's either multiple bidders on your horse or you hope to goodness you've got one bidder. That's the reality of the marketplace at any type of sale, whether it's mixed sale, yearling sale, 2-year-old sale—and I suspect that we'll be having the same conversations throughout 2020." **BH**

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# SALES UPDATE

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED DAY 2

## Leading Buyers by Gross

Buyer	Purchased	Gross	Average
Twin Creeks Farm	1	\$570,000	\$570,000
Sallusto & Albina, agent	1	\$310,000	\$310,000
Mahoney Eden Manor	2	\$290,000	\$145,000
First Finds	1	\$265,000	\$265,000
Stonereath Stud	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
Tolo Thoroughbreds / Mike Abraham	1	\$245,000	\$245,000
Fleetwood Bloodstock	1	\$210,000	\$210,000
Renee Dailey	2	\$192,000	\$96,000
Walmac Farms / Gary Broad	1	\$180,000	\$180,000
Town & Country Farm / George Saufley	1	\$170,000	\$170,000

## Leading Consignors by Gross

Consignor	Offered	Sold	Gross	Average
Taylor Made Sales Agency	22	21	\$1,861,200	\$88,629
Paramount Sales	24	22	\$592,200	\$26,918
St George Sales	11	7	\$565,000	\$80,714
Bluewater Sales	4	4	\$493,000	\$123,250
Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency	5	5	\$286,000	\$57,200
Bill Murphy	2	2	\$275,000	\$137,500
Brookdale Sales	6	6	\$249,000	\$41,500
Select Sales	4	4	\$206,500	\$51,625
James M. Herbener Jr.	3	3	\$200,000	\$66,667
Claiborne Farm	2	2	\$152,500	\$76,250

## Leading Yearling Sires by Average

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average	Median
Street Sense	1	1	\$265,000	\$265,000
Uncle Mo	1	1	\$180,000	\$180,000
Runhappy	2	1	\$125,000	\$125,000
Lemon Drop Kid	1	1	\$105,000	\$105,000
Munnings	1	1	\$87,000	\$87,000
Kantharos	1	1	\$75,000	\$75,000
Bayern	1	1	\$67,000	\$67,000
Mucho Macho Man	1	1	\$55,000	\$55,000
Unified	2	2	\$51,500	\$51,500
Tonalist	1	1	\$50,000	\$50,000

## Leading Broodmare Sires by Average

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average	Median
Denman (AUS)	1	1	\$310,000	\$310,000
Creative Cause	2	2	\$292,500	\$292,500
Archarcharch	1	1	\$245,000	\$245,000
Medaglia d'Oro	1	1	\$185,000	\$185,000
Lonhro (AUS)	1	1	\$170,000	\$170,000
Algorithms	1	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
Successful Appeal	1	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
Verrazano	2	2	\$128,500	\$128,500
Point of Entry	1	1	\$120,000	\$120,000
Prospective	1	1	\$115,000	\$115,000







# SALES UPDATE

## FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED CUMULATIVE

### Leading Buyers by Gross

Buyer	Purchased	Gross	Average
Twin Creeks Farm	1	\$570,000	\$570,000
Sallusto & Albina, agent	1	\$310,000	\$310,000
Mahoney Eden Manor	2	\$290,000	\$145,000
First Finds	1	\$265,000	\$265,000
Renee Dailey	4	\$254,000	\$63,500
Stonereath Stud	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
Tolo Thoroughbreds / Mike Abraham	1	\$245,000	\$245,000
Joseph DiRico (Jack Harvey, agent)	2	\$235,000	\$117,500
Fleetwood Bloodstock	1	\$210,000	\$210,000
Walmac Farms / Gary Broad	1	\$180,000	\$180,000

### Leading Consignors by Gross

Consignor	Offered	Sold	Gross	Average
Taylor Made Sales Agency	28	24	\$1,954,200	\$81,425
St George Sales	15	10	\$787,000	\$78,700
Bluewater Sales	10	8	\$767,000	\$95,875
Paramount Sales	38	33	\$748,600	\$22,685
Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency	12	11	\$573,000	\$52,091
Brookdale Sales	8	8	\$391,000	\$48,875
Gainesway	13	12	\$321,500	\$26,792
Hunter Valley Farm	17	15	\$319,000	\$21,267
Bill Murphy	6	5	\$283,800	\$56,760
James M. Herbener Jr.	5	5	\$272,000	\$54,400

### Leading Yearling Sires by Average (min. 2 sold)

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average	Median
Connect	2	2	\$105,000	\$105,000
Unified	2	2	\$51,500	\$51,500
Hard Spun	2	2	\$45,000	\$45,000
Cairo Prince	2	2	\$37,500	\$37,500
Bayern	2	2	\$37,000	\$37,000
Laoban	2	2	\$32,000	\$32,000
Cupid	2	2	\$30,000	\$30,000
Klimt	5	4	\$20,250	\$20,000
English Channel	2	2	\$15,500	\$15,500
Gormley	3	2	\$14,500	\$14,500

### Leading Broodmare Sires by Average (min. 2 sold)

Sire	Offered	Sold	Average	Median
Creative Cause	2	2	\$292,500	\$292,500
Verrazano	2	2	\$128,500	\$128,500
Bernardini	2	2	\$76,500	\$76,500
Successful Appeal	2	2	\$76,100	\$76,100
Medaglia d'Oro	3	3	\$65,667	\$10,000
Exchange Rate	2	2	\$64,000	\$64,000
Hard Spun	5	4	\$58,750	\$45,000
Smart Strike	2	2	\$52,250	\$52,250
Strong Contender	2	2	\$47,350	\$47,350
Into Mischief	2	2	\$42,500	\$42,500



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Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	GSW	G1W	AEI	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'20 Earnings
1	Mucho Macho Man, '08, (Macho Uno) Adena Springs Kentucky, KY, \$10,000	34 / 6	1 / 1	1	1	1.64	Mucho Gusto \$1,662,000	\$1,839,523
2	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$175,000	152 / 28	7 / 17	2	0	1.94	More Mischief \$96,443	\$1,493,654
3	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	124 / 30	3 / 5	2	0	2.34	Gladiator King \$240,000	\$1,295,817
4	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$200,000	98 / 14	5 / 11	5	0	2.24	Jehozacat \$120,000	\$1,077,581
5	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, \$125,000	103 / 26	2 / 4	2	0	1.62	Bast \$120,000	\$1,005,743
6	Munnings, '06, (Speightstown) Ashford Stud, KY, \$30,000	92 / 24	4 / 7	2	0	1.51	Venetian Harbor \$120,000	\$980,998
7	Bodemeister, '09, (Empire Maker) Jockey Club of Turkey Stud Farms, TUR, Private	104 / 27	2 / 4	1	0	1.11	Bodecream \$114,000	\$955,320
8	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm, KY, \$70,000	90 / 25	2 / 3	0	0	1.93	Side Hill \$106,666	\$900,462
9	To Honor and Serve, '08, (Bernardini) N/A, N/A	55 / 9	1 / 2	0	0	1.14	Mr Freeze \$554,000	\$811,069
10	Kitten's Joy, '01, (El Prado) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$75,000	157 / 33	1 / 1	0	0	1.76	Gendarme \$122,668	\$808,577
11	The Factor, '08, (War Front) Lane's End, KY, \$17,500	129 / 23	2 / 4	1	0	1.15	Chieftom \$124,169	\$806,631
12	Quality Road, '06, (Elusive Quality) Lane's End, KY, \$200,000	83 / 16	2 / 5	1	0	2.11	Captain Scotty \$124,000	\$754,610
13	Bernardini, '03, (A.P. Indy) Darley, KY, \$40,000	81 / 15	1 / 4	0	0	1.33	What a Fox \$106,200	\$745,278
14	Malibu Moon, '97, (A.P. Indy) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$60,000	100 / 14	2 / 4	0	0	1.61	Madras Check \$106,724	\$740,717
15	City Zip, '98, (Carson City) N/A, Died	96 / 28	2 / 5	0	0	1.65	Ready to Roll \$51,000	\$729,538

*Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2020 Northern Hemisphere earnings through February 10, 2020. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2016 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2020 Northern Hemisphere only.*



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# PETA-BACKED EQUINE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA

By Byron King

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California Assemblymember Ash Kalra (D-San Jose) introduced state legislation Feb. 11 backed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Social Compassion in Legislation that calls for equine welfare and medication reform and stiff penalties for trainers of fatally injured horses.

"If the state is to continue to sanction horse racing and its wagering as a legal sport, addressing horse fatalities to the greatest extent possible needs to take precedence. (The legislation) tackles the practices that can lead to broken bones and death, including the misuse of medication, running horses with pre-existing injuries, utilizing unsafe racing surfaces, and more," said Assembly member Kalra in a press release distributed by his office and PETA. "I look forward to working with the state regulators and all those working in the horse racing industry to enact bold action to protect both horses and jockeys."

Titled the Equine Welfare and Safety in Horse Racing Act, act AB 2177 is just one piece of proposed

equine legislation California lawmakers are considering. An alternative is a bill introduced last month by Sen. Bill Dodd (D-Napa), who chairs the

Senate Governmental Organization Committee, which sets policy for the horse racing industry in the state.

According to the release, AB 2177 mandates the use of CT scan equipment for screening horses; requires an onsite central pharmacy at the major tracks to control medication use and prevent abuse, and prohibits veterinarians from carrying medications onto the track; prohibits veterinarians from prescribing medications for anything other than the diagnosed condition; requires the suspension—pending an investigation—of a trainer's license

when a horse dies; and authorizes the California Horse Racing Board to suspend or revoke a trainer's license for repeat violations of medication regulations.

"We are reviewing (this bill) and discussing with industry partners," said Aidan Butler, chief strategy officer and acting executive director of California racing operations for The Stronach Group, which operates Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields in the state. "We have been at the forefront of effective reform

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*If the state is to continue to sanction horse racing and its wagering as a legal sport, addressing horse fatalities to the greatest extent possible needs to take precedence.”*

—ASH KALRA

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Racing at Santa Anita Park



# PETA-BACKED EQUINE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA

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and look forward to communicating any concerns directly with the author of the bill."

Whether AB 2177 gains any traction is another matter.

"This, more than likely, isn't going to be the vehicle for votes in the California legislature," said Greg Avioli, president and CEO of the Thoroughbred Owners of California. "Kalra is not a member of the (Governmental Organization) Committee ... The chairman of that committee, Adam Gray, is co-author of a separate horse welfare bill with the chairman of the (Governmental Organization) Committee in the Senate, Bill Dodd. So it's the Gray/Dodd Bill that is most certainly going to be the vehicle that goes to the legislature if any vehicle goes to the legislature."

Dodd spearheaded legislation last year, co-authored by Gray and others and eventually signed into law by California Gov. Gavin Newsom, which gave the California Horse Racing Board the authority to halt a meet when they view hazardous conditions as existing.

Earlier this year, Dodd introduced Senate Bill 800, which followed recommendations of the CHRB and those of Los Angeles district attorney Jackie Lacey, whose staff had scrutinized a spike in racehorse deaths at Santa Anita Park in 2019, the highest rate occurring in the first quarter of the year.

"We're actively working with Senator Dodd and Chairman Gray and the CHRB on what horse reform welfare legislation could look like in their committees," Avioli said. "Those have been very positive discussions."

A release from Kalra cited 37 horse fatalities occurring at Santa Anita last year and more throughout



the state, a figure not limited to incidents during racing. Many other jurisdictions across the country only count racing-related fatalities as a basis for analyzing safety.

An official report from the CHRB listed 144 fatalities at racetracks or training centers over its fiscal year that covered July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019—though the CHRB tally includes horses dying from ailments not exclusive to horses on the racetrack, such as from colic. A total of 107 fatalities were classified as coming from racing or training.

"The fatalities must end. We must have zero tolerance for horse racing deaths," said Judie Mancuso, CEO and founder of Social Compassion in Legislation.

The pace of fatalities in the state slowed last year after initiatives were undertaken by tracks, the CHRB, and the Governor's office.

"We have put in a very large number of substantial reforms that became largely in effect last June," Avioli said. "Now, here we are in February. The early returns are that it has been effective. We've seen substantial reductions in serious injuries. Let's take a look at how these reforms work and give them some time. Then based on a reasonable data set, decide if further reforms need to be taken." **BH**

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# SALES UPDATE

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## ALBINA SIGNS \$310,000 WINNING TICKET ON FLASHLY

By Meredith Daugherty and Christine Oser

As the only mare offered to the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale in foal to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, 5-year-old Flashly turned heads from the moment she was supplemented to the catalog.

At the conclusion of the Feb. 11 second and final session of the sale, the daughter of Denman was purchased by Sallusto and Albina, agent, on a final bid of \$310,000.

"She was purchased for a client," said agent Hanzly Albina. "I think the covering sire is doing very, very well obviously. Everyone could use another mare in foal to American Pharoah."

Consigned by St George Sales as Hip 630, Flashly was bred in Kentucky by Robert Manfuso out of the Mineshaft mare Sheave. She is a half sister to Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Cathryn Sophia and a granddaughter of Belterra, who won the Golden Rod Stakes (G2) and placed third in the Ashland (G1).

"It's a very good filly family and nice to get into it," said Albina. "To have Cathryn Sophia in there is very encouraging and Belterra too—multi-generational

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Hanzly Albina at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale



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## ALBINA SIGNS \$310,000 WINNING TICKET ON FLASHLY

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excellence. She's a good-looking individual. It's a fair price."

Flashly was among a half-dozen horses added to the sale late that St George offered on behalf of Zayat Stables, which is operating under court-ordered receivership. Her final price was the second-highest paid for a mare during the two-day auction.

"A good horse is going to be found," said Albina, who said the supplemental catalog helped boost the sale and kept buyers on the grounds through Tuesday's end. "There are enough shrewd people here that they will find them wherever they are.

"This is a sale of both ends of the spectrum. You have people getting rid of horses at any cost and others selling nice horses. If you have a nice horses there are buyers here who have the capabilities to



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Flashly at St George Sales' consignment

get the funds and if you're reasonable you're going to get your horse sold here." **BH**

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## STREET SENSE FILLY A FORTUNATE FIND FOR BOBO

By Meredith Daugherty and Christine Oser

A bidding war for a flashy gray Street Sense filly injected the sales pavilion with a boost of excitement during the Feb. 11 session of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale. Eventually hammered down for \$265,000, the filly became the top-selling short yearling of the sale.

"It was exciting," said Martin Keogh, who signed the ticket on behalf of Tami Bobo's First Finds operation. "(Tami) was looking for a horse for Saratoga and this filly fit the bill. She was the best filly on the grounds and best (short yearling) over the last couple of days."

Consigned as Hip 526 by Bluewater Sales, agent, the filly was bred in Kentucky by Southern Equine Stables and is the first foal out of the Rockport Harbor mare Froyo Star. The filly's second dam is the Mt. Livermore mare Livermore Leslie, an extremely competent producer and dam of three-time grade 1 winner Sweet Reason, grade 3 winner Don't Forget Gil, and stakes winner Battle Girl.

Livermore Leslie is also the granddam of Zenden, a 4-year-old Fed Biz colt who most recently took second in the Jan. 25 Fred W. Hooper Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream Park.

"Quality, pedigree ... she's got it all," said Keogh of Hip 526. "We loved her form the first day we saw her. We didn't think she'd cost quite that much, but the good ones, you have to step up and pay for them. We're excited to get her."

With Street Sense one of the most popular stallions in the current market, Keogh said there was too much sire power to pass up.

"What can you say? He's a quality stallion that keeps getting better," said Keogh. "We really like a filly by him. The cross works really well and it's a bit of no-brainer in that regards."

Keogh said Bobo hopes to send the filly to The Saratoga Sale, Fasig-Tipton's select yearling sale in August. According to Keogh, the New York auction, which showcases exemplary individuals, can be a tricky sale to pinhook budding juveniles. So when the right individual presents itself, buyers have to be ready to jump on the opportunity.

"When they come in and look like that, they stand out and are just really obvious," said Keogh. "There were obviously a lot of people on her. Hopefully we get lucky later in the year."

"It's the usual horse sale market; polarized and the quality individuals are what everyone wants." **BH**

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The Street Sense filly consigned as Hip 526 at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale





# SALES UPDATE

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED

## CHELSEA MARKET BRINGS \$250,000 FROM STONEREATH STUD

By Claire Crosby and Christine Oser

A mare in foal to the late Pioneerof the Nile is a hot enough commodity, but when that mare is from the family of a young sire with plenty of upside, buyers dig a little deeper—and Peter Berglar of Stonereath Stud was no exception Feb. 11 at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale.

Berglar signed the ticket Tuesday on Chelsea Market—an unraced Verrazano 4-year-old in foal to Pioneerof the Nile—and went to \$250,000 to bring home the mare from the family of grade 1 winner Collected.

Consigned by Bill Murphy as Hip 460 and bred in Kentucky by SF Bloodstock out of the Danehill mare Josette, Chelsea Market is a half sister to the Johannesburg mare Helena Bay, who produced Collected. The son of City Zip won the 2017 TVG Pacific Classic (G1), earned more than \$2.9 million throughout his racing career, and retired to stand the 2019 season at Airdrie Stud near Midway, Ky., for a \$17,500 fee, which remains unchanged for 2020.

"We have a share in Collected and support him and will keep supporting him," Berglar said. "I'm excited about seeing the first foals by him, fingers crossed."



Peter Berglar at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale



Chelsea Market in the ring at Fasig-Tipton

It's a great family. It goes back to Blushing Groom. We'll hopefully have some luck with this one and hopefully you all come and interview me when I'm selling (the foals) out of her."

Future mating plans are undecided for Chelsea Market.

"The plan is to just bring her home, foal her out, see where we go from there," Berglar said. "No breeding plans have really been made yet. Hopefully we have a nice and healthy foal out of her."

Berglar noted the loss of the breed-shaping Pioneerof the Nile, who died in March of 2019.

"It's a shame that he's not around any longer," he said. "I'm just glad to have one of the last ones, anyways. I had a couple of them before and it was a bit of a mixed experience so far, but he is without a doubt a great sire. We just hope for a nice and healthy foal and we'll take it from there." **BH**

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# SALES UPDATE

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED

## ABRAHAM, NIXON PARTNER TO SECURE EXUBERANCE

By Claire Crosby and Meredith Daugherty

When Thoroughbred breeders Mike Abraham and Geoff Nixon arrived in the pavilion during the Feb. 11 session of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, the two quickly realized they both had their eye on the same mare.

Instead of fighting it out in a bidding war, the pair decided to come together to purchase Exuberance, a daughter of Archarcharch offered as Hip 596 by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent.

"We didn't know we were going to do this. I was there, he was here, I came to bid and he was ready to bid, so it just happened right here," said Abraham.

Pooling their resources Tuesday afternoon, the pair secured the 5-year-old dark bay on a final bid of \$245,000.

"Mike I met back in November with Carl (McEntee) of Ballysax. We've been talking about a partnership and it just kind of came up at the right time with this mare," said Nixon, who breeds under the name Tolo Thoroughbreds.

"We were hoping to get her for a little less—of course you always want them for less," said Abraham. "That was about it, we just squeezed one more bid out.



Exuberance in the ring at Fasig-Tipton

She's a beautiful physical. If you look on the page, you can see the pedigree, and she can run. She's the kind of mare everybody wants. "

Trained by Ian Kruljac and campaigned by Seltzer Thoroughbreds, Exuberance was multiple graded stakes placed throughout her 17 career starts, running second in the Las Virgenes Stakes (G2) and third in the Santa Margarita Stakes (G2) and Great Lady M Stakes (G2).

Bred in Kentucky by Lakland Farm, Exuberance is the third foal out of the D'wildcat mare Wild Forest Cat, who placed second in the Debutante Stakes (G3). Wild Forest Cat has also produced Toews On Ice, a full brother to Exuberance who took the 2015 Bob Hope Stakes (G3) and placed second in the Los Alamitos Futurity (G1).

While the details of the new partnership are still in the works, one thing is for certain: Abraham, who bred 2018 champion older male Accelerate, and Nixon, breeder of current Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) hopeful Dennis' Moment, are sure to use their combined experience to their advantage when choosing the appropriate mating for their newest acquisition.

"We're not sure (which stallion she'll be sent to), but it'll be something good," said Abraham. "I want to do a little nicking on her. We'll figure it out." **BH**

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(L-R): Geoff Nixon and Mike Abraham at Fasig-Tipton





# SALES UPDATE

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## POMEROY'S PISTOL HALF SISTER TOY MOON BRINGS \$210,000

By Claire Crosby and Christine Oser

A Malibu Moon mare from the family of Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) hopeful Thousand Words was among the top hips sold Feb. 11 at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, as agent Tim McMurry went to \$210,000 on behalf of an undisclosed client.

Bred in Kentucky by Hardacre Farm out of the Point Given mare Prettyatthetable, the mare, Toy Moon, was consigned by Paramount Sales as Hip 546. She is a half sister to the Pomeroy mare Pomeroy's Pistol, the dam of recent Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3) winner Thousand Words. She was offered in foal to first-year sire Good Magic, a grade 1-winning son of Curlin who entered stud at Hill 'n Dale Farms in 2019 and stands the 2020 season for \$30,000,

"She's an 'A' physical, got a good cover in her," McMurry said. "He's a first-year horse. When they go to sell the foal it will be in the first crop."

"Obviously you've got an update with Thousand Words, and for a Malibu Moon she's prettier than most of them."



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“She’s an ‘A’ physical, got a good cover in her. (Good Magic is) a first-year horse. When they go to sell the foal it will be in the first crop.”

— TIM McMURRY

"(The buyers are) just trying to step up and buy a little better mares than they had bought in the past and this one sort of fit, so I'm glad to get her. I was afraid I wouldn't be able to buy her. I was afraid that (a Derby contender on the page) would make her bring more money, but for me that wasn't really the reason. We would have liked her without that." BH

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Toy Moon at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale





# SALES UPDATE

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## DEMAND FOR QUALITY CONTINUES IN WINTER MIXED MARKET

By Christine Oser

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Buyer demand increased during the second day of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale Feb. 11, and the market showed more strength just below Tuesday's top hips.

Mahoney Eden Manor stretched to \$185,000 to purchase C'Est La Vie (Hip 650), a racing or broodmare prospect consigned by James M. Herbener Jr., agent for Fox Hill Farm. The 3-year-old Medaglia d'Oro filly is a half sister to grade 1-placed Normandy Invasion and the dam of multiple graded stakes winner Quip.

"We're New York State breeders and we pinhook as well. We really liked her. We were looking at her since the beginning hoping we could get that one done," said Sean Mahoney, a partner with Britt Wadsworth in Mahoney Eden Manor. "Beautiful, obviously a great family. We're looking to breed her really nice and I'm not sure if we'll think about putting her in November or possibly keeping her. I think we'd like to keep her. It's one of those things we'll see what we can do."

C'Est La Vie was bred in Kentucky by Fox Hill Farm out of the Boston Harbor mare Boston Lady. Her half brother Normandy Invasion was second in the Wood Memorial (G1) and set a track record of 1:33.13 for a mile at Gulfstream Park, which still stands today. Quip, out of C'Est La Vie's half sister Princess Ash, won the Oaklawn Handicap (G2) and Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (G2) and was second in the Arkansas Derby (G1).

Mahoney said the incentives and purse money of the New York-bred program make it advantageous to move horses into the New York-bred program and that it adds value to any mare. He felt C'Est La Vie would be a great addition to the state's breeding program.

"She can kind of go anywhere with that kind of family. Very excited, that's a nice, nice mare for us," Mahoney said. "We've really worked very hard now to build up our pedigrees and really up our game. That's where the market's at right now, it's really come to be



FASIG-TIPTON PHOTOS

C'Est La Vie in the ring at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale

in a good spot with pedigrees and sire power and dams, so it's exciting."

Mahoney Eden Manor also spent \$105,000 for Cousin Claire Tuesday. Consigned as Hip 479 by Village View agent, Cousin Claire is a 7-year-old stakes-placed daughter of Exchange Rate in foal to Munnings. She was bred in Kentucky by Duncan H. Lloyd out of the Smoke Glacken mare Biorra.

"We sold a few. I thought it was a little difficult. We had some trouble trying to get some things bought as well, so the ones that we liked a lot of people liked, of course, that's kind of how it rolls. I thought (C'Est La Vie) was a very exciting purchase and we were kind of waiting around for that one hoping to get it done," Mahoney said. "It got a little tough there at the end, I thought I might get a little better deal, but somebody kept bidding in the back, but that's kind of what happens."

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# SALES UPDATE

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## DEMAND FOR QUALITY CONTINUES IN WINTER MIXED MARKET

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### **Arnold Buys 'Pick of the Whole Sale'**

Buck Pond Farm owner Doug Arnold said he was unable to breed a mare to Flatter this year, but early in Tuesday's second and final session of the sale he went to \$150,000 to purchase a broodmare in foal to the Claiborne Farm stallion.

Arnold signed as agent on behalf of a partnership for Appeal to the Win (Hip 390). The 8-year-old stakes-placed Successful Appeal mare is carrying her fourth foal and was consigned by Claiborne Farm, agent.

"Just a real classy, good looking, big, strong mare in foal to the right horse," Arnold said. "Great family, a lot of back class. I loved her. This here is my pick of the whole sale."

Appeal to the Win was bred in Kentucky by Columbiana Farm out of the Grand Slam mare Grand Breeze. She is a half sister to Cool Cowboy, a multiple group stakes winner in Dubai and a multiple stakes winner in the United States.

Arnold will send Appeal to the Win to Buck Pond Farm and plans to keep a piece of her. No future breeding plans have been made yet with the mare waiting to foal from a June 2 cover, but Arnold was pleased to purchase the mare with a Flatter foal on the way.

"Love (the cover), love Flatter. Absolutely love it," he said. "One of the premier sires in the world, great family, La Troienne family. I was unfortunately unable to breed to him this year, but he's just popular. People like him a lot, he gets runners."

Flatter stands for \$40,000 and has produced U.S. champion 3-year-old colt West Coast and Canadian champion 2-year-old colt Avie's Flatter.

Tuesday was Appeal to the Win's fifth time through the sales ring. At the 2013 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, El Batey Farm purchased her as a short yearling from Columbiana for \$37,000. She was then consigned by Summerfield later that year at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, where Jim and Susan Hill purchased her for \$100,000. Back at the 2016 Keeneland January Sale, the bay mare was purchased by Wombat Bloodstock for \$52,000 from Paramount Sales. Prior to Tuesday, her last trip through the auction ring was at Fasig-Tipton's 2018 February sale with Lane's End. Her reserve was not met as she hammered at \$185,000.

Appeal to the Win's 2019 Connect filly sold last month for \$125,000 at the Keeneland January sale.

Arnold said he expected Tuesday's price for the mare.

"I think this mare could have brought \$300,000 had she had an earlier cover, and if she had done that I couldn't have afforded her," he said. "It's exciting. I'm glad to have her."

Also selling for \$150,000 Tuesday was Taylor's Spirit (Hip 556), a multiple stakes-winning daughter of Algorithms cosigned by Select Sales, agent, as a racing or broodmare prospect. Charles Muth and James Keogh, agent, signed the ticket.

Bred in Kentucky by David Lickhalter, Taylor's Spirit was previously purchased for \$80,000 by Scott Gelner from Wavertree Stables' consignment to the 2018 Ocala Breeders' Sale Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. Her first trip through the ring she was a \$37,000 RNA at the 2017 Keeneland September sale, where Penn Sales consigned her for Lickhalter.

Gelner trained Taylor's Spirit for Mark Norman and Norman Stables. The 4-year-old filly won five black-type events and earnings of \$285,550.

Taylor's Spirit is out of the Dehere mare Spirit Rising and is a full sister to Corvette Spirit, a 3-year-old gelding who won a maiden special weight a month ago at Delta Downs. **BH**

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# SALES UPDATE

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## RUNHAPPY FILLY TURNS IN STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT

By Claire Crosby and Christine Oser

The lone Runhappy yearling to sell at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale did not disappoint Feb. 11, as James Layden stretched to \$125,000 to take her home.

Consigned as Hip 592 in the supplemental catalog by St George Sales, the filly proved well-placed for her connections and rewarded their faith with a strong return on investment. She was a \$40,000 purchase by Patillo Equine just a few months prior at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

"She was a really gorgeous filly—well-balanced, racy looking," Layden said. "I didn't want to quite bid that strong, but that's what it took, and I think we got a nice filly."

Bred in Kentucky by Peter A. Berglar Racing Interests out of the Bob and John mare Fast Resource, the filly was purchased by Layden in partnership with Kevin Knuckley. Her third dam is Crystal Lady, the dam of blue hen mare Leslie's Lady, producer of champion Beholder and leading sire Into Mischief.

"That line's really strong, and you can't hardly blame them with Beholder and Into Mischief," Layden said. "We're just right fortunate to get one, and I'm glad I've got a partner that can help."

Runhappy, whose first foals are 2-year-olds of 2020, stands at Claiborne for a \$25,000 fee. The only other



FASIG-TIPTON PHOTOS

The Runhappy filly consigned as Hip 592 in the ring at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale

yearling by the son of Super Saver to go through the ring at the Winter Mixed Sale was a \$70,000 RNA.

"I think Runhappy should be a nice sire," Layden said. "But he's still got to prove himself ... and now's the time to do it." **BH**

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## CONNECT, UNIFIED LEAD FASIG-TIPTON YEARLING RESULTS

By Eric Mitchell

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Lane's End's first-crop yearling sires Connect and Unified came out of Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale with the strongest results among all sires represented in the 'short' yearling market.

The two sires were the leaders by gross and average among sires represented by newly minted yearlings at the two-day sale.

Connect, a son of Curlin, is the sire of two yearlings sold from as many offered that averaged a robust \$105,000. His top seller was a \$140,000 colt out of the Posse mare She Be Keene, a half sister to champion and grade 1 winner She Be Wild (Offlee Wild). The colt was consigned by Bluewater Sales and purchased by Blue Sky Stable.

Bluewater Sales also sold the top seller for Unified, a \$100,000 colt out of the winning Mineshaft mare Causin Commotion, a half sister to multiple graded stakes winner Storm Mesa (Sky Mesa) and black-type

winner She Be Classy (Toccet). Unified, a son of Lane's End sire Candy Ride, had two foals sold out of two offered that averaged \$51,500.

Year-to-date at the winter mixed sales, Unified is tracking slightly ahead of Connect with an average of \$51,000 from three sold out of five offered since the beginning of the year.

Connect is not far behind, with an average of \$47,300 from a larger number of foals offered. Out of 13 offered, Connect has been represented by 10 yearlings sold so far this year that have included two to sell for more than \$100,000.

These strong results are positive signs for both sires for the yearling sale season ahead. The winter yearling average for Unified is just over five times his \$10,000 stud fee, while Connect's average is

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Connect at Lane's End Farm



Unified at Lane's End Farm



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## CONNECT, UNIFIED LEAD FASIG-TIPTON YEARLING RESULTS

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nearly 2.5 times his \$20,000 stud fee.

The other first-crop yearling sire among the Fasig-Tipton yearling sires with an average of \$30,000 or more is Ashford Stud's stallion Cupid. The son of Tapit was represented by two sold out of two offered that averaged \$30,000. His top seller was a \$50,000 filly out of the Valid Expectations stakes winner Miss Lederhosen that Tanglewood Farm sold to Artic Bloodstock. Year to date, Cupid has been represented by 14 yearlings sold from as many offered that have averaged \$47,300 so far.

On the mare side of the Fasig-Tipton sale, Airdrie Stud's Creative Cause was the sale's leading broodmare sire with a \$292,500 average. His best seller, 5-year-old graded-placed winner Remedy, topped the sale at \$570,000 when purchased by Twin Creeks Farm. The chestnut broodmare prospect is out of the Orientate daughter Daisy Mason, who is a half sister to leading North American sire Into Mischief, multiple champion Beholder, and grade 1 winner Mendelssohn.

Verrazano, who launched his career at Ashford Stud and now stands at Haras Old Friends in Brazil, was the second-leading broodmare sire by average at \$128,500 from two sold out of two offered. Daughter Chelsea Market, offered in foal to the late Pioneer of the Nile, produced his strongest sale when Stonereath Stud went to \$250,000 to acquire her out of Bill Murphy's consignment. Chelsea Market is a half sister to stakes winner Woodwin W (More Than Ready) and two graded-placed winners and to Helena Bay, the dam of grade 1 winner Collected.

Rounding out the top five broodmare sires by average are Darley's Bernardini (\$76,500 from two sold), retired sire Successful Appeal (\$76,100 from two sold), and Darley's Medaglia d'Oro (\$65,667 from three sold). **BH**

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REASSURANCE: Showmen enjoy a precious moment between a mare and her foal in the ring at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale (top), where young Thoroughbreds delivered early are often part of the annual scene

FASIG-TIPTON PHOTOS





# ANDREW CARY LAUNCHES CARY BLOODSTOCK

By BloodHorse Staff

Andrew Cary, a former partner in Select Sales, has announced the launch of his new agency, Cary Bloodstock.

Cary will begin receiving new clients immediately and has already purchased horses at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale under his new banner, led by a \$70,000 Connect colt (Hip 107) acquired Feb. 10.

"I'm very blessed and excited for this new opportunity," Cary said. "We had a fantastic decade together at Select Sales and I'm really looking forward to a new chapter in my life and career. I greatly appreciate the support of my family, friends and clients in this new endeavor."

Born in Zimbabwe and a California resident beginning in 1988, Cary moved to Kentucky in 2002 and worked for Thoroughbred Times, Taylor Made Sales, and Hill 'n' Dale Farm before joining Select Sales when it started in 2009.

"I've been extremely fortunate to learn from some of the best minds in the business during my career: the Taylor brothers, John Sikura & Donato Lanni, Carrie & Craig Brogden, Tom Ryan, Jay Goodwin," Cary said. "I've been involved with some incredible horses like Ashado and Better than Honour and Tepin. It really is very gratifying to look back on my experiences. I knew nobody when I moved here in 2002."



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Andrew Cary

Select Sales concluded business Feb. 11 after announcing plans to dissolve Feb. 9.

Cary Bloodstock will offer a full complement of bloodstock services, including buying and selling horses of all ages, mating analysis, and portfolio management. Cary will not have a consignment of his own, but will funnel the majority of both his personal stock and his clients horses through Eaton Sales, where Goodwin, his close friend and former partner, recently was named as account manager. **BH**

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# STEVE HASKIN'S DERBY DOZEN



## 1 | TIZ THE LAW

Trainer/Owner: Barclay Tagg/Sackatoga Stable

Pedigree: Constitution—Tizfiz, by Tiznow  
Breeder: Twin Creeks Farm (NY)

Cicadas are those loud insects that come out every 17 years. You can say the same thing about Barclay Tagg and Sackatoga Stable, which come out every 17 years and make a loud noise on the Derby trail with a New York-bred. Unlike the often fiery Funny Cide, Tiz the Law appears to be the ultimate professional. I like the move to target the March 28 Xpressbet.com Florida Derby (G1).

## 2 | SOLE VOLANTE

Patrick Biancone/Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Andie Biancone, and Limelight Stables

Karakontie—Light Blow, by Kingmambo  
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The reason he debuts so high on the rankings is that this is what a Derby horse is supposed to look like. He has a devastating closing kick on dirt and grass. In the Feb. 8 Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3) he blew right past an undefeated dual stakes winner and won going away, ears pricked, with a gap of 11 1/4 lengths to Remsen Stakes (G2) runner-up Ajaaweed in third.

## 3 | DENNIS' MOMENT

Dale Romans/Albaugh Family Stables  
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by Elusive Quality  
Tolo Thoroughbreds (KY)

Big jockey change, as he gets Flavien Prat for the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) Feb. 29, according to agent Derek Lawson. He breezed five furlongs Feb. 8 in 1:00 1/5 at Gulfstream. His works point to him returning sharp, fit and ready for a huge effort. Romans said he hasn't lost a beat and this last work was exactly what they were looking for.

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# STEVE HASKIN'S DERBY DOZEN

## 4 | ANNEAU D'OR

Blaine Wright/Peter Redekop  
Medaglia d'Oro—Walk Close, by Tapit  
Highland Yard (KY)

Time to hit the road and head to Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots. With the Feb. 15 Risen Star Stakes Presented by Lamarque Ford-Lincoln (G2) split, the first three finishers of the Lecomte Stakes (G3) all drew in the other division, leaving him as a standout on form. It is a new surface, but with the addition of blinkers, if he can finally learn to pass horses he has to be considered a serious Derby contender.

## 5 | GOUVERNEUR MORRIS

Todd Pletcher/Team Valor International  
and WinStar Farm  
Constitution—Addison Run,  
by Unbridled's Song  
Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden, Craig Brogden,  
and James F. Miller (KY)

He passed the Davis to wait for a mile-and-40-yard allowance optional claiming race at Tampa Bay Feb. 14. Pletcher has shown he likes to start them off easy, but he could have his hands full with spectacular maiden winner Untitled coming off a very troubled fourth in the Swale Stakes (G3), and the stakes-placed Letmenos.

## 6 | THOUSAND WORDS

Bob Baffert/Albaugh Family Stables  
and Spendthrift Farm  
Pioneer of the Nile—Pomeroy's Pistol,  
by Pomeroy  
Hardacre Farm (FL)

Looking at Thoro-Graph figures this week, it revealed something interesting that you can either heed or simply ignore if you are a big fan of the horse. After running two solid Thoro-Graph figures last year, he surprisingly regressed several points in the Feb. 1 Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3). But he looks to be a horse where you can throw out conventional handicapping.

## 7 | AUTHENTIC

Bob Baffert/SF Racing, Starlight Racing,  
Madaket Stables, Frederick Hertrich III, John  
D. Fielding, and Golconda Stables  
Into Mischief—Flawless, by Mr. Greeley  
Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds (KY)

Baffert loves this colt and feels he is extremely gifted, as he showed by demolishing his field Jan. 4 in the Sham Stakes (G3), despite racing greenly in the stretch. We just need to see a race from him that's more professional and help convince us he can outrun his speed-oriented pedigree. Baffert still believes, with his gazelle-like strides, he will run all day.

## 8 | STORM THE COURT

Peter Eurton/Exline-Border Racing, David  
Bernsen, Susanna Wilson, and  
Dan Hudock



Anneau d'Or (outside) checks in at No. 4 on this week's Derby Dozen

Court Vision—My Tejana Storm, by Tejana Run  
Stepping Stone Farm (KY)

Yes, he could have run better in the Feb. 9 San Vicente (G3), but he was right up there early chasing a blistering :44.09 half-mile, showed a brief spurt, but it quickly became obvious he didn't have the speed to outrun these horses, yet still was beaten only 2 1/4 lengths. I still feel this race was the right way to go.

## 9 | INDEPENDENCE HALL

Michael Trombetta/Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables,  
Kathleen and Robert Verratti  
Constitution—Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town  
Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY)

You never want to see a 3-5 favorite, and an undefeated one, get beat in his first start at two turns, but I am not going to get down on him too much. I feel he might have hit the front too soon, given a confident ride, and simply got outrun by a very good horse. Take Sole Volante out of the race, and he beats the Remsen runner-up by 11 1/4 lengths.

## 10 | THREE TECHNIQUE

Jeremiah Englehart/August Dawn Farm  
Mr Speaker—Nite in Rome,  
by Harlan's Holiday  
Omega Farm and Bally Breeders (KY)

He turned in a four-furlong breeze in a sharp :48 flat Feb. 8 at Oaklawn, and we'll see if they run him back against a very tough field in the Feb. 17 Southwest Stakes (G3) or wait for the Rebel

Stakes (G2). Both those races are at 1 1/16 miles, and I don't believe we'll start seeing the best of him until they stretch out to 1 1/8 miles.

## 11 | ETE INDIEN

Patrick Biancone/Linda Shanahan, Sanford  
Bacon, Dream With Me Stable, Horse France  
America, D P Racing, and  
Patrick L. Biancone Racing  
Summer Front—East India, by Mizzen Mast  
Robert B. Tillyer and Eric Buckley (KY)

All of a sudden Biancone has a lethal one-two punch with this rapidly improving colt and Sole Volante, both of whom physically appear to be loaded with stamina. Ironically, in both his colts' last races, there was a gap of 11 1/4 and 11 1/2 lengths between the second- and third-place finishers.

## 12 | ENFORCEABLE

Mark Casse/John Oxley  
Tapit—Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union  
Clearsky Farms (KY)

He breezed a half Feb. 8 in :49 3/5 in preparation for the split Risen Star Feb. 15, where he will face the runner-up and third-place finisher of the Lecomte, Silver State and Mr. Monomoy. Enforceable seems tailor-made for Fair Grounds with its long stretch and his ability to circle horses and rally from well out in the middle of the track.



# BAFFERT BREEZES MCKINZIE IN PREPARATION FOR SAUDI CUP

By Byron King

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Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) runner-up McKinzie, breezed seven furlongs in 1:25 1/5 Feb. 11 at Santa Anita Park, as Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert prepares him and stablemate Mucho Gusto for the \$20 million Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racetrack in Riyadh Feb. 29.

"They ship out of here on the 18th," Baffert said via telephone from California. "We're tightening the screws now. So far he looks great. Mucho Gusto came out of his race great, too."

A four-time grade 1-winning son of Street Sense, McKinzie is unraced this year following a 2019 campaign in which he won two graded stakes and was second in five others for owners Karl Watson, Mike Pegram, and Paul Weitman.

Prince Faisal Bin Khaled's Mucho Gusto, a 4-year-old son of Mucho Macho Man, won his first grade 1 when he captured the Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes Presented by Runhappy (G1) Jan. 25 at Gulfstream Park. Mucho Gusto breezed five furlongs in 1:02 Feb. 8 at Santa Anita in his first workout since the Pegasus.

Benbatl, Midnight Bisou, Maximum Security, Gronkowski, Magic Wand, Chrysoberyl, Gold Dream, and Tacitus are other possible Saudi Cup starters, according to a social media post from Saudi officials.

Baffert added that Nadal, a short-priced winner in the seven-furlong San Vicente Stakes (G2) Feb. 9, exited the race in good condition, and would be considered for a number of qualifying stakes on the Road to the Kentucky Derby, along with his other leading 3-year-olds, fellow graded stakes winners Thousand Words and Authentic.

"They're all going to be nominated to all the preps from here on out. Just whoever is doing great that week will ship," he said. "But right now with Nadal, I'm looking at the Rebel. That seems like the logical spot for him."

The Rebel Stakes (G2) is a \$1 million, 1 1/16-mile dirt race at Oaklawn Park March 14, a stakes race Baffert has won six times, including with Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in 2015.



McKinzie trains at Santa Anita Park ahead of the 2019 Breeders' Cup

In future-wager betting that closed Sunday about a half-hour before his San Vicente score, Nadal—a Blame colt owned by George Bolton, Arthur Hoyer, Barry Lipman, and Mark Mathiesen—was narrowly the shortest price among individual betting interests for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) May 2 at Churchill Downs. He was bet down to 8-1 odds, just shorter than Holy Bull (G3) winner Tiz the Law.

Authentic and Thousand Words were also popular Derby choices at 15-1 and 16-1, respectively. Both horses are tentatively pointed toward the \$400,000 San Felipe Stakes (G2) March 7 at Santa Anita.

Eight Rings, winner of the American Pharoah Stakes (G1) last year at 2, is set to breeze sometime this week after being given time off in December and January, the trainer said. The window is narrowing for him to prep for the Derby.

"I don't have a schedule for him yet," Baffert said.

Turning to the 3-year-old filly division, Baffert has backed off the training of Bast, who tops the points leaderboard for the Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) at Churchill May 1. The three-time grade 1 winner breezed Jan. 18 after winning the Jan. 5 Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) in her seasonal debut at Santa Anita but has not returned since to the worktab.

"She's still in training; I just haven't breezed her," he said. "I just gave her a little freshening there, just light training." **BH**

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## CLASSIC FORMAT TO REMAIN AFTER RESURGENT INGLIS OPENER

By Tim Rowe/ANZ Bloodstock News

The format of this year's Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, a condensed three-day auction consisting of 613 Book 1 horses, is set to be replicated in 2021 after the company's season opener was deemed a success by the management.

The sale's consolidation this year, which resulted in an average increase of nearly 15% compared to the expanded 2019 auction, came despite the coronavirus outbreak in China impacting a number of international buyers as well as heavy rain making it difficult for domestic owners to travel to Inglis' Riverside Stables this week.

There were four yearlings who made AU\$200,000 or more on the final day of the classic sale, taking the total number to reach that mark to 33, helping the Book 1 aggregate hit AU\$41,690,500 (US\$27,822,500) with a median of AU\$75,000 (\$50,160). The clearance rate climbed to 84%.

Inglis' managing director Mark Webster is confident the company has got the balance right between buyer

demand and vendors' need for opportunities to sell stock at the classic sale.

"Last year we had 2,600 entries and we had 800 the year before, so it was difficult (not to increase the size of the 2019 catalog)," Webster said. "We put 200 more in last year than what we would have liked to have done to try and help clear their stock, but it didn't quite work. I think this year's results feel better and I think it is more workable for the buyers to get it done in three days, rather than five, which is what we did last year."

Star Thoroughbreds and Randwick Bloodstock Agency were the leading buyers by aggregate and average (three or more lots), with a spend of AU\$1,320,000 on six yearlings, while Darby Racing and Will Johnson Bloodstock combined for seven Book 1 yearlings.

Ciaron Maher Racing was active, buying 15 lots with various partners.

"There's a good spread of buyers and I think that is healthy for the industry," Webster said.

"The other big story is that, aside from the local trainers, there are a lot of people here from Hong Kong. Upper Bloodstock, Ricky Yiu, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club were able to get on the sheet and they weren't here

last year, while George Moore was here buying, and they are the ones who are targeting the better types.

"If you go back five years you wouldn't find anyone from Hong Kong at a classic sale, so it has evolved."

Hong Kong buyers or agents acting for clients from the region secured 39 yearlings, including the top-priced AU\$380,000 (\$253,318) Deep Field colt and three others inside the top ten lots.

Webster said the presence of Asian buyers could have been even higher had the



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The Deep Field colt consigned as Lot 563 in the ring at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale

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coronavirus emergency not occurred in recent weeks.

"Could the sale results have been better than they are? Yes, they could, there is no doubt that we were missing a bunch of buyers," he said.

"I am estimating around 15 or so that we know of that didn't come from either Singapore, Hong Kong, or China and even some from New Zealand because they didn't want to travel during the outbreak of this virus.

"Then, from a weather sense, there would be others, but I can't quantify it at this point in time. There are people who normally drive in from the south coast (of NSW), the north coast and people who come in from over the mountains to buy one or two, and there is no doubt that some of those people didn't come and that it has affected us.

"The results, particularly noting that, are very good and the format and everything else for next year is unlikely to change because under better circumstances it will be even better."

#### **Session-Topper to Return to Ring**

The highest-priced yearling sold on day three was a son of Newgate Farm's Deep Field after a consortium of buyers joined forces to secure the colt with the intention of trading him on as a 2-year-old.

New Zealand's Regal Farm Partnership, the Hong Kong-based Upper Bloodstock, Tang Long, and McKeever Bloodstock all signed for the Canning Downs Stud-offered colt, who commanded a price tag of AU\$230,000 (\$153,823).

Shane Crawford of Regal Farm revealed the partnership of mates came together during the week as the desire to land a Deep Field colt grew.

"Deep Field is definitely a sire on the move, I've looked at a few and I am happy to finally get one. It hasn't been easy," Crawford said. "He has a good scope, clean x-rays, so he ticked all those boxes. He looks like a real runner as he is a really nice mover.

"We weren't confident of being able to get him, but

we were hopeful, and we went quite hard on the horse. We went a little bit over budget."

Crawford added: "He will go back to us (at Cambridge) and we will break him in, get him going and he could possibly come back here for the Ready 2 Race Sale.

"Karaka is also a possibility, but I think it is more likely that he will come back here."

Cataloged as Lot 563, the colt is the second living foal out of the twice-winning sprinting mare Wind Shout, who is from the Godolphin family that has produced this season's MRC Thousand Guineas (G1) winner Flit.

Deep Field was the leading sire by aggregate, with 20 yearlings selling for a combined AU\$2,832,000 (\$1,894,030) at an average of AU\$141,600 (\$94,702).

#### **Snowdens in no Doubt About Colt's Credentials**

The recent announcement that Not A Single Doubt has covered his last mare and is living out his days in luxury at Arrowfield Stud was not lost on buyers at this week's classic sale, with the consistent group 1-producing stallion's stock highly sought after.

That trend continued yesterday, with leading trainers Peter and Paul Snowden securing a colt by the sire of 69 individual stakes winners for AU\$200,000 (\$133,759).

The Snowdens' racing manager Colum McCullagh signed for the colt on behalf of the Stambe family, who also race seven-time winner Signore Fox with the stable.

"He is very typical of Not A Single Doubt who looks like he could go early and we loved him from when he first saw him," McCullagh said.

"I think he is well bought at \$200,000 and we were just reaching our limit and hopefully he will be up and running early this time next year.

"The sire can do no wrong and as we know he is finished up covering now, so hopefully this guy can continue his legacy.

"He's a great mover, has a great body, great length and he handled everything really well throughout the inspections."

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Consigned by Aquis Farm on behalf of Emirates Park as Lot 551, the colt is the third foal out of the twice-winning sprinting mare Vivid.

The Snowdens have trained 15 individual winners by Not A Single Doubt, including group 1-winning mare Miracles Of Life for the latter part of her career.

Given that, McCullagh was excited to be able to buy the colt for the price he did.

"It has been a fantastic sale and, as I said in the past, we have always had good luck at this sale," he said.

"It is starting to increase in quality and it is getting better and better every year. If you are looking for an up-and-running type at a lower price, it's definitely the sale to go to."

Not A Single Doubt was the leading sire by average, with four yearlings selling for AU\$206,250 (\$137,939) apiece.

Meanwhile, the Highway Session, which was held two days after Book 1 finished last year, followed on yesterday, with the 195-lot catalog averaging AU\$38,178, significantly more than the corresponding sale in 2019.

The highest-priced yearling of the session was a Scissor Kick colt, who made AU\$160,000 (\$107,007) to the bid of John Foote.

He was sold by Arrowfield Stud and is the fourth foal out of the Hussonet mare Phaedra, whose two winners produced so far include successful Hong Kong gelding Invincible Missile. He was cataloged as Lot 727.

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## ITALIAN CONNECTIONS SCORE ON DAY 1 OF ARQANA MIXED SALE

By Scott Burton/Racing Post

Listed-placed Agnes led the way during a decidedly selective opening session of the two-day Arqana February Mixed Sale, with Italian connections making a sustained play for the daughter of Planteur to fend off a couple of persistent rivals.

Agnes was kept busy at 3 and, having been claimed for €32,000 following a win at Maisons-Laffitte in October, rounded off an 11-race campaign when second at Toulouse over a mile and a half in the listed Prix Max Sicard for trainer Pia Brandt.

Agent Marco Bozzi went to €135,000 (US\$147,292) to secure the 4-year-old filly, marking a fine turnaround for owner Serge Stempniak.

Bozzi said: "She's going to Italy, where she'll be in training with Raffaele Biondi. He's planning to bring her back to France in the second half of the season.

"She's for Luigi Roveda and his wife who bought a foal here in November by Affaire Solitaire, a stallion they stand.

"I like the filly, she's performed very well and

she passed every vet. It was their only target in the catalogue. She's been bought to race."

### €75,000 for Well-Related Mare in Foal to U S Navy Flag

Owner Alain Jathiere has been a long-time ally of Jean-Claude Rouget, while his brown and red silks have also been carried to success more recently by proteges of Pia Brandt, Simone Brogi, and Didier Guillemin.

Jathiere's breeding ambitions came to the fore midway through the session as Meridian International's Ghislain Bozo struck at €75,000 (\$81,829) for La Pedrera, a Danehill Dancer half-sister to Naaqoos in foal to U S Navy Flag.

"She's a mare I know well, since I bought her as a yearling and she is obviously from a very good family," said Bozo.

"Her 3-year-old Intello filly (Glamoureuse) is highly-regarded by her trainer Nicolas Clement, she has a good-looking 2-year-old Shalaa colt with Henri-Francois Devin, and her Almanzor yearling was bought here last year by Arthur Hoyeau for €60,000. So the price is pretty much what the market would have predicted.

"She's a pretty mare and is for Monsieur Jathiere."

Later in the session Haras du Lieu des Champs' Richard Powell secured Attachante, an unraced Teofilo daughter of Prix de Diane (Hermes French Oaks, G1) runner-up Abbatiale.

Powell described the hammer-price of €52,000 (\$56,735) as in line with expectations given Attachante is carrying to Shalaa.

### McAuliffe Strikes for Dam of Olendon

Few mares hit the group 1 bar as early in their career as Talema, whose second foal Olendon last



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Agnes tops Day 1 of the Arqana February Mixed Sale

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season followed up victory in the listed Prix Finlande with a fine second in the Saxon Warrior Coolmore Prix Saint-Alary (G1) for owner-breeder Gerard Augustin-Normand and trainer Pascal Bary.

Offered in foal to Brametot by Guillaume Vitse's Normandie Breeding, the daughter of Sunday Break was knocked down for €46,000 (\$50,189) to Oxfordshire-based Kevin McAuliffe.

A winner at two herself, Talema is a half sister to Prix du Calvados-Haras des Capucines (G3) winner Mambia, who has further advertised the vibrant nature of the family with her first two products, notably a Japan-based son of Kingman, Danon Justice.

"She's a nice mare and has bred a good horse, so what's not to like?" said McAuliffe. "At nine she's only young, and the yearling made €31,000 earlier in the session. How many mares breed group 1 horses?"

"The pedigree is free of most influences so there are opportunities there."

Talema notched a second success when her 2019 colt by Ectot, already named Tollevast, was sold to Marc-Antoine Bergracht for €31,000 (\$33,823) the highest price of the day among the yearlings offered.

#### **A Date with Golden Horn**

Howson and Houldsworth were in action early in the day when giving €36,000 (\$39,278) for Vivid Dream, a daughter of Dream Ahead who was placed at both 2 and 3 for Alessandro Botti and who is a half sister to Shamtee, who won the 2018 Prix Finlande for trainer Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte before finishing fourth in the Prix Sandringham when dropped back to a mile.



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**La Pedrera in the ring**

"She's been bought for a client in the UK, most likely to support Golden Horn," said Houldsworth. "We thought physically she'd suit him, and I think he could have quite a big year with his three-year-olds this year."

"She's got a great pedigree, you've got Territories and Street Cry in there, and she's a half sister to a stakes winner in Shamtee, so she ticked quite a few boxes."

#### **Clearance Rate Down on Exceptional 2019**

Last February Arqana benefited from two important dispersals from the bloodstock holdings of the late Marquesa de Moratalla and Issam Fares, so there should be no surprise that turnover for day one was slightly less than half the 2019 figure.

Of more concern was the fall off in clearance rate, with only 118 of the 180 lots offered changing hands, down to 65.5% from last year's very strong 85.5%.

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# CHAMPION STORMY LIBERAL ARRIVES AT OLD FRIENDS

By BloodHorse Staff

Old Friends Farm, the thoroughbred retirement facility based in Georgetown, Ky., announced Feb. 11 the arrival of multiple graded stakes winner and two-time Breeders' Cup winner Stormy Liberal.

Stormy Liberal will spend a few days undergoing a brief veterinary exam at Park Equine Hospital at Woodford before joining the retirees at Old Friends' flagship farm.

A son of Stormy Atlantic out of the Royal Academy mare Vassar, Stormy Liberal was taken from the claiming ranks in 2016 for \$40,000 by trainer Peter Miller and owner Rockingham Ranch. He went on to capture multiple stakes for his new connections, including back-to-back scores in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T) in 2017 and 2018.

Closing the year with four consecutive victories, among them the Eddie D Stakes (G3T), Stormy Liberal earned the 2018 Eclipse Award for Champion Turf Male, becoming the first sprinter to earn an Eclipse in the male turf horse division.

Current owner David Bernsen invested in Stormy Liberal in 2017, and in 2019 bought out Rockingham Ranch's interest in the horse, according to an Old Friends release. This past December, following a thorough veterinary evaluation, Bernsen made the

decision to retire the 8-year-old gelding from racing. Miller also supported retirement in a statement last year.

Stormy Liberal, who has been enjoying some downtime in Florida under the care of trainer David Scanlon, retires with 12 wins from 37 starts and just over \$2.2 million in purses.

"Stormy Liberal was a once-in-a-lifetime horse," said Bernsen in an Old Friends release. "He literally took us around the world from Hong Kong to Dubai, and no matter where he lined up to run, he outran his odds, which was a testament of his will to win.

"After sending Stormy to David Scanlon last December for a two-stage medical examination, it was determined that Stormy had a pre-existing injury that would require 6-8 months rest. After consulting with David, I immediately picked up the phone to call Old Friends's Michael Blowen and let him know I had retired 'Stormy.'

"I am acutely aware that the industry is under fire on a lot of fronts, specifically the safety and well-being of our athletes. I have been fortunate enough to spend a lot of time and resources understanding some of the core factors, and, in my opinion, the predominant cause is not identifying pre-existing conditions. I would urge other owners, especially those who have been able to enjoy success at the highest level, to take a more active role in finding and supporting a solution.

"Myself and Gary Hartunian of Rockingham Ranch are immensely grateful to have been able to race such a magnificent horse, and we hope his retirement to Old Friends will benefit all retired horses."

"We're so thrilled to have Stormy Liberal join Old Friends," said Old Friends founder and president Blowen. "We're grateful to everyone connected with this great athlete, especially David. They did everything to assure that he would have a dignified retirement."

Blowen added that the farm will soon host a "Welcome Day" for friends and fans of Stormy Liberal and another new Old Friends retiree, Patch, most likely in early April. Dates and times will be announced soon, the farm said. **BH**



NICOLE MARIE

Stormy Liberal after winning the 2017 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar

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# PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

WITH ALAN PORTER

## SOLE VOLANTE FEATURES INTRIGUING PEDIGREE PATTERN

By Alan Porter

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It's questionable whether there has been a leading sire more closely inbred than High Time, certainly not in what might be called the "modern era."

A foal of 1916, High Time was by the unraced Ultimius, who in turn was by the great runner, Commando—the best son of "The Black Whirlwind" Domino—out of a Domino mare. To compound things, High Time was out of a Domino mare, which meant that he was inbred 3x3x2 to Domino. The outworking of that formula was a horse that could fairly be said to embrace both the positives and negatives of close inbreeding.

There is no doubt that High Time was extremely fast. He captured the five-furlong Hudson Stakes in a new track-record on debut. That, however, proved to be his only victory in seven starts, his career hampered by the bad foreleg conformation that he inherited from his sire, a bleeding problem, and a blockage that hampered his breathing. It's probably a combination of the last two infirmities that caused his trainer Colonel Phil Chinn to describe High Time as the only horse he had ever seen that could "turn into the stretch with a 15-length lead, and lose by 80 lengths."

None of the above makes High Time sound like a particularly desirable stallion prospect, and he did struggle for mares early in his career. In his very first crop, however, he came up with two-time Horse of the Year, Sarazen. Subsequently, High Time went on to sire 37 stakes winners from 289 named foals among them champion 2-year-old colt High Strung. He also earned a title of leading sire for 1928, and was three times the leading sire of 2-year-olds, and twice leading broodmare sire.

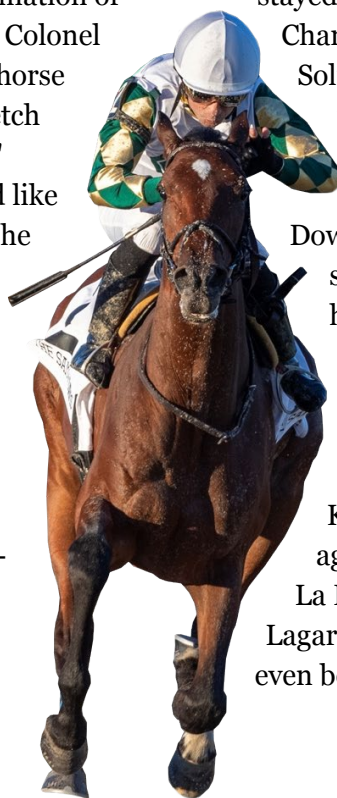
It seems particularly appropriate that a great mare who traces directly to a daughter of High Time appears twice in another closely inbred individual, Sole Volante, who

KARAKONTIE, b, 2011	Bernstein, 1997	Storm Cat, 1983	Storm Bird
		La Affirmed, 1983	Affirmed
SOLE VOLANTE b, g April 2, 2017	Sun Is Up, 1998	Sunday Silence, 1986	La Mesa
		Moon Is Up, 1993	Halo
LIGHT BLOW, b, 2008	Kingmambo, 1990	Mr. Prospector, 1970	Wishing Well
		Miesque, 1984	Woodman
	Lingerie, 1988	Shirley Heights, 1975	Miesque
		Northern Trick, 1981	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
			Nureyev
			Pasadoble
			Mill Reef
			Hardiemma
			Northern Dancer
			Trick Chick

unexpectedly identified himself as a genuine classic prospect this past weekend. Owner of a pedigree that would appear to define him as a turf specialist, Sole Volante began his career on that surface. Debuting over 7 1/2 furlongs at Gulfstream Park West last October, he produced a strong closing kick to score by three lengths. Sole Volante was no less impressive in his only other juvenile outing, the Pulpit Stakes at Gulfstream Park in November. At the rear of the 11-horse field after the first quarter, he moved up so quickly that he was in front early in the stretch and went on to win by two lengths.

Switched to the dirt for his first start of 2020, he stayed on to take third, beaten 2 1/4 lengths by Chance It in the Mucho Macho Man Stakes. Solid as that performance was, it didn't seem to make Sole Volante a serious threat to odds-on Independence Hall in Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3) Feb. 8 at Tampa Bay Downs. Yet it was Sole Volante that prevailed, sweeping past Independence Hall—who had closely attended a fast early pace—in the stretch to score by 2 1/2 lengths.

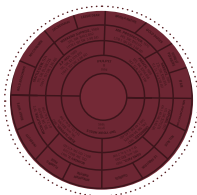
Sole Volante is from the first crop of the Gainesway stallion Karakontie. A son of the Storm Cat horse Bernstein, Karakontie was among the best of his age in Europe at 2 when he took the Prix La Rochette (G3) and Qatar Prix Jean Luc Lagardere Grand Criterium (G1). He proved even better at 3, adding the Poule d'Essai des



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# PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

WITH ALAN PORTER

## SOLE VOLANTE FEATURES INTRIGUING PEDIGREE PATTERN

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Poulains (French Two Thousand Guineas, G1) and the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T). Remaining in training at 4, he had only a third in the Qatar Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (G1) to show for three starts. Sole Volante is one of three stakes winners from Karakontie's first crop, the others being the filly, Karak, who defeated colts to take the Tyro Stakes at Monmount Park last year, and Kenzai Warrior, successful in Heath Court Hotel Horris Hill Stakes (G3) in England.

Out of the well-bred Kingmambo mare Light Blow, a winner over nearly two miles in England, Sole Volante is half brother to the Trappe Shot colt Explode, whose successes included the 2019 Canadian Derby (G3). Sole Volante's granddam, Lingerie, is also dam of Light Blow's sister Light Shift, successful in the Vodafone Epsom Oaks (G1), and dam of champion European older horse Ulysses.

Lingerie is also dam of Shiva, twice champion older mare in Europe, and the multiple group winning Limnos. She's ancestress of several other good winners, notably her grandson, Cloth of Stars, leading older horse on the World Classifications in the long division, and her great-grandson, Main Sequence, champion older horse and champion turf horse in the U.S.

Sole Volante was bred by the Niarchos family's Flaxman Holdings Limited (also breeders of Karakontie). The family entered the Niarchos program with the purchase of Sole Volante's third dam, Northern Trick. A \$530,000 yearling acquisition, Northern Trick proved to be one of Northern Dancer's most accomplished daughters. Horse of the Year in France at 3, she won four of her six starts including the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks, G1) and Prix Vermeille (G1), and took second in the Trusthouse Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1).

Another great Niarchos mare, Miesque, plays



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**Sole Volante wins the Sam F. Davis Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs**

a crucial role in Sole Volante's rather intriguing pedigree pattern. The second dam of his sire, Karakontie, is Moon Is Up, a French listed winner who is by Mr. Prospector's son Woodman out of Miesque. Since Sole Volante's broodmare sire, Kingmambo, is by Mr. Prospector out of Miesque, Sole Volante has Miesque 4x3 via the three-quarters related Moon Is Up/Kingmambo who are 3x2 here (this is apparently a winning formula, as Karakontie's other group/graded winner Kenzai Warrior is out of a mare by Kingmambo's son, Lemon Drop Kid). If we look at the pedigree of Miesque, we see that in direct tail-female line she goes back to That's That, a daughter of High Time and a sister to that horse's greatest runner, Sarazen. Overall, it seems somewhat appropriate that Sole Volante, who will almost certainly be the most closely inbred horse on the 2020 Triple Crown trail, should own that inbreeding via a mare descending directly from a daughter of the horse who may have been the most closely inbred major sire of all time. **BH**

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

### Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 4, ALW

2/11, \$23,500, 3yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:41.32, track muddy.

1—[Go Uncle Bob](#), 124, ch c, 4, [Bellamy Road](#)—Great Design, by Storm Cat, \$14,100, O—Coast Racing, B—Jerry Jamgotchian (KY), T—Eric R. Reed, J—Edgar Paucar

**Sale History:** 2020 KEEJAN, \$20,000.

**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 7, ALW

2/11, \$32,700, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:14.40, track muddy.

1—[Tiger Trail](#), 119, ch g, 3, [City Weekend](#)—Shesmorethanatiger, by Tiger Ridge, \$19,620, O—Marion F. Gorham, B—R Gorham (OH), T—Robert M. Gorham, J—Christian P. Pilares

**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Sunland Park, Race 1, ALW

2/11, \$25,600, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.03, track fast.

1—[Miss Kitty Mae](#), 124, dk b/br f, 4, [Kitten's Joy](#)—Snooze, by Forestry, \$15,872, O—Woolsey, Erv, Kinder, Ralph and Double Eagle Ranch, B—Double Eagle Ranch (KY), T—Bart G. Hone, J—Elvin Gonzalez

**Margin:** 1¼, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Sunland Park, Race 8, ALW

2/11, \$33,100, 4yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.33, track good.

1—[Del Mar Summer](#), 124, ch g, 5, Southwestern Heat—Del Mar Holiday, by Sharp Humor, \$19,860, O—Robison, J. Kirk and Judy, B—J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison (NM), T—Joel H. Marr, J—Miguel T. Fuentes, Jr.

**Margin:** head, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

## MAIDEN RESULTS

### Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 5, MSW

2/11, \$29,600, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:15.96, track muddy.

1—[Enduring Love](#), 117, b f, 3, [Gone Astray](#)—Abiding Love, by Olmodavor, \$17,760, O—Donaciano Gonzalez, B—Bruce Tallisman (OH), T—Andrew Tumblin, J—Yarmarie L. Correa

**Margin:** ½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Parx Racing, Race 6, MSW

2/11, \$45,000, 3yo, f, 8f (dirt), 1:42.42, track sloppy.

1—[Hebat](#), 120, dk b/br f, 3, [Tiznow](#)—Stomping, by Dixieland Band, \$27,000, O—Khalid Mishref, B—Sun Valley Farm & Tiznow Syndicate (KY), T—J. Tyler Servis, J—Kyle Frey

**Sale History:** 2019 FTCJUN, (\$147,000 RNA), 2018 KEESEP, \$175,000, 2017 KEENOV, \$100,000.

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